

Deccan Education Society's  
**FERGUSSON COLLEGE, PUNE**  
**(AUTONOMOUS)**

**SYLLABUS UNDER AUTONOMY**

**FIRST YEAR B.A. SOCIOLOGY**  
**SEMESTER – I**

**Academic Year 2016-2017**

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Scheme of Course Structure (Faculty of Arts)**

**Department: SOCIOLOGY**

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Name of Paper (YSP)</b>	<b>Title of Paper</b>	<b>No. of Credits</b>
F.Y. B.A. Sem I	Theory Paper - 1 (SOC1101)	Invitation to Sociology	3
F.Y. B.A. Sem II	Theory Paper - 2 (SOC1201)	Explorations in Sociology	3

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**Invitation to Sociology (SOC1101)**

**Objectives**

1. To nurture a sociological imagination that is holistic, reflexive and critical.
2. To equip students to analyze social issues and processes using the sociological perspective.
3. To introduce students to the basic concepts in sociology

**Semester I**

**Unit I: The Sociological Perspective** (12  
lectures)

1. Meaning and scope of Sociology
2. Developing sociological perspective/ consciousness/imagination

**Unit II: Approaches in Sociology** (12  
lectures)

1. Theoretical approaches in sociology – structural functionalism, conflict and interactionist
2. The scientific and humanistic orientations of sociology

**Unit III: Basic Concepts** (14  
lectures)

1. Society: Meaning, characteristics & types
2. Groups: Meaning, characteristics and types
3. Socialization: Meaning, importance, agencies and types
4. Social Control: Meaning, importance, agencies; Conformity and deviance

**Unit IV Culture** (10  
lectures)

1. Meaning and components of culture
2. Cultural diversity & orientation – multiculturalism, cultural relativism, subculture, counter culture, ethnocentrism and xenophobia.

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Semester II

**Explorations in Sociology (SOC1201)**

**Unit I: Social Stratification** (11 lectures)

1. Meaning and characteristics
2. Forms of stratification – class, caste and gender

**Unit II: Social Institutions** (18 lectures)

1. Family and Religion - nature and trends
2. Education and Media – nature and trends
3. Economy & Polity – nature and trends

**Unit III: Social Change** (11 lectures)

1. Meaning and directions of social change - modernization, development and globalization.
2. Social movements – meaning, preconditions, types of social movements.

**Unit IV: Applications of Sociology** (8 lectures)

1. Sociology as a profession: policy, planning, teaching and research; Public Sociology
2. Career opportunities: social sector( NGO, CSR, Social welfare departments) media, para legal services, human resource management, criminology

Prescribed Readings

1. Abraham Francis, *Contemporary Sociology: An introduction to concepts and theories*; Second edition; Oxford University Press, New Delhi (2008)
2. Bottomore, T.B, *Sociology: A guide to problems and literature*, Unwin university books (1965)
3. Giddens Anthony, *Sociology*, Polity Press, VI edition (2009)
4. Haralambos, Michael and Holborn, Martin, *Sociology: Themes and Perspective*, Fifth edition, Harper Collins, London (2000)
5. Inkeles Alex, *What is Sociology?* Prentice Hall Inc. (1964)
6. Macionis, John, *Sociology*; Tenth edition(Indian reprint), Pearsons, New Delhi (2005)
7. Osborne, R and Loon Van B (2009): *Introducing Sociology: A Graphic Guide*. Icon Books: London.

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