

## Introduction

The practical relevance of sociology in development activities is widely recognized throughout the world today. Graduate studies in sociology essentially contributes to creating sociologists with analytical and applied skills.

The Department of Sociology of the University of Colombo has the expertise necessary to conduct such an advanced graduate studies program. The University of Colombo, the oldest metropolitan university in the country is able to extend its services to a wide range of students coming from within and outside the city.

This course is specially intended to advance the theoretical knowledge of the students with regard to sociological issues.

## Course Objectives

- To provide the student with a sound knowledge of theoretical and methodological aspects of sociology
- To improve the students' ability to critically analyse society in its various dimensions.
- To develop sociological insights into current social environments and problems

## Course Structure & Duration

The course will be taught over a period of two academic years. The candidates are required to take eight courses. The ninth unit will be the research design formulated as a reading course for which the candidates are expected to work with the supervisor assigned. In the Second year of study students are expected to write a dissertation on a selected topic.

A candidate shall not be permitted to sit for the final examination unless she/he has followed at least 80 percent of the classes held. Classes will be held in the evening and on weekends.

## Course content

**MAS 601 - Sociological Theory (Compulsory)**

**MAS 602 - Sociological Research Methods (Compulsory)**

MAS 603 - Sociology of Development

MAS 604 - Sociology of Agrarian Societies

MAS 605 - Sociology of Work and Industrial Relations

MAS 606 - Sociology of Social Issues

MAS 607 - Sociology of the City and Urban Development

MAS 608 - Sociology of Civil Rights and Social Exclusion

MAS 609 - Sri Lankan Ethnographies

MAS 610 - Psycho – Social Problems in Contemporary Sri Lanka

MAS 611 - Society and Environment

MAS 612 - Sociology of Health & Medicine

MAS 613 - Social Policy and Social Development

MAS 614 - Sociology of Nationalism and Ethnic Relations

MAS 615 - Qualitative Research Methodology

MAS 616 - Quantitative Data Analysis in Social Research

MAS 617 - Sociology of Religion

MAS 618 - Sociology of Education

The courses that will be offered each year will vary depending on the availability of course instructors.

## Method of Evaluation

- (i) 50% of marks shall be allocated through a system of continue assessment based on class participation and term papers
- (ii) The minimum pass mark is 50% for all courses and the research design.
- (iii) A candidate who does not satisfy the minimum conditions for a papers in the course shall repeat the exam in two further attempts.

## Eligibility

The entry requirements are:

- (a) B.A. Special Degree in Sociology from a recognized University with at least a second class honours  
or
- (b) General Degree in Arts with Sociology as a subject with first class or second class (upper division)  
or
- (c) B.A. Special Degree in Sociology with a Postgraduate Diploma in a relevant field.  
or
- (d) M.A.Q in Sociology  
and
- (e) Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Sociology with at least a Merit Pass

The applicants with the necessary qualifications are required to appear for **an interview** at the department. Final selection of candidates shall be the responsibility of the Department subject to Faculty/ Senate approval.

Medium of instruction will be **Sinhala/English**. However, students will be expected to read extensively in the English Language.

### Lecture Hours

Saturday 8.00 am - 5.00 pm.

### Course Fees

Application Fee	Rs. 2,000.00
Registration Fee	Rs. 5,000.00
Library Fee	Rs. 2,000.00
Library deposit (refundable)	Rs. 5,000.00
Examination Fee	Rs. 6,000.00
Course Fee	Rs. <u>130,000.00</u>
Total	150,000.00

### Course Lecturers

- \* Senior Professor Premakumara de Silva  
(Chair of Sociology)
- \* Dr. Nishara Fernando (Head/Sociology)
- \* Prof. Chandrasiri. Niriella
- \* Prof. Gameela Samarasinghe
- \* Dr. Chandani Liyanage
- \* Dr. Subhangi MK Herath
- \* Dr. M.T.M. Mahees
- \* Dr. Iresha Lakshman
- \* Dr. Dilrukshi Abeysinghe
- \* Dr. Dr. F.F. Hanifa
- \* Mr. Jagath Wellawatta
- \* Dr. Tharindhi Udalagama
- \* Dr. Jagath Bandara Pathirage  
(MA Co-ordinator)

### Application

Advertisements calling for application shall be published in National newspapers. Application forms can be obtained from the Department Web site or by sending a self – addressed stamped (Rs. 15/=) envelope to the Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic & Publications Branch, University of Colombo, P.O. Box 1490, Colombo 3. Name of the course should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope. 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. **304043400006 for Master of Arts in Sociology**, and should be submitted **on or before 02<sup>nd</sup> September 2020** to the Senior Asst. Registrar, Academic & Publications Branch, University of Colombo, P.O. Box 1490, Colombo 03.

### Information

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