

**Loreto College, Kolkata**  
**TIME PLAN 2025-2026**

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**Teaching Objectives:**

This course introduces students to the foundational theories and thinkers in sociology, enabling them to develop a critical understanding of classical sociological thought.

It aims to:

- Introduce sociology as a discipline through the study of its classical foundations.
- Familiarize students with key concepts developed by classical theorists such as Marx, Durkheim, Weber, and Pareto.
- Explore major themes including modernity, capitalism, alienation, social solidarity, rationalization, and social action.
- Analyze the historical and intellectual contexts that shaped classical sociological theories.
- Enable students to critically compare and evaluate different classical perspectives and their relevance to contemporary social issues.

**5th Semester Topic-Wise Time Plan**

**MN-3**

**Classical Sociological Traditions**

Sl No.	Hours Allotted	Topics (As per the Curriculum)	Teaching Methods	Learning outcomes	Assessment
1.	6	Origin and Development of Sociology	Lecture and Discussion	Understand the historical and intellectual context in which sociology emerged as a discipline	Continuous Internal Assessment, Internal Examinations and University Examinations
2	8	Karl Marx		Analyze Karl Marx's critique of capitalism and his theory of historical change	
3	8	Vilfredo Pareto		Evaluate Vilfredo Pareto's theory of elite dynamics and its relevance in political sociology	
4	8	Emile Durkheim		Explain Emile Durkheim's scientific approach to society and his theory of social cohesion	
5	8	Max Weber		Interpret Max Weber's focus on meaning, action, and the rise of modern rational society	
6	8	Comparative Perspectives		Synthesize and critically compare the core ideas of the classical theorists	