

## M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

### Objective

This programme not only looks deep into sociological concepts and theories, but also provides ample opportunity to learn the aspects of teaching, emerging areas of socio-cultural-political sphere through a single window system. It aims to foster critical and analytical ability among the learners through study of Sociology, hone their professional skills and make the learners self-sufficient for employability.

### Programme Structure

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Contact Hours	Study input
SEMESTER I				
MASOD 101	Classical Sociological Thoughts	4	12	120
MASOD 102	Introduction to Family and Kinship	4	12	120
MASOD 103	Sociology of India	4	12	120
MASOD 104	Social Stratification	4	12	120
SEMESTER II				
MASOD 201	Sociological Theories	4	12	120
MASOD 202	Political Sociology	4	12	120
MASOD 203	Sociology of Development	4	12	120
MASOD 204	Sociology of Religion	4	12	120
SEMESTER III				
MASOD 301	Social Movements in India	4	12	120
MASOD 302	Gender and Society	4	12	120
MASOD 303	Industry and Society	4	12	120
MASOD 304	Social Demography	4	12	120
SEMESTER IV				
MASOD 401	Research Methodology	4	12	120
MASOD 402	Environmental Sociology	4	12	120
MASOD 403	Sociology of Health and Illness	4	12	120
MASOD 404	Sociology of Northeast India	4	12	120
MASOD 405	Sociology of Governance (Optional)	4	12	120
MASOD 406	Quantitative Sociology (Optional)	4	12	120
Total Credit		64	198	1980

### Detailed Syllabus

#### MASOD 101 Classical Sociological Thoughts

##### MODULE I : Historical Background of Sociology

**Unit 1:** The historical background of sociological theory: Enlightenment, French Revolution and Industrial Revolution

**Unit 2:** The development of sociology in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century

##### MODULE II : Karl Marx

**Unit 3:** The sociology of Karl Marx

**Unit 4:** Pre-capitalist economic formations, capitalism and commodity production

**Unit 5:** Class and class conflict

### **MODULE III: Max Weber**

**Unit 6:** The Sociology of Max Weber

**Unit 7:** Basic sociological terms and concepts: social action, rationality, categories of social action

**Unit 8:** Religion and social change

**Unit 9:** Contribution to the methodology of social science

### **MODULE IV: Emile Durkheim**

**Unit 10:** The sociology of Emile Durkheim

**Unit 11:** Forms of solidarity and the division of labour

**Unit 12:** Contribution to the methodology of Sociology – Sociology as a Science: Social fact, Normal and Pathological

### **MODULE V: Vilfredo Pareto and George Simmel**

**Unit 13:** Sociology of Vilfredo Pareto: Logico – experimental method

**Unit 14:** Sociology of George Simmel: Social Type

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Weber, M. *Economy and Society*, Berkeley: University of California Press, Vol.1, Part1 Chapters 1 and 2.

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Durkheim, E. *The Rules of Sociological Method*, London: Macmillan, 1982.

Durkheim, E. *The Division of Labour in Society*, Glecnoe: The Free Press, 1993.

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## **MASOD 102 Introduction to Family and Kinship**

### **MODULE I: Family, Kinship and Marriage**

**Unit 1:** Nature versus Culture debate

**Unit 2:** Family: Definition, Types, Changing Nature

**Unit 3:** Kinship: Definition, Basic Concepts and Terminology

**Unit 4:** Marriage: Definition, Types and Changing Nature

### **MODULE II : Various Aspects of Family and Marriage**

**Unit 5:**Elementary and extended family

**Unit 6:** Family in the context of care of the child and the aged.

**Unit 7:**Changing discourse of marriage

### **MODULE III: Family and Kinship in India**

**Unit 8:** Family and Kinship Studies in India

**Unit 9:** Regional variations of kinship

**Unit 10:** Family and Kinship in Northeast India

**Unit 11:** Family and Household, Changing nature of family and relationship in India

**MODULE IV: Changing Discourse of Family and Kinship**

**Unit 12:** Changing discourse of family and kinship

**Unit 13:** Transformations of kinship: questioning patriarchy

**Unit 14:** Reproductive technologies and reconfigured kinship, gay perspectives

**Readings:**

Fox, R. *Kinship and Marriage: An Anthropological Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University P, 1984

Karve, I. *Kinship Organisation in India*. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal, 1990 Robin Fox

Bhandari, J.S. (Ed.). *Family and Kinship in Northeast-East India*. Delhi: Vedam Books, 1996.

Goody, J. (Ed.). *Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups*. Cambridge: Cambridge University P, 1958.

Levi-Strauss, C. *The Elementary Structure of Kinship*. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1969.

Shah, A. M. *Household Dimensions of the Family in India*. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1973.

Shah, A. M. *The Family in India: Critical Essays*. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1998.

Uberoi, P. *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*. New Delhi: OUP, 1993

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**MASOD 103 Sociology of India**

**MODULE I: Introducing Indian Sociology**

**Unit 1:** Introducing Indian Sociology: Intellectual Traditions and Institutional growth

**Unit 2:** Sociology of India: Text view and Field view in Indian sociology

**MODULE II: Perspectives on Indian Sociology-I**

**Unit 3:** Approaches to the study of Indian Society: Indigenisation of Sociology

**Unit 4:** Indological /Textual ( G.S.Ghurye, Louis Dumont)

**Unit 5:** Structural-functionalism (M.N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube)

**MODULE III: Perspectives on Indian Sociology-II**

**Unit 6:** Marxist Perspectives ( D.P.Mukherjee, A. R. Desai, R.K.Mukherjee)

**Unit 7:** Civilizational Perspectives (N.K.Bose, Surajit Sinha)

**Unit 8:** Subaltern Perspective (B.R. Ambedkar, David Hardiman)

**Unit 9:** Feminist Perspective( Uma Chakravarty, Sharmila Rege)

**MODULE IV: Various Dimensions of Sociology of India**

**Unit 10:** Groups and Social Structure: Caste, Class, Tribe, Religion

**Unit 11:** Social Institutions: Family, Kinship and Marriage

**Unit 12:** Social Change in Modern India: Sanskritisation, Westernisation and Modernisation

**Unit 13:** Agrarian Changes and Urbanisation

**Unit 14:** Nation and Nation building

**Readings**

Aloysius, G. *Nationalism without a Nation in India*. Delhi: Oxford University P, 1997.

Béteille, A. *Caste, Class and Power: Changing Patterns of Stratification in a Tanjore Village*. University of California P, 1965.

- Chakravarty, U. *Gendering Caste: Through a Feminist Lens*. Calcutta: STREE, 2003.
- Das, V. *Critical Events: An Anthropological Perspective on Contemporary India*. Delhi: Oxford University P, 1995.
- Das, V. *Structure and Cognition: Aspects of Hindu Caste and Ritual*. Bombay: Oxford University P, 1982.
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- Dumont, L. *Homo Hierarchicus: The Caste System and its Implications*. Oxford: OUP, 1970.
- Ghurye, G.S. *Caste and Race in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan Press, 1990.
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- Gupta, D. *Social Stratification*. New Delhi: Oxford University P, 1991.
- Hardiman, D. *The Coming of the Devi: Adivasi Assertion in Western India*. Delhi: Oxford University P, 1987.
- Inden, R. "Orientalist Construction of India" in *Modern Asian Studies*. 1986.
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- Madan T.N. (Ed.) *Religion in India*. Delhi: Oxford University P, 1992.
- Mukherji, D.P. "Indian Tradition and Social Change" in T.K. Oomen & P. Mukherjee, *Indian Sociology: Reflections and Introspections*. Bombay: Popular Prakasham, 1986.
- Singh, Y. *Modernization of Indian Tradition: A Systematic Study of Social Change*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2011.
- Srinivas, M.N. *Social Change in Modern India*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2009.
- Xaxa, V. "The Politics of Language, Religion and Identity: Tribes in India" in *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 37 No.17, 2005

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## MASOD 104 Social Stratification

### MODULE I: Introducing Social Stratification

**Unit 1:** Social stratification: The concept of stratification in sociology

**Unit 2:** Social mobility and stratification: Meaning and Forms

### MODULE II: Sociological Perspective on Stratification

**Unit 3:** Functionalist perspectives on stratification

**Unit 4:** Marxist perspectives on stratification

**Unit 5:** Weberian perspectives on stratification

**Unit 6:** Feminist perspectives on stratification

### MODULE III: Axes of Stratification

**Unit 7:** Axes of Stratification: Caste, class and gender,

**Unit 8:** Axes of Stratification: Tribe, race and religion,

**Unit 9:** Axes of Stratification: Language and region

### MODULE IV: Contemporary debate in stratification

**Unit 10:** Contemporary debate in stratification: Deviance,

**Unit 11:** Contemporary debate in stratification: Disability

**Unit 12:** Contemporary debate in stratification: Sexuality,

## **MODULE V: Stratification in Contemporary Society**

**Unit 13:** Social Stratification and Exclusion in Contemporary Society

**Unit 14:** Challenges of Inclusion in Contemporary Society

### **Readings'**

Gupta, D. (Ed.). *Social Stratification*. New Delhi: Oxford University P, 1991.

Tumin, M.M. *Social Stratification: The Forms and Functions of Inequality*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India, 2003.

Balibar, E. and I. Wallerstein. *Race, Nation, Class: Ambiguous Identities*. London: Verso, 1991.

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Foucault, M. *Madness and Civilisation*. Vintage Books, 1988.

Goldthorpe, J. H. *Social Mobility and Class Structure in Modern Britain*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1980.

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Mamdani, M. "Beyond settler and native as political identities: overcoming the political legacy of colonialism" in *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 43 (4): 651-664, 2001.

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Nongbri, T. *Gender, Matriliney, and Entrepreneurship: The Khasis of North East India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 2008.

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Rae, L. B. (Ed). *Gender, Family and Economy: the Triple Overlap*. Sage Publications, 1991.

Rubin, G. "The Traffic in Women: Notes on the Political Economy of Sex", in Linda Nicholson (Ed.) *The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory*. Routledge, 1997.

Walby, S. "Gender, Class and Stratification" R. Crompton and M. Mann (Ed.) *Gender and Stratification*. Polity Press, 2002.

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## **MASOD 201 Sociological Theories**

### **MODULE I: Structure / System / Structuration**

**Unit 1:** Social Structure: Levi Strauss

**Unit 2:** Social System: Talcott Parsons

**Unit 3:** Structuration: Anthony Giddens

**Unit 4:** Structuration and Discourse Analysis

## **MODULE II: Subjective Understanding of Society**

**Unit 5:** Social Construction of Reality: Berger and Luckman

**Unit 6:** Dramaturgical Approach: Goffman Perceptions of everyday life

**Unit 7:** Ethnomethodology: Garfinkel

## **MODULE III: Frankfurt School**

**Unit 8:** Critical Theory

**Unit 9:** Frankfurt School and mass culture

**Unit 10:** Jürgen Habermas: Public Sphere

## **MODULE IV: Contemporary Social Theories**

**Unit 11:** Sociology of Piere Bourdieu

**Unit 12:** Foucault's Perspective on Society

**Unit 13:** Ulrich Beck's views on Modernity

**Unit 14:** Public Sociology

### **Readings**

Alexander, J.C. *Neo-functionalism and After*. Malden MA. Blackwell, 1998

Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. *Structure and Function in primitive Society*. London: Cohen and West, 1971.

Parsons, T. and E. A. Shils. *Toward a General Theory of Action*. NY: Harper and Row, 1952.

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Levi-Strauss, C. *Structural Anthropology*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1993.

Giddens, A. *Central Problems in Social Theory: Action, Structure and Contradiction in Social Analysis*. London: Manmillan, 1983.

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Berger, P. and T. Luckman. *The Social Construction of Reality*. London: Penguin, 1967.

Althusser, L. 1971. *Lenin, Philosophy and Other Essays*. Monthly Review Press: London.

Adorno, T. and M. Horkheimer. *Dialectic of Enlightenment*. New York: Continuum, 1993.

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## **MASOD 202 Political Sociology**

### **MODULE I: Introduction to Political Sociology**

**Unit 1:** Political Sociology: Emergence and Scope

**Unit 2:** Approaches to the study of politics;

**Unit 3:** Approaches to study Power and authority;

**Unit 4:** Basic concepts of Political Sociology: elite and masses; consensus and conflict; state and stateless societies

### **MODULE II: Perspectives on Political Sociology**

**Unit 5:** Perspectives on state: Liberal, Marxist, Pluralist

**Unit 6:** State and the class structure;

### **MODULE III: Institutions and Political Process**

**Unit 7:** Political Parties Characteristics and compositions;

**Unit 8:** Pressure groups and Interest groups

**Unit 9:** Democratic Decentralization and Local Self Government

### **MODULE IV: Political Sociology of India**

**Unit 10:** The State and Society in India: Colonial and Post Colonial

**Unit 11:** Caste and Politics in India

**Unit 12:** Class and Politics in India

**Unit 13:** Religion: Debate on Secularism and Communalism in India

**Unit 14:** Region, Language and Politics in India

### **Readings**

Bendix, R. and S. M. Lipset (Eds.). *Class, Status and Power*. London: RKP, 1966.

Bhargava, R. *Secularism and its Critics*. New Delhi: OUP, 1999.

Bottomore, T. *Elites and Society*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1966.

Chakravarty, A. *Contradiction and Change*. Delhi: OUP, 1975.

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Desai, A.R. *State and Society in India: Essays in Dissent*. Bombay: Popular Publication, 2000.

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Kohli, A. *India's Democracy: An Analysis of Changing State-Society Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University P, 1990.

Kohli, A. *The State and Poverty in India: The Politics of Reform*. Cambridge: Cambridge University P, 1999.

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Laclau, E. *Politics and Ideology in Marxist Theory*. London: Verso, 2012.

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Nash, K. *Contemporary Political Sociology*. Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers, 2000.

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Runciman, W.G. *Social Science and Political Theory*. Cambridge: CUP, 1969.

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Vora, R. and S. Palshikar (Ed.) *Indian Democracy*, Delhi: Sage, 2004.

Weber, M. *Economy and Society*. Berkeley: University of California P, 1978.

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## **MASOD 203 Sociology of Development**

### **MODULE I: Introduction to Sociology of Development**

**Unit 1:** Meaning, significance and the idea of development in sociological understanding

**Unit 2:** Meaning of Development over time

### **MODULE II: Sociological Perspectives of Development**

**Unit 3:** Perspectives on development: Liberal, Marxist and Ecological

**Unit 4:** Theories of Development: Modernisation Theories

**Unit 5:** Theories of Underdevelopment: Dependency theory,

**Unit 6:** Theories of Underdevelopment: World system theory, Uneven development

### **MODULE III: Development and Its Critique**

**Unit 7:** Theories of alternative development

**Unit 8:** Post-development theories

**Unit 9:** Grassroots level movements in development

### **MODULE IV: Contemporary Issues in Development**

**Unit 10:** Politics of Development: Knowledge and power in development,

**Unit 11:** Contemporary Issues in Development: Globalization,

**Unit 12:** Contemporary Issue: Poverty and Politics of Development

**Unit 13:** Contemporary issue: NGO and Civil Society

## Unit 14: Gender and Development

### Readings

- Peet, R. *Theories of Development*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2005.
- Pietersen, J.N. *Development Theory: Deconstructions/ Reconstructions*. New Delhi: Vistaar Publications, 2011.
- Alavi, H. and T. Shanin. *Introduction to the Sociology of Developing Societies*. London: Macmillan, 1982.
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- Escobar, A. *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2011.
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- Scott, J. C. *Seeing Like a State*. New Haven: Yale University P, 1998.
- Sen, A. *Development as Freedom*. New Delhi: Oxford University P, 2000.

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## MASOD 204 Sociology of Religion

### MODULE I: Introduction to the Study of Religion

Unit 1: Introduction to Sociology of Religion

Unit 2: Marx; Weber and Durkheim

Unit 3: Magic, science and religion

Unit 4: Critique of Religion: Freud and Marx

### MODULE II: Religious Organizations and Movements

Unit 5: Religious organisations: Nature, types, functions

Unit 6: Religious Movements: Types, Nature

### MODULE III: Religions in India

Unit 7: Religions of India: Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism and Tribal Religion

Unit 8: Religions of India: Christianity, Judaism, Islam

Unit 9: Religious Cults and Sects

Unit 10: God man and God woman

Unit 11: Aspects of religion in India: Sacred knowledge, Sacred space and Sacred persona

### MODULE IV: Religion in India: Contemporary Times

Unit 12: Secularism

Unit 13: Proselytisation

Unit 14: Communalism



## Readings

1. Asad, T. *Formations of the Secular: Christianity, Islam, Modernity*. Stanford University Press, 2003.
2. Baird, R.D. *Religion in modern India* (3rd edition). Delhi: Manohar, 1995.
3. Durkheim, E. *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life* (5th edition). New York: Collier Books, 1961.
4. Freud, S. *The Future of an Illusion*, London, Penguin, 2008.
5. Jones, K.W. *Socio-religious reform movements in British India* (The new Cambridge history of India III-1). Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 1989.
6. Madan, T.N. (enlarged edition). *Religion in India*. New Delhi: Oxford, 1992.
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## MASOD 301 Social Movements in India

### MODULE I: Introduction to Social Movements

**Unit 1:** Social movements: Definitions, characteristics and types

**Unit 2:** The social base: class, caste, ethnicity, gender Role and types of leadership; relationship between leaders and the masses

### MODULE II: Theories on Social Movement

**Unit 3:** Theories on social movement: Marxist and Post Marxist

**Unit 4:** Theories on social movement: Weberian and Post Weberian

**Unit 5:** Theories on social movement: Structural Functionalist

### MODULE III: Social Movements in India

**Unit 6:** Social movements in India: Peasant Movement

**Unit 7:** Social movements in India: Dalit Movement

**Unit 8:** Social movements in India: Tribal Movement.

**Unit 9:** Social Movement in India: Labour and Trade Union Movement

**Unit 10:** Social movements in India: Nationality and sub-nationality movements.

### MODULE IV: New Social Movements in India

**Unit 11:** New social movements in India: Women's movement,

**Unit 12:** New social movements in India: Environmental movements,

**Unit 13:** New social movements in India: Middle class movements.

**Unit 14:** New social movements in India: Ethnic movements.

### Readings:

Rao, M.S.A. *Social Movements in India*. New Delhi: Manohar, 1979

Shah, G. *Social Movements in India: A Review of Literature*. New Delhi: Sage, 2012.

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## MASOD 302 Gender and Society

### MODULE I: Introduction to Gender and Society

- Unit 1:** Social construction of gender: Sex and Gender Intersectionality of gender with other aspects of social life
- Unit 2:** Patriarchy and Masculinity: Meaning, Ideology and forms
- Unit 3:** Understanding Body and Sexuality
- Unit 4:** Contemporary Sexuality Politics: LGBT Movements

### MODULE II: Feminist Thoughts

- Unit 5:** Feminist Thought: Radicals
- Unit 6:** Feminist Thought: Marxist – Socialists and Liberal
- Unit 7:** Feminist Thought: Post-modernist
- Unit 8:** Feminist Methodology as a critique of sociological methods

### MODULE III: Feminism in Third World Context

- Unit 9:** Third World women and the politics of feminism
- Unit 10:** Colonialism, Nationalism and women's movement
- Unit 11:** Gender and Development: Eco- Feminism

### MODULE IV: Gender Issues in Indian Context

- Unit 12:** Gender, religion and politics: Dalit Feminism
- Unit 13:** Contemporary issue: Property rights and Debate on Domestic violence
- Unit 14:** Contemporary Issues: Education and Health

### Readings:

- John, Mary E. *Women's studies in India*. New Delhi: Penguin, 2008.
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- Agarwal, B. "Gender and command over property: A critical gap in economic analysis and policy in South Asia" in *World development*. Vol. 22 (10), 1994.
- Agarwal, B. *A field of one's Own*. Cambridge: Cambridge University P, 1995.
- Chanana, K. "Structures and ideologies" in *The Indian Journal of Social Science*. Vol. 3(1), 1990.
- Chatterjee, P. "Colonialism, nationalism, and colonized women: The contest in India" in *American Ethnologist*. Vol 16 (4), 1989.
- Chaudhuri, M. *Indian Women's Movement*. New Delhi: Radiant Publisher, 1993.
- Chaudhuri, M. (Ed.). *Feminism in India: Issues in Contemporary Indian Feminism*, New Delhi: Kali for Women, 2004.

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- Dube, L. *Anthropological explorations in Gender*. New Delhi: Sage, 2001.
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## MASOD 303 Industry and Society

### MODULE I: Introduction to Sociology of Work and Industry

**Unit 1:** Introduction to Industrialization and Social Change

**Unit 2:** Industrialization, Industrialism and Post-Industrial Society

### MODULE II: Industrial Organizations

**Unit 3:** Industrial Organisations: Formal and Informal

**Unit 4:** Industrial conflict and its Resolution: Nature of Industrial Conflict

**Unit 5:** Trade Unions and Collective Bargaining,

**Unit 6:** Joint management councils and Quality Circles

### MODULE III: Industrial Policies, Industries in NE India

**Unit 7:** India's Industrial Policies since Independence,

**Unit 8:** Tea Plantation Industry and Industrial Relations in Plantations

**Unit 9:** Industries in Northeast India

**Unit 10:** Cottage Industries in Northeast India

### MODULE IV : Industrial Sociology Today

**Unit 11:** Informal Economy and Globalisation

**Unit 12:** Unorganised Sector and Casualisation of Work

**Unit 13:** Feminisation of Labour

**Unit 14:** Special Economic Zones

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## MASOD 304 Social Demography

### MODULE I: Introducing Social Demography

**Unit 1:** Introducing social demography

**Unit 2:** Relationship of demography with other sciences

**Unit 3:** Basic concepts: fertility, fecundity, mortality, migration

### MODULE II: Theories of Population

**Unit 4:** Population Theories: Antiquity, Malthusian, Post-Malthusian,

**Unit 5:** Population Theories: Neo-classical, Marxian, Biological Theories, Optimum Theory, Demographic Transition

### MODULE III: Structure of Population

**Unit 6:** Age and sex structure of population

**Unit 7:** Population Pyramid

**Unit 8:** Human development Index

**Unit 9:** Population Policies (fertility-responsive, mortality-responsive, migration-responsive)

**Unit 10:** Programmes (initiatives and critique)

### MODULE IV: Dimensions of Population

**Unit 11:** Social dimensions of Population education

**Unit 12:** Population as an issue in a plural society

**Unit 13:** Population and Health

**Unit 14:** Population and developing countries

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## **MASOD 401 Research Methodology**

### **MODULE I: Introducing Social Research**

**Unit 1:** Philosophical Foundations of Social Research

**Unit 2:** History of Science

**Unit 3:** Subjectivity and Objectivity

### **MODULE II: Approaches to Social Research**

**Unit 4:** Positivism

**Unit 5:** Interpretivism

### **MODULE III: Qualitative Research**

**Unit 6:** Ethnography

**Unit 7:** Case Studies

**Unit 8:** Qualitative Methods

**Unit 9:** Qualitative Data Analysis

### **MODULE IV: Research Design and Quantitative Approaches**

**Unit 10:** Quantitative Research Design

**Unit 11:** Quantitative Methods

**Unit 12:** Sampling techniques

**Unit 13:** Quantitative Data Analysis

**Unit 14:** Report Writing

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## **MASOD 402 Environmental Sociology**

### **MODULE I: Introduction to Environmental Sociology**

**Unit 1:** Environmental sociology: Scope and significance.

**Unit 2:** The history of environmental sociology: The rise, decline, and resurgence of environmental sociology.

**Unit 3:** Nature – Nurture debate: synthesis of societal and environmental dialect.

### **MODULE II: Sociology of Environment**

**Unit 4:** Classical Sociology and Environment: Marx, Weber and Durkhiem

**Unit 5:** Contemporary theoretical approaches: Ecological modernisation, Ecofeminism, Ecological Marxism

**Unit 6:** Contemporary theoretical approaches: Risk society, Anthropocene.

### **MODULE III: Emerging Issues in Environmental Sociology**

**Unit 7:** Emerging theoretical parameters in environmental sociology: Contributions of Zavestoskis, Dunlap and Catton, Allan Schnaiberg

**Unit 8:** Environmental Disasters and Hazards

**Unit 9:** Body, Health and Environment

### **MODULE IV: Emerging Issues in Environmental Sociology**

**Unit 10:** Technology and environment

**Unit 11:** Global Environmentalism: A challenge to post-materialism thesis

**Unit 12:** Responses to environmental issues: Environmental Justice

### **MODULE V: Environmental Policy and Movements in India**

**Unit 13:** India's National Environmental Policy

**Unit 14:** Environmental Movements in India

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## **MASOD 403 Sociology of Health and Illness**

### **MODULE I: Introduction to Sociology of Health and Illness**

**Unit 1:** Introducing the theoretical foundations

**Unit 2 :** Defining health and illness

**Unit 3:** Culture and disease

**Unit 4:** Illness narratives

### **MODULE II: Medical Pluralism and Alternative Medicine**

**Unit 5:** Alternative Medicine

**Unit 6:** Medical Pluralism

**Unit 7:** Gender and Health

**Unit 8:** Gender and Sociology of Body

**Unit 9:** Medicalization and de-medicalization

### **MODULE III: Social Health**

**Unit 10:** Public health and community health

**Unit 11:** Social epidemiology

**Unit 12:** Health policies of government of India

### **MODULE IV: Politics of Health and Medicine**

**Unit 13:** Politics of Health Insurance

**Unit 14:** Pharmaceutical Industries and Medicines

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## **MASOD 404 Sociology of Northeast India**

### **MODULE I: Northeast India as a Category**

**Unit 1:** Geographical and Social Aspects of NE India

**Unit 2:** Cultural Specificities of NE India

**Unit 3:** Northeast India as a Conceptual Category: Emergence and significance of the term.

### **MODULE II: Social Formation of NE India**

**Unit 4:** Traditional Society, Polity and Economy of NE India

**Unit 5:** Tribe-caste interaction, Advent of Christianity

**Unit 6:** Emergence of Middle Class

**Unit 7:** Process of Nationality formation

### **MODULE III: Land Relations in Northeast India**

**Unit 8:** Pre Colonial: Pattern of land ownership and social stratification

**Unit 9:** Colonial: Emergence of Modern Land System- Commoditization, Privatization,

**Unit 10:** Post-Colonial: Emergence of New Social Forces

**Unit 11:** State and Society in Northeast India

### **MODULE IV: Issues of Identity in Northeast India**

**Unit 12:** Identity Assertion in Northeast India

**Unit 13:** Tribal Autonomy and Homeland Politics

**Unit 14:** Indigenous-Immigrant question in Northeast

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## **MASOD 405 Sociology of Governance**

### **MODULE I: Introducing Governance**

**Unit 1:** Governance: Meaning and significance, historicizing the concept

**Unit 2:** Government, governance, and governmentality

**Unit 3:** Relationship between state and society

### **MODULE II: Sociology of Governance**

**Unit 4:** Sociology and Governance: Sociological perspectives on Governance

**Unit 5:** Social location of power: Weber, Foucault, Lukes

**Unit 6:** Politics of the governed, politics of representation

### **MODULE III: Contemporary Issues in Governance**

**Unit 7:** Contemporary issues in governance: State autonomy, centralization and decentralization,

**Unit 8:** Neo-liberalism and new public management.

**Unit 9:** Issues relating to class and caste in governance

**Unit 10:** Gender and ethnicity in governance

#### **MODULE IV: Grassroots Level Governance**

**Unit 11:** Local self-governance and local-level politics

**Unit 12:** Participation and grassroots level democracy

**Unit 13:** Governance in Northeast India

**Unit 14:** Informal and Local Level Governance in NE India

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#### **MASOD 406 Quantitative Sociology**

##### **MODULE I: Quantitative research methodology: An Introduction**

**Unit 1:** Quantification in social science

**Unit 2:** Quantitative Research Process

**Unit 3:** Statistics in social research

**Unit 4:** Limitations of statistics in social science research

##### **MODULE II: Descriptive Statistics**

**Unit 5:** Measures of central tendency: Mean, Median, Mode

**Unit 6:** Understanding variation: Standard/Quartile Deviation

**Unit 7:** Uses of descriptive statistics in social science research

**MODULE III: Inferential Statistics**

**Unit 8:** Tests of significance and covariance

**Unit 9:** Co-relational Analysis

**Unit 10:** Regression analysis, Methods of hypothesis testing: chi-squared test, t-test and z-test

**MODULE IV: Analyzing, interpreting and representing quantitative data**

**Unit 11:** Approaches to quantitative data analysis

**Unit 12:** Interpreting results of statistical tests

**Unit 13:** Representing results of statistical tests

**Unit 14:** Preparation of report on the basis of quantitative data

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- ii. Examination form has to be filled up separately towards the end of the semester. An examination fee of Rs. 500/- has to be paid per course, including project.

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