**PCS- 556 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

**Credit Hours: 03**

**Course Description**

The course is introductory in nature and focuses on updating students with the basic definitions of sociological concepts and the construction of these concepts in various societies. The course will help and enable students to understand various theoretical approaches to peace and conflict studies.

**Learning Objectives**

* The basic concepts of Sociological knowledge are explained
* The various theoretical approaches in sociology are understood
* The relation between sociology and other social science with focus on peace and conflict
* studies are elaborated

**Course Content**

**1.** Sociology: The Science of Society

Scope and Significance

Fields and Application of Sociology

Social Interaction

The Nature and Basis of Social Interaction

Social Processes

Social Structure (i) Status (ii) Roles (iii) Power and Authority (iv) Role Allocation

**2**. Culture:

Meaning and Nature of Culture

Elements of Culture(i) Norms (ii) Values (iii) Beliefs (iv) Sanctions (v) Customs

Culture and Socialization

Formal and Non-Formal Socialization, Transmission of Culture

Cultural Lag

Cultural Variation, Cultural Integration, Cultural Evolution, Cultural Pluralism

Culture and Personality

**3**. Deviance and Social Control:

Deviance and Conformity

Mechanisms and Techniques of Social Control

Agencies of Social Control

**4**. Social Organization:

Social Organization: (i) Definition (ii) Meaning (iii) Forms

Social Groups: Types and Functions of Groups

Social Institutions: (i) Forms (ii) Nature and Inter-Relationship

Community: Definition and Forms (Urban and Rural)

**5**. Social Stratification:

Nature Approaches to the Study of Social Stratification Caste and Class Social Mobility:

(i) Meaning (ii) Forms (iii) Factors

**6**. Collective Behavior:

Definition and Characteristics/Features Types:

(i) Crowd (ii) Mob and Public (iii) Social Movements

**Required Readings**

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