

Syllabus

M.A. Sociology Semester-II

SOC O 721 : Sociology of Urban Settlements

Objective

This course has been devised to introduce the students to the history of urban settlements and emergence of Urban Sociology as a discipline. The course would acquaint the students with the basic concepts, approaches and theoretical formulations relating to urban typology, urban ecology, urbanism etc., with a special focus on the diverse experiences of western and non-western, particularly Indian, regions. This course will provide the basic understanding to the students who wish to specialize in urban sociology.

Unit-I

Urbanization in Historical Perspective

Emergence of Urban Settlements

Urbanization in Developed and Developing Countries

Suburbanization

Pre-industrial, Industrial and Post-industrial and Colonial city

Metropolitan and Mega city

Unit-II

Approaches to Urban Society

Ecological-Classical Neo-Classical and Socio-Cultural

Technological and Demographic

Urbanism as a Way of Life

Rural-Urban Continuum

Marxist Approach to City

Unit-III

Internal Structure of Cities

Concentric-Zone Theory, Star theory, Sector theory, Multiple-Nuclei theory

Location of Cities

Central Place theory, Break-in-transportation, Specialization Functions

Urban Primacy and Rank-Size Rule

Unit-IV

Urban Functions

Basic and Non-basic Functions

Generative and Parasitic Cities

Functional Classification of Cities

Cultural Role of Cities