

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Political Sociology		
Course Code	SOC 3144	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, self-study	
Pre-requisites Course Codes	None		
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This unit is designed primarily for students in the Faculty of Arts in the Study Stream Programme. The aim of this course is to provide a sociological perspective on politics, with particular reference to the political system of Sri Lanka. Further this course will consider ethnographic studies drawn from Sri Lanka and other South Asian countries.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Applied Social Research		
Course Code	SOC 3147	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, self-study	
Pre-requisites Course Codes	None		
Course Type	<i>Core</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This unit introduces you to the practice and theory of applied social research. It provides you with the necessary information to understand the importance of research in the field of applied social science and its application to project development, evaluation and monitoring using Logical Framework approach. In studying this unit, you will have an opportunity to develop an understanding of the major qualitative and quantitative methodologies in the applied social research.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Sociology of Environment & Disaster Management		
Course Code	SOC 3157	Notional Hours	150
No. of Credits	03	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, self-study	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This course is based on interdisciplinary approaches in the social science by using the concepts and theories of sociology, anthropology, political science and geography in relation to environment and disaster. This course basically focuses on the interaction between environment and culture and its impact on manmade and natural disaster. The socio-cultural and political factors that are identified as crucial in pre and post disaster management are looked at theoretically and practically in this course.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Basic Methods in Counselling		
Course Code	SOC 3159	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, self-study	
Pre-requisites Course Codes	None		
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This module provides knowledge on the interpersonal and communication skills needed to provide support for a range of psychosocial problems. In addition, this module will facilitate and support personal growth. The application of counselling theories on counselling practice will be explained through the discussion of cases. This module also seeks to provide the students with a foundation of skills in theory and practice within a professional ethical framework.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Gender and Development		
Course Code	SOC 3160	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, self-study	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Codes			
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>It is now widely recognized that pervasive and preexisting gender inequalities mean that development processes have differential effects on women and men. This course addresses a number of key issues involved in the study of the nexus between gender and development and explores the themes that are central to development debates from a gender perspective.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Sociology of Religion		
Course Code	SOC 3243	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, field visits, self-study	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Codes			
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This course provides students with a Sociological and Anthropological understanding of religion. We will be looking at the diversity of religious groups, but the truth or falsity of given religions will not be discussed. Being a believer or unbeliever is irrelevant to this sociological study of religion. The sociological view requires objectivity on the part of the observer, and while the insider's view must be respected and considered, our focus is sociological and not doctrinal. The interaction between society and religion is central in our exploration of religion as a cultural phenomenon. The course will also introduce selected seminal ethnographic texts dealing with the religious changes, political use of religion in general as well as in Sri Lanka. This course includes visiting religious sites in and around Colombo.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Contemporary Social Issues		
Course Code	SOC 3246	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures. discussions, guided practical work, self-directed learning	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Codes			
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>For more than a century, sociological knowledge develops as an explanation to the existing social issues in different societies in the world: yet, the social issues throughout the world were changing, disappearing and reappearing in different forms while a whole new set of social issues also came into existence as a result of continuous social change. This course attempts to understand the nature of social issues and to examine why they are sociologically important while emphasizing the social issues predominant within the present Sri Lankan society.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Sociology of Industry and Formal Organizations		
Course Code	SOC 3248	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, practical work, self-study	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Codes			
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This course will introduce to students the sociological, industrial, and psychological theories applicable to industrial and other work settings and methods of studying work and workers. Thus, the course unit examines classical and contemporary traditions of industrial and organizational theories in order to enable the students to understand industries and formal organizations and their behavior. Further, the course unit will introduce several industrial sociologists and industrial psychologists who have contributed to the development of industrial and formal organizational theories under different topics in the context of their own work.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Sociology of Health and Well-being		
Course Code	SOC 3249	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, self-directed learning	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Codes			
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This course provides an awareness of the concepts, approaches and theories of Sociology of health and wellbeing with the focus on broadening the knowledge of students on wellbeing of diverse social groups in the society. The course also focuses on understanding lay perceptions, attitudes and behavior related to health and wellbeing where students will learn how illness, health and wellbeing can be studied as social phenomena. Thus the course focuses on socio-cultural and economic factors which determine the individual and group experiences in relation to health and wellbeing. It further discusses some of the selected health issues within broader socio-economic and cultural contexts with special attention to contemporary public health policy interventions.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Education and Society		
Course Code	SOC 3267	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided practical work, self-study	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Codes			
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>Education is a key institution among the social institutions that are the concern of sociologists. The education system of a society and other social institutions such as economy, polity, law, family, religion and military have a reciprocal relationship with each other. Education plays a crucial role in determining the nature and sustainability of many social interactions that take place in these other social institutions and vice versa. Education is also a key institution responsible for transferring the values that drive a society. This course focuses on understanding the role played by education in determining the nature of a given society by drawing students' attention towards sociological theories of education and thereby offering them the necessary sociological knowledge for engaging in a critical analysis of the system of education in Sri Lanka.</p>			

Study Stream in Applied Sociological Studies			
Course Title	Urban Development and Relocation		
Course Code	SOC 3270	Notional hours	150
No. of Credits	3	Lectures, discussions, guided field work, self-study	
Pre-requisites	None		
Course Codes			
Course Type	<i>Optional</i>		
Course Description			
<p>This course is designed to understand the nexus between urban development and relocation. Students will acquire theoretical and applied knowledge on urban development in general and South Asian context in particular which in turn will assist them to understand success and failures of urban relocation projects in Sri Lanka in the recent past.</p>			