

# MASTER OF ARTS SOIOLOGY

## ***SYLLABUS & REGULATIONS***

(with effect from the batch admitted in the academic year 2026-27)  
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**M.A Sociology Course Structure and Syllabus as per NEP 2020(Choice Based Credit System)**

	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Title of the Course</b>	<b>No. of Credits</b>	<b>Internal Assessment</b>	<b>Semester End Exams</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>
<b>Semester - 1</b>	M.A S101	Sociological Analysis	4	30	70	100
	M.A S102	Social thought & Sociological Perspectives	4	30	70	100
	M.A S103	Social Research and Statistics	4	30	70	100
	M.A S104	Indian Society : Structure and Change	4	30	70	100
	M.A S105	Rural and Urban Sociology	4	30	70	100
	M.A S106	Computer Applications	4	30	70	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>24</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Semester - 2</b>	M.A S201	Sociology of Marginalized Groups	4	30	70	100
	M.A S202	Industrial Sociology and Labour Welfare	4	30	70	100
	M.A S203	Social Demography and Family Welfare	4	30	70	100
	M.A S204	Sociology of Health	4	30	70	100
	M.A S205	Social Disorganization and Criminology	4	30	70	100
	M.A S206	English Communication and Soft Skills	4	30	70	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>24</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Semester - 3</b>	M.A S301	Nature Agriculture and Rural Livelihood	4	30	70	100
	M.A S302	Environmental Sociology	4	30	70	100
	M.A S303	Sociology of Tourism Development	4	30	70	100
	M.A S304	Placement Field work and Extension work	4	30	70	100
	M.A S305	Personality Development and Employment	4	30	70	100
	M.A S306	Generic Elective - 1	4	30	70	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>24</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Semester - 4</b>	M.A S401	Globalization and Society	4	30	70	100
	M.A S402	Industrial Dynamics	4	30	70	100
	M.A S403	Gerontology	4	30	70	100
	M.A S404	Social Entrepreneurship Innovation and Start ups	4	30	70	100
	M.A S405	Generic Elective - 2	4	30	70	100
	M.A S406	Dissertation and Viva-Voce	4	-	100	100
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>24</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>96</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>1710</b>	<b>2400</b>



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**FIRST SEMESTER**

**M.A S101: Sociological Analysis**

**Unit-I: Introduction and Social Groups**

Emergence of Sociology, Definition, Nature and Scope of Sociology, Sociology and its relationship with other Social Sciences, Sociology in India

Social Groups: Social Groups-Types of Social Groups, Society, Community, Institution, Association, Socialization, Social Structure

**Unit-II: Social Structure and Social Systems**

Social System and Social Structure, Culture and its Components, Power and Authority, Status and Role

Social Interaction and Social Process: Associative Social Process, Dissociative Social Process

Social Control: Agencies of social control, Conformity and Deviance

**Unit-III: Social Stratification**

Social Differentiation and Social Stratification, Class as Dimension of Stratification, Caste as a Dimension of Stratification, Theories of Stratification

**Unit-IV: Social change**

Meaning, Nature and Characteristics, Factors of Social Change, Theories of Social Change, Social Evolution and Social Progress

## **M.A S102: Social Thought and Sociological Perspectives**

### **Unit I : Sociological thought and theory**

1. Sociological Thought: Nature, Development and the Social Context
2. Sociological theory: The Origin, Types of Sociological Theory.
3. Founding father of Sociological Thought Auguste Comte: Law of Human Progress, positivism, Hierarchy of Sciences
4. Social Statics and Dynamics and Positivism

### **Unit – II Early Thinkers and Pioneers**

1. Herbert Spencer: Evolutionary Theory, Organic Analogy
2. Durkheim, E: Division of Labour, Suicide
3. Durkheim, E: Social Facts, Elementary forms of Religious life
4. Ferdinand Tonnies: Geminschaft, Gescllschaft.

### **Unit – III Pioneer Thinkers**

1. Karl Marx : Theory of Class and Dialectic Materialism
2. Karl Marx Surplus Value and Alienation
3. Vilfredo Pareto : Logical and Non – Logical Action, Residues,
4. Circulation of Elites
5. Max Weber : Ideal types : Methodology of Social sciences, typology of Social Action
6. Max Weber : Class, Status and Power
7. Max Weber : Protestant Ethics and the Spirit of Capitalism
8. Contributions of Cooley, Mead and Freud

### **Unit–IV Contemporary Thinkers and Paradigms of Sociological Thought**

1. Pitrim Sorokin : Socio – Cultural Dynamic & Social Mobility
2. Talcott Parsons : Action Frame of Reference, Pattern Variables
3. R.K. Merton : Functional Paradigm, Manifest and Latent Functions, Reference Group Theory
4. R.K. Mukherjee : Theory of Values, Theory of Society
5. Mahatma Gandhi : Sarvodaya and Non- Violence
6. Organic – structural – Functional Paradigm
7. Conflict – radical Paradigm
8. Social – behaviourist paradigm and the theory of Social Exchange
9. Perspectives of Ethno-methodology and Phenomenology

### **M.A S103: Social Research and Statistics**

**Objective:** To orient students to the different stages of research. To give insight into the various research methods. To identify and apply appropriate research tools. To acquire the skill of reporting the research.

#### **Unit-I: Introduction to Research Methodology**

1. Basic concepts - meaning and characteristics of scientific research.
2. Factors affecting, steps or stages in research and research process
3. Types of research - experimental and non experimental, laboratory experiments and field experiments and quasi experiment
4. Quantitative and Qualitative Research, Ex-post Facto research, Survey research and types of experiments.

#### **Unit-II: Identification of Problem**

5. Problem: Types of problems, identifying a research Problem
6. Variables: Independent, dependent and intervening variable
7. Experimental group and control group.
8. Hypotheses: The nature and types of hypotheses, stating a hypotheses, criteria of hypotheses and functions of hypothesis.

#### **Unit-III: Sampling & Data Collection**

9. Concept of Population, sample and sampling
10. Types of sampling - Random, Stratified, Purposive, Incidental and multi stage sampling.
11. Issues related to selection of sample size
12. Data collection & presentation: Primary data observation method/ Personal interview, survey method, questionnaire) secondary data.

#### **Unit-IV: Ethical Consideration and Report Writing**

13. Ethics in human research: APA guidelines.
14. Scientific fraud and monitoring ethical practice. Presenting research results:
15. Report Writing: Meaning of Interpretation - Techniques of Interpretation - Precaution in interpretation - significance of report writing - different steps in writing report
16. Layout of the research report - types of reports - mechanics of writing a research report - precautions for writing research reports

#### **Outcomes**

To understand and comprehend the basics in research in research methodology and applying them in research/project work.

To select an appropriate research design.

To take up and implement a research project/ study.

The course will also enable them to collect the data, edit it properly and analyse it accordingly. Thus, it will facilitate students prosperity in higher education.

**M.A S104: Indian Society: Structure and Change**

**Unit – I Study of Indian Society**

- 1.Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Indian Society-Indological, Structural, Functional, Dialectical, Subaltern.
- 2.Composition of Indian Society : Unity in Diversity, Racial, Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Cultural Groups.
- 3.Understanding Indian Society through traditional Values-Hindu view of life – Purusharthas, Ashrama, Concepts of Karma and Rebirth.
- 4.Caste System-Concept of Varna, Jathi – Features of Caste system, Theories of Origin, Changing trends and Future.

**Unit - II Major Social Institutions**

1. Marriage-Types of Marriage, Traditional forms of Hindu Marriage, Hindu Marriage as a Sacrament, Legislation and Changing trends, domestic violence.
2. Marriage among Muslims and Christians
3. Family System-Nature and Characteristics of Indian Family, types and forms of family, changing trends.
4. Kinship-Definition, Types, Theories and Kinship Organization.

**Unit-III: Social Stratification, Inequality in India and Process of Social Change in India**

1. Caste, Class and power
2. Caste as a form of Social Inequality, Backward classes and Dalits
3. Inequality and its perpetuation
4. Social Stratification and Inequality: Issues and Emerging Trends in India
5. Sanskritization
6. Westernization
7. Modernization and Secularization
8. Macro Change in India-Education, Unemployment, Industrialization.

**Unit-IV: Protest-Reform-Identity-Movements in India, Crisis and Resilience**

1. Religious Movements
2. Reform Movements
3. Backward Class Movements

4. Peasant Movements
5. Social Tension in India
6. National Integration in Indian Society
7. Tradition and Modernity
8. Structure, Tradition and Crisis, and Social Resilience

**M.A S105: Rural and Urban Sociology**

**UNIT –I: Introduction to Rural & Urban Sociology**

1. Nature and Scope of Rural & Urban Sociology.
2. Definition, Characteristics of Rural & Urban Communities.
3. Demographic features and Ecological forms of villages in India.
4. Demographic & Morphological features of Urban centers in India.

**UNIT – II: Rural Social Structure in India**

1. Caste: Dominant Caste and Polity
2. Land ownership and Land Reforms
3. Jajmani Relations
4. Changing Agrarian Relations

**UNIT – III: Urban Social Structure and Urban Social Process**

1. Urban Centres: Traditional, Modern & Post-Modern
2. Family and Ethnicity in Urban India
3. Slums in Urban India
4. Urban Community Development
5. Urban Ecology, Concepts
6. Urbanism as a way of life:
7. Urbanization in India-Trends, Causes and Consequences
8. Urban Planning and Urban development policies in India

**UNIT – IV: Rural Urban Problems, Rural and Urban & Development**

1. Poverty and Unemployment
2. Health and Housing
3. Environmental Degradation
4. Green Revolution
5. Early efforts of Rural Reconstruction
6. Rural Development Programmes and Five Year Plans
7. IRDP: An Appraisal
8. Decentralization of Power: Panchayati Raj

## **M.A S106: Computer Applications**

### **Unit-1: Introduction to Computers**

**Introduction to computers:** Definition, Characteristics and limitations of computers - Elements of Computers - Hardware - CPU - Primary and Secondary memory - Input and Output devices.

**Operating System:** Meaning, Definition, Functions and Types of Operating Systems - Booting process - Windows operating system - Desktop, Start menu, Control panel, Windows accessories.

### **Unit-II: Basics of Word Processing**

Word Processing: Meaning and features of Word processing – Advantages and applications of word processing - Parts of MS Word application window – Toolbars – Creating, Saving and closing a document – Opening and editing a document - Moving and copying text – Text and paragraph formatting, applying Bullets and Numbering – Find and Replace. Date and Time, Headers, Footers and Page Breaks – Auto Correct – Spelling and Grammar checking – Graphics– Mail merge - Working with Tables.

### **Unit-III: Basics of Spread Sheet / Worksheet**

Workbook, cell, cell pointer, cell address etc., - Parts of MS Excel window – Saving, Opening and Closing workbook – Insertion and deletion of worksheet –Formatting – Auto Fill –Formulas and its advantages - different types of functions available in Excel – Templates –Charts – Graphs.

### **Unit-IV: Power Point**

Basics of Presentation Software - MS PowerPoint: Features, advantages and application of MS Power point – Internet – Features of Internet – Types – WWW – E-Mail – Advantages and Disadvantages.

**Reading list:**

1. Fundamentals of IT for Business by RemaThareja, 2015 Oxford University Press
2. Fundamentals of Computers, by V.Rajaraman, PHI, Fifth Edition, April 2010
3. Dennis P. Curtin, Information Technology, McGraw Hill International
4. AtulKahate, Fundamentals of Computers, Tata McGraw Hill
5. Fundamentals of Computers: V. Srinivas, Kalyani Publications
6. E-Commerce: CSV Murthy, Himalaya Publishing House
7. Raymond Green Law: Fundamentals of the Internet, Tata McGraw Hill
8. EfraimTurban :Electronic Commerce, Pearson Education
9. E-Commerce,E-Business :C.S.Rayudu ,Himalaya Publishing House
10. Morley, Understanding Computers, Cengage

**SECOND SEMESTER**

**M.A S201: Sociology of Marginalized Groups**

**Unit-I**

The concept of inequality – The structures of inequality – Class, Caste and Power – Explanations of inequality – Structural – Functional and Conflict perspectives.

**Unit-II**

Scheduled Castes: Untouchability – the concept, theories of origin of Untouchability.Educational, Economic, Political and Social disabilities.Constitutional and Legal safeguards.Social reform, Social Movements, Protective Discrimination and social change.Welfare policy and programmes.

**Unit-III**

Scheduled Tribes: Geographical distribution and racial composition.Social, cultural and economic organization.Problems, Tribal Unrest and Tribal Movements.Constitutional and Legal safeguards-Welfare policy and programmes.

**Unit-IV**

Other Backward Classes: Concept, Criteria and Demographic profile. Problems and Social Movements.Welfare policy and programmes.

Other Marginalized groups: Women and Religious Minorities. Concept, Status and problems.Constitutional and legal safeguards.Welfare policy and programmes.

**Reference:**

1. AndraBeteille : Equality and Inequality-Theory and Practical
2. Abraham,M : Modern Sociological Theory; An introduction
3. Funch, Stephen : At the bottom of the Indian Society
4. Maichel,S.M. : Deliths in Modern India: Vision and Values
5. Chowdary, Paul : Women welfare and Development
6. Bose, N.K : Tribal Life in India

**M.A S202: Industrial Sociology and Labour Welfare**

**UNIT – I**

1. Nature and Scope of Industrial Sociology
2. Importance of Industrial Sociology with reference to India
3. Early Industrialisation (A) Memorial System (B) Guild System (C) Putting out or Domestic System.
4. Factory System - Conditions of its Rise and Characteristics of Factory System.

**UNIT – II**

1. Human Relations-Approach of Elton Mayo-Hawthorne Experiments
2. Critical Appraisal of Hawthorne Experiments
3. Scientific Management-F.W. Taylor
4. Criticism of Scientific Management
5. Organisation in Industry - Meaning and Principles of organization.
6. Types of Organization.
7. Management-Meaning and Characteristics of Management
8. Management Functions

**UNIT-III**

1. Trade Union
2. History of Trade Union (Labour Movement) Movement in India
3. Difficulties and Defects of Trade Unions in India
4. Industrial Dispute
5. Strikes, Various forms of Strikes, Gherao and Lock-out
6. Machinery for the settlement of Dispute Statutory

**UNIT-IV**

1. Workers Participation in Management
2. Stages of Workers Participation in Management
3. Forms of Workers Participation in Management in Indian Scene
4. Labor Welfare
5. Labor Officer
6. Social Security-Meaning & Definition of Social Security
7. Social Security - Measures taken by the Government of India.

**M.A S203: Social Demography and Family Welfare**

**UNIT-I: Demography**

1. Demography-Definition, Nature and Scope.
2. Interrelation between Demography and other social sciences
3. Sources of Demographic Data

**UNIT-II: Theories of Population**

1. Malthusian Theory of Population
2. Demographic Transition Theory
3. Optimum Population Theory
4. Sex and Age Structure
5. Age Structure and its determinants and implications in India

**UNIT-III: Fertility and Mortality**

1. Distinction between Fertility, Fecundity and measures of Fertility.
2. Determinants of Fertility - Social, Economic and Physiological Factors.
3. Differential Fertility in India.
4. Factors associated with high Fertility in Developing countries.
5. Sex and Age patterns of Mortality and Measures of Mortality
6. Infant Mortality - Factors affecting infant Mortality in India
7. Causes for the decline of Mortality
8. Differential Mortality in India

**UNIT-IV: Migration, Family Welfare and Population Policy**

1. Migration-Nature and Importance
2. Measures of Internal Migration
3. Causes for Internal Migration and its implications
4. Theories of Migration
5. Family Planning – concepts, its historical development in India
6. Family Planning methods
7. Causes for Limited Progress of Family Planning Programme in India.
8. Population Education - Concept, Objectives and its need in India.

**M.A S204: Sociology of Health**

**UNIT-I: Health and Society**

1. Medical Sociology
2. Concept of health, illness, disease
3. Social Structure of health
4. Systems of Medicine in Indi

**UNIT-II: Illness and The Social System**

1. Sociological perspectives on illness
2. The process of seeking Medical care
3. Therapeutic Process & Interaction
4. Access to Health Care

**UNIT-III: Man, Environment and Disease, Health & Community**

1. Social Ecology & Disease
2. Social Epidemiology
3. Social Epidemiology of Select Diseases
4. Alcoholism & Drug Addiction
5. Community Health
6. Primary Health Care
7. Nutrition & Malnutrition
8. Health Education & Communication

**UNIT-IV: Health & Institution, Public Health & Health Policy**

1. The Hospital
2. The organization of Health Care
3. National Health programmes
4. Health & Population welfare
5. After Care & Rehabilitation
6. The Aged
7. National Health Policy
8. Reproductive and Child Health

**M.A S205: Social Disorganization and Criminology**

**UNIT-I: Social Disorganization**

1. Concepts of Social Organization and social disorganization
2. Study of Social Disorganization: Approaches, Causes & Consequences
3. Study of Social Disorganization: concept, types, causes & consequences
4. Individual Social Disorganization: concept, causes, consequences and prevention

**UNIT-II: Schools of Criminology**

1. Criminology: Definition, Nature & Scope: Distinction between Criminology, Penology &Victimology
2. Concepts of Deviance, Delinquency and Crime
3. Schools of Criminology: Classical, neo classical, Biological and Positive, Psychological and Economic schools.
4. Sociological Schools: Functional, Interactional, Sub-cultural, conflict schools

**UNIT-III: Society and Crime, Punishment**

1. Elements and patterns of crime and criminals
2. Types of crime
3. Criminal Tribes
4. Juvenile Delinquency: Concept, Classification, factors and theories
5. Punishment: Objectives and changing trends
6. Theories of Punishment: Retributive, Deterrent & Reformatory theories
7. Correctional Administration: Concept, approaches & Trends
8. Prison: Prison organization & Prison reforms in India

**UNIT –IV: Treatment & Prevention, Social Problems**

1. Probation, parole and Remand homes
2. Reform and correctional schools for juvenile delinquents
3. Open Prison system
4. After care correctional services in India
5. Beggary : Causes, consequences and rehabilitation
6. Prostitution: Causes and consequences
7. Drug Addiction, Social Disaster & Displacement

### **M.A S206 - English Communication and Soft Skills**

**Course objective:** To train students to enhance their skills in written as well as oral Communication. This course will help students in understanding the principles & techniques of communication.

**Outcome:** after completion of the course, students will be able to knowledge on written and oral communication, role of communication in Social work, models of communication, presentations etc.,

#### **BLOCK - 1 Importance of Communication**

Listening Skills. Non verbal communication skills. Working in teams. Roles in teams.

Decisions in teams.

#### **BLOCK - 2 Writing with purpose**

Directness and indirectness in good and neutral news messages, bad news and persuading messages. Writing, 'resume' and job search process. Selecting right medium for messages.

#### **BLOCK - 3 Basics of report writing**

Types of reports and their formats. Proposals. Essentials of grammar, Mechanics and usage.

#### **BLOCK - 4 Public speaking**

Using visual aids. Preparing for interviews. Traits of great orators.

#### **Suggested Books:**

1. K. Bhardwaj, Professional Communication, IK Int. Pub. House, New Delhi.
2. G Sreedevi Chowdary, English Communication and Soft Skills, Spectrum Hyderabad.
3. HC Gupta, SG Telang, Business Communication, Wisdom, Delhi
4. Penrose, Business Communication for Managers, Cengage , New Delhi
5. McGrath, Basic Managerial Skills for All 5<sup>th</sup>Edition, Prentice Hall of India.
6. Urmila Rai & S.M. Rai, Business Communication, Himalaya Publishers
7. Meenalshi Raman – Business Communication Oxford University Press
8. Lesikar I Flatley, Basic Business Communication, Tata McGrw Hill.
9. Bovee and Thill: Business Communication Today, MacGraw-Hill, Second Edition
10. Guffey M. E.: Business Communication Process & Product, Thompson, South – Western