

Unit I

Cultural Studies: An Introduction, Understanding Cultural Studies, Evolution and Culture Evolutionary Psychology.

Difference between study of culture and cultural studies; Popular culture, Ideology and Hegemony, Texts and Contexts.

Unit II

Cultural studies around the world; cultural studies in India; exploring new forms and sites of culture; globalization and ethnicity.

Culture and Representation, Literary Studies to Cultural Studies Module, Cultural Theory and Criticism

Unit III

Characteristics of Indian culture, Significance of Geography on Indian Culture.

Society in India through ages- ancient period- varna and jati, family and marriage in India, position of women in ancient india, Contemporary period; caste system and communalism.

Unit IV

Religion and Philosophy in India: Ancient Period: Pre-Vedic and Vedic Religion, Buddhism and Jainism, Indian philosophy – Vedanta and Mimamsa school of Philosophy.

Unit V

Spread of Indian Culture Abroad; Causes, Significance and Modes of Cultural Exchange through Traders, Teachers, Emissaries and Gypsies.

Textbooks/Readers:

1. Barker, Chris. (2008). Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice. Sage, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, London.
2. Nayar, Pramod K. (2008). An Introduction to Cultural Studies. Viva Books, New Delhi.
3. Suggested Readings:
4. Barker, Chris. (2004). The Sage Dictionary of Cultural Studies. Sage, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, London. Brooker, Peter. (2000). A Glossary of Cultural Theory. Arnold, London.
5. Sardar, Ziauddin and Borin Van Loon. (2012). Introducing Cultural Studies. Icon Books, London.
6. Chen, Kuan Hsing. (ed) (1998). Trajectories: Inter-Asia Cultural Studies. London: Routledge.
7. Mukherjee, D P. 1948. Modern Indian Culture Second edition. Rawat Publications, Jaipur. [Reprinted as Sociology of Indian Culture in 1979
8. Niranjana, Tejaswini et al.(eds). 1993. Interrogating Modernity Culture and Colonialism in India. Calcutta: Sea Gull.
9. Sangari, Kumkum and Sudesh Vaid (ed). 1989. Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History, New Delhi: Kali for Women.

10. Stree Shakti Sanghatana. 1989. "We Were Making History..." Life Stories of Women in the Telangana People's Struggle. New Delhi; Kali for Women.