



Sub Committee for Sociology
Faculty of Humanity and Social Sciences Curriculum Development

Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name: Sociology (Major/Minor)

Introduction:

Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts offers Sociology both as a major and a minor subject that can be taken up by students during their time here. The Sociology major course comprises of a total of ten papers while the Sociology minor course consists of the first six of the ten major papers.

These are:

1. Sociology: An Introduction
2. Sociology of India: Themes and Perspectives
3. Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
4. Popular Culture, Media and Everyday Life
5. Environment, Ecology and Society
6. State, Civil Society & Market
7. Contemporary Sociological Theories
8. Research Methodology: Theory and Application
9. Sociology of Globalisation: Global Culture, Economy, Emerging Issues
10. Analysis and Research in Sociology: Dissertation



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Course Name: Sociology Major/ Minor Paper 1: Sociology: An Introduction

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 3

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 2

Course Description:

This paper aims at providing students with a basic understanding of sociology, by covering key concepts such as social and intellectual forces in classical sociological theory, or key sociology concepts given birth to by Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, and Max Weber. Towards the end of this paper, students will delve into the limitations of sociology, and its relevance in modern times.



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Course Name: Sociology Major/ Minor Paper 2: Sociology of India: Themes and Perspectives

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 4

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 2

Course Description:

This paper focuses largely upon sociology in India. The paper begins by touching upon the formation of sociology in India, but spans across the study of Indian society, by covering key sociological concepts such as religion, language, and ethnicity under 'India as a Plural Society', along with concepts such as differentiation, inequality, and stratification within Indian society.



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Course Name: Sociology Major/ Minor Paper 3: Sociology of Gender and Sexuality

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 5

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 3

Course Description:

This paper revolves around the concepts of gender and sexuality, and is designed to expand upon these concepts in the context of sociology. This paper covers sub topics such as sexualities, modernity, and history (colonial and postcolonial debates), along with liberal, Marxist, socialist, radical and postmodern, Queer Theory, in order to equip students with the ability to express and explain the centrality of sexualities, in cultural, social, and political institutions and practices, as well as recognize, summarize, and translate concepts and theories to social constructions of gender and sexuality.



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Course Name: Sociology Major/ Minor Paper 4: Popular Culture, Media, and Everyday Life

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 6

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 3

Course Description:

This paper revolves around the concepts of media and culture in sociology. The paper is designed to cover the classification of culture studies, along with the politics of cultural representation. The latter half of the paper touches not only upon the impact of visual media on sociology, but also concepts such as femininities, masculinities, and popular culture in sociology.



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Course Name: Sociology Major/ Minor Paper 5: Environment, Ecology, and Society

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 7

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 3

Course Description:

This paper covers environmental, ecological, and sustainable development concepts with emphasis on their Indian approaches. The latter part of this paper expands upon the concepts of eco-feminism, and issues that accompany it, along with the relationship between religion, culture, and the environment.



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Course Name: Sociology Major/ Minor Paper 6: State, Civil Society & Market

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 8

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 4

Course Description:

This paper is designed to cover key concepts in the context of sociology such as state, civil society, and markets. This paper not only provides an introduction to these concepts, but also provides a historical and conceptual understanding, along with the present day conditions and understanding of these concepts. This paper also expands upon understanding citizenship in India, as well as the Indian civil society.



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Course Name: Sociology Major Paper 7: Contemporary Sociological Theories

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 5

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 3

Course Description:

This paper focuses on providing conceptual understanding on sociological topics, such as structuralism, functionalism, conflict theory, phenomenology, ethnomethodology, and reflexive sociology, along with recent trends in sociological theory. This paper is designed around the idea of providing students with the ability to categorise and distinguish different perspectives of contemporary sociological theories, as well as the ability to appraise the major contemporary theoretical perspectives to social research.



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Course Name: Sociology Major Paper 8: Research Methodology: Theory and Application

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 6

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 4

Course Description:

This paper covers research methodology concepts such as social research, research design, samplings, and techniques of data collection. The latter part of this paper provides a practical application base for the analysis and interpretation, of both qualitative as well as quantitative data.



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Course Name: Sociology Major Paper 9: Sociology of Globalisation: Global Culture, Economy, Emerging Issues

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 7

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 4

Course Description:

This paper provides an understanding of globalisation and expands upon various perspectives of the same. The paper also expands upon the crisis of globalisation, along with the resistance to globalisation. The latter part of the paper also touches upon the impact of gender on globalisation, especially in current times.



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Course Name: Sociology Major Paper 10: Analysis and Research in Sociology: Dissertation

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 8

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 4

Course Description:

This paper is centered around the writing of a dissertation on issues relevant to the current time. This paper is broken down into various parts, such as proposal writing, research design, methodology, field work, and dissertation writing.