



Govt. Degree College Nankhari
District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh – 172021

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) SOCIOLOGY

Programme Outcomes & Course Learning Outcomes

The BA Sociology programme opens doors to understanding society in a meaningful and empowering way. Through a thoughtfully designed set of courses, students gain knowledge, analytical skills, and confidence to engage with real-world issues. The programme nurtures curiosity, values, social awareness, and a positive attitude toward personal and community development.

■ BA 1st Year

1. Introduction to Sociology (SOCL-A101, DSC-1A)

Students will:

- Gain a clear and inspiring understanding of what Sociology is and how it developed.
- Become familiar with essential concepts that help explain how societies work.
- Appreciate how Sociology connects with other social sciences, broadening their perspective.
- Recognize the importance and relevance of Sociology in everyday life.
- Discover future academic and career possibilities in the sociological field.

2. Society in India (SOCL-A102, DSC-2A)

Students will:

- Understand the unique and diverse nature of Indian society.
- Appreciate India's multicultural richness.
- Learn how key social institutions support harmony and social order.
- Build a thoughtful perspective on social issues such as casteism and communalism, promoting empathy and responsible citizenship.

BA 2nd Year

3. Sociological Theories (SOCL-A201, DSC-1C)

Students will:

- Engage with influential thinkers whose ideas shaped the discipline.
- Develop a strong theoretical foundation for understanding society.
- Learn to interpret everyday social realities through different sociological lenses.

4. Methods of Sociological Enquiry (SOCL-A202, DSC-2C)

Students will:

- Gain confidence in using research methods and understanding scientific inquiry.
- Learn how to ask meaningful questions and conduct systematic research.
- Understand the steps involved in social research and its role in social progress.

5. Techniques of Social Research (SOCL-A203, SEC-1)

Students will:

- Build practical skills in research design, data collection, and analysis.
- Acquire introductory knowledge of both quantitative and qualitative approaches.
- Strengthen their learning through hands-on field exercises, helping them connect theory with real-world experiences.

6. Sociology of Environment (SOCL-A204, SEC-2)

Students will:

- Develop sensitivity toward environmental issues.
- Understand the deep connections between society and the natural environment.
- Become more aware of ecological challenges and sustainable practices.

7. Social Demography (SOCL-A301, SEC-3)

Students will:

- Understand how population dynamics shape societies.
- Learn about fertility, mortality, migration, and demographic transitions.
- Gain insights into global and Indian population trends.
- Become aware of population policies and development programmes.

8. Theory and Practice of Development (SOCL-A302, SEC-4)

Students will:

- Explore emerging ideas and practices in development.
- Understand the characteristics of underdeveloped, developing, and developed nations.
- Analyse the valuable roles of Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies, and NGOs in development efforts.

9. Marriage, Family and Kinship (SOCL-A304, DSE-1A)

Students will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of foundational social institutions.
- Explore contemporary issues affecting families and marriage systems.
- Appreciate diverse family and kinship patterns through theoretical insights and ethnographic examples.

10. Social Stratification (SOCL-A305, DSE-2A)

Students will:

- Learn about the nature, causes, and consequences of social inequality.
- Understand different forms of stratification across societies.
- Strengthen their analytical skills through case studies and sociological interpretation.

11. Polity and Society in India (SOCL-A307, GE-1)

Students will:

- Understand political sociology and its importance.
- Explore Indian politics from a sociological viewpoint.
- Learn key concepts like power, democracy, bureaucracy, and civil society.
- Develop tools to analyse how politics and society shape each other.

12. Economy and Society (SOCL-A308, GE-2)

Students will:

- Understand how economic activities are deeply embedded in social relationships.
- Learn about different modes of production and their social contexts.

Summary

The Bachelor of Arts in Sociology programme provides a systematic understanding of society, institutions, and social relationships. It introduces students to core concepts, theories, and research methods for scientific social analysis. The curriculum integrates theoretical learning with practical exposure and field-based experiences. Students develop critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and basic research and documentation skills. Major social issues such as inequality, caste, class, family, population, and development are examined sociologically. Themes of environment, economy, and politics are studied to understand contemporary social change. Emphasis on Indian society is combined with global perspectives for balanced social understanding. The programme promotes social sensitivity, ethical responsibility, and civic engagement among learners. Graduates are prepared for higher education and careers in teaching, research, and social services. Overall, the programme equips students for meaningful participation in society.
