

Programme: M. A. (Sociology)

Course Code: SOO 215

Title of the Course: Sociology of Religion

Number of Credits: 4

Effective from AY: 2018-2019

Prerequisites for the course:	Any student pursuing her/his post Graduate programme at Goa University is eligible to opt for this course.	
Objectives:	This paper introduces the students to the subfield of sociology of religion. After analysing the basic concepts and key interpretations of religion, it focuses on the interface between religion and society in India and the contestation over religion in contemporary times. It concludes with an analysis of social change in relation to religion. While the canvas of the paper is pan Indian, it draws illustrations from Goa.	
Content:	1. The scope of sociology of religion 2. Conceptual clarifications and methods in studying religion: Belief systems, magic and religion, Elements of religious experience, Typology of religions 3. Sociological interpretations of religion: Durkheim and sociological functionalism, Weber and phenomenology, Marx and Dialectical Materialism, Levi-Strauss and structuralism 4. Aspects of religion in India: Sacred Knowledge, Sacred Space, Sacred Time, Sacred Persona 5. Contestation over religion in India: Fundamentalism, Communalism, Secularism, The politics of religious conversions in South Asia	5 hours 8 hours 10 hours 15 hours 10 hours
Pedagogy:	Lectures, Discussions, Presentations, Audio Visual Media	
References/Readings:	1. Baird, Robert D. (Ed.) 1995. <i>Religion in Modern India (3rd. revised edition)</i> . New Delhi: Manohar. 2. Beckford, James, A. and Demerath III N. J. (Eds.) 2007. <i>The Sage Handbook of the Sociology of Religion</i> . New Delhi: Sage Publications. 3. D'Souza, Leela. 2005. <i>The Sociology of Religion: A Historical Review</i> . Jaipur:	

	<p>Rawat Publishers.</p> <p>4. Jones, Kenneth W. 1989. <i>Socio religious Reform Movements in British India (The New Cambridge History of India III 1)</i>. Hyderabad: Orient Longman.</p> <p>5. Madan, T. N. (Ed.). 2011. <i>India's Religions: Perspectives from Sociology and History</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>6. Madan, T. N. 2006. <i>Images of the World: Essays on Religion, Secularism and Culture</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>7. Madan, T. N. (Ed.) 1992. <i>Religion in India (enlarged edition)</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>8. Roberts, Keith A. 1984. <i>Religion in Sociological Perspective</i>. Homewood, Ill.: The Dorsey Press.</p> <p>9. Robinson, R. 1998. <i>Conversion, Continuity and Change: Lived Christianity in Southern Goa</i>. New Delhi: Sage Publications.</p> <p>10. Robinson, R. 2004. <i>Sociology of Religion in India</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>11. Turner, Bryan S. 1991. <i>Religion and Social Theory (second edition)</i>. London: Sage Publications.</p> <p>12. Wilson, B and Creswell, J. (Eds.). 1999. <i>New Religious Movements: Challenge and Response</i>. London and New York: Routledge.</p>	
Learning outcomes:	After studying this course students can recognise religion as a socio-culturally constructed institution whose social dynamics has become complex and alarming in contemporary times.	

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Sociology Programme
Semester II & IV (2022- 23)

Timetable			08.01.2023
Day	I 9.45 am to 11.45 am	II 12 noon to 2 pm	III 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm
Monday	SOC 107: Sociology of Social Stratification (AH)	SOO 206: Language and Society (NM)	SOTE - 405: Social Exclusion: Theories, Concept, and Policies (VG)
	SOTC-407: Sociology of Social Stratification (MF)	SOTE - 404: Understanding Goa (ST)	
Tuesday	SOC 108: Philosophy of Social Sciences (GS)	SOO 214: Sociology of Development (JC)	SOTE - 404: Understanding Goa (ST)
	SOTC-406: Political Sociology (NM)	SOTC-405: Recent Trends in Sociological Theorising (AH)	
Wednesday	SOC 108: Philosophy of Social Sciences (GS)	SOO 215: Sociology of Religion (ST)	Lunch break
	SOTC-407: Sociology of Social Stratification (MF)	SOTC-406: Political Sociology (NM)	
Thursday	SOC 107: Sociology of Social Stratification (AH)	SOO 206: Language and Society (NM)	
	SOTC-408: Philosophy of Social Sciences (GS)	SOTE - 405: Social Exclusion: Theories, Concept, and Policies (VG)	
Friday	SOO 214: Sociology of Development (JC)	SOO 215: Sociology of Religion (ST)	
	SOTC-408: Philosophy of Social Sciences (GS)	SOTC-405: Recent Trends in Sociological Theorising (AH)	
Saturday	Mentor-Mentee Meeting Dissertation Guidance	Library	

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 ATTENDANCE SHEET

Programme Name : Sociology
 Academic Year 2022-23
 Semester IV

Total number of lectures delivered by the teacher
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NOTE: (a) The students shall put their signature at every lecture / class