## Society and Social Institutions

**Course Description**

It is fundamental characteristic of humans to form social institutions to meet the daily social needs. This course is significant for understanding the role of social institutions in the life of individual, group and community.

**Course Objectives**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the structure and function of society as well as social institutions. These include patterns of social interaction, belief systems, norms, values and social roles required in specified social positions. Also of crucial importance to the discipline is the examination of types, character and functions of the major parts of the social structure without which social organization and social functioning of the society will be defective.

**Learning Outcomes**

* The students will be well versed with the organization and functioning of social institution
* The students will be able to become effective leaders in social work practice by understanding the dynamics of society and social institution.

**Teaching Method**

This course will be based on interactive discussions; student centered learning activities and research projects. The preferred teaching approach will be ‘active learning’ in which students solve problems, answer questions, formulate questions of their own, brainstorm, discuss, explain and debate. Co-operative learning will be encouraged through group discussions, assignments and projects. Periodical assessments and evaluation through class participation, quizzes, assigned tasks, research project, Mid Term and End Term examinations will be a part of this course.

**Course Content**

1. Definition and nature of society
2. Evolution and development of Society
3. Types of Society
4. Key aspects of society: Culture, deviance, social control, gender
5. Key social institutions.
6. Organization and functions of social institutions.
7. Kinds of Social Institutions.
8. Primary
9. Secondary
10. Major social institutions
11. Family Institution
12. Religious Institution
13. Political Institution
14. Educational Institution
15. Economic Institution
16. Recreational institution

**Suggested Readings**

Gelderblom, D. (2003). Social Institutions. USA: Oxford University Press.

Cohen, R., & Kennedy, P. (2012). *Global sociology*. Macmillan International Higher Education