

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Paschim Midnapore, West Bengal



PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)

MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

(w.e.f. Academic Year 2023-2024)

Based on

Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes

(CCFUP), 2023 & NEP, 2020

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Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
								CA	ESE	TOTAL	
BA (Hons.)	1 st	I	SEMESTER-I								
			Major-1	SOCHMJ101	T: Introduction to Sociology – I	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			SEC	SOCSEC01	P: Application of Statistics in Sociology: Using MS Excel & SPSS	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC01	Communicative English -1 (<i>common for all programmes</i>)	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC01	Multidisciplinary Course -1 (<i>to be chosen from the list</i>)	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC01	ENVS (<i>common for all programmes</i>)	4	2-0-2	50	50	100	
			Minor SOC (Disc.-I)	SOCMI01	T: Indian Society: Images and Realities (<i>To be taken by students of other Disciplines</i>)	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
		Semester-I Total				20				400	
		II	SEMESTER-II								
			Major-2	SOCHMJ102	T: Sociology of India – I	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			SEC	SOCSEC02	P: Framing Questionnaire and Conducting Interview	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC02	MIL-1 (<i>common for all programmes</i>)	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC02	Multi Disciplinary Course-02 (<i>to be chosen from the list</i>)	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC02	Value Added Course-02 (<i>to be chosen from the list</i>)	4	4-0-0	10	40	50	
			Minor (Disc.-II)	SOCMI02	T: Gender, Violence and Politics (<i>To be taken by students of other Disciplines</i>)	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			Summer Intern.	CS	Community Service	4	0-0-4	-	-	50	
		Semester-II Total				24				400	
		TOTAL of YEAR-1				44				800	

MJ = Major, MI = Minor Course, SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, AEC = Ability Enhancement Course, MDC = Multidisciplinary Course, VAC = Value Added Course; CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical, MIL = Modern Indian Language, ENVS = Environmental Studies

MAJOR (MJ)

MJ-1: Introduction to Sociology – I

Credits 04

MJ-1T: Introduction to Sociology – I

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

1. Sociology: Discipline and Perspective
 - 1.1 Sociological Perspective: Sociological Imagination, Sociology & Common Sense
 - 1.2 Emergence of Sociology in Europe, North America and India
 - 1.3 Sociology as a Science
 - 1.4 Sociology and other social sciences (Social Anthropology, Psychology, History, Political Science)
2. Some Basic Concepts:
 - 2.1 Meaning and Types: Groups, Community, Association, Institution, Organization
 - 2.2 Culture, Norms and Values, Status and Role, Folkways and more
 - 2.3 Social Structure: Definition and Elements
 - 2.4 Social Change: Definition and Factors
3. Interaction and Socialization
 - 3.1 Social Interaction: Meaning and Types
 - 3.2 Socialization: Concept and Agencies
 - 3.3 Social Construction of Reality: Berger and Luckman

Suggested Readings:

1. Berger, Peter, Luckman, Thomas, 1966, *Social Construction of Reality*, New Delhi, Penguin Books
2. Beattie, J, 1964, *Other Cultures-Aims, Methods & Achievements in Social Anthropology*, New York: The Free Press.
3. Bêteille, André, 1974, *Six Essays in Comparative Sociology*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
4. Beteille, André, 2002, *Sociology: Essays in Approach & Method*, 1st edition, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
5. Beteille, Andre, 1996, *Sociology and Common Sense*, EPW, Vol.31, 35-37pp
6. Bierstedt, Robert, 1974, *The Social Order*, 4th edition, New York: McGraw Hill Book Company.
7. Bottomore, T. B. 1971, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, London: Allen and Unwin, 2nd Edition.
8. Burke, Peter, 1980, *Sociology and History*, London: George Allen and Unwin.
9. Chattopadhyay, Koushik, *Samajtatwer Itibritwa: Manab Songothoner Nana Prosongo*
10. Choudhury, Aniruddha, Chattopadhyay Krishnadas, Ghosh Shantanu, 2003, *Sampratik Samajtatwa*, Chatterjee Publications.
11. Firth, Raymond, 1956, *Human Types*, Thomas Nelson & Sons.
12. Ghosh, Shantanu, 2020, *Samajtatwik Chintadhara* Chatterjee Publications.
13. Giddens, Anthony., 2002, *Sociology*, 4th Edition, Polity, UK.

14. Giddens. A & Sutton.W. Phillip, Contemporary Sociological Theory: Expanding the Classical Tradition by Ruth A. Wallace and alison Wolf, 8th edition
15. Holborn, Martin., & Haralambos, Michael. 2013, *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*, 8th edition, Harper Collins.
16. Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt. 2004, *Sociology*, 4th edition, New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill.
17. Johnson, Allan G, 2014, *The Forest and the Trees: Sociology as Life Practice and Promise*, 3rd edition, Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
18. MacIver, Robert M, & Charles Hunt Page. 1949, *Society*, New York: Rinehart.
19. Mills, C.W, 1959, *The Sociological Imagination*, OUP
20. Redfield, Robert 1956, Chapter 16, 'How Human Society Operates', in Harry L Shapiro (ed.) *Man, Culture and Society*, New York: Oxford University Press.
21. Ritzer, George, 2021, *Classical Sociological Theory*, 11th edition, New York: McGraw Hill.
22. Rocher, Guy., 2004, *A General Introduction To Sociology*, Academic Publishers.
23. Srinivas, M. N. and M. N. Panini (1973), "The Development of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India", *Sociological Bulletin*, 22(2): 179-215.
24. Taylor, C.C, 1947, *Sociology and Common Sense*, Sociological Review, Vol12(1), 1-9
25. Worsley, Peter., 1992, *The New Introducing Sociology*, London; New York: Penguin Books.

MJ-2: Sociology of India – I

Credits 04

MJ-2T: Sociology of India – I

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

1. Approaches to the Study of Indian Society
 - 1.1 The Colonial Discourse
 - 1.2 The Nationalist Discourse
 - 1.3 The Subaltern Critique
2. Indian Society: Concepts and Institutions
 - 2.1 Caste: Origin, Definition, Features, Varna and Jati, Dominant Caste, Jajmani System, Sanskritization
 - 2.2 Agrarian Classes: Structure and Features
 - 2.3 Industry and Labour: Factory and Industry System, Changing Nature of labour relations in Contemporary India
 - 2.4 Tribe: Definition, Features, Issues and Problems in Contemporary India
 - 2.5 Village: Features, Structures, Internal Relations, Village Solidarity and Change
 - 2.6 Family: Meaning, Definition, Features and Changing Nature

Suggested Readings:

1. Barnes. Tom, 2018, Informal Labour in Urban India,
2. Beteille. Andre, 1986, *The Concept of tribe with special reference to India*, *European Journal of Sociology*, 27(2)

3. Breman, J., 1999, "The study of industrial labour in Post Colonial India: The Formal Sector", in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*.
4. Breman, J. (2003) Informal Sector in The Oxford Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology edited by Veena Das. New Delhi.
5. Breman, J., 2005, Work and Life in the Informal Economy.
6. Choudhury, Aniruddha., 2016, *Bharater Samaj Prasange*, Kolkata: Chatterjee Publishers.
7. Cohn, B.S., 1991, *An Anthropologist among the Historians and Other Essays*, Delhi: Oxford University Press
8. Das, Veena., 2004, *Handbook of Indian Sociology*. Oxford University Press.
9. Desai, A.R., 2011, *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, 6th edition, Popular Prakashan Ltd.
10. Desai, A.R., 2019, *Rural sociology in India*, 5th edition, SAGE Publications India Pvt Ltd.
11. Dhanagare, D. N., 1991, "The Model of Agrarian Classes in India", in D. Gupta (ed.), *Social Stratification*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
12. Doshi, S. L., & Jain, P.C., 1999. *Rural Sociology*, India: Rawat Publications.
13. Ganguly, Ramanuj., & Moinuddin, S. A. H., 2016, *Samakaleen Bharatiya Samaj*, 2nd edition, PHI Learning.
14. Guha, R., 1892, *Subaltern Studies*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
15. Haimendorf, C.V.F., 1967, "The Position of Tribal Population in India". in P. Mason *India and Ceylon: Unity and Diversity*, New York: Oxford University Press.
16. Kaviraj, S., 2010, *The Imaginary Institution of India: Politics and Ideas*, Columbia University Press.
17. Maiti, Dibyendu. Sen, Kunal. (2010) "The informal sector in India: A means of exploitation or accumulation", *Journal of South Asian Development*, 5:1, Sage Publication
18. Majumdar, D. N., & Madan, T. N., 2018, *An Introduction to Social Anthropology*, Delhi: Mayur Books.
19. Mencher, J. P. (1974). The Caste System Upside Down, or The Not-So-Mysterious East. *Current Anthropology*, 15(4), 469–493. University of Chicago Press. <https://doi.org/10.1086/201505>
20. Mukherjee, Ramkrishna, 1974, *The Rise and the Fall of the East India Company*, New York and London, Monthly Review Press.
21. Nagla, B. K., 2012, *Indian Sociological Thought*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
22. Pathy, J., 1999, *Tribe, Region and Nation in the Context of the Indian State*. *Sociological Bulletin*, 48(1-2), 97-111
23. Shah, A.M., 1998, *The Family In India*, Sage .
24. Singh, Yogendra., 2007, *Social Change in India: Crisis and Resilience*, Har Anand Publications.
25. Srinivas, M.N., 1969, "The Caste System in India", in A. Beteille (ed.) *Social Inequality: Selected Readings*, Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.
26. Srinivas, M.N., 1987, *The Dominant Caste & Other Essays*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
27. Srinivas, M.N., 1995, *Social Change in Modern India*. Orient Blackswan.
28. Uberoi, Patricia, 1993, *Family Kinship and Marriage in India*, OUP

MINOR (MI)

MI – 1: Indian Society: Images and Realities

Credits 04

MI – 1T: Indian Society: Images and Realities

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

1. Ideas of India

- 1.1 Civilization and Culture
- 1.2 India as a Colony
- 1.3 Nation, State, and Society in Contemporary India

2. Institutions and Processes

- 2.1 Village: Meaning, Structure and Changing Nature of Indian Village
- 2.2 Caste: Definition, Features and Sanskritization
- 2.3 Family: Definition, Types of Family, Functions
- 2.4 Gender: Gender as a Category, Gender Discrimination

3. Critiques

- 3.1 Criticism of the Caste System(B.R. Ambedkar, Dipankar Gupta)
- 3.2 Criticism of Gender Roles

Suggested Readings:

1. Ambedkar, B.R, 1936, *Annihilation of Caste*, 2014, India, Nayana Publishing Private limited.
2. Ahmad, Imtiaz., et.al (eds). 2000, *Pluralism and Equality: Values in Indian Society and Politics*, Sage: New Delhi.
3. Anand, Akanksha., 2014, “Overcoming Obstacles to Career Advancement: A Study of Female Executives in India's Service Sector” in *The IUP Journal of Organizational Behavior*, Vol. XIII, No. 2, April 2014, pp. 58-77.
4. Breman, Jan., Kloos, Peter., Saith, Ashwani., 1997, *The Village in Asia revisited*, Delhi: OUP.
5. Childs, Sarah., & Krook, Mona Lena., 2013, “Analysing Women's Substantive Representation: From Critical Mass to Critical Actors” in *Government and Opposition: An International Journal of Comparative Politics*, Cambridge University Press.
6. Cohn, Barnard., 1971, *India: Social Anthropology of a Civilization*, Delhi: OUP.
7. Cohn, Bernard., 1987, *An Anthropologist Among Historians and Other Essays*, Delhi: OUP.
8. Dube, Leela., 1988, “On the Construction of Gender: Hindu Girls in Patrilineal India”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 23, No. 18, Pp. WS11-WS19.
9. Dumont, Louis., 1966, *Homo Hierarchicus: The Caste System and its Implications*.
10. Embree, Ainslie Thomas., 1989, *Imagining India: Essays on Indian History*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
11. Gray, John N & David J. Mearns., 1989, *Society from the Inside Out: Anthropological Perspectives on the South Asian Household*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
12. Gupta, Dipankar, 2000, *Interrogating Caste*, New Delhi, Penguin Books
13. Mines, Diane P., 2009, *Caste in India*, Mich.: Association for Asian Studies.
14. Omvedt, Gail., 2011, *Understanding Caste*. New Delhi: Orient Black Swan.

15. Omvedt, Gail., 2011, *Understanding Caste: From Buddha to Ambedkar and Beyond*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.
16. Sangari, Kumkum., & Vaid, Sudesh., 1989, *Recasting Women: Essays in India Colonial History*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
17. Singh, Yogendra., 1986, *Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Concerns*. New Delhi: Vistaar Publication

MI-2: Gender, Violence and Politics

Credits 04

MI-2T: Gender, Violence and Politics

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

- 1. Gendered Violence: Meaning and Concept**
- 2. Structural and Situated Violence**
 - 2.1 Caste, Gender, and Violence
 - 2.2 Domestic Violence
 - 2.3 Violence, Harassment at the Workplace
- 3. Sexual Violence: Meaning and types**
- 4. Addressing Gender Violence: Power, Politics and Public Policy**

Suggested Readings:

1. Agnes, Flavia., 2017, *My Story...Our Story of Re-building Broken Lives*, Mumbai: Majlish.
2. Box, Steven, 1983, *Power, Crime, Mystification*. London: Routledge.
3. Chowdhry, Prem., 1997, "Enforcing Cultural Codes: Gender and Violence in Northern India", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 32, No. 19.
4. Das, Veena and Kim Turcot DiFrancia, 2010, "Listening to Voices: An Interview with Veena Das", *Alterities* Vol. 7, No 1.
5. Dube, Leela., 1996 "Caste and Women" in M.N. Srinivas (ed.) *Caste: Its twentieth-century avatar*, New Delhi: Penguin.
6. Holmes, Mary., 2009. *Gender and Everyday Life*. London: Routledge.
7. Irdyam, Aloysius., Mangubhai, Jayshree P., & Lee, Joel G., 2011, *Dalit Women Speak Out: Caste, Class and Gender Violence in India*, Zubaan Books.
8. Kannabiran, Vasanth., & Kalpana, Kannabiran., 1991, "Caste and Gender: Understanding Dynamics of Power and Violence", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 26, No.37.
9. Karlekar, Malavika., 1998, "Domestic Violence", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 33, No.27.
10. Kimmel, Michael S., & Aronson, Amy., 2000, *The Gendered Society*, New York: Oxford University Press.
11. Mac Kinnon, Catharine A., 1996, *Only Words*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.
12. Menon, Nivedita., 2004, *Recovering Subversion: Feminist Politics beyond the Law*. Ranikhet: Permanent Black.
13. Naqvi, Farah. 2010. This Thing Called Justice: Engaging with Laws on Violence against Women in India, in Bishakha Dutta (ed.), *Nine Degrees of Justice: New Perspectives on Violence Against Women in India*. Delhi: Zubaan.

14. Omvedt, Gail., 1990, *Violence Against Women: New Movement and New Theories in India*. Delhi: Kali for Women.
15. Scully, Diana., & Marolla, Joseph., 1993, "Riding the Bull at Gilly's": Convicted Rapists Describe the Rewards of Rape", *Social Problems*, Vol. 32, No. 3.
16. Tejani, Sheba., 2004, "Sexual Harassment at the Workplace: Emerging Problems and Debates", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 39, No. 41.
17. Wies, Jennifer R., & Haldane, Hilary J, 2011, *Anthropology at the Front Lines of Gender-Based Violence*. Nashville, Tenn.: Vanderbilt Univ.

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

SEC 1: Application of Statistics in Sociology: Using MS Excel and SPSS Credits 03

SEC1P: Application of Statistics in Sociology: Using MS Excel & SPSS Full Marks: 50

Course Outline:

- 1. Definition, History of Social Statistics And Use of Statistics in Social Research**
- 2. Basic concepts**
 - 2.1 Concept, Variable, Data, Population, Sample, Parameter, Statistic
- 3. Sampling**
 - 3.1 Types and Uses
- 4. Frequency Distribution and Graphical Techniques Using MS Excel**
- 5. Central Tendency Using MS Excel**
 - 5.1 Mean, Median and Mode
- 6. Coding & Tabulation Using MS Excel**

Suggested Readings:

1. Blalock. Social Statistics.
2. Elifson, Kirk W., Richard P. Runyon, Audrey Haber. Fundamentals of Social Statistics. McGraw- Hill Humanities, Social Sciences & World Languages, 1990.
3. Goon, A.M., M.K. Gupta and B. Dasgupta- Basic Statistics, Kolkata World Press Pvt. Ltd, 1978.
4. Irvine, John, Ian Miles, and Jeff Evans, (Eds). Demystifying social Statistics. London: Pluto Press, 1979.
5. Kothari, C R Research Methodology, New Delhi: New Age International, 2004.
6. Leonard, Wilbert M, 1976, Basic Social Statistics, West Publishing Company

SEC 2: Framing Questionnaire and Conducting Interview

Credits 03

SEC 2P: Framing Questionnaire and Conducting Interview

Full Marks: 50

Course Outline:

- 1. Questionnaire and Interview Method**
 - 1.1 Application
 - 1.2 Preparation before using these methods
- 2. Questionnaire**
 - 2.1 Types
 - 2.2 Framing a questionnaire
- 3. Interview**
 - 3.1 Types
 - 3.2 Preparing interview schedule
- 4. Data Recording, Processing and Interpretation**
- 5. Limitations of Questionnaire and Interview Method**

Suggested Readings:

1. Ahuja Ram, 2015, *Research Methods*, Rawat Publications.
2. Babbie, R, Earl, 2020, *The Practice of Social Research*, 15th edition, AU, Cengage publications.
3. Bailey, K.J. 1994. *Methods of Social Research*, 4th edition, New York, The Free Press
4. Baker, T.L. 1998. *Doing Social Research*. McGraw-Hill Education.
5. Blalock A, 1982. *Introduction to Social Research*, Prentice Hall
6. Bryman, Alan. 2004, *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*, New York: Routledge,
7. Clark, Foster, Sloan, Bryman. 2016. *Social Research Methods*, 6th edition, United Kingdom, OUP.
8. Corbetta, P. 2003. *Social Research: Theory, Methods and Techniques*. Sage Publications Ltd.
9. Creswell, J.W. 2013, *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*, 4th Edition, London. SAGE Publications, Inc.
10. Financial Accounting- Partha Chatterjee, Publisher- Himalaya Publishing house