

# VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Midnapore, West Bengal



*PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF*

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## **BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH SOCIOLOGY (MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES)**

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**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 <sup>rd</sup>	V	<b>SEMESTER-V</b>									
			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		
		<b>Semester-V Total</b>						<b>20</b>				<b>375</b>
		VI	<b>SEMESTER-VI</b>									
			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		
		<b>Semester-VI Total</b>						<b>20</b>				<b>375</b>
		<b>TOTAL of YEAR-3</b>						<b>40</b>	-	-	-	<b>700</b>
		<b>Eligible to be awarded Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies with Sociology on Exit</b>						<b>126</b>	<b>Marks (Year: I+II+III)</b>			<b>2325</b>

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 (MJ)

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
5. Clark, T., Foster, L., Bryman, A., & Sloan, L. (2021). *Social Research Methods*. Oxford University Press.
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.
8. Ghosh, B. (2016). *Methodology of Research in Sociology*. INFLIBNET Centre. <https://ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in/socp3/>
9. Giddens, A. (1993). *New Rules of Sociological Method: Second Edition*. Stanford University Press.
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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1. Bhowmik, A. (2016). *Samajtotter Pratyay o Dharanasutra* (Vol. 2) [Bengali]. Rita Publication.
2. Coser, L.A. (1977). *Masters of Sociological Thought*. Rawat Publications.
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*. 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**References**

1. Agarwal, A. G. (2017). *Indian Economy*. New Age International Pvt. Ltd.
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.
6. Beteille, A. (2003). Poverty and Inequality. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 38(42), 4455–4463. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4414161>
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8. Chand, P. (2007). *Status of adult literacy in India: A Database for Literacy Programmes*.
9. Chossudovsky, M., Fund, I. M., & Bank, W. (1997). *The globalisation of poverty: Impacts of IMF and World Bank Reforms*. London, England ; Atlantic Highlands, NJ : Zed Books.
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.
15. Shankardass, M. K. (2020). International Handbook of Elder Abuse and Mistreatment. In *Springer eBooks*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-13-8610-7>
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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- Broom, L., & Selznick, P. (1981). *Sociology: A Text with Adapted Readings*. Harper Collins Publishers.
- Dey, P. S. (2011). *Samajtotter Itibritya*. (Bengali) Dorling Kindersley.
- Dumont, L. (1970). *Religion, politics and history in India: Collected Papers in Indian Sociology*. Mouton Publishers.
- Durkheim, É. (2008). *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. Oxford University Press.
- Furseth, I., & Repstad, P. (2017). *An Introduction to the Sociology of Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Routledge.
- Hamilton, M. B. (2001). *The Sociology of Religion: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives*. Routledge.
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- *Samajtatta: Anthony Giddens* (H. Ghosh, Trans.; 3rd Ed.). (2001). [Bengali]. Bhatri Sangha.
- 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.
- Berg, I. E. (1979). *Industrial Sociology*. Prentice-Hall.
- Bhowmik, S. (2012). *Industry, Labour, and Society*. Orient Blackswan.
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- Edgell, S. (2011). *The Sociology of Work: Continuity and Change in Paid and Unpaid Work*. SAGE.
- Lyon, D. (2013). *The Information Society: Issues and Illusions*. John Wiley & Sons.
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- Menon, N. (1999). *Gender and Politics in India*. Oxford University Press, USA.
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- Watson, T. (2008). *Sociology, Work and Industry: Fifth edition* (5th Ed.). Routledge.
- Webster, F. (2002). *Theories of the Information Society*. Psychology Press.

## 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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- Adamu, U. F. (2013). *Modern and traditional medicine: Conflicts and Reconciliation*. African Books Collective.
- Akram, M. (2014). *Sociology of health*.
- Albrecht, G. L., Fitzpatrick, R. (1994). *Quality of life in health care: Advances in Medical Sociology*. Jai Press.
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- Thamilarasan, M. (2016). *Medical Sociology*. India: Rawat Publications.
- Turner, B. S. (1995). *Medical power and social knowledge*. SAGE.

**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**