

Course Type	Course Code	Name of the Course	L	T	P	Credits
DE	NHSD524	Sociology of Space and Place	3	0	0	3

Course Objective

The course dives into a deep theoretical understanding of the concept of space and place. Through the study of the socio-spatial relations and processes it explains how space interacts as well as influences our lives.

Learning Outcomes

- Understanding how space and place has been studied in Sociology.
- Acquiring knowledge on social determinants of spatial development and inequality.
- Learning methods and techniques to adopt in researching the physical space.

Unit No.	Topics to be Covered	Lecture Hours	Learning Outcome
1	Introduction	1	A brief introduction to the syllabus
2	The notion of space and place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The production of space - Theories of space in sociology - Space, place and modernity 	7	Understanding sociological theories of space and production of space in modern era
3	Spatiality of social life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The habitus and the space - Public and private space - Physical and virtual space - ICT and the social relations 	7	Learning how varied meaning of space is constructed and how individuals' everyday social life is influenced by such constructed ideas of space
4	Experiencing urban space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metropolis and mental life - Positive experience - Gendered experience - Urban mobilities 	8	Exploring the multifaceted experiences of humans sharing urban space
5	Place, space and identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perception of space - Historical perspective - Place attachment 	6	Understanding how individual and social identity is constructed and affected by place and space.
6	Space and inequality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Population taxonomy of space - Geographies of exclusion - Architecture, planning and discrimination 	7	Comprehending how social exclusion and inequality are shaped by space, architectural designs and planning
7	Contextualizing space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Vastu Sastra</i> and planning of space - Religious and cultural space - Space as symbol 	6	Contextualizing space in India and exploring socio-cultural factors affecting the conception and construction of space
	TOTAL LECTURE HOURS	42	

Text Books:

- Löw, M. 2016: The Sociology of Space. Materiality, Social Structures, and Action. Palgrave Macmillan, New York.
- Lefebvre, Henri. 1974 (Tr. 1984), The Production of Space

Reference Books:

- Urry, John. 2001. "The Sociology of Space and Place" in Judith Blau (Ed.) The Blackwell Companion to Sociology
- Lobao, Linda M., Gregory Hooks, and Ann R. Tickamyer, eds. 2007. The sociology of spatial inequality. SUNY Press: introduction.