

## 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 one academic year. The candidates are required to take eight courses. The ninth unit will be the extended essay not exceeding 15,000 (fifteen thousand) and not less than 12,000 (Twelve thousand) words.

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 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 extended essay.
- (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  
or
- (b) A General Degree from a recognized University with Sociology as a subject  
or
- (c) A Degree of Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Sociology  
or
- (d) Any Degree of Social Science or Humanities from a recognized University with minimum of three year relevant post qualifying work or research experiences

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.

### Medium & Lecturer Hours

**Medium** - Sinhala & English

**Time** - 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>100,000.00</u>
Total	Rs.	120,000.00

### Academic Staff

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

### 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. **304044100006** for Masters in Sociology Degree and should be submitted **on or before 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022** to the Senior Asst. Registrar, Academic & Publications Branch, University of Colombo, P.O. Box 1490, Colombo 03.

### Information

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## UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



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