Q Sociology

Sociology is directed towards the systematic study and critical analysis of social structures and institutions, and the social actors who created them in the course of their interactions with one another. The Department aims to help students develop a sociological perspective as well as equip them with the most advanced research tools (qualitative, statistical, and computer applications) necessary for analysing and understanding such diverse substantive areas as class, gender, ethnicity, religion, family, education, work, organisations, politics, popular culture, and the interconnections among them.

Entry Requirements

Students who propose to read Sociology should have a strong interest in the subject and good results at the GCE ‘A’ Level Examination, including the General Paper.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [BSocSci (Hons)]

To major in SC, students need to:

1. Pass SC1101E Making Sense of Society (This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements).
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of SC modules or SC recognised modules which include the following:

   (1) SC2101 Methods of Social Research

   (2) SC3101 Social Thought and Social Theory

   (3) SC4101 Practising Anthropology and Sociology

   (4) a minimum of ONE from the following alternate essential modules from the basket of methodology modules:

      (i) SC3209 Data Analysis in Social Research

      (ii) SC3213 Ethnographic Analysis of Visual Media

      (iii) SC3221 Qualitative Inquiry

   (5) a minimum of 60 MCs of SC modules at Level-3000 or higher (including modules taken in
points (2), (3) & (4) above) with

(i) a minimum of 40 MCs at Level-4000 or higher (including SC4101)

(ii) a maximum of any 2 level-4000 SC-recognised modules

(6) a maximum of two Level-5000 SC modules (subject to the department’s approval)

Note 1:
To declare Honours track, students must have completed 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above.

Note 2:
The Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis/Project, students must complete 110 MCs including 44 MCs of SC major requirements with a minimum SJAP of 4.00 and CAP of 3.50. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a CAP of 4.50 or higher AND grades from ‘A+’ to ‘D’ in the Honours Thesis/Project.

Note 3:
Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read Level-4000 modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

Note 4:
Students may also read a Level-4000 Independent Studies Module (5 MCs). This Level-4000 ISM carries a prerequisites of 100 MCs completed, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.50. It precludes the Honours Thesis/Project.

Note 5:
All Level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours Track (some Level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

Single Major (BA)

To major in SC, students need to:

1. Pass SC1101E Making Sense of Society (This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements).

2. Pass at least 44 MCs of SC or SC recognised modules, which include all of the following:
(1) SC2101 Methods of Social Research

(2) SC3101 Social Thought and Social Theory

(3) a minimum of ONE from the following alternate essential modules from the basket of methodology modules:

   (i) SC3209   Data Analysis in Social Research

   (ii) SC3213   Ethnographic Analysis of Visual Media

   (iii) SC3221   Qualitative Inquiry

(4) a minimum of 20 MCs of SC modules at Level-3000 or higher \(^{\text{(See Note 1)}}\) \((\text{including modules taken in point (2) \\& (3) above})\)

**Note 1:** Students are allowed to read Level-4000 modules subject to the department’s approval.

**Second Major**

To major in SC, students need to:

1. Pass SC1101E Making Sense of Society \((\text{This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements})\).
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of SC or SC recognised modules, which include all of the following:

   (1) SC2101 Methods of Social Research

   (2) SC3101 Social Thought and Social Theory

   (3) a minimum of ONE from the following alternate essential modules from the basket of methodology modules:

      (i) SC3209   Data Analysis in Social Research

      (ii) SC3213   Ethnographic Analysis of Visual Media

      (iii) SC3221   Qualitative Inquiry
(4) a minimum of 20 MCs of SC modules at Level-3000 or higher \(^{(\text{See Note 1})}\) (including modules taken in point (2) & (3) above)

Note 1:
Students are allowed to read Level-4000 modules subject to the department’s approval.

**Minor**

Pass at least 24 MCs of SC modules, which include the following:

1. SC1101E  Making Sense of Society
2. a minimum of 8 MCs at Level-3000

Note 1:
A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor.

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