

Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Curriculum Development

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School Of Liberal Arts

Course Name: An Introduction to Cultural Studies

(UG/PG): UG, Elective

Number Of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 3

Course Description:

The course will introduce students to the new and exciting discipline of Cultural Studies. In this course, students will be taught to understand how cultural spaces, times, products, and ideologies are implicated in the power relations of the society. This course will help students from across disciplines such as sociology, psychology, anthropology, history, and English literature, to get acquainted with novel and nuanced theoretical concepts, and to familiarize themselves with the novel approaches to the study of culture that have developed in the last few years across the world. The course will take a critical stock of how the idea of culture has been framed by scholars from various disciplines. By questioning the traditional formalist approaches to culture, we will expand the scope of culture to deal with concepts such as culture industry and art, modernity and history, the city and architecture, popular culture and the nation, multiculturalism, culture, gender, politics, globalization, and culture.