

Department of Sociology
Programme Outcome

Introduction

Sociology is the most contemporary and versatile of the Social Sciences. It trains students to grasp social structures, understand social processes, map the dynamics of social change, decipher social interactions and make sense of individual and collective experiences in their social, historical and cultural context. Sociology is at once critical and constructive; conceptual and applied; theoretical and empirical. It is a science that cohabits comfortably with literary flair, speculative sensibility, historical imagination and statistical rigour. It is incessantly reflexive about its methods, exacting about its research techniques and standards of evidence. Sociology is ever so subtle about the conceptual distinctions it draws and ardent about its disciplinary boundaries and identity. At the same time, Sociology is the most open and interdisciplinary of social sciences. The pursuit of Sociology is a systematic effort at recovering, mapping and making sense of our kaleidoscopic collective self under the sign of modernity. It is both historical and comparative. Sociology as an academic discipline is committed to the ideal of generating public knowledge and fostering public reason. It embodies the best of enlightenment virtues: scientific reason, tolerance of diversity, humanistic empathy and celebration of democratic ideals. It is the science of our times.

Sociology is a deeply self-reflexive discipline with an inter-disciplinary orientation. A graduate would be capable of describing and embodying the mandate and perspective of Sociology as a discipline, how it differs from cognate social sciences and be able to engage productively with them without losing disciplinary perspective.

A Sociology graduate is exposed to a significant quantum of concepts, conceptual writing, theories and theoretical reasoning throughout the three years across all the courses.

Hence she/ he has an ability to grasp and generate a conceptual conversation in general and within the discipline of Sociology in particular. She/he is also familiar with well-defined, critical and evolving multiplicity of theoretical perspectives.

A Sociology graduate would be well versed with the basic tenets of these perspectives and capable of generating versions of social world from these perspectives.

Sociology is a worldly science that incessantly draws students beyond class rooms and harnesses the productive tension between library work, field work and a call to interventionist action.

A Sociology graduate is ideal for employment needs where a graduate from liberal arts would fit in for this rare blend. They are a perfect fit for the areas (but not limited to them alone) such as law, development studies, development practice, social work, bureaucracy and public institutions, women's studies, gender studies, area studies, international relations, policy studies, policy implementation, advocacy, management, marketing, social psychology, industrial organization, election studies, data sciences, journalism, criminology, and careers in fine and performing arts.

Sociology is both a profession and a vocation. A lifelong commitment to learning, critical thinking and to the cause of the collective well-being rather than narcissistic self-indulgence. It is a cosmopolitan science that is positive and normative at once. A Sociology graduate would make an enlightened leader and an informed follower.

Structure, and Programme of BA (Hons.) Sociology

To graduate with Honours in Sociology student has to successfully complete fourteen Core Courses (CC), four Discipline Specific Electives (DSE), two Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), two Ability Enhancement Courses and four Generic Elective courses (GE) spread across six semesters.