

# BACHELOR OF ARTS

COURSE OF VSK UNIVERSITY

## BA Sociology: Semester IV

### BASOS 401: Study of Western Social Thought

Sub Code: BASOS 401	No of Lecture Hours per week: 04
Maximum Marks: 100	Internal Marks: 30 and EE: 70

#### Objectives:

- To understand and comprehend different Macro Sociological theories
- Examine the relationship between sociological theory and empirical research and other forms of analysis in sociology.

**Module I      Auguste Comte      12 Hours**

- Positivism and Law of Three Stages
- Hierarchy of Sciences
- Social Statics and Social Dynamics

**Module II      Herbert Spencer      12 Hours**

- Theory of Evolution-Social Darwinism
- Organic Analogy
- Types of Society

**Module III      Karl Marx      12 Hours**

- Historical Materialism
- Theory of Class Struggle
- Theory of Alienation

**Module IV      Max Weber      12 Hours**

- Ideal Types
- Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism
- Bureaucracy

- a. Social Facts
- b. Division of Labour
- c. Theory of Suicide

**TEXT BOOKS :**

**Barnes H E. (1959):** Introduction to the History of Sociology. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

**Coser, Lewis A.(2001 ):** Masters of Sociological Thought, Rawat Publishers, New Delhi

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**Aron Raymond. 1967(1982 reprint):** Main Currents in Sociological Thought, (2 Volumes). Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books

**Bogardus E A:** The History of Social Thought,

**Fletcher Ronald (1994):** The Making of Sociology (2 Volumes), Rawat, Jaipur

**Francis Abraham and John Henry Morgan (1985):** Sociological Thought, Macmillan India Ltd, New Delhi

**George Ritzer (Ed):** The Blackwell Companion to Major Social Theories, Blakwell Publishers, Great Britain

**Guy Rocher (1990):** A General Introduction to Sociology – A Theoretical Perspective, Academic Publishers, Calcutta.

**Haralambos Michael (1997):** Sociology – Themes and Perspectives, Oxford University Press, Delhi

**Morrison, Ken. 1985 Marx, Durkheim, Weber:** Formation of Modern Social Thought, London Sage

Publishers.

**Ritzier George ( 1996):** Sociological Theory, Tata McGraw Hill, New Delhi.

**Shankar Rao C.N (2001):** Study of Social thought, Jai Bharat, Magalore 1<sup>st</sup> Edition.