

Types of Marriage in Sociology

1. Monogamy:

- A marriage between one man and one woman (or two individuals) at a time.
- Serial Monogamy: Multiple spouses in a lifetime, but only one at a time.

2. Polygamy:

- A marriage involving more than two partners.
- Polygyny: One man married to multiple women.
- Polyandry: One woman married to multiple men.
- Group Marriage (Polyamory): Several men and women form a single marital unit.

3. Endogamy:

- Marriage within a specific social group, caste, or ethnicity.
- Purpose: Preserves group identity and heritage.

4. Exogamy:

- Marriage outside a specific social group or community.
- Purpose: Promotes social alliances and genetic diversity.

5. Arranged Marriage:

- Marriage arranged by families or intermediaries rather than by the couple themselves.
- Common in many traditional societies.

6. Love Marriage:

- Marriage based on mutual attraction, affection, or love.
- Common in more individualistic or Western societies.

7. Civil Marriage:

- A legally recognized union without religious ceremonies.
- Registered through state or government authority.

8. Religious Marriage:

- A marriage conducted and recognized under religious laws and rituals.