

SOCIOLOGY Sociology of Culture and Cultural Studies [Core Course]

Semester III Credits: 4 Subject Code: MSL32003 Lectures: 60

Course outcomes:

At the end of this course, the learners will be able to:

- Understand the basic concepts in cultural studies.
- Analyze our everyday practices and their relevance for human interactions.
- Understand the changing contours of consumption, communication processes and food cultures.
- Develop a better theoretical perspectives to understand the interdisciplinary nature of cultural studies

Unit I: Introduction to Cultural Studies	
Sociology of Culture-Critique	
• Terminology	
o Culture	
o The popular culture	1
 The production and consumption of culture 	
o Power/Culture	
Origins-	
 Early Trends- 	
 Birmingham Centre/British Cultural studies 	
 Internationalization of Cultural Studies 	
Methods –	
 Circuit of culture – Representation, Identity, Production, Consumption, Regulation 	
o Everyday life	
 Audience reception studies 	

Uı	nit II: Introduction to Theories in Cultural Studie	12
•	Structuralism and post structuralism O Derrida and difference	
	Michel Foucault and power/knowledge	
•	Marxism	
	 Marx and Engles 	
	 Gramsci and hegemonic ideology 	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #
	 Althusser and Ideological Apparatuses 	1 1 2 2 3 3 3
•	Postmodernism	

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- o Lyotard and the Postmodern condition
- o J. Baudrillard and the Hyperreal
- Feminism
 - o Basic tenets
 - o Postfeminism
 - o cyberfeminism
- Queer
 - o Critique of heteronormative
 - o Basic tenets
- Postcolonial
 - o The category of Man
 - Global cultures and transnationalism

Unit III: Cultures of Consumption 12 Introduction to Sociology of consumption Circuits of consumption o Representation o Identity o Production o Consumption o Regulation Spaces of consumption I: The mall o Spectacle Organization Leisure and Recreation o The Other Side of the Mall Spaces of consumption II: Online consumption o The Organization of Choice The Organization of Easiness 0 The Organization of Risk

Unit IV: Cultures of Food	
Food as sociological phenomenon	n =
 Food as identity 	
o Food as power	
 Food cultures and everyday 	
 Food as distinction (caste, class, ethnicity, religion, gender) 	
Food cultures, Body/health concerns and cultures of wellbeing	
Food cultures and global economy	
 Cosmopolitanism and food 	
o Marketing	
Food and resistance	

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- When Did Cooking Become a Spectator Sport?
 - o Cultures of cooking shows (TV, Social media)
 - o Cultures of food blogs

12 hours for Library work, practical or field work or research purposes

Recommended Text Books:

- Nayar P.,: An Introduction to Cultural Studies; Viva, N. Delhi, 2008,2015.
- Sardar Z., Loon B.: Introducing Cultural Studies, Icon Books, London, 2007.
- Ryan M. Cultural Studies: A Practical Introduction, Willey-Blackwell, London, 2010.
- McGuigan J.: Cultural Analysis, Sage, London, 2010.
- Macionis John: Sociology, Pearson, New Delhi; 2006. (page nos. 240-248)
- Johnston J., Cairns K., Bauman S.: Introducing Sociology Using the Stuff of Everyday Life, Routledge, NY, 2017

Reference Books:

- Barker C.: Cultural studies-Theory and practice, Sage The Sage Handbook of Sociology, Sage Publications, N. Delhi, 2003.
- Corrigan P.: The Sociology of Consumption, Sage, London, 1998.
- During S.: The Cultural Reader, Routledge: London, 1993.
- Morley D. and Chen K Edt.: Stuart Hall-Critical Dialogues in Cultural Studies, Routledge, London, 1996.
- Nayar P.: Reading Culture, Sage, N. Delhi, 2006.
- Oswell D.: Culture and Society, Sage, London, 2006.

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