



St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus For 4th Semester Courses in Special Course (November 2013 onwards)

Contents:

Theory Syllabus for Courses:

S. SOC.4.SC – Science of Culture

SYBSc/BSc-IT CFC

Course: SC

Title: Science of Culture

Learning Objectives:

1. To explore the concept of human culture. Culture is not easily defined, nor is there a consensus among scholars, philosophers and politicians (nor, probably, among the rest of us) as to what exactly the concept should include. We hope, here, to outline some of the broad-ranging debates which have gone on about the concept of culture during the past century and see its relevance to practitioners of science. Furthermore, we hope to offer some insight into what the culture debate means in our own lives and to provide some examples of how cultural meanings are formed, maintained, and changed.

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1

What is culture?

[11 Lectures]

- a. History of the Culture concept
- b. Definition and characteristics

UNIT 2

Culture, Power, Place

[22 Lectures]

- a. Representing 'the other'
- b. Debating culture- culture and power
- c. High Culture Low culture
- d. Popular culture/public culture

UNIT 3

Science as culture

[12 Lectures]

- a. Two cultures- Science and Art
- b. Information Society- culture and consequence

CIA: Tests / Presentations/ Projects

List Of Recommended Reference Books

1. Longurst, B et al 2011 2nd edition. Introducing Cultural Studies. Pearson New Delhi
2. Nayar, K.P. 2006 Reading Cultures Sage New Delhi
3. Nayar, K, P. 2009 Packaging life: Cultures of the Everyday Sage New Delhi
4. Snow, C.P. 1990 Two Cultures in Leonardo, Vol 23, No. 2/3, new Foundations: Classroom lessons in Art/Science/Technology for the 1990s. pp 169-173