

**DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
SYLLABUS FOR
BA PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY 3 YEARS (6 SEMESTERS)
UNDER CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)**

DETAILED SYLLABUS OF BA PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY UNDER CBCS

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE (DSC)

DSC – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – I)

Introduction to Sociology

UNIT-1: Sociology as Discipline

- Emergence of sociology,
- Definition and subject matter,
- Nature and Scope.

UNIT-2: Relationship of Sociology with other Social Sciences:

- Anthropology
- Political Science
- History
- Economics

UNIT-3: Sociological Concepts

- Status and Role, Norms and values
- Social Groups: Concepts, Definition, Types.
- Culture: Meaning, definition, elements, Types
- Community and Association: Concepts, definition, Features, Differences
- Socialization: Concepts, definition, Process, Agencies, Significance
- Social control and Social Change: Sociological significance, definition,
- Agencies of Social control,
- Factors of Social change.

DSC – 1: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – II)

Sociology of India

Unit-01: India - A plural Society

- Features of Pluralism, Unity in Diversity

UNIT-2: Social Institutions and Practices

- Caste – concept, definition, Characteristics, Jajmani system Nature of change.
- Tribe - Notion, definition, Characteristics, Location, Tribal economy.
- Class – Agrarian class, peasant
- Village – Structure, economy, Nature of change

UNIT-3: **Institution** of Family and Kinship

- Family - Definition, Forms, Structural and Functional Change
- Kinship - Usages, Significance in Society
- Marriage - Definition, Forms, Structural and Functional Change

UNIT-4: Identities and Change

- Dalits' Movement –
- Women's Movement

UNIT- 5: State and Society:

- Civil society – Meaning , Feature , Role in contemporary Society
- Communalism – Causes of growth, Impact on contemporary Indian Society
- Secularism - Meaning, concept, Challenges of Secularism in India

DSC – 1: PAPER – III (SEMESTER – III)

Sociological Theories

UNIT-1: August Comte:

- A Short Introduction to Life and work
- Evolutionary Scheme

UNIT-2: Karl Marx

- A Short Introduction to Life and work
- Materialistic conception of History
- Class and class Struggle
- Alienation

UNIT-3: Emil Durkheim

- A Short Introduction to Life and work
- Social Fact
- Theory of suicide
- Forms of Solidarity

UNIT-4: Max Weber

- A Short Introduction to Life and work
- Ideal Types
- Social Action
- Types of Authority
- Protestant Ethics and Spirit of Capitalism

UNIT- 5: Herbert Spencer

A Short Introduction to Life and work

- Organic Analogy
- Social Evolution

DSC – 1: PAPER – IV (SEMESTER – IV)

Methods of Sociological Enquiry

UNIT-1: The Logic of Social Research

- Sociological Research - Meaning, definition, characteristics, types.
- Objectivity in Socialsciences
- Reflexivity

UNIT-2: Methodologicalperspective

- The Comparative Method
- The Ethnographic Method

Unit.3: Methods of Enquiry

- Theory and Research
- Analyzing Data - Quantitative and qualitative

**DETAILED SYLLABUS OF BA PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY UNDER
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LANGUAGE CORE COURSE (LCC-1)**

LCC – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – I)

BENGALI

Common approved syllabus to be followed.

LCC – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – I)

NEPALI

Common approved syllabus to be followed.

LCC – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – I)

HINDI

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LCC – 1: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – III)

BENGALI

Common approved syllabus to be followed.

LCC – 1: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – III)

NEPALI

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LCC – 1: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – III)

HINDI

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**DETAILED SYLLABUS OF BA PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY UNDER
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LANGUAGE CORE COURSE (LCC-2)

LCC – 2: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – II)

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LCC – 2: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – IV)

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DETAILED SYLLABUS OF BA PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY UNDER CBCS

ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE (AECC)

AECC – 1: Environmental Studies (SEMESTER – I)

Unit 1: Introduction to environmental studies

- Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies
- Scope and importance; Concept of sustainability and sustainable development

Unit 2: Ecosystems

- What is an ecosystem?
Structure and function of ecosystem; Energy flow in an ecosystem: food chains, food webs and ecological succession. Case studies of the following ecosystems:
 - a) Forest ecosystem
 - b) Grassland ecosystem
 - c) Desert ecosystem
 - d) Aquatic ecosystems (ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, oceans, estuaries)

Unit 3: Natural Resources: Renewable and Non – renewable Resources

- Land resources and land-use change; Land degradation, soil erosion and desertification.
- Deforestation: Causes and impacts due to mining, dam building on environment, forests, biodiversity and tribal populations.
- Water: Use and over – exploitation of surface and ground water, floods, droughts, conflicts over water (international & inter-state), Dams – benefits and problems.
- Food resources: World food problems, changes caused by agriculture and over-grazing, effects of modern agriculture, fertilizer-pesticide problems, water logging, salinity.
- Energy resources: Renewable and non-renewable energy sources, use of alternate energy sources, growing energy needs, case studies

Unit 4: Biodiversity and Conservation

- Levels of biological diversity: genetic, species and ecosystem diversity; Bio-geographic zones of India; Biodiversity patterns and global biodiversity hotspots.
- India as a mega-biodiversity nation; Endangered and endemic species of India, threats to biodiversity: Habitat loss, poaching of wildlife, man-wildlife conflicts, biological invasions.
- Conservation of biodiversity: In – situ and Ex – situ conservation of biodiversity.
- Ecosystem and biodiversity services: Ecological, economic, social, ethical, aesthetic and Informational value.

Unit 5: Environmental Pollution

- Environmental pollution: types, causes, effects and controls; Air, water, soil and noise pollution

- Nuclear hazards and human health risks
- Solid waste management: Control measures of urban and industrial waste.
- Pollution case studies

Unit 6: Environmental Policies & Practices

- Climate change, global warming, ozone layer depletion, acid rain and impacts on human communities and agriculture
- Environment Laws: Environment Protection Act; Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act; Water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act; Wildlife Protection Act; Forest Conservation Act. International agreements: Montreal and Kyoto protocols and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Nature reserves, tribal populations and rights, and human wildlife conflicts in Indian context.

Unit 7: Human Communities and the Environment

- Human population growth: Impacts on environment, human health and welfare.
Resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons; case studies.
- Disaster management: floods, earthquake, cyclones and landslides.
- Water conservation, rain water harvesting, watershed management.
- Wasteland reclamation.
- Environmental movements: Chipko, Silent valley, Bishnois of Rajasthan.
- Environmental ethics: Role of Indian and other religions and cultures in environmental conservation.
- Environmental communication & public awareness, case studies (e.g., CNG vehicles in Delhi).

(To be chosen from English, Bengali, Nepali and Hindi)

AECC – 2: English Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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AECC – 2: Bengali Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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AECC – 2: Nepali Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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AECC – 2: Hindi Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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DETAILED SYLLABUS OF BA PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY UNDER CBCS

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

SEC – 1: PAPER - I (SEMESTER – III)

Techniques of Social Research

UNIT-1. Research Design

- Concepts & Hypotheses
- Measurement, Reliability & Validity
- Quantitative & Qualitative: Surveys & Ethnographies
- Sampling Frameworks

UNIT-2. Data Collection

- Primary Sources
- Secondary Sources
- Interview
- Observation
- Questionnaire

UNIY-3. Data Analysis

- Content Analysis
- Narrative Analysis
- Statistical Analysis: frequency distribution, cross tabulation,
- measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion, correlation

SEC – 1: Paper - II (SEMESTER – IV)

UNIT-1. Sex, Gender and Sexuality

- Introduction to debates on the social construction of sex and gender
- Cultural construction of masculinity and femininity
- Understanding sexual preference as a right

UNIT-2. Gender, Family, Community and the State

UNIT-3. Gender Rights and the Law

- Right to property
- Personal laws
- Violence against women
- Sexual harassment
- Rape
- Domestic violence

UNIT-4. Understanding Intersections of Gender, Caste, Class,

- Region, Religion and Disability

SEC – 2: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – V)

Other Discipline. Common approved syllabus to be followed.

SEC – 2: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – VI)

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE)

DSE – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – V)

Religion and Society

1. Understanding Religion

- Sociology of Religion: Meaning and Scope
- Sacred and Profane
- Religion and Rationalization
- Rite De passage

2. Religion in India: Fundamental Doctrine, Features and Influence

- Hinduism
- Islam
- Christianity
- Sikhism
- Buddhism

3. Secularism & Communalism in India

- Nature of Secularism
- Growth of Communalism,

DSE – 1: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – VI)

Marriage, Family and Kinship

UNIT: 1. Introduction: Kinship, Critique and the Reformulation

- Biological and Social Kinship
- Cultural Kinship

UNIT:2. Descent, Alliance

- Descent, Filiation, Complementary Filiation
- Marriage, Alliance, Prestations

UNIT: 3. Family and Household

- Structure and Change
- Reimagining Families

UNIT:4. Contemporary Issues in Marriage, Family and Kinship

- Choice and Regulation in Marriage
- Power and Discrimination in the Family
- New Reproductive Technologies
- Marriage Migration

DSE – 2: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – V)

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DSE – 2: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – VI)

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GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)

GE – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – V)

Indian Society: Images and Realities

UNIT-1. Ideas of India: Civilization, Colony, Nation and Society

UNIT-2. Institutions and Processes

- Village, Town and Region
- Caste, Religion and Ethnicity

UNIT-2 Institutions and Processes

- Family and Gender
- Political Economy

UNIT-3. Critiques- Caste, Gender, Ethnicity

GE – 1: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – VI)

Sociology of Social Movements

UNIT-1. Contextualizing Social Movements

UNIT-2. Theories of Social Movements

UNIT-3. Ideology, Participation and Mobilization: Case Studies.

UNIT-4. Social /Ethnic Movements in the North East with special reference to North Bengal.