

MCG-126: Basic Concepts of Social Science

Credit Hours: 3-0

Pre-requisites: None

Course Objectives

This course aims at equipping the students with the basics of economics, sociology and political

science. Primarily, it is a course of general nature to expand the knowledge base of students

on socio-political issues and their impact on Chemical industry.

Course Contents

a. Economics

- i. Nature, Scope, & Importance of Economics
- ii. Economic Systems
- iii. Monetary, fiscal and Taxation policies
- iv. Trade and Market
- v. International Economic Forums

b. Sociology

- i. Nature, Scope, & Importance of Sociology
- ii. Socialization: from infancy to old age
- iii. Social Interaction in Everyday life
- iv. Groups and Organizations
- v. Social, Global and Gender stratification

c. Political Science

- i. Nature, Scope and importance of Political Science.
- ii. State: its origin and evolution; Western and Islamic concepts of State.
- iii. Organs of Government: Legislature, Executive, Judiciary.
- iv. Forms of Government: Unitary, Federal, Parliamentary and Presidential.
- v. Political Parties, Interest Groups, Public Opinion, Electoral process.

Course Outcomes

After completion of course, students shall be able to:

- Understand the basic of the most important economic systems in the world.

- Understand major sociological concepts of human society.
- Understand the major processes prevailing in political science.

Recommended Books

- Choudhry, Ahmad Shafi *Usul-e-Siyasiat*, Lahore: Standard Book Depot,(1996).
- Haq, Mazher ul *Theory and Practice in Political Science*. Lahore: Bookland, (1996).
- M. Haralambes and Holborn *Sociology themes and Perspectives*. London: Collin Educational, an Imprint of Harper Collins Publishers(1991).
- Rodee, Anderson *Introduction to Political Science.*, National Book Foundation Islamabad, (2002).
- Sarwar, Mohammad *Introduction to Political Science*, Lahore: Ilmi Kutub Khana, (1996).
- Giddens, Anthony, *Sociology* 4th Edition, Cambridge Polity Press, 2004.