

## Coursework: MPhil/PhD in Sociology

### Department of Sociology Central University of Haryana

Course Name: **Advanced Sociological Theories**  
Course Code: **(SAHS SC 03 301 CC 4105)**  
Credits: **05 (Five)**  
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#### Unit I

**Introduction:** Nature of Sociological Theory, Levels of Theorization in Sociology, Relationship between Theory and Research.

#### Unit II

**Structuralism and Functionalism:** Lévi-Strauss: Structuralism; Talcott Parsons: Theory of Social Action; R. K. Merton: Functional Analysis and Middle Range Theories.

#### Unit III

**Phenomenology and Critical Theory:** Edmund Husserl and Alfred Schütz: Phenomenology; Jürgen Habermas and Theodor Adorno: Critical Theory; Louis Althusser: Neo-Marxism.

#### Unit IV

**Recent Trends in Sociological Theory:** Anthony Giddens; Reflexivity and Modernity, Bourdieu: Theory of Practice; M. Foucault: Knowledge and Power; J. Derrida: Deconstruction.

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Course Name: **Methodological Perspectives and Techniques of Social Research**

Course Code: **SAHS SC 02 201 CC 4105/ SAHS SC 03 301 CC 4105**

Credits: **05 (Five)**

**Learning Objectives:**

- To introduce ‘Sociology’ as a science and different epistemological foundations in Social Sciences
- To familiarize the researchers with the meaning and scope of social research
- To make the researchers acquainted with quantitative and qualitative tools of research

**Unit I. Sociology as a Science**

Science, Social Science, Sociology, Emergence of Sociology as a Science.

**Unit II. Epistemological Foundations**

Positivism, Interpretivism, Ethnomethodology, Phenomenology, Critical Inquiry

**Unit III. Social Research: Nature and Scope**

Introduction to Social Research, Types of Social Research, Steps in Research, Research Design, Hypothesis, Sampling

**Unit IV. Quantitative and Qualitative Research Techniques**

Survey, Questionnaire, Interview, Observation, Case study, Content analysis, Narratives, Life History; Statistical Tools- Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Dispersion, Correlational Analysis, Test of Significance

**Suggested Readings:**

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