

**Ambedkar University Delhi**

**Course Outline**

**Winter Semester (January- April 2018)**

<b>School:</b>	Undergraduate Studies/Liberal Studies			
<b>Programme with title:</b>	BA (Honours)			
<b>Semester to which offered:</b>	VI semester			
<b>Course Title:</b>	Religion and Society			
<b>Credits:</b>	4 Credits			
<b>Course Code (new):</b>	SUSISC813			
<b>Course Code (old):</b>				
<b>Type of Course:</b>	Compulsory	yes	Cohort	BA (H) Sociology
	Elective		Cohort	

**For SUS only** (Mark an X for as many as appropriate):

1. Foundation (Compulsory)
2. Foundation (Elective)
3. Discipline (Compulsory)      X
4. Discipline (Elective)        X
5. Elective

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**Pre-requisites:**

**Aim:** This course intends to provide students at the undergraduate level with an introduction to the basic conceptions in the sub discipline of Sociology of Religion. Starting with an overview of the various approaches adopted by other social sciences and theology to the study of religion, the course intends to familiarize the student with the ideas of

classical sociological thinkers. The intention overall is to enable the student to develop the necessary conceptual clarity for being better able to make Sociological sense of historical and contemporary events where religion has come to play an undeniably crucial role.

**Brief description of modules/ Main modules:**

1. Religion as an object of sociological study
2. Religion and Politics
3. Religion in India

**References:**

1. Durkheim, E. (1915). *Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. London: George Allen and Unwin.
2. van Gennep, A (1960). *Rites of Passage*. London: Routledge
3. Weber, M. (2012[1958]). *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. New York: Dover Publishers.

**Tentative Assessment schedule with details of weightage:**

S.No	Assessment	Date/period in which Assessment will take place	Weightage
1	Class test	End January	10%
2	Mid Semester Exam	End Feb/early March	20%
3	Tut/ Home Assignments	Early April	20%
4	Class participation	Ongoing	10%
5	End Semester Exam	As per AUD Academic Calendar	40%