



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Notification No. CSR/84/2024

It is notified for information of all concerned that in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Calcutta University Act, 1979, (as amended), and, in the exercise of her powers under 9(6) of the said Act, the Vice-Chancellor has, by an order dated 20.09.2024 approved the the following amendment pertaining to CSR/47/2024, dt.29.07.2024 (3-year MDC syllabus of Sociology, under CCF):

Paper CC3 of semester-3 for 3-year MDC syllabus of Sociology will be "Classical Sociological Traditions" in lieu of "Sociological Perspectives" (as published in pg.no.10 of CSR/47/2024, dt.29.07.2024)

The above shall take immediate effect.

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26.09.2024

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Prof.(Dr.) Debasis Das

Registrar

SYLLABUS

3 YEARS

B.A. MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE

UNDER CURRICULUM AND CREDIT FRAMEWORK -2022

LIST OF COURSES FOR 3 Years MDC PROGRAM-2023		
CORE COURSES		(4 Credits per Course)
Semester	Paper- Credit Division	8 – CORE COURSES
Semester-1	SOC-MD-CC- 1-----3Th+1TU	Introductory Sociology
Semester-2	SOC-MD-CC- 2-----3Th+1TU	Sociology of India
Semester-3	SOC-MD-CC- 3-----3Th+1TU	Classical Sociological Traditions*
Semester-4	SOC-MD-CC- 4-----3Th+1TU	Methods of Sociological Enquiry
	SOC-MD-CC -5-----3Th+1TU	Indian Sociological Traditions
Semester-5	SOC-MD-CC -6-----3Th+1TU	Environmental Sociology
	SOC-MD-CC -7-----3Th+1TU	Agrarian Sociology
Semester-6	SOC-MD-CC- 8-----3Th+1TU	Urban Sociology
SKILL ENHANCMENT COURSE(4 Credits per Course)		
Semester-1/2/3	SOC-MD-SEC-1---2TH+2TU	Gender Constructs and Society
IDC-INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE(3 Credits per Course)		
	SOC-MD-IDC-1-----2TH+1TU	Knowing Indian Society
❖ Note: Core Courses Designated for Minor will be offered to students with Major in Other Discipline and MDC students		

Classical Sociological Traditions

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Course Objective:

The course is intended to analyse the work of classical thinkers and their contribution in the field of Sociology that would equip the students with theoretical insights to the social scenario around. It will also provide a chronological foundation of the development and the concepts that helped the process.

Unit I

1. Origin & development of sociology as a distinct discipline

- 1.1. Role of European Enlightenment; French, American & Industrial Revolutions
- 1.2. Contributions of Montesquieu & St. Simon
- 1.3. Auguste Comte: Positivism; Law of Three Stages

Unit II

2. Karl Marx

- 2.1. Materialist Conception of History
- 2.2. Capitalist Mode of Production

Unit III.

3. Vilfredo Pareto

- 3.1. Types of action
- 3.2. Circulation of elites

Unit IV.

4. Emile Durkheim

- 4.1. Social Fact: Suicide
- 4.2. Individual & Society: Division of Labour

5. Max Weber

- 5.1. Social Action & Ideal Types
- 5.2. Religion & Economy

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