

## Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo

### **Courses Offered for the Special Degree in Sociology (as of 2010)**

Other than courses that are made compulsory, the rest of the courses are optional for the special degree students in Sociology (including those who are in the Social Work stream). Students are required to take up 7 courses each year (from the 2nd to the 4th year) plus 2 elective courses offered by other departments. Independent Study is an additional compulsory course unit in each semester from the 3rd year, which gradually advances from literature review to research design, analysis and presentation of field data and writing the thesis. For social work students, the stream courses are compulsory within the quota of 7.

#### **Year 2**

##### ***Compulsory***

Classical Sociological Theory  
Research Methodology  
Concepts and Approaches in Social Psychology  
Social Institutions  
Social Statistics  
*Pre-requisite for 3rd year Gender and Development*  
Sociology of Gender

##### ***Optional***

Environmental Sociology  
Introduction to Urban Sociology  
Minorities and Society  
Social and Cultural Aspects of Development  
Social Inequality  
South Asian Ethnography  
Understanding Sri Lankan Society

#### **Year 3**

##### ***Compulsory***

Applied Social Research  
Contemporary Social Issues  
Independent Study I (Semesters 1 & 2)  
Qualitative Analysis

##### ***Optional***

Anthropological Approaches to Culture  
Education and Society  
Gender and Development  
Introduction to Psychological Disorders  
Political Sociology  
Social Policy and Social Development  
Sociology of Religion  
Sociology of Sports and Leisure  
Sociology of Work and Formal Organizations  
Youth, Identity and Globalization (*elective course offered by the dept.*)

#### **Year 4**

##### ***Compulsory***

Independent Study II (Semesters 1 & 2)  
Neo-Classical Sociological Theory

##### ***Optional***

Colonial and Post-Colonial Society  
Contemporary Rural Society  
Crime and Deviance  
Sociology of Development  
Sociology of Knowledge  
Sociology of Mass Media  
Sociology of Medicine  
Sociology of the Arts  
Sociology of the City  
Violence and Conflict-Related Psychological Issues

#### **Courses of the Social Work study stream**

Introduction to Social Work  
Community Mental Health  
Theories and Methods in Social Work  
Community Social Work  
Collaborative Social Work  
Practice Placement