

Faculty of Sociology

CBCS Courses for which Academic Counsellors need to be identified:

BSOC 105: Political Sociology

BSOC 107 Sociology of Gender

BSOE 143 Environmental Sociology

BSOS 184 Techniques of Ethnographic Film Making

BSOS 185 Society through the Visual

DETAILS OF CORE COURSES

Political Sociology (BSOC 105)

6 credits

This course introduces the students to some major theoretical debates and concepts in Political Sociology, while situating these within contemporary political issues. A key thrust of the paper is towards developing a comparative understanding of political relationships through themes such as power, governance and state and society relationships.

SYLLABUS

Block 1 Understanding Political Sociology

- Unit 1 Polity and Society
- Unit 2 Political Sociology: Nature and Scope

Block 2 Basic Concepts

- Unit 3 State and Citizenship
- Unit 4 Power and Authority
- Unit 5 Government, Governance and Governmentality
- Unit 6 Elites, Ruling Classes and Masses

Block 3 Political System

- Unit 7 Segmentary
- Unit 8 Totalitarian
- Unit 9 Democratic

Block 4 Everyday State and Local Structures of Power

- Unit 10 State and Society in India
- Unit 11 Local Self Government
- Unit 12 Movements and Resistance

Sociology of Gender (BSOC 107)

6 credits

The course introduces gender as a critical sociological lens of enquiry in relation to various social fields. It also interrogates the categories of sex and sexuality.

SYLLABUS

Block 1 Gender as a Social Construct

- Unit 1 Gender, Sex, Sexuality
- Unit 2 Production of Masculinity and
Femininity
- Unit 3 Gender and embodiment

Block 2 Gender, Sexuality and Inequality

- Unit 4 Inter-sectionality: Race, Caste and
Ethnicity
- Unit 5 Family, Sexual Division of Labour
and Property

- Unit 6 Gender and Work
- Unit 7 Gender and development

Block 3 Gender, Power and Resistance

- Unit 8 Power, Subordination and
Resistance
- Unit 9 Sexual Violence
- Unit 10 Women's Movements 1
- Unit 11 Women'
- Unit 12 Queer Movements

DETAILS OF SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSES

Techniques of Ethnographic Film Making (BSOS 184)

4 credits

This course focuses on doing sociology and social anthropology through forms other than written; in particular, the oral, aural, and the visual. It introduces students to film techniques as a form and method of description and argument and enables a comparison between film and the written mode as ethnography. One concern that may be pursued is how the visually challenged encounter, experience and represent the filmed. The course will be conducted through group work enabling a learning process between the visually challenged.

SYLLABUS

Block 1 Introduction to Sociological and Anthropological Filmmaking

Unit 1 Sociology, Anthropology and Filmmaking: The Text and the Image

Unit 2 Different Modes of Filmmaking

Block 2 Understanding the use of Camera in Social Research

Unit 3 The Filmmaker and the Filmed: Relationship and understanding 'ethics'

Unit 4 Editing and Construction of Meaning

Unit 5 Understanding multiple shots and camera movement

Unit 6 Tools for Film Editing

Block 3 Filming Oral testimonies, Interviews and Interaction: Case Studies

Unit 7 Final Film Projects

Society through the Visual (BSOS 185)

4 credits

This course intends to train students in the specialized technique of conducting visual research and analysis of visual data. It focuses on the broad fields of Photography, Film and Multimedia as significant tools, used in contemporary research practices.

SYLLABUS

Block 1 Introduction to the Sociological Study of the Visual

Unit 1 Understanding society through visual

Unit 2 Making sense of visuals

Block 2 Sociology and the Practice of Photography

Unit 3 Image making through photography

Unit 4 Photography, self and society

Unit 5 Photography as a tool of research

Block 3 Video and Film in Sociology

Unit 6 Representing through video and film

Unit 7 Film and video as research tool

Block 4 Sociology, Multimedia and Hypermedia

Unit 8 Society, Multimedia and Hypermedia

Unit 9 Multimedia and Hypermedia as tool of research

DETAILS OF DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSES

Environmental Sociology (BSOE 143)

6 credits

This course is designed to introduce students to the core debates of environmental sociology, different approaches within the sub-discipline and how these approaches may be used to understand environmental issues and movements in India.

SYLLABUS

Block 1 Envisioning Environmental Sociology

- Unit 1 Environmental Sociology: Nature and Scope
- Unit 2 Realist- Constructionist Debate
- Unit 3 Key Concepts

Block 2 Approaches

- Unit 4 Social Ecology
- Unit 5 Treadmill of Production
- Unit 6 Ecological Modernization
- Unit 7 Risk
- Unit 8 Ecofeminism and Feminist Environmentalism
- Unit 9 Political Ecology

Block 3 Environmental Issues and Concern

- Unit 10 Anthropocene and climate change
- Unit 11 Pollution
- Unit 12 Environmental Policy in India

Block 4 Environmental Movements in India

- Unit 13 Forest Based Movement – Chipko
- Unit 14 Water Based Movement – Narmada
- Unit 15 Land Based Movements – Anti-mining and Seed