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| **Name of the Programme** | **Master of Social Work** |
| **Semester** | **III** |
| **Course Code** | **MSW-305 (D)** |
| **Nature of Course** | **DSE** |
| **Course Title** | FAMILY SOCIAL WORK |
| **Credits** | **3** |
| **Marks** | **100** |

**Objectives**

* To understand the family as a social institution
* To understand the family structure and dynamics for effective intervention
* To understand the changing patterns, relations and structures in the family and the problems that emerge therefrom
* To sharpen the skills, techniques and interventions required for working with families

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| **Unit** | **Name of the unit** | **Contents** | **L** | **T** | **P** | **Marks** |
| **1** | **Theory and concept of family** | Theoretical and conceptual frameworks to study family as an institution. Concept of family. Origin and evolution of family and marriage as social institutions. Ideology of family rights and responsibilities. | 07 | 03 | - | 10 |
| **2** | **Normative Family Functions** | Normative family functions, structures and changes. Normative family and marriage functions and structure, ethnicity and socio-economic background. Social changes and Family-Implication for the family and its members. | 07 | 03 | - | 12 |
| **3** | **Alternative Family and Marriage Patterns** | Alternative family and marriage patterns, structures and issues. Dual earner/career families. Single parent families. Female headed households. Childless families. Reconstituted/step families. Consensual unions. Homosexual families. | 07 | 03 | - | 10 |
| **4** | **Family Dynamics** | Family dynamics. Family interactions. Family development. Family life cycle. Family issues in Contemporary Society. | 06 | 02 | - | 12 |
| **5** | **Contemporary problems in the family** | Contemporary problems in the family. Infertility, marital problems, families of alcoholics and drug abuse, abuse and violence (child abuse, family violence against women), displacement and disaster, societal violence, migration: Causes, assessment and interventions (family counselling, family life education, social skills training, self-help groups and support group strategies, therapeutic communities, etc.). Programmes and services for family development (life enrichment programme, policies, family welfare programmes, micro-credit, etc.). | 10 | 4 | - | 16 |
| **TOTAL CONTACT HOURS** | | | 52 | | | 60 |

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Desai, M (ed), 1994. Family and Intervention: A Course Compendium. Bombay: Tata Institute of Social Sciences.
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3. Haritman. A. and J. Laird. 1982. Family Centered Social Work Practice. New York: Free Press.
4. Horchschild, A. 1989. The Second Shift: Working Parents and the Revolution at Home. New York: Viking.
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6. Khasgiwala, A. 1993: Family Dynamics: Social Work Perspectives. New Delhi: Anmol Publishers.
7. Klein, D.M. and White, J.M. 1996. Family Theories: An Introduction. London: Sage Publications.