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**Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar
Open University**

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SYLLABUS FOR MASTER OF ARTS

SOCIOLOGY

(Current)



Introduction

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University aims to serve and uplift the society by giving knowledge and understanding in various subjects of Humanities and Social Sciences. Master of Arts in Sociology is such post Graduate level Programme that addresses contemporary social issues and makes learner aware and able to analyze the situation. By this learners' ability gets improved in respect of their personal as well as professional life.

Objectives

- To expand higher education
 - To maintain equality and justice in the field of higher education
 - To ensure the quality and excellence of higher education
 - To teach students basic concepts of the subject through the curriculum
 - The sociology course will enable students to gain a theoretical understanding
- The Sociology course aims to enable students to explore and analyze the connection between the personal life and the wider factors of society.
- The purpose of the sociology course is to help students critically understand the various problems of society
 - The Sociology curriculum aims to educate students with the confidence needed to advance higher education and research and the skills of society
 - The sociology course is aimed at providing the required qualifications for government jobs in the social welfare departments of the government.
 - To provide opportunities to students who want to take a degree in sociology
- Students who wish to pursue a degree up to Ph.D., in Sociology.

Programme Structure

MA PART- 1

MSO-1	Sociological Theories
MSO-2	Methods of sociological research
MSO-3	Indian Sociology
MSO-4	Gender and society

MA PART- 2

MSO-5	Sociological Theories part-2
MSO-6	Urban Sociology
MSO-7	Sociology of Environment
MSO-8	Action Sociology

Outline of the Programme

- Programme code: MA Sociology
- Each course of the Programme has separate codes and shall be changed with the change in course/s.
- Duration of the Programme: 2 years (maximum 6 years)
- Eligibility for admission: BA in Sociology pass may apply for the admission
- Flexible entry / Credit Transfer: student who has passed his/ her FYBA or SYBA (or 2 semesters or 4 semesters respectively) in any other UGC recognized University, and is willing to keep his/her study continue in Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University is eligible to get admission, conditionally that the student has earned minimum credit prescribed for the year or semester or the course.
- Each Core paper of the Subject has 8 credits, Thus, students are required in 8 papers to earn total 64 credits to get MA degree Certificate.

Programme fees (in Indian Rupees)

Year	Male / boys	Female / girls
First	3800/-	2700/-
Second	3700/-	2600/-

Learner Progress Evaluation System

- Assignment (under continuous evaluation system)
- Term End Exams scheduled in January/ February and June/ July every year
- Learners have to pass in both the Assignments as well as Term End Examinations with minimum passing criteria 40 %.

Learner support and study guidance

- Learners get Self Learning Material in Print form as well as in soft copy accessible from the University website.
- Counseling sessions at learner support centers. Other ways for learners to get support and guidance are:
 - Emails of concerned departments and subject faculties
 - University website: www.baou.edu.in
 - Gujarat Government's educational channel no. 16 "VANDE GUJARAT"
 - Swadhyay Internet Radio
 - Swadhyay Internet/ website based Telecast of lectures
 - Virtual class rooms

Other E- services

- Online admission
- Cashless fees payment
- Educational mobile phone applications

Programme Outcomes

- After completing the MA programme with Sociology Subject, the learner will be able to
 - Explain basic and fundamental concepts and terminology of Sociology.
 - Analyze Society in respect of historical as well as contemporary aspects.
 - Apply statistical methods in research and sociological data presentation.
 - Discuss factors affecting human development index and development in different Categories of the society.
 - Analyze social policies.
 - Identify factors affecting society's socio-culture wellbeing.
 - Able to solve social problems using theories.
 - Able to utilize multi-disciplinary way to solve problems of society.



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