

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

(Learning Outcomes based Curriculum)

Preamble

The two-year MA program in sociology, spanning across four semesters, is an academic program aimed at providing a holistic approach towards gaining sociological insights and perspective, which helps the learner to make sense of and articulate their understanding of the local, regional and the global social context. The curriculum of the program comprises of thirteen core courses that are designed to build a strong foundation of sociological perspectives and methodological approaches which can then be applied to diverse aspects of society. The program gives emphasis on cultivating sociological perspective along with developing competencies of social research through dedicated courses on methodology and a course on field-based research project that culminates in a dissertation.

1. Introduction

The MA program was introduced in the year 2006 with a vision to strengthen the teaching and learning practice of Sociology in its foundational and emergent areas of inquiry. The curriculum of the program was developed with a view to develop sociological imaginative capacities among learners through a combination of courses dealing with the conceptual, methodological issues and focussing on the interlinkages between political, economic, religious, educational, environmental and other aspects of social living.

The pedagogical practices also utilise an inter-disciplinary framework combining classical approaches in conjunction with emerging areas of research. A combination of participatory, experiential and creative pedagogy is used for transacting the curricula with a view to fostering dialogue, mutual learning and critical reflection.

2. Qualification descriptors for the graduates

The MA graduate in Sociology is expected to reflect a number of qualifications that include

Knowledge & Understanding of:

- a. Sociological concepts and perspectives
- b. Application of sociological knowledge in specific context
- c. Institutions and practices of Indian society, both its organisational principles and the dynamics

Skills & Techniques of

- a. Planning, designing and executing social research.
- b. Analysing empirical data using relevant applications.
- c. Use of ICT for communication and content creation.

Competence

- a. The ability to read, describe, summarise, assess and analyse written texts and materials including scholarly articles, books, reports, policy documents, statistical reports, and other forms of sources of data.
- b. Guided and independent writing of research based reports, assignments and essays adhering to ethical standards of social research.
- c. Capability of communication and articulation in verbal and any other form using multi-media and ICT.

3. Graduates Attributes

The graduating student of the MA program in Sociology is expected to reflect particular qualities and abilities of a learner which include not just their **knowledge and understanding of the subject domain** but also include the ability to **apply their knowledge** in a given context and **effectively communicate** their understanding in different platforms. The graduate having been exposed to the systemic process of conducting **research** also acquires the mental state to continue to **strive towards the process of self-learning**. The graduate attributes also include the acquired capabilities manifested

in a diverse array of skills and expertise which can be utilised in different professions and settings and ultimately playing a constructive role in cultivating **socially responsible and reflective** persons.

4. Program Outcomes

The curriculum of the MA Program in sociology is designed in a way that

PO 1: Graduate has gained thorough understanding of the fundamentals of sociological concepts, perspectives, and methodological concerns.

PO 2: Graduate has gained the ability to apply domain specific knowledge to explain the contemporary issues of social relevance in local, regional and global context.

PO3: Graduate is equipped with the skills and expertise of designing and conducting social research using ethical means of collecting and analysing primary and secondary sources of information.

PO 4: Graduate has gained competencies of communication (including using ICT) which can be utilised in a variety of settings and professions such as that of teachers, researchers, bureaucrats, development practitioners and in any other socially responsible role.

PO 5: The graduate has acquired the capacity of critical reflection on contemporary society along with the ability to disseminate knowledge through practice of independent reading, writing and other discursive practices.

5. Programme structure

Total Credits: 81

Structure of the curriculum

Course category	No of courses	Credits per course	Total Credits
I. CORE COURSES	13	4	52
II. ELECTIVE COURSE (5 out of 11 offered)	5	3	15
III. MA PROJECT	1	8	8
IV. OPEN ELECTIVE	2	3	6
Total	21		81

6. SEMESTER-WISE SCHEDULE

SEMESTER I

Course type	Course title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Contact Hour(CH)	Credits
Core	SC451 Classical Sociological Traditions	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 452 Research Methodology	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 453 Sociology of Family and Kinship	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 454 Sociology of India - I	3	1	0	4	4

SEMESTER 2

Course type	Course title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Contact Hour(CH)	Credits
Core	SC 455 Sociology of India - II	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 456 Modern Sociological Theories and Perspectives	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 457 Economic Sociology	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 458 Social Stratification	3	1	0	4	4
Elective I	SC471 Social Statistics	2	1	0	3	3
	SC472 Population and Society	2	1	0	3	3
Open Elective	Open Elective 1 (Selected by students from a pool of offered courses)	2	1	0	3	3

SEMESTER 3

Course type	Course title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Contact Hour(CH)	Credits
Core	SC 521 Political Sociology	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 522 Sociology of Development	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 523 Sociology of Northeast India	3	1	0	4	4
Elective	Elective II	2	1	0	3	3
Courses	Elective III	2	1	0	3	3

Open Elective	OPEN ELECTIVE II	2	1	0	3	3
MA Project	SC 526 MA Project	-	-	-	-	4

SEMESTER 4

Course type	Course title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Contact Hour(CH)	Credits
Core	SC 524 Sociology of Religion	3	1	0	4	4
	SC 525 Social Movements in India	3	1	0	4	4
Elective	ELECTIVE IV	2	1	0	3	3
	ELECTIVE V	2	1	0	3	3
	SC 526 MA Project	-	-	-	-	4

7. Mapping of Courses with program outcomes (POs)

Course title	PO1: Graduate has gained thorough understanding of the fundamentals of sociological concepts, perspectives, and methodological concerns.	PO2: Graduate has gained the ability to apply domain specific knowledge to explain the contemporary issues of social relevance in their local and global context.	PO3: Graduate is equipped with the skills and expertise of designing and conducting social research using ethical means of collecting and analysing primary and secondary sources of information.	PO4: Graduate has gained competencies of communication (including using ICT) which can be utilised in a variety of settings and professions such as that of teachers, researchers, bureaucrats, development practitioners and in any other socially responsible role	PO5: Graduate has acquired the capacity of critical reflection on contemporary society along with the ability to disseminate knowledge through practice of independent reading, writing and other discursive practices.
SC451 Classical Sociological Traditions	x	x	x	x	x
SC452 Research Methodology	x	-	x	x	-
SC453 Sociology of Family and Kinship	x	x	-	x	x
SC454 Sociology of India – I	x	x	-	x	x
SC455 Sociology of India – II	x	x	-	x	x
SC456 Modern Sociological Theories and Perspectives	x	x	x	x	x
SC457 Economic Sociology	x	x	-	x	x
SC458 Social Stratification	x	x	-	x	x
SC521 Political Sociology	x	x	-	x	x
SC522 Sociology of Development	x	x	-	x	x

SC523 Sociology of Northeast India	x	x	-	x	x
SC524 Sociology of Religion	x	x	-	x	x
SC525 Social Movements in India	x	x	-	x	x
SC471 Social Statistics	-	-	x	x	-
SC472 Population and Society	x	x	-	x	x
SC571 Gender and Society	x	x	x	x	x
SC572 Industrial Sociology	x	x	-	x	x
SC573 Sociology of Health and Illness	x	x	-	x	x
SC574 Environmental Sociology	x	x	-	x	x
SC575 Sociology of Mass Media	x	x	-	x	x
SC576 Sociology of Governance	x	x	-	x	x
SC577 Sociology of Education	x	x	-	x	x
SC578 Identity and Violence	x	x	-	x	x
SC579 Sociology of Science	x	x	-	x	x
SC580 Urban sociology	x	x	-	x	x
SC581 Body, Gender and Sexuality	x	x	x	x	x
SC 526 MA Project	x	x	x	x	x

8. Evaluation plan:

The program follows a holistic and systematic approach towards planning the evaluation system. The assessment plan of each course is designed by individual faculty members as per the specific requirements of the course which contribute towards the overall learning outcome of the MA program. The plans of assessment stating its various components are circulated in advance to maintain transparency and accountability.

The methods of assessment include but are not restricted to, the pre-announced written tests, independent and guided written assignments, verbal and multi-media based presentations and seminars in individual and group settings, viva voce, assessment of dissertation, review of selected texts such as articles, books, films and any other method as deemed fit by the respective course instructors.

Assessment criteria are developed by each course instructor with a five-point scale as suggested in the following table:

Course specific Criterion/Scale of Assessment	1	2	3	4	5
	Not meeting any of the specified criteria	Meets few of the identified criteria	Meets the basic requirements of the course	Meets all the pre-specified expectations	Exceeds expectations

SC451: Classical Sociological Traditions

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO 1: Ability to grasp the intellectual and social origins of the emergence of Sociological Theories

CO 2: Ability to internalize the classical sociological traditions and concepts of Marx, Weber and Durkheim

CO 3: Ability to cultivate sociological perspectives and apply those in understanding the social issues

Course Content

Introduction: Historical Background

- Changes in Intellectual Climate: Historical background
- Economic and Political Changes
- Emergence of Sociology

Karl Marx

- Historical and dialectical materialism
- Class and class struggle
- Commodity Production, Surplus Value, Alienation

Emile Durkheim

- Rules of Sociological Method: Social Fact, Distinction between Normal and Pathological
- Division of labour: Forms of solidarity: Mechanical and Organic, Normal and Pathological Division of labour
- Suicide: Causes and Types

Max Weber

- Concepts of Sociology: Social Action, Verstehen, Ideal Types

- Power and Authority
- Religion and Social Change.

Textbooks

- Aron, Raymond. (1998) *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*, Vol. I. &2. New York: Routledge.
- Giddens, A. (1994), *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory*. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.

Suggested Readings

- Bottomore, Tom (Ed). (2016). *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*. New Delhi: Wiley India
- Bottomore, Tom. (1985). *Theories of Modern Capitalism*. New York: Routledge
- Durkheim, Emile. (2013). *The Rules of Sociological Method*. New York: Free Press
- Durkheim, Emile. (2014). *Division of Labour in Society*. New York: Free Press.
- Durkheim, Emile. (2002). *Suicide: A Study in Sociology*. New York: Routledge.
- Giddens, Anthony. (1994). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- H.H. Gerth & C.W. Mills. (1946) *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Marx, K. and F. Engels. (1976). *The Manifesto of the Communist Party*. In Marx & Engels (Eds.), *Collected Works - Vol. 6*. London: Lawrence and Wishart.
- Marx, Karl. (1864). *Pre-Capitalist Economic Formation*, London: Lawrence and Wishart
- Marx, Karl. (1867). *Capital Vol I*, London: Penguin Books.
- Nisbet, R.A. (1967). *The Sociological Tradition*. London: Heinemann.
- Weber, Max. (1978). *Economy and Society*. California: University of California Press.
- Weber, Max. (2005). *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. New York: Routledge Kegan & Paul.

SC452: Research Methodology

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to understand the fundamentals of methodology and philosophical persuasions (approaches) of social science research.

CO2: Develop skill to select a research problem and problematise it stating the rationale of the study.

CO3: Ability to formulate research questions and state clear objectives to the topic of research.

CO4: Ability to apply accurate quantitative and qualitative research tools (techniques) to the select topic of research.

CO5: Ability to acquaint with appropriate referencing style and citations within the text.

Course Content

Introduction to Research: Philosophy and Approaches

- Enlightenment Science, Scientific Method
- Subjectivity - Objectivity Debate, Emergence of social science research
- Positivism and Post Positivist Approaches

Designing Social Science Research

- Ethics and Politics in Research
- Research Process
- Research Design
- Concepts and Theory in research
- Sampling process

Quantitative Methods

- Quantitative: Survey research
- Measurement and Scales
- Methods of Data Collection: Structured Interviews, Structured Observation
- Quantitative Data Analysis: Introduction to SPSS
- Report writing and Referencing

Qualitative Approaches and Methods

- Ethnography
- Methods of Data Collection (Interviews, Observation (participant & non-participant), Focus Group Discussion, Case Study, Oral History, Life History.)
- Content Analysis, Narrative Analysis, Conversational Analysis, Discourse Analysis.
- Introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis software nVivo

Textbooks

- Bryman, A. (2011). *Social Research Methods*. London: Oxford University Press.
- Blaikie, N. (2000). *Designing social research: the logic of anticipation*. Malden, MA: Polity Press.

Suggested Readings

- Babbie, E.R. (2010). *The Practice of Social Research*. USA: Wadsworth: Cengage Learning.
- Chalmers, A.F. (1999). Science as knowledge derived from the facts of experience. In *What is this thing called science*. (3rd Ed.) (pp.1-18). Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Company Incorporated.
- Denzin Norman K. & Yvonna S. Lincoln. (2000). *Handbook of Qualitative Research*. Sage: London.
- Durkheim, E. (1958). *The Rules of Sociological Method*. New York: The Free Press.
- Geertz, C. (1973). *Interpretation of Cultures*. New York: Basic Books.
- Goode, W.J. & P. K. Hatt. (2006). *Methods in Social Research* (Indian reprint). New Delhi: Surjeet Publishers.
- Jackson, Alecia Y. & Lisa A. Mazzei. (2012). *Thinking with Theory in Qualitative Research: Viewing Data across Multiple Perspectives*. Routledge.
- Kuhn, T. S. (1970). *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. London: The University of Chicago Press.
- Malcolm, W. & T. May. (1996). Introduction. In *Introduction to the Philosophy of Social Research* (pp. 1-12). London: Routledge.
- Marvasti, Amir. (2004). *Qualitative Research in Sociology* (Introducing Qualitative Methods series). Sage Publications.
- Marx, K. (1974). Forward and Introduction. In *Grundrisse: Foundations of the Critique of*

Political Economy. London: Penguin Books in association with New Left Review.

- Merton, R. K. (1972). *Social Theory and Social Structure*. Delhi: Arvind Publishing House.
- Mukherjee, P.N. (Ed.) (2000). *Methodology in Social Research: Dilemmas and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Sage.
- Myrdal, G. (1970). *Objectivity in Social Research*. London: Gerald Duckworth.
- Neuman, W.L. (2006). *Social Research Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative Approach*. New Delhi: Pearson Education India.
- Popper, K. (1999). *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*. London: Routledge.
- Silverman, David. (1993). *Interpreting Qualitative Data*. London: Sage.
- Srinivas, M.N. & A.M. Shah. (2010). *Field Worker and the Field*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Vaus, D.A. (1986). *Surveys in Social Research*. London: George Relen and UnwinHughes.
- Weber, M. (1949). *The Methodology of the Social Sciences*. New York: The Free Press.
- Young, Pauline V. (1996). *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.

SC453: Sociology of Family and Kinship

(L-3 T-1 P-0 CH-4 CR- 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to understand the evolution of sociology of Family and Kinship, and related theoretical developments.

CO2: The ability to examine the major issues in family and kinship both at the global as well as at the Indian context.

CO3: The ability to analyse the changing nature of contemporary kinship relations in the modern world.

Course Content

Approaches to the study of Kinship

- Descent Theory: Types of Descent, Rules of Residence
- Alliance Theory: Incest and Exogamy; Restricted Exchange and Generalised Exchange

Cultural Account of Kinship

- Euro-American Kinship
- Kinship as Practice: Marriage Strategies

Contemporary Issues in Kinship

- New Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy
- Gay - Lesbian perspectives.

Kinship in India

- Dravidian Kinship
- Family- household

Textbooks

- Parkin, R. & L. Stone. (Ed.) (2000). *Kinship and family: an anthropological reader*. New York. Blackwell.
- Uberoi, P. (1997). *Family, kinship and marriage in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Suggested Readings

- Barnes, J.A. (1961). 'Physical and social Kinship', *Philosophy of Sciences*. 28:296.
- Bhandari, J.S. (Ed.). (1996). *Family and kinship in northeast-East India*. Delhi: Vedam Books.
- Bourdieu, P. (1977). *Outline of a theory of practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
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- Marriott, M. & R. B. Inden. (1977). Towards an Ethnosociology of South Asian Caste Systems. In K. David (Ed.) *The New wind: changing identities in South Asia*, Paris/The Hague. Mouton
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- Schneider, D. M. (1968). *American kinship: a cultural account*. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall.
- Shah, A. M. (1973). *Household dimensions of the family in India*. New Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Strathern, M. (1992). *Reproducing the future: essays on anthropology, kinship and the new reproductive technologies*. Manchester: Manchester University Press.

- Trautmann, T.R. (1981). *Dravidian kinship*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

SC454: Sociology of India - I

(L-3 T-1 P-0 CH-4 CR- 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to identify the concepts related to the study of Indian society.

CO2: The ability to apply their understanding to issues related to Indian society and culture.

CO3: The ability to develop insights on Indian society from a cross-cultural perspective.

Course Content

Development of Sociology in India

- Framing sociology in India
- Book view and field view
- Sociology and social anthropology Interface

Perspectives on Caste

- Indological & Orientalist
- Structural Functional
- Structuralist
- Marxist
- Subaltern
- Feminist

Understanding Tribes

- Concepts, Approaches and Perspectives
- Tribe Caste Interaction
- Tribal and Indigenous Assertion
- From Tribe to Adivasi

Family, Kinship and Marriage

- Nature of Family and Kinship
- Household Dimension of the Family
- Dowry and Domestic Violence
- Marriage Structures

Textbooks

- V. Das (Ed.) (2004). *(Handbook of Indian Sociology)*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

- Patel S. (2011). *Doing sociology in India: genealogies, locations, and practices*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Introduction, Selected Chapters)

Suggested Readings

- Ambedkar B.R. (2002). Castes in India: their mechanism, genesis and development. In Rodrigues, V. (Ed.) *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. Delhi: OUP.
- Bannerjee, P. (2016) Writing the Adivasi: Some historiographical notes. In *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 53(1), 1-23.
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- Deshpande S, (2004) *Introduction in Contemporary India: a sociological view*. Delhi: Viking.
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- Ghurye, G.S. (1963). *The Scheduled Tribes*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
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- Mencher, J. P. (1974).The caste system upside down or the not –so-mysterious. In *Current Anthropology* 15(4): 469-493.
- Radhakrishnan, M. (Ed.) (2016) *Citizens first: studies on Adivasis, Tribals and Indigenous peoples in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Shah, A.M. (1973). *The Household dimension of the Family in India*. Delhi: Orient

Longman.

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- Srinivas, M.N. (1987). *The dominant caste and other essays*. New Delhi: OUP(Selected Chapters).
- Uberoi, P. (Ed.) (1994). *Family kinship and marriage in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Introduction and Selected Essays).
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SC455: Sociology of India - II

(L-3 T-1 P-0 CH-4 CR- 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to identify the concepts related to the study of contemporary Indian society.

CO2: Ability to apply their understanding to issues of social change in India.

CO3: Ability to identify pertinent emerging issues in contemporary Indian society.

Course Content

The Idea of India: Colonial to Post-Colonial

- Nationalism
- Modernisation
- Globalisation.
- Processes of Social Change: Sanskritisation, Westernisation, Universalisation, Parochialism, Little and Great Tradition

Aspects of Rural Social Structure

- Idea of Village Community
- Land tenure and land reform
- Green Revolution and Mode of Production
- Agrarian Crisis

Aspects of Urban Social Change

- Nature of urban society: Rural Urban Interface
- New forms of Labour and Occupation, Middle Class
- Migration & Diaspora

Marginalised and Excluded Communities: Emerging Trends

- Caste, Tribe, Class
- Religious Minorities
- Gender and Sexuality
- Disability

Textbooks

- Srinivas, M N. (1990). *Social change in modern India*, New Delhi: Orient Longman.

- V. Das (Ed.) (2004). *Handbook of Indian sociology* Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Suggested Readings

- Aloysius. G. (1999). *Nationalism without a nation in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 1).
- Beals A. & M. Marriott (1955). *Little communities in an indigenous civilization in village India: Studies in little communities*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
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- Breman, J. (1996). *Footloose Labour: Working in India's Informal Economy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Ch 1-3).
- Bhowmik, S. and N. More. (2001). Coping with poverty: ex-textile mill workers in central Mumbai. In *Economic and Political Weekly*, 36(52):4822-27.
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- Desai, A. R. (2009). *Social background of Indian nationalism*. Mumbai: Popular Prakashan. (Preface, Prologue & Epilogue)
- Ghai A. (Ed.) (2018). *Disability in south Asia*. Delhi: Sage. Selected Chapters
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- Rao, M.S.A. (Ed.). (1971). *Urban sociology in India: a reader and source book*. Delhi: Orient Longman
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- Weiner, M. (1997) India's minorities: Who are they? What do they want? In P. Chatterjee (Ed.) *State and Politics in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

SC456: Modern Sociological Theories and Perspectives

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to familiarize oneself with the broad spectrum of the modern theoretical discourses in Sociology.

CO2: The ability to comprehend the key ideas of the leading social thinkers in contemporary times.

CO3: The ability to examine major schools of thoughts and theoretical perspectives in Sociology.

Course Content

Foundation of Sociological Theories -i

- Functionalism
- Neo-Functionalism
- Marxism
- Conflict Theory

Foundation of Sociological Theories-ii

- Structuralism,
- Structuration
- Post-structuralism

Self and Society

- Symbolic Interactionism
- Dramaturgy
- Ethnomethodology

Contemporary Social Theories

- Neo-Marxism: Hegemony, Ideology, State
- Frankfurt School: Culture Industry, Public Sphere, Communicative Action
- Habitus, Field, Practice

Textbooks

- Giddens, Anthony & Turner, J.H. (Eds.) (1988). *Social Theory Today*, Stanford: Stanford University Press.

- Ritzer, George & Goodman, Douglas, G. (2004). *Modern Sociological Theory*, New Delhi: McGraw-Hill

Suggested Readings

- Adorno, Theodor. (1991). *The Culture Industry: Selected Essays on Mass Culture*, Routledge: London
- Alexander, Jeffrey C. (1998). *Neo-functionalism and After: Collected Readings*. John Wiley and Sons.
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SC457: Economic Sociology

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to comprehend the conceptual underpinnings of economic sociology and its significance.

CO2: The ability to examine the emerging perspectives in economic sociology as well as the inter-connectedness between economy and society.

CO3: The ability to apply their understanding to various issues related to economy.

Course content

Sociological Approaches to the study of Economy

- Functionalist
- Marxist
- Weberian
- New Economic Sociology

Institutions

- Gift, Exchange, Money
- Norms and Corruption
- State, Market and Economy

Economy and Culture

- Culture and Economy: social capital
- Culture and practical reason

Neoliberal Economy

- Development in the Neoliberal Age
- Formal and Informal Economy
- Microfinance

Textbooks

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SC458: Social Stratification

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to critically engage the theoretical debates on social stratification with the contemporary empirical reality of Indian society.

CO2: The ability to extend the sociological imagination through an intersection of multiple socio-spatial locations to develop a language for sociology beyond conventional social categories.

CO3: The ability to reflexively engage with one's social location vis a vis others around in their everyday life.

CO4: The ability to develop perspectives to think from the margins of society.

Course Contents

Social Stratification: Concepts

- Social Inequality
- Stratification
- Equality and Equity
- Social Exclusion
- Intersectionality
- Social Mobility

Theories on Stratification

- Davis, Moore, and Tumin
- Marx and Weber
- Veblen and Bourdieu

Axes of Stratification

- Caste, Class, Gender, Sexuality, Race and Ethnicity
- Intersectionality: Caste, Class, Gender, Sexuality, Race and Ethnicity

Social Reproduction of Inequality and Consequences

- Education
- Health
- Labour Market

Textbooks

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SC521: Political Sociology

L-3 T-1 P-0 CH-4 CR-4

Course Outcome

CO 1: The ability to comprehend the concepts and theoretical perspectives related to power dynamics

CO 2: The ability to examine these concepts in the specific context of Indian society

CO 2: The ability to apply their understanding to specific issues of contemporary relevance

Course Contents

Concepts and Approaches

- Definition, Nature and Emergence of Political Sociology
- Approaches to the Study of Politics and Power
- New Political Sociology

State and Civil Society

- Perspectives on State: Marxist, Weberian, Elite Theory, Pluralism, Feminist.
- Bureaucracy and Patrimonial organisation.
- Civil Society.

Democracy and its critique

- Public sphere and its critique
- Governmentality
- Multiculturalism
- Self-Rule (Swaraj)

State and society in India

- Nation-building and Ethnic mobilization.
- Social Bases of Political Mobilization: Caste, Language/Region, Religion.
- Institutional Power Structure and Grassroots Politics.

Textbooks

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Suggested Readings

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SC522: Sociology of Development

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to comprehend concept of development from various sociological perspectives with global, comparative, and historical dimensions.

CO2: Ability to examine the emerging perspectives in development sociology.

CO3: Ability to grasp the contemporary issues and challenges centered on the ideas and practices of development.

Course Contents

Perspectives

- Historical and contemporary location of the idea of development
- Perspectives on the study of development: Liberal, Marxist, Gandhian and Ecological

Theories of Development and Underdevelopment

- Modernization Theory
- Theories of Underdevelopment: Dependency, World System Theory, Uneven Development

Social Issues in Development

- Identity and Development, Gender and Development
- Knowledge and Power in Development

Development: Contemporary issues and its challenges

- Contemporary Discourse in Development
- De-growth, Limits to Growth and Post Development

Textbooks

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SC523: Sociology of Northeast India

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to describe the social and political process of Northeast India.

CO2: Ability to explain the traditional land relations in Northeast India and also the contemporary changes to land relations.

CO3: Ability to make use of their knowledge of the social and political problems of Northeast India in their profession and everyday life.

Course Contents

Framing Northeast India

- Conceptualizing Northeast India: Historicizing 'Northeast', Frontier, Region, Borderlands
- Colonial interventions on 'Northeast' India: Social and Politico-Administrative
- Organization and Re-organizations of States

Social and Political Institutions in Northeast India

- Tribes, Castes and their interface
- Chieftainships, Clan (Khel), Village, Matrilineal Systems
- State formation in the region (Ancient to Late-Medieval)

Land Relations in Northeast India

- Traditional Land Ownership System and Agrarian Practices in Valleys and Hills
- Modern Land Revenue System: Colonial and Post-Independence Land Policies

Identity Politics in Northeast India

- Autonomy, Homeland Politics
- Indigeneity and Immigration Issues

Textbook(s)

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India, New Delhi: Oxford University Press

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SC513: Sociology of Religion

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to describe the conceptual and theoretical understanding of the relationship between religion and society.

CO2: Ability to examine and discuss their changing nature of religion in the contemporary times with special reference to India.

CO3: Ability to apply their understanding to specific issues of religious practices and relation to different social forces.

Course Contents

Basic Aspects of Religion

- Religion, magic and science
- Religious experiences: beliefs, practices, myths, mysticism,
- Religious organisations: church, sect, cult

Sociological perspectives on religion

- Karl Marx
- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber
- Sigmund Freud
- Clifford Geertz

Contemporary debates on religion

- Religion and other institutions: Religion and civil society, religion and media (televangelism/film)
- Religion and violence – persecution, sacrifice, mutilation
- New religious movement

Religion and religiosity in India

- Religion and Ideology- Pluralism, Secularism, Fundamentalism, Communalism
- Religion and change- Revivalism, Proselytization

Textbooks

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SC525: Social Movements in India

(L3 - T1 - P0 - CH 4 - CR 4)

Course Outcome

CO 1: Ability to define and conceptualize the phenomenon called ‘social movement’

CO 2: Ability to grasp various approaches relating to the genesis of social movements

CO 3: Ability to make comparative studies of different movements in terms of nature, ideology and types

CO 4: Ability to critically analyze the nature of mobilization of contemporary social movements

Course Contents

Conceptualizing social movements

- Definition of social movement
- Types and Characteristics
- New Social Movements

Theories on social movements

- Structural-functional
- Weberian
- Marxist
- Post-Marxist and contemporary debates

Social movements in India

- Peasant, Dalit, Working class, Religious movements
- Indigenous People, Nationality, Women’s movements, Students’ movements

New forms of social mobilization

- Environmental movement
- LGBT Movements
- Anti-Globalization

Textbooks

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Blackwell Publications.

- Rao, M.S.A. (1979). *Social Movements in India*. New Delhi: Manohar.
- Shah, G. (2012). *Social Movements in India: A Review of Literature*. New Delhi: Sage

Suggested Readings

- Baruah, A.K. (2002). *Students' Power in Northeast India: Understanding Student Movements*. New Delhi: Regency Publications.
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SC 526 MA PROJECT

(L- T- P- CH – CR 8*)

Course Outcome

CO 1: Ability to identify a research problem.

CO 2: Ability to review existing literature in the subject domain and write a research proposal.

CO 3: Ability to select appropriate methodological tools and techniques for research.

CO 4: Ability to engage with community and carry out field based research.

CO 5: Ability to analyse the collected data and describe the findings of research

CO 6: Ability to communicate the findings of research in adherence with the ethics of research

Course Description

The MA Project is one of the core courses which is integrated with the program in a way that students develop their capacity to identify, plan, carry out and communicate about a research topic in a systematic process of guided learning. The course spans over two semesters, the preparations of which begin towards the end of the second semester of the program and culminates in a written dissertation in the fourth and final semester. Towards that end, the departmental advisory committee (DAC) makes provisions for systematic allotment of supervisors to students, setting up of an internal assessment committee, laying down the procedure of assessment, and appointment of an external examiner for the conduct of the viva-voce.

The course is designed in a way that engages the learner in the process of guided learning where the student is expected to integrate the theoretical knowledge of subject domains with the understanding of methodological issues of conducting empirical research. It involves the processes of identifying a research problem, writing a research proposal, reviewing of literature, selecting and designing methodological tools, carrying out research and analysing and communicating the findings in accordance with the ethics of research. The students are encouraged to conduct field-based research projects where they get first-hand experience of engaging with the community at large.

* the contact hours of the course include the meetings and consultations with assigned project supervisors on weekly basis for two semesters; library engagement and fieldwork; and common lectures organised on the basics of proposal writing, reviewing literature, research ethics and citation style.

ELECTIVE COURSE
SC471: Social Statistics

(L2 - T1 - P0 - CH 3 - CR 3)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to understand the salience of quantification in social science research.

CO2: The ability to learn the principles and applications of basic descriptive and inferential statistics.

CO3: The ability to deal with macro data sets and their analysis.

CO4: the ability to learn the basics of SPSS and its application in social science research

Course Contents

Quantification and Social Statistics

- Quantification in social science research
- Social statistics: Applications, limitations and basic concepts
- Displaying and describing data

Descriptive and Inferential Statistics

- Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median, Mode.
- Measures of Dispersion: Standard/Quartile Deviation.
- Hypothesis testing: chi-squared test, t-test and z-test.
- Co-relational Analysis: Tests of significance and covariance.
- Regression analysis.

Analysing Secondary Sources and Statistical Software

- Methods and use of macro-statistics
- Analysis of secondary sources / Large survey data
- SPSS and Application

Textbooks

- Levin, J & J.A. Fox. (2014). *Elementary Statistics in Social Research*. New Delhi: Pearson South Asia.

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SC472: Population and Society

(L2 - T1 - P0 - CH 3 - CR 3)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to describe the relationship between population and society.

CO2: The ability to assess population policies and its critique.

CO3: The ability to grapple with various intricate issues relating to population

Course Contents

Introducing Social Demography

- Demography and Sociology
- Demographic Variables: Fertility, Mortality and Migration
- Social implications of age and sex

Demographic Theories

- Population Theories: (Antiquity, Malthusian, Demographic Transition, Post-Malthusian, Neo-classical, Marxian, Biological Theories, Optimum Theory)
- Critique of population theories
- Population and Politics

Population Policies

- Family and reproductive health
- Population Policies, planning and their critiques
- Social dimensions of Population education – population as an issue in a plural society

Textbooks

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SC57I: Gender and Society

(L2- T1- P- 0 CH-3 CR-3)

Course Outcome

CO 1: The ability comprehend the basic concepts of sex, gender, sexuality and their interrelation

CO 2: The ability to examine feminist theoretical and methodological perspectives

CO 3: Ability to apply feminist methodological approaches in explaining contemporary issues

Course Contents

Introduction: Basic concepts

- Sex, Gender and Sexuality
- Intersectionality of gender with other aspects of social life
- Patriarchy: Ideology and Forms
- Contemporary Sexuality Politics, Masculinity

Feminist theory and methodology

- Feminist perspective: Liberal, Radical, Marxist - Socialist
- Feminist methodology: Standpoint theory, Situated knowledge
- Third World Women and Politics of Knowledge

Economy, Polity and culture.

- Gender and economy: Work and property relations
- Gender and violence: State, Family and Community
- Representations of Gender

Textbooks

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SC572: Industrial Sociology

(L2 - T1 - P0 - CH 3 - CR 3)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to describe the concepts and theoretical perspectives related to the workings of an industrial society

CO2: Ability to explain and apply their understanding to specific issues of industrial organization and industrial relations

CO3: Ability to examine these concepts in the specific context of India

Course Contents

Industry and Society

- Work, Technology, Automation
- Structuring of work (Fordism and Post-Fordism)
- Industrial organization and bureaucracy: Formal and Informal
- Industrial Society: Industrialization, and Industrialism
- Post-Industrial Society

Industrial Relations: Power and dynamics in Industry

- Industrial disputes and protest
- Conflict and its Resolution: Trade Unions and Collective Bargaining
- Joint management councils and Quality Circles
- New forms of industrial relations: Contractualization

Industry in India

- India's Industrial Policies since Independence
- Labour policies in India
- Casualization of employment

Textbook(s)

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SC573: Sociology of Health and Illness

(L2 - T1 - P0 – CH3 – CR3)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to comprehend conceptual and theoretical perspectives about the medical practice, profession, and technology which are rooted in society and culture.

CO2: Ability to examine the emerging issues in health and illness.

CO3: Ability to understand health and illness of individuals as well as communities with reference to different cultural contexts.

Course Contents

Conceptualizing health and illness

- Disease, illness and sickness
- Illness narratives
- Culture and disease

- Medicalisation and de-medicalisation

Theoretical Perspectives

- Functionalist, Marxist, Feminist
- Body, Medicine and Regulation
- Medical pluralism

Health Policies and Programmes

- State and health (Public health and community health)
- Reproductive Health, Mental Health, Disability
- Health Policies and Politics of Global Health (Health policies in India)

Textbooks

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SC553: Environmental Sociology

(L2 - T1 - P0 - CH 3 - CR 3)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to develop a clear comprehension of issues and variables that influences the environment and society relationship.

CO2: The ability to understand various sociological approaches in studying the society and environment interaction.

CO3: The ability to comprehend various environmental issues, policy and action.

Course Contents

Introducing Environmental Sociology

- Environmental Sociology: Rise, decline, and resurgence
- Sociological Approaches to Environment: Durkheim, Marx, Weber, Giddens and Ulric Beck, Ecological Feminism

Issues in Environmental Sociology

- Contemporary Issues in Environment and Society:
- Disasters, Environmental Inequality and Environmental Justice
- Social Consequences of Environmental Disruption

Environmental Issues in India

- Environmental Issues in India
- Environmental Movements in India
- Gender and Environment
- Dams and Displacement

Textbooks

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SC575: Sociology of Mass Media

(L2 - T1 - P0 - CH 3 - CR 3)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to explain the sociological perspectives to mass media.

CO2: Ability to critical engage with the contemporary issues in mass media and its social impact.

CO3: Ability to make used of the information that one receives through mass media.

Course Contents

Mass Media and Society: Interface and Interventions

- Approaches to the study of Media: Cultural Studies, Marxist, Semiotics
- Forms of Mass Media: Folk Media, New Media, Social Media, Alternative media

Interlinkages of Mass Media and State

- State control and regulation of media
- Media, politics and the public sphere
- Genealogies of state media in India

Contemporary Issues in Mass Media

- Globalization, New Technology and mass media
- Media organizations and market
- Media violence
- Gender and media

Textbooks

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Suggested Readings

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SC576: Sociology of Governance

(L2 - T1 - P0 – CH3 – CR3)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to comprehend governance from sociological perspectives and understand the relationship between state, society and market

CO2: Ability to examine the emerging perspectives in governance in the context of India.

CO3: Ability to grasp the contemporary issues and challenges centered on the practice of governance in everyday life.

Couse Contents

Conceptual issues in governance

- Governance: Meaning and significance, historicising the concept
- State, Government, governance and governmentality

Sociology and Governance

- Sociology and Governance: Sociological perspectives on Governance
- Social location of power
- Politics of the governed, politics of representation

Contemporary issues in governance

- Good governance and its challenges
- Neo-liberalism and new public management.
- Issues in local self-governance, Embeddedness and Governance

Textbooks

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Suggested Readings

- Bang, H.P. (2010) *Governance as social and political communication*. Manchester: Manchester University Press.

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SC577: Sociology of Education

(L-2 T-1 P-0 CH-3 CR-3)

Course Outcome

CO 1: Ability to describe sociological approaches to educational debates.

CO 2: Ability to apply that knowledge to the empirical context of school education.

CO 3: Ability to discuss and analyse the contemporary issues specific to the school education in India.

Course Contents

Approaches to Sociology of Education

- Social structure, culture and educational processes
- Perspectives in Sociology of education: Functionalist, Marxist, Interactionist, Critical Pedagogy

Educational organizations and Processes

- Processes & Organisation of Schooling
- Knowledge, Culture and Curriculum
- New Public Management of education

Power and Inequality

- Class, Caste and Gender issues.
- Debates on Merit and Equity

Textbooks

- Blackledge, D. A., & Hunt, B. D. (1985). *Sociological Interpretations of Education*, London: Routledge.
- Thapan, M. (2015). *Education and Society: Themes, Perspectives, Practices*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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SC578: Identity and Violence

(L2 - T1 - P0 - CH 3 - CR 3)

Course Outcome

CO 1: Extend the sociological imagination to the embedded power and violence in collective identities.

CO 2: Critically engage the theoretical debates on collective identities and violence with the empirical realities of Indian society.

CO 3: Reflexively engage with one's multiple identities and embodied violence.

Course Contents

Theoretical Understanding

- Identity: Personal and Collective
- Mind, Self and Identity
- Collective Violence and Subjectivity
- Modernity and Violence

Collective Identities and collective violence

- Ethnicity and Ethnic violence
- Communal Violence
- Decolonization, Nationalism and Violence

Experience of Collective Violence

- Stigma and Stereotypes in Post- violence Societies
- Gender Violence- Sexual Atrocities over Women
- Articulation of Identities after Violence
- Negotiation and Reconciliation after Violence

Textbooks

- Das, V, et al (Eds.). (2000). *Violence and Subjectivity*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
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Suggested Readings

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SC579: Sociology of Science

(L-2 T-1 P-0 CH-3-CR-3)

Course Outcome

CO1: Ability to identify the concepts related to the study of modern Western science.

CO2: Ability to apply their understanding to issues related to contemporary scientific practices.

CO3: Ability to apply their understanding to specific issues of science in India.

Course Contents

Approaches to Study of Science

- 17th century science and the experimental method
- Scientific Norms
- Constructivist Perspective on science

Science and Culture

- Magic, Religion and Science
- Origins of Modern European Science
- Science and Indigenous Knowledge Systems

Unit III Science in India

- Science in the Colony
- Metropolitan Science
- Science and the Modern Nation State

Textbooks

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SC580: Urban Sociology

(L2 - T1 - P0 – CH3 – CR3)

Course Outcome

- CO1:** The ability to understand the key sociological concepts on urbanization.
- CO2:** Awareness of the historical trajectory of urbanization and its forms in different contexts.
- CO3:** Knowledge of the various issues regarding urban planning and governance.
- CO4:** Capacity to address various issues and challenges pertaining to urban life and urbanization at conceptual and applied levels.

Course Contents

Conceptualizing Urbanization

- Definition and Typologies of Cities
- Urban Life and Culture

Trends of Urban Growth

- Rural-urban interaction: Dichotomy, continuum and network
- Suburb
- Global/Mega City

Urban Planning and Governance

- Urban Space
- Urban Ecology
- Urban Poverty

Textbooks

- Mumford, L. (2009). *The City in History: Its Origins, its Transformations, and its Prospects*. San Diego, Calif: Harcourt.
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SC581: Body, Gender and Sexuality

(L2 - T1 - P0 - CH 3 - CR 3)

Course Outcome

CO1: The ability to extend the sociological imagination to the material context of the body in shaping the social and vice versa.

CO2: The ability to critically engage the theoretical debates in body studies with the empirical realities of Indian society.

CO3: The ability to reflexively engage with one's gendered body and embodied desires in its broad spectrum.

Course Contents

Body and the Social: Theory and Method

- Theorising Bodies
- Embodying Social Inquiry

Gendering the Body

- Masculinities and Embodiment
- Embodied Women
- Trans-body

Sexuality and Sexualised Body

- Sexuality, Body and Identity.
- Sexualised bodies

Textbooks

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