

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 elective for the special degree students in Sociology (including those who are in the Social Work Stream). However, students are supposed to offer 7 units from sociology each year (from the 2nd to the 4th year). Independent Study is an additional compulsory 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.

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

Elective

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 4

Compulsory

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

Elective

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

Year 3

Compulsory

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

Elective

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

Course units of the Social Work Stream in collaboration with the University of Ljubljana

Collaborative Social Work
Community Mental Health
Community Social Work
Introduction to Social Work
Social Work with Excluded People
Theories and Methods in Social Work