

**Dept. of Sociology**  
**Arunachal Pradesh University**  
**Common Entrance Test (APUCET) - 2026**

**SYLLABUS**

**Introduction to Sociology**

Basic Concepts: Society, Community, Culture and Types, Role, Norm, Value, Status, Social Change, Associations and Institutions, Socialisation, Acculturation, Assimilation, Enculturation, Heritage, Custom,

**Sociological Theories**

Evolutionary perspective, Positivism, Functionalism, Interpretive Sociology, Symbolic Interactionism, Conflict perspective, Feminist Perspective, Subaltern Perspective

**Social Research: Methods and Ethics**

Steps in Social Research  
Qualitative and Quantitative research and data,  
Ethics and Reasoning  
Plagiarism

**Family, Marriage and Kinship**

Descent, Consanguinity, Filiations, Incest Taboo, Affinity, Alliance  
Residence and its types, Family and its types, Marriage and its types  
Kinship and Gender, Relatedness, Re-Imaging Families, New reproductive Technologies

**Social Demography, Movements, and Polity**

Fertility, Mortality, Migration, Mobility, Family and reproductive health, Population Size and Social Development  
Demographic dividend, Population Growth: Merits and Demerits, Population policies and implementations  
Protest, Resistance and Ethno-political movements, Riots, Revolution, Civil Disobedience, Protest, Civil Society, State and Stateless Society, Political Economy, Political Identities, Political Processes

## Religion

Contemporary Trends, Fundamentalism, Communalism, Secularism, Sacred and Profane, Rituals, Rites, Priest, Shamanism, Religious organisations, Socio-religious movements, Popular religion and emerging cults

### Suggested Readings:

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2. Giddens, A. (2010). *Sociology* (6th ed.). Wiley-Blackwell
3. Coser, L. (1977). *Masters of Sociological Thought*. Harcourt Brace.
4. Bryman, A. (2016). *Social Research Methods* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Oxford University Press.
5. Nagla, B. K. (2023). *Indian Sociological Thought* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Rawat Publications
6. Bhargava, R. (1998). *Secularism and its Critics*. Oxford University Press
7. Aalok Ranjan Chaurasia. (2019). *Population and Sustainable Development in India*. Springer Nature
8. Parkin, R., & L. Stone (eds.), (2004). *Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader*. Blackwell Publishing
9. Singh, R. (2001). *Social Movements, Old and New: A Post-Modernist Critique*. Sage Publications
10. Tumin, M. (1999). *Social Stratification: Forms and Functions of Social Inequality*. Prentice Hall