UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
School of Distance Education

Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)
Programme Project Report

(a) Programme's mission & objectives

Mission

In keeping with the overall mission of the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala, to ensure accessibility of quality higher education to all, the programme BA Sociology aims to familiarize the students with the emergence of Social Sciences and Sociology as a discipline, key sociological concepts and the significance of sociology in the undergraduate level.

Objectives

- Develop an understanding of historical roots of Social Science
- To create an awareness on the various concepts of sociology
- To identify the relevance of Sociology as a discipline and its application

(b) Relevance of the program with HEI's Mission and Goals

Offered in the distance mode, BA Sociology will be closely aligned with the vision and mission of the University of Kerala, in vowing to ensure knowledge based, student focussed, quality and cost conscious but socially responsible education.

BA Sociology in the distance mode will be a feeder programme for the MA Sociology programme offered by the university, and it follows the same syllabus and curriculum of the programme offered in the regular mode through the affiliated colleges of the University of Kerala.

(c) Nature of prospective target group of learners

BA programme in Sociology has wide demand, and only a small percentage of the students are being accommodated in the regular mode through colleges. This will join the attempt to democratising higher education to large segments of the population, providing an innovative system of university level education that is flexible and open in terms of methods, pace of learning, eligibility for enrolment and age of entry.

Understanding the needs of the learners we have structured our learning material and induction programmes to lead the fresh learners through the threshold of higher education, and lead them through the course of the programme and the final evaluation.

(d) Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning mode to acquire specific skills and competence

The BA Sociology programme will see to ensure the following skills and competences in the learners.

1. Understanding skill: Students are trained to understand origin and survival of society and social relationships and develop an understanding of clarity in basic concepts in sociology.

2. Analytical skill: To identify the relevance of sociology as a discipline and its application.

3. Community participation skill: Students are encouraged to interact and participate with different communities to enable them to identify social problems around them.

4. Research skill: To provide an understanding of the fundamentals of social research and its applications.

(e) Instructional Design

Instructional Design:

Scheme of First Degree Programme under Credit and Semester System (CSS) in SOCIOLOGY

Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Number of Credits	CE (Marks)	ESE (Marks)	Total
I	EN 1 1 1 1.1	Language Course I (English- I)	4	20	80	100
	ML/HN 1111.1	Language Course II (Addl. Language)	3	20	80	100
	EN 1 1 2 1	Foundation Course I (English)	2	20	80	100
	SG 1 1 4 1	Core- I- Introduction to Social Sciences	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 1 3 1	Complementary I –Political Science (Principles of political Science.)	2	20	80	100
	HY 1 1 3 1.1	Complementary II- History (History of Modern India during 1857- 190 0)	2	20	80	100
		T OT AL	**17**	**120**	**480**	**600**
II	EN 1 2 1 1.1	Language Course III (English II)	4	20	80	100
	EN 1 2 1 2.1	Language Course IV (English III)	3	20	80	100
	ML/HN 1 2 1 1.1	Language Course V (Addl. Language II)	3	20	80	100
	SG 1 2 4 1	Core II- Understanding Indian Society	4	20	80	100
	PS 1 2 3 1	Complementary III- Political Science (Introduction to Political Theory)	3	20	80	100

	HY 1 2 3 1.1	Complementary IV- History (History of Modern India during 1901-1920)	3	20	80	100
	T OT AL		**20**	**120**	**480**	**600**
III	EN 1 3 1 1 .1	Language Course VI (E nglish- IV)	4	20	80	100
	ML/HN 1 3 1 1. 1	Language Course VII (Addl. La ngua ge III)	4	20	80	100
	SG 1 3 2 1	Foundation Course II (Informatics)	3	20	80	100
	SG 1 3 4 1	Core III -Sociological Theory	4	20	80	100
	PS 1331	Complementary V-Political science (Public Administration)	3	20	80	100
	HY 1331.1	Complementary VI- History (History of Modern India 1921-1947)	3	20	80	100
IV	**T OT AL**		**21**	**120**	**480**	**600**
	EN 1 4 1 1 .1	Language Course VIII (English V)	4	20	80	100
	ML/HN 1411.1	Language Course IX (Addl. Language IV)	4	20	80	100
	SG 1441	Core IV- Research Methodology	4	20	80	100
	SG 1442	Core V– Social Psychology	3	20	80	100
	PS 1431	Complementary VII-Political Science (Inte rna tiona l politics)	3	20	80	100
	HY 1431.1	Complementary VIII- History (History of contemporary India After 1948)	3	20	80	100
	T OT AL		**21**	**120**	**480**	**600**

	SG 1 5 4 1	Core VI- Structure & Transformation of Kerala Society	4	20	80	100
V	SG 1 5 4 2	Core VII - Sociology of Development	2	20	80	100
	SG 1 5 4 3	Core VIII – Gender and Society	4	20	80	100
	SG 1 5 4 4.1	Core IX– Rural Development	4	20	80	100

	SG 1 5 4 5.1	Core X-Social Anthropology	4	20	80	100
	SG 1 5 5 1.1	Open I- Life Skill Education	2	20	80	100
	SG 1 6 4 5	Project Work	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL		**20**	**120**	**480**	**600**
VI	SG 1 6 4 1	Core XI – Environmental Sociology	4	20	80	100
	SG 1 6 4 2	Core XII– Public Health & Social Epidemiology	4	20	80	100
	SG 1 6 4 3.2	Core XIII- Social Welfare Administration	4	20	80	100
	SG 1 6 4 4.1	Core – XIV Crime and Society	3	20	80	100
	SG 1 6 6 1.2	Elective 1- Tourism and Society	2	20	80	100
	SG 1 6 4 5	Dissertation	4	-	80+ 20 (Viva-Voce)	100
		TOTAL	**21**	**100**	**500**	**600**
		GRAND TOTAL	**120**	**700**	**2900**	**3600**

Duration of the programme

6 Semesters, three years.

Faculty and support staff requirement

There are two full time faculty members available and one of them coordinates the BA Programme in Sociology. There is sufficient staff support from the SDE office for processing administrative work. The service of qualified guest teachers and experts from panels approved by the Vice Chancellor are used in the preparation of SLM, for taking contact classes and conducting internal evaluation.

Instructional delivery mechanisms

In addition to providing Self Learning Material, students are offered 60 contact hours each semester, conducted over 10 days during the weekend. Classes are taken using audio visual aids, and students are encouraged to use authentic web resources from genuine sites.

Procedure for admissions, curriculum transaction and evaluation:

Applications for admissions are received online. Eligibility for admission to BA Sociology is a pass in Higher Secondary Examination of the State or an Examination accepted by the

University as equivalent thereto.

Fee structure: RS 13605/- fore full programme.

Tuition fee is waived for students belonging to eligible categories.

Financial assistance

Concession for tuition will be given to SC/ ST and OEC category will be admitted to the programme without remitting the tuition fee. The fee for the students thus admitted will be later claimed from SC/ ST department as per the rules laid down by the government of Kerala and will be remitted to Kerala University Fund (KUF).

Curriculum is transacted in the Distance Mode with the help of Self Learning Material and Personal Contact Classes.

The uses of web-based tools are not in place yet, but steps are being initiated.

Evaluation is continuous and end semester.

Continuous Evaluation requires the submission of one assignment and one Test Paper for each course carrying 10 marks each (total 20 marks).

End Semester Examinations are conducted by the Controller of Examinations, University of Kerala. The written exams carry 80 marks per paper.

Requirement of the laboratory support and Library Resources:

Laboratory hours is not mandatory for BA Sociology, but students can avail the computers in the Central Computer Lab of the School of Distance Education which has continuous internet connectivity.

The SDE has a separate Library with more than 23,000 books. Library automation is done using LibSoft software which facilitates all in- house operations of the library. The library currently subscribes to more than 15 journals of various subject fields. An amount of Rs. 500/- has to be remitted by the students to obtain membership in the Library, of which Rs. 400/- will be refunded on completion of the course. The non- members can make use of the library resources and the reference services by producing their student's ID proof. They can use the library for reference purpose and they can avail photocopy facilities.

Cost Estimate of the Programme and the Provisions (Base 2019-20)

Sl.No	Expenditure	Total for the SDE during 19-20 (25987 students) (Rs. in lakh)	Cost estimate for B.A Sociology programme (800 students)
01	Pay and Allowance	435.00	1674000
02	Contact classes and evaluation	80.00	307000
03	Course materials	100.00	384000
04	Advertisement charges	25.00	96000
05	Postage and telephone	7.4	28000
06	Books and Periodicals	3.5	13000
07	Miscellaneous	9.95	38000

	Total	660.85	2540000
	Provisions (6%)		152400
	Total		2692400 Cost per student/ year=Rs.3366

Quality assurance mechanism and expected programme outcomes

The University Board of Studies for FDP Sociology programmes approves and reviews the syllabus, course content, and the Self Learning Material of BA Sociology offered in the distance mode also.

The overall ensuring of quality will be closely monitored by the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance, School of Distance Education.

Expected outcomes

- The students will gain a new dimension about societal life.

- The students will develop a critical analysis of social actions and its effects and consequences in the society

- The subject will develop a sense of "social being" rather than human being among them.