

Introduction

In 1996, the Department of Sociology of the University of Colombo took the initiative in addressing the great need that exists in Sri Lanka for sociological expertise by introducing a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Sociology. Since then, the Department has successfully produced a number of diploma holders catering to this important national need.

The course is specifically designed to offer theoretical as well as practical insights into applied sociology for those who are already in employment or for recent graduates who are in search of employment in related fields.

Course Objective

* To offer students a critical understanding of the theoretical and methodological aspects of applied sociology.

* To train students to critically evaluate and analyze sociological phenomena which play a significant role in promoting or hindering development.

* To create adequate applied sociological expertise in the country in keeping with the increasing demand for such expertise at national, regional and local levels.

Course Structure and Duration

The programme consists of six taught courses and each course unit comprises of 45 contact hours. In addition, all candidates are required to write an extended essay. Guidelines for the extended essay can be obtained from the Co-ordinator.

The programme will be conducted over a period of one academic year, approximately during 30 weeks divided into two semesters. Classes will be held in the evenings of weekdays and on weekends.

List of Course Units

PDAS 500 - Introduction to Applied Sociology
(*Compulsory*)

PDAS 504 - Applied Social Research: Designs
And Methodology (*Compulsory*)

PDAS 502 - Social Policy and Social
Development

PDAS 503 - Urban Development and Urban
Planning

PDAS 505 - Sociology of Health and Medicine

PDAS 506 - Sociology of Social Issues

PDAS 508 - Quantitative Analysis in Social
Research

PDAS 509 - Sociology of Environment

Medium & Lecture Hours

Friday 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Saturday 8.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Medium : English /Sinhala

Course Evaluation

- A) Each of the six papers offered by candidates shall be evaluated through individual assignments and end of year examinations. The minimum pass mark shall be 50% for each paper and assignment. Each paper shall be of three hours duration.
- B) Students who fail in one paper shall be permitted to complete that paper at the next year's examination.
- C) Field based extended essay shall be evaluated separately and a minimum of 50 out of 100 marks is required to pass.

Course Lecturers

- * Prof. S.T. Hettige
- * Prof. Premakumara.de Silva
- * Dr. Chandani Liyanage
- * Dr. Subhangi M.K. Herath
- * Dr. Chandrasiri Niriella
- * Dr. Nishara Fernando
- * Dr. M.T.M. Mahees
- * Dr. Dilrukshi Abeysinghe
- * Dr. Kumudu Kusum Kumara
- * Dr. Farzana F. Haniffa
- * Dr. Iresha Lakshman
- * Ms. Chamathka Devasirie
- * Ms. Avanka Fernando
- * Ms. Unnathi Samaraweera

Eligibility and Selection

The entry requirements are:

A) A degree from a recognized university with sociology or anthropology as a subject, or a degree from a recognized university with relevant work experience in fields such as development policy, planning and rural or urban development, policy planning or rural or urban research or an equivalent professional qualification and experience

B) A working knowledge of English and Sinhala

The applicants with the necessary qualifications may be required to appear for an interview at the Department. Final selection of candidates shall be the responsibility of the University Senate.

Course Fees

Application Fee	-	Rs.	2,000.00
Course fee	-	Rs.	50,000.00
Registration fee	-	Rs.	3,000.00
Library Fee	-	Rs.	2,000.00
Library deposit (refundable)	Rs.		5,000.00
Examination Fee	-	Rs.	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total			65,000.00

Application

Advertisements calling for application shall be published in National newspapers. Application forms can be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic & Publications Branch, University of Colombo, P.O. Box 1490, Colombo 3. The payment of non refundable application fee of Rs. 2,000/= can be made at any branch of the People's Bank. credited to the "University of Colombo main collection" account under the Ref. No. **304042700006 for Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Sociology Programme** and should be submitted **on or before 15th September 2017** to the **Senior Asst. Registrar, Academic & Publications Branch, University of Colombo, P.O. Box 1490, Colombo 03.**

Information

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