

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Midnapore, West Bengal



PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH SOCIOLOGY (MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES)

3-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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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCE with SOCIOLOGY
(Under CCFUP, 2023)

Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks				
								CA	ESE	TOTAL		
B.A. in Humanities/ Social Science with Sociology	3 rd	V	SEMESTER-V									
			Major-A4	SOCPMJ04	T: Methods of Social Research <i>(To be studied by students taken Sociology. as Discipline- A)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-A5	SOCPMJ05	T: Sociological Theories <i>(To be studied by students taken Sociology as Discipline- A)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-A6	SOCPMJ06	T: Indian Society: Issues and Problems <i>(To be studied by students taken Sociology as Discipline- A)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major (Elective) -2	SOCMJE02	T: Sociology of Religion OR Sociology of Work <i>(To be studied by students taken Sociology as Discipline- A)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Minor-5 (Disc.-C5)	SOCMIN05	T: Family, Marriage and Kinship <i>(To be studied by students taken English as Discipline- C)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
		Semester-V Total						20				375
		VI	SEMESTER-VI									
			Major-B4		<i>To be decided (Same as MajorA4 for Sociology. taken as Discipline-B)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-B4		<i>To be decided(Same as Major-A5 for Sociology taken as Discipline-B)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-B4		<i>To be decided(Same as Major-A6 for Sociology taken as Discipline-B)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major (Elective) -3	SOCMJE03	T: Sociology Of Health And Medicine OR Political Sociology <i>(To be studied by students taken Sociology as Discipline- A)</i>	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Minor -6 (Disc.-C6)	SOCMIN06	T: Sociology of Education <i>(To be studied by students taken Sociology as Discipline- C)</i>	4	3-0-1	15	60	75		
		Semester-VI Total						20				375
		TOTAL of YEAR-3						40	-	-	-	700
		Eligible to be awarded Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies with Sociology on Exit						126	Marks (Year: I+II+III)			2325

MJP = Major Programme (Multidisciplinary), MI = Minor, A/B = Choice of Major Discipline; C= Choice of Minor Discipline; CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical

MAJOR (M.J)

Major A4/B4: METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

Credits 04

Major A4/B4T: METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

1. Logic Of Social Research

- 1.1 What Is Social Research?
- 1.2 Objectivity In Social Research
- 1.3 Reflexivity In Social Research

2. Basic Concepts

- 2.1 Concepts, Variables, Propositions
- 2.2 Hypothesis – Meaning, Source, Characteristics of Usable Hypothesis
- 2.3 Relevance of Validity and Reliability in social Research

3. Types Of Research

- 3.1 Deductive And Inductive
- 3.2 Pure And Applied
- 3.3 Qualitative And Quantitative
- 3.4 Action And Evaluative Research

4. Research Design

- 4.1 Definition
- 4.2 Steps in Research Design

Suggested Readings:

1. Ahuja, R. (2001). *Research Methods*. Rawat Publications.
2. Bailey, K. (1994). *The Research Process in Methods of Social Research*. In Simon and Schuster, 4th Ed. The Free Press.
3. Bernard, H. R. (2011). *Research Methods In Anthropology: Qualitative And Quantitative Approaches*. Rowman Altamira.
4. Bryman, A. (2012). *Social Research Methods*. Oxford University Press, USA.
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6. Evans, Mary. & Williams H. Carolyn. (2013). *Gender: The Key Concept*. Routledge.
7. Frankfort-Nachmias, C., Nachmias, C., & Nachmias, D. (1992). *Research Methods in the Social Sciences*. Worth Publishers.
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10. Goode, W.E., & P.K. Hatt. (1952). *Methods in Social Research*. McGraw Hill.
11. Kothari, C. R. (2004). *Research methodology: Methods and Techniques*. New Age International.
12. Pal, D. (2022). *Gabeshana Padhhati o RashibigyanerKoushal* (Research Methodology and Statistical Technique). Rita Publication.

Major A5/B5: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Credits 04

Major A5/B5T: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

- 1. Sociological Theory**
 - 1.1 Meaning, Definition, Characteristics
 - 1.2 Micro, Macro, Meso

- 2. Functionalism**
 - 2.1 Origin, Meaning, Features, Core Assumptions
 - 2.2 Talcott Parsons – Social Action, Social System
 - 2.3 Robert K. Merton – Middle Range Theory

- 3. Conflict Perspective**
 - 3.1 Origin, Meaning, Features, Core Assumptions
 - 3.2 Ralf Dahrendorf

- 4. Interactionist Perspectives**
 - 4.1 Origin, Meaning, Features, Core Assumptions
 - 4.2 George Herbert Mead

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3. Dahrendorf, Ralf. (1968). *Essay in the Theory of Society*. Standford University Press.
4. Durkheim, Emile. (1984). *The Division of Labour in Society*. Macmillan.
5. Lemert, C. C. (2021). *Social Theory: The Multicultural, Global, and Classic Readings* (7th ed.). Routledge.
6. Magill, Frank N. (1996). *International Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Volume 1, Routledge.
7. Mahapatra, A. (2022). *BishaySamajtattwa* (in Bengali). Sandhya Prakashani.
8. Marx, Karl. (1990). *Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy*. Penguin Books Limited.
9. Radcliffe Brown, A.R. (1976). *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*. Free Press.
10. Ritzer, George. (2021). *Classical Sociological Theory*. 11th Ed. McGraw Hill.
11. Turner, J. H. (2012). *Contemporary Sociological Theory*. SAGE.
12. Wallace, R. A., & Wolf, A. (1998). *Contemporary Sociological Theory: Expanding the Classical Tradition*. Prentice-Hall.

Course contents:

1. Social Problem

1.1 Concept

1.2 Characteristics and Types

2. Socio-Economic Issues

2.1 Unemployment: Causes, consequences and Policies

2.2 Poverty: Causes, Measures, Consequences and Policies

2.3 Illiteracy: Causes, Consequences And Policies

3. Women, Children and The Aged

3.1 Violence Against Women: Public and Private sphere

3.2 Child Abuse

3.3 Child Labour and Child Rights

3.4 Elderly Abuse and Ageing

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2. Ahuja, R. (2003). *Violence Against Women*. Rawat Publications.
3. Ahuja, R. (2012). *Social Problems in India*. Rawat Publications.
4. Ashwani, D. G. & M. (2017). *Indian Economy, 72nd Edition*. S. Chand Publishing.
5. Atal, Y. (2002). *The Poverty Question: Search for Solutions*. Rawat Publications.
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10. Dantwala, M. L. (1993). Understanding Poverty and Unemployment. In *Indian Economy Since Independence* (pp. 358–379). Academic Foundation.
11. Dornbusch, R., Fischer, S., & Startz, R. (2018). *Macroeconomics* (13th ed.). McGraw Hill.
12. Henry, K. (1978). *Social problems: Institutional and Interpersonal Perspectives*. Pearson Scott Foresman.
13. Merton, R. K., & Nisbet, R. A. (1971). *Contemporary Social Problems*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt P.
14. Nelson, T. D. (2004). *Ageism: Stereotyping and Prejudice Against Older Persons*. MIT Press.
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16. Sinha, N. (1989). *Women and Violence*. Vikas Publishing House.

MAJOR ELECTIVE

(To be studied by students taken Sociology as Discipline- A)

Major Elective (MJE)-02:

Major Elective -02: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Credits 04

Major Elective -02T: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

1. Understanding Religion

- 1.1 Sociology of Religion: Meaning and Scope
- 1.2 Concepts and Definitions of Religion
- 1.3 Functions of Religion

2. Theoretical Perspectives on Religion

- 2.1 Emile Durkheim
- 2.2 Max Weber
- 2.3 Karl Marx

3. Religion and Society: Contemporary Issues

- 3.1 Globalization and Religion
- 3.2 Religion and Women
- 3.3 New Religious Movements
 - ISKCON Movement: Re-interpretation of Hindu Philosophy
 - Bahá'í Faith

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- Dey, P. S. (2011). *Samajtotter Itibritya*. (Bengali) Dorling Kindersley.
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- Furseth, I., & Repstad, P. (2017). *An Introduction to the Sociology of Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Routledge.
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- Weber, M. (2012). *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. Courier Corporation.

OR

Major Elective -02: SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

Credits 04

Major Elective -02T: SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

1. Basic Concepts

- 1.1 Work – Paid and Unpaid, Formal and Informal work
- 1.2 Classical Approaches to Work: Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber

2. Work and Industry

- 2.1 Industry and Labour
- 2.2 Industrialism

3. Dimensions of Work

- 3.1 Alienation
- 3.2 Gender, Glass Ceiling, Pink Collar Workers
- 3.3 Formal and Informal Economy

4. Modern and Post- Modern Approaches to Work

- 4.1 Frederick Taylor's Scientific Management
- 4.2 Fordism and Post Fordism
- 4.3 Post-modernist approaches to work
- 4.4 Information Society
- 4.5 Risk and Hazard

Reference

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- Bell, D. (1976). *The Coming of Post-Industrial Society*. Basic Books.
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Major Elective (MJE)-03:

Major Elective -03: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Credits 04

Major Elective -03T: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

1. Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Medicine

1.1 Origins and Development

1.2 Conceptualizing Disease, Sickness and Illness

1.3 Social and Cultural Dimensions of Illness and Medicine

2. Approaches to Health and Illness

2.1 Functional Approach

2.2 Conflict Approach

2.3 Discourse and Power

2.4 Feminist Approach

3. Negotiating Health and Illness

3.1 Medical Practices – Indigenous and Modern Medicine

3.2 Health Policy in India (1983, 2002, 2017)

4. Sociology of Disability

4.1 Social Model of Disability (Disability Rights Movement globally and in India)

4.2 Disability and Public Policy with Special Reference to India (The National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, 2006)

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- Akram, M. (2014). *Sociology of health*.
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OR

Major Elective -03: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Credits 04

Major Elective -03T: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: 75

Course contents:

- 1. Contextualising the study of Politics**
 - 1.1 Origin, scope and subject matter of Political Sociology

- 2. Basic Concepts**
 - 2.1 Power, Authority and Hegemony
 - 2.2 Nation, State, Sovereign, Governance, Citizenship, Rights
 - 2.3 Elite and the Ruling Class: Mosca, Mitchell, and C.W. Mills

- 3. Political Systems**
 - 3.1 Segmentary
 - 3.2 Totalitarian
 - 3.3 Democratic – Types and Features

- 4. Everyday State and Local Structures of Power**
 - 4.1 Nature of Indian Democracy
 - 4.2 Panchayati Raj System in India

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MINOR (MI)

(To be studied by students taken Sociology as Discipline- C)

**MI-5/C-5: Same as Minor-5 (SOCMIN-05) of Sociology (Hons.) Prog. Credits 04
Full Marks: 75**

**MI-6/C-6: Same as Minor-6 (SOCMIN-06) of Sociology (Hons.) Prog. Credits 04
Full Marks: 75**