



LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Social & Management Sciences
Department of Sociology

COURSE PARTICULARS

Course Code: SOC 214

Course Title: Principles and Theories of Social Change II

Number of Units: 3units

Status: Compulsory

LECTURER DETAILS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION(S):

This course introduces students to Sociological significance of social change. It various forms/types, factors/sources, consequences/effects, patterns and trends of social change, the theories of social change and different scholarly views on social change.

COURSE OBJECTIVE(S):

at the end of the course, students should be able to explain the different forms, types, factors, sources, patterns and trends of social change; know and be able to apply the different theories to the various forms of social change; appreciate different scholarly views on social change; and know the different changes that have occurred in different societies over the years, etc.

Assessment

- Class attendant: 5marks
- Test and assignments 25marks
- Final Examination 70 marks

LECTURE PLAN

| Week | Topic |
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| 1 | Conceptual explanation and scholarly definition of the term Social Change Changes in the structure of society, Cultural Change and Social Progress |
| 2 | Forms /types of Social Change, dimensions of Social Change. Changes in the social institutions and their Effects or consequences |
| 3 | Factors/Sources of Social Change: Endogenous and Exogenous Factor Factors for acceptance and resistance to change |
| 4 | Patterns and Trends of Social Change: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre modern societies - Modern society (features & effects of capitalism, Industrialization & Urbanization) - Post-industrial Society; Technological Society, Informational Society; Mass Society; Multinational Society. |
| 5 | <p>Organizational Change:</p> <p>factors of change, schools of thoughts about organizational change,</p> <p>Resistance to organizational changes,</p> <p>models of change (Curtin Lewins & Kottak principles)</p> |
| 6 | <p><u>Theories & Scholarly views on Social Change:</u></p> <p>Social Evolutionary Theory; -Unilinear and Multilinear Evolutionary Theory</p> |
| 7 | <p>Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer</p> <p>Ferdinand Tonnies, Emile Durkheim</p> <p>Anthony Giddens</p> |
| 8 | <p>Functionalist perspective on change (Equilibrium)- Talcott Parsons</p> <p>- Conflict perspective on social change ; (Karl Marx, Max Weber)</p> |
| 9 | <p>Monistic Theories: Cultural, Geographical, Ecological, Biological Determinism</p> |
| 10 | <p>Cyclical Theory,</p> <p>Cultural lag (Ogburn's Theory)</p> |
| 11 | <p>Social Change and Personality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Achievement-Oriented Personality, Creative Personality - Personality as Independent and Dependent Variables |
| 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authoritarian/Dogmatic Personality - Individual Modernity Syndrome; The Great Man Theory. |

READING LIST

Dokpesi, A.Okobo. 2010. *Invitation to Sociology of Socio-Cultural Dynamics Benin City Nigeria* DIMAF Graphics

TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

1. A) What do you understand by the term "Social Change"?
b) Discuss the various types/ forms of social changes with appropriate examples
2. With appropriate examples and illustrations, discuss the sources/factors of social change
 - a) in the society
 - b) in work organizations

3. a) Discuss the major schools of thought about organizational changes
b) Discuss the factors that determines acceptance or resistance to changes in the society or organisations
4. a) Does change often connote social progress? b) Discuss the Kurt Lewis change management model
5. Using John Kotter's 8 steps change model, discuss how managers can successfully initiate organizational changes
6. Discuss the following theories of change :
a) Modernization theory b) Dependency theory
7. Discuss the Evolutionary perspective on social change
8. Discuss extensively on the following epochs in history of human societies
a) Pre modern societies B) Modernization C) Post modernism
9. Discuss the classical ideas of the following scholars on social change:
a) Auguste Comte. b) Emile Dukheim c) Ferdinand Tonnies d) Max weber
10. Talcott Parson pictured social change as a '**moving equilibrium**', Discuss Parson's idea of **Social Evolution** and **Pattern variables**
11. write short notes on the following theories of change
a) Cultural Lag Theory B) Cyclical theory C) Diffusion Theory
12. Compare the Functionalist and Conflict perspectives of Social Change with reference to their scholars.