

# **VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

Paschim Midnapore, West Bengal



*PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF*

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)**

**MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY**

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**4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

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

*Based on*

**Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes**

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Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks				
								CA	ESE	TOTAL		
BA (Hons.)	1 <sup>st</sup>	I	<b>SEMESTER-I</b>									
			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
		<b>Semester-I Total</b>						<b>20</b>				<b>400</b>
		II	<b>SEMESTER-II</b>									
			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	
		<b>Semester-II Total</b>						<b>24</b>				<b>400</b>
		<b>TOTAL of YEAR-1</b>						<b>44</b>				<b>800</b>

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*, 1<sup>st</sup> 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*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, New York: McGraw Hill Book Company.
7. Bottomore, T. B. 1971, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, London: Allen and Unwin, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,8<sup>th</sup> edition
15. Holborn, Martin., & Haralambos, Michael. 2013, *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, Harper Collins.
16. Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt. 2004, *Sociology*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill.
17. Johnson, Allan G, 2014, *The Forest and the Trees: Sociology as Life Practice and Promise*, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*, 11<sup>th</sup> 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*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Popular Prakashan Ltd.
10. Desai, A.R., 2019, *Rural sociology in India*, 5<sup>th</sup> 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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
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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 DiFruscia, 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: Zuban.

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*, 15<sup>th</sup> edition, AU, Cengage publications.
3. Bailey, K.J. 1994. *Methods of Social Research*, 4<sup>th</sup> 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*, 6<sup>th</sup> 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