

# **Tentative Programme Specifications**

## **B.A. (Hons) Sociology**



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**Department: Sociology**

**School of Social Sciences**

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### 1. Rationale for the Programme

B.A. (Hons) in Sociology is an undergraduate honours degree programme designed to create motivated, energetic, thinking and creative graduates to fill the roles as social workers, social thinkers and professionals like social workers, counsellors, HR consultants, teachers, professors and researchers with additional qualification and training.

With the growing economy, there are several problems and challenges faced by people from all walks of life. Social issues and problems are ubiquitous in nature, the need for qualified and efficient social workers are in greater need in the present century. Qualified graduates in sociology can work in wide areas of human activities like industries, schools, colleges, health and research sectors. The B.A (Hons) in Sociology has been created to meet the objectives of access and quality in higher education.

The Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MHRD), GOI is bringing in many policies to improve the quality of higher education including establishment of institutions of eminence both in government and private sectors in order to compete for the position of world class universities and new education policy. Thus, at present there is a need for quality academic programmes at degree level and the proposed the B.A. (Hons) in Sociology programme is a step in that direction.

The B.A. (hons) Sociology programme at Faculty of Social Sciences, RUAS has been developed by the members of the faculty based on interactions with various universities, financial institutions and industries.

The curriculum is outcome based and it imbibes required theoretical concepts and practical skills in the domain. By undergoing this programme, students develop application-oriented learning skills, critical, analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities for a smooth transition from academic to real-life work environment.

Students are trained in communication skills and interdisciplinary topics to enhance their scope. In addition, the students also can enrol into one-year Ramaiah Advanced Post Graduate Diploma which will give them a leading edged and make the students more versatile, generating wide range of opportunities including registering for Master's and Ph.D. programme in a chosen subject area, if one wishes to be considering teaching in a university.

The above-mentioned features of the programme, advanced teaching and learning resources, and experience of the faculty members with their strong connections with industry and business organizations makes this programme unique.

### 2. Programme Mission

The purpose of the programme is creation of knowledgeable human resources to work in Private and Public sector organization. With further progression in education, graduates should be able to undertake teaching and counselling in schools, colleges and universities and become independent

professional practitioners and social work experts.

### **3. Graduate Attributes**

1. Ability to apply fundamental knowledge of sociology to solve real-life problems and address societal issues
2. Ability to analyse problems, process and issues of social and individuals.
3. Ability to apply appropriate tools and techniques to analyses data in the area of sociology
4. Ability to exhibit the competency and skills to deal with the problems and issues that are evident in the society and other allied fields of social work.
5. Ability to apply ethical principles to sociological practices and professional responsibilities
6. Ability to work as a member of a team, to plan and to integrate knowledge of various aligned disciplines
7. Ability to make effective oral presentations and communicate technical ideas to a broad audience using written and oral means
8. Ability to develop sustainable solutions and understand their effect on society and environment
9. Ability to lead and manage multidisciplinary teams by applying sociological principles and knowledge
10. Ability to adapt to the changes and advancements in technology and engage in independent and life-long learning

### **4. Programme Goal**

The programme goal is to produce graduates with application-oriented learners, critical, analytical and problem-solving skills, and ability to think independently, to pursue a career in sociology.

### **5. Programme Objectives**

The main objective of this programme is to impart knowledge, understanding and cognitive abilities in sociology, research, practice and interdisciplinary courses. The programme further focuses on development of competencies and practical skills required for effective problem solving and right decision making in different activities relevant to social groups, individuals, social institutions and research. The programme also embeds courses to train students on personal development and interactive skills with a feel for society.

The objectives of the programme are to enable the students to:

1. Impart knowledge on contemporary trends in sociology
2. Enhance knowledge regarding sociological principles and processes, group processes and dynamics, group and individual behaviour and other allied activities
3. Apply statistical methods and techniques for modelling and analysis of data
4. Apply skills to analyse and evaluate sociological issues and address with suitable solutions
5. Exhibit the competency and skills to deal with sociological issues across varied settings and modalities
6. Educate on professional ethics, Sociology, social sciences and interpersonal skills relevant to professional practice
7. Provide a general perspective on lifelong learning and opportunities for a career in industry, academia and hospital

## 6. Intended Learning Outcomes of the Programme

The Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) are listed under four headings:

1. Knowledge and Understanding, 2. Cognitive Skills 3. Practical Skills and 4. Capability / Transferable Skills.

### 1. Knowledge and Understanding

After undergoing this programme, a student will be able to:

- KU1:** Explain the principles and practices of sociology and factors influencing individual, social groups and society at large
- KU2:** Discuss the concepts and theories of sociology
- KU3:** Describe the concepts of society and its institutions in general

### 2. Cognitive Skills

After undergoing this programme, a student will be able to:

- CS1:** Apply statistical methods to model and interpret sociological data
- CS2:** Analyse economic problems and issues; to arrive at appropriate solutions
- CS3:** Analyse the effect of external and internal factors of social groups, institutions and societal problems
- CS4:** Examine implications of social interventions and solutions on individuals and social groups

### 3. Practical Skills

After undergoing this programme, a student will be able to:

- PS1:** Use statistical and management tools to model social processes
- PS2:** Use appropriate sociological knowledge

### 4. Capability / Transferable Skills

After undergoing this programme, a student will be able to:

- TS1:** Manage information, develop technical reports and make presentations

- TS2:** Build, manage and lead a team to successfully complete a project and communicate across teams and organizations to achieve professional objectives
- TS3:** Work under various constraints to meet project targets
- TS4:** Adopt to the chosen profession by continues upgrading his/her knowledge and understanding through lifelong philosophy

## 7. Programme Structure

### SEMESTER 1

Sl.No.	Code	Course Title	Theory (h/W/S)	Tutorials (h/W/S)	Practical (h/W/S)	Total Credits	Max. Marks
1	AS101A	Introduction to Sociology-I	4			4	100
2	AS102A	Sociology of India-I	4			4	100
3	AS103A	Basic Math	4		2	4	100
4	AS104A	Basic Statistics	4		2	4	100
5	AS105A	SEC-1	2			2	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Total number of contact hours per week</b>			<b>22 hours</b>				

### SEMESTER 2

Sl.No.	Code	Course Title	Theory (h/W/S)	Tutorials (h/W/S)	Practical (h/W/S)	Total Credits	Max. Marks
1	AS106A	Introduction to sociology-II	4			4	100
2	AS107A	Sociology of India-II	3			4	100
3	AS108A	Advanced Maths	3		2	4	100
4	AS109A	Advanced Statistics	3		2	4	100
5	AS110A	English Communication	3			4	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>850</b>
<b>Total number of contact hours per week</b>			<b>20 hours</b>				

### SEMESTER 3

Sl.No.	Code	Course Title	Theory (h/W/S)	Tutorials (h/W/S)	Practical (h/W/S)	Total Credits	Max. Marks
1	AS201A	Political sociology	3			4	100
2	AS202A	Sociology of Religion	4			4	100
3	AS203A	Sociology of Gender	3			4	100
4	AS204A	SEC-2	3			2	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Total number of contact hours per week</b>			<b>13 hours</b>				

**SEMESTER 4**

Sl.No.	Code	Course Title	Theory (h/W/S)	Tutorials (h/W/S)	Practical (h/W/S)	Total Credits	Max. Marks
1	AS205A	Economic Sociology	3			4	100
2	AS206A	Sociological Research Methods	3			4	100
3	AS207A	Social Stratification	3			4	100
4	AS208A	Environmental Science	3		1	4	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Total number of contact hours per week</b>			<b>hours</b>				

**SEMESTER 5**

Sl.No.	Code	Course Title	Theory (h/W/S)	Tutorials (h/W/S)	Practical (h/W/S)	Total Credits	Max. Marks
1	AS301A	Urban Sociology	4		4	4	100
2	AS302A	Agrarian Sociology	3			4	100
3	AS303A	Generic Elective -1	3			4	100
4	AS304A	Generic Elective-2	3			4	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Total number of contact hours per week</b>			<b>17 hours</b>				

**SEMESTER 6**

Sl.No.	Code	Course Title	Theory (h/W/S)	Tutorials (h/W/S)	Practical (h/W/S)	Total Credits	Max. Marks
1	AS305A	Environmental sociology	4			4	100
2	AS306A	Sociology of work	4			4	100
3	AS308A	Generic Elective-3	4			4	100
4	AS309A	Generic Elective-4	4			4	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>00</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Total number of contact hours per week</b>			<b>12 hours</b>				

**Generic Electives:**

A number of electives from faculty of social sciences will be announced one semester prior to the scheduled semester.