

**Course: Major Mandatory  
Introduction to Sociological Theories**

<b>Semester II</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Subject Code: AMAJCSOC223513</b>	<b>Lectures: 60</b>
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**Course Outcomes:**

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

- CO1- Understand major sociological perspectives.
- CO2- Compare various perspectives and understand the differences in worldview.
- CO3- Comprehend and co-relate foundational theoretical orientations in sociology.
- CO4- Analyze current social reality by applying theoretical knowledge

**Unit I: Introduction to Social Theory**

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- Origins of Social Theory: Classical and medieval ideas about society, The 17th century-the social contract, The 18th century- the Age of Reason, The Scottish Enlightenment
- The main themes of theory: Power, Action and structures, Micro versus macro, Models of change (conflict and continuity)

**Unit II: Theories of Structure and Function**

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- Structuralism: Radcliff-Brown, Levi-Strauss.
- Functionalism: Parsons & Merton
- Neo Functionalism: J. Alexander

**Unit III: Conflict Theory**

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- C. Wright Mills
- Ralph Dahrendorf

**Unit IV: Micro Theories**

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- Phenomenology - Alfred Schultz and Peter Berger
- Ethnomethodology - Garfinkel and Goffman

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

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**Recommended Text Books:**

- Ritzer, George: *Sociological Theory*, MacGraw-Hill, 2000
- Giddens and Turner (eds). *Social Theory Today*, Polity Press, Cambridge 1987
- Abraham, M.F. *Modern Sociological Theory*,: OUP. New Delhi 1990
- Calhoun, Craig, Rojek, Chris & Bryan Turner. *The Sage Handbook of Sociology*, Sage Publications. 2005
- Ritzer, George and Barry Smart. *Handbook of Social Theory* Sage Publications, London, 2001.
- Turner Bryan S. (Edited), *The New Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2009

**Reference Books:**

- Adams Bert N., Sydie R. A., *Sociological Theory*, Vistaar Pub, New Delhi 2011
- Turner J. H., *The Structure of Sociological Theory*, Rawat Pub. Jaipur 1999.
- Lemert Charles, *Social Theory: The Multicultural and Classical Readings*, , Rawat Pub, Jaipur 2004
- Turner Bryan S. (Edited), *The New Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd. 2009
- Calhoun Craig, (edited), *Robert K. Merton: Sociology of Science and Sociology as Science*, Columbia University Press New York 2010
- Schütz, Alfred, *Phenomenology of the Social World*. Evanston, Ill: Northwestern University Press. 1967.
- Greg, M. A Smith - *Erving Goffman, (Key Sociologists)*, USA, Routledge , 2006|

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