Programme: MSW
Course Title: UNDERSTANDING SOCIETY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS
Course Code: SWTE-501
Number of Credits: 4
Effective from Academic Year: 2022-2023

Course prerequisite:	Registration in the MSW Programme at Goa University or its affiliated colleges	
Objectives:	1. To understand society and gain sociological insights for effective social work practice. 2. To enable the students to understand the status, issues and problems associated with vulnerable, marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society. 3. To get deeper knowledge of issues in Goa both past and contemporary and enable students to understand how it has impacted modern Goan society.	
Content:	**Module I: Sociology for Social Work** Concept of Society-Definition, Major Elements of Society, Individuals, Groups, Association, and Institutions; Social Position, Social Role, Social Institutions, Social Control, Socialisation, Culture, Social Disorganization, Structural Analysis of Society. Intersection between sociology and social work	15 hours
	Module II: Social Change in India Concept, theories, the factors and process of social change, Urbanization, Industrialization, Westernization, Globalisation, Secularization, Resistance to Change.	15 hours
	Module III: Social Problems in India Major Social problems: Concept, Causes, Consequences and Measures : Poverty, Population growth, Illiteracy, Unemployment, Begging, Child Labour, Differently-Abled, Caste, Caste-based Discrimination and Violence Social Deviance, Crime, Juvenile in Conflict with Law, Crimes against women, Casteism, Communalism, Corruption Delinquency, Suicide, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Sex Work, HIV AIDS, Youth Unrest, Development and Displacement, Human Trafficking, Insurgency, Militancy, Social Problems in Goa, etc.	15 hours
	Module IV: Social Work and Issues in Goa Role of Missionaries and Faith-based Institution, Inquisition, Goa's Freedom Struggle, Social	15 hours

	Reforms After Liberation, Opinion Poll, New Social Movements
Pedagogy:	Classroom learning with power point presentations, guest lectures, group discussions and debate, research-based assignments.
Recommended Readings:	Agarwal, Bablia. (2009.) *Social Problems in the Age of Globalisation,* Jaipur: ABD Publishers. Ahuja, R. (2014). Social Problems in India. India: Rawat Publications. Alvares, Claude. (2002). *Fish Curry and Rice, Goa*: The Goa Foundation. Bhushan, Vidya and Sachdeva, D. R. (1989). *An Introduction of Sociology,* Allahabad: Kitab Mahal. Binay, B. (1994). *Towards Communal Harmony,* Calcutta: Germinal Publication Private Ltd. Bruce, S. (2018). *Sociology: A Very Short Introduction.* United Kingdom: OUP Oxford. Delaney, T. (2015). *Connecting Sociology to Our Lives: An Introduction to Sociology*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis. Giddens, Anthony. (2001). *Sociology*, Cambridge Press. Gisbert, P. (1973). *Fundamentals of Sociology*. 3rd Ed. Bombay: Orient Longman Ltd. Gosh B.N, (1993) *Poverty and Development: The Basic Issues*, New Delhi: Deep and Deep Publications Llewellyn, A., Agu, L., Mercer, D. (2008). Sociology for Social Workers. United Kingdom: Wiley. Madan, G.R. (1997), *Indian Social Problems* (Vol. I and II), New Delhi: Allied Publications. Parasuraman, S. (1999). *Development Dilemma: Displacement in India*. London: Mac Millan Press Limited *Sociology for Social Work: An Introduction*. (2010). United Kingdom: SAGE Publications Shah, A. (2019). *The Structure of Indian Society: Then and Now*. India: Taylor & Francis.

	Sharma, K.L., (2007). *Indian Social Structure and Change*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
	Srinivas, M.N., (1980). *Social Structure*, New Delhi: Hindusthan Publishers Corporation.
	Vijayakumar, Lakshmi(ed.). (2003). Suicide Prevention: Meeting the Challenge Together, Chennai: Orient Longman.
Learning Outcomes	Students will develop a critical understanding of social problems, basic sociological concepts and the need, importance, and functions of primary social institutions.