

**Cluster University, Srinagar**  
**Syllabus for BA Semester 2<sup>nd</sup> Sociology, 2017 (Choice Based Credit System)**

**Core Course**

**DSC-SOC-IB**

**Sociological Thought**

**Objectives:**

The course introduces the students to the classical sociological thinkers whose contributions have shaped the discipline of sociology.

**Unit 1: August Comte**

- a. Positivism
- b. Social Statics and Social Dynamics
- c. Law of Three Stages

**Unit 2: Emile Durkheim**

- a. Social Fact
- b. Suicide
- c. Division of Labour.

**Unit 3: Karl Marx**

- a. Concept of Class and Class Conflict
- b. Historical Materialism
- c. Dialectical Materialism

**Unit 4: Max Weber**

- a. Social Action
- b. Ideal Type
- c. Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

**Unit 5: Tutorial-I**

- c. Group discussion on various issues related to the main course content.
- d. Unit-wise Class Test in first four units from the course content

**Unit 6: Tutorial-II**

- c. Home assignments on different topics from the main course content.
- d. Viva voce pertaining to the home assignments.

**References:**

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- Durkheim, E. 1958, The Rules of Sociological Method, Glencoe: Free Press.
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- Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007, Classical Sociological Theory 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition: Blackwell.
- Abraham, Francis, 2011, Sociological Thought, New Delhi: Macmillan Publishers.
- Aron, Raymond, 1967 (1982 reprint), Main Currents in Sociological Thought (2 Volumes) Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books.
- Ritzer, George: Sociological Theory: McGraw Hill Companies.

**Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it.**

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