

BSc (Hons) Sociology and BSc (Hons) Sociology with specialisation in Gender Studies combined - SH343C

1. CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

The global as well as the Mauritian socio-economic landscape are evolving at a fast pace. New societal issues are emerging and there is a need to develop critical insights to address changing norms, values social institutions and human behavior.

The programme of study offers adequate background for a number of professions requiring sociological analysis in a changing society, both in the public and private sector. The programme is designed to provide knowledge and competence in the major fields of sociology for a wide range of professions in such sectors as teaching, the civil service, the private sector, NGOs engaged with community development issues, the media or public relations.

The objectives of the programme are to provide students:

- with a sound knowledge of Sociology
- the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills
- the skills to analyse social behavior both in the public and private sphere.
- the required social research skills to work in the public and the private sector.
- an adequate background to pursue further studies/research at postgraduate level.

(Students enrolled in the BSc (Hons) Sociology with specialisation in Gender Studies will develop a gender lense in their analysis of social issues)

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Upon completion of this programme, graduates should be able to:
 - Apply the major sociological perspectives in analyzing sociological domains
 - Demonstrate cultural, cross-cultural awareness and gender awareness
 - Apply research skills to carry out social research
 - Display critical and independent thinking
- Attributes to be developed:
 - Analytical skills: Reading critically and interpreting data
 - Project design and planning: Planning and designing social research
 - Research skills: Conducting social analysis
 - Intercultural skills: Understanding human relationships
 - Communication skills: Articulating / defending a position

3. TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

The Sociology Unit is committed to furthering the understanding of human interaction and social institutions in the context of modernization and the developmental challenges facing developing countries. The primary objective of the Sociology unit is to equip students with the skills 21st century workers need: critical and analytical thinking, oral/written communication skills, cultural competence

and self-awareness. Modules are conducted through a combination of lectures and seminars, with a strong emphasis on student participation and interaction. Small-class seminars concentrate on student presentation of topics and offer substantial opportunity for intense as well as informed discussions.

Students will be required to participate actively in seminar discussions, write in a variety of formats (short seminar papers, long take-home essays), and present seminar papers regularly. Alongside traditional activities such as essays and exams learning is assessed through report writing, group work, oral and poster presentations, blog writing, and fieldwork.

The assessment mode for each module will be based on one or a combination of the following:

- Examination
- Continuous assessment
- Mini projects
- Presentations
- Attendance to seminars

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree Programmes.

Programme Requirements

Credit in English at GCE 'O' Level
and Any 2 'A' Level

5. PROGRAMME DURATION

Degree

Normal
3 years

Maximum
5 years

6. MINIMUM LCCS CREDITS REQUIRED

For Degree Award: 206

LCCS Credits per Year

	Core	Elective	Dissertation	Placement*	LCCS Credits	No. of learning hours
Year 1	48	18	-	(4)	66	2220
Year 2	48	18	-	-	66	2220
Year 3	36	18	20	-	74	1800
Total	132	54	20	(4)	206	6240

**Placement is optional*

7. ASSESSMENT AND DEADLINES

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

-Continuous assessment may be based on laboratory work, seminars and/or assignments and should include at least two (2) assignments/tests per module.(40% -50%)

-Written examinations for all modules will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for placement (unless otherwise stated). Relevant information will be provided to the students prior to delivery of the modules. (50% -60%)

An overall total of 40% for combined Continuous Assessment (CA) and Written Examination (WE) components would be required to pass a module, without minimum thresholds within the individual CA and (WE) components.

-Submission Deadline for Dissertation

Final copy: Last week day of March of the Academic Year by 4.00 p.m at latest.

8. LIST OF MODULES - BSc (Hons) Sociology & BSc (Hons) Sociology (specialisation: Gender Studies)

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(Core modules for both streams)

Code	Module name	Contact Hrs	Self - study/ Hrs	Other learning activities/Hrs	LCCS Credits
Year 1					
SOCI 1000Y(1)	Introduction to Sociological Thought	60	120	180	12
SOCI 1001Y(1)	Social Stratification and Inequality	60	120	180	12
SOCI 1002Y(1)	Family and Population Issues	60	120	180	12
SOCI 1007Y(1)	Sociological Data Analysis	60	120	180	12
Year 2				180	
SOCI 2002Y(3)	Education and Society in the Developing World	60	120	180	12
SOCI 2003Y(3)	Sociological Theories	60	120	180	12
SOCI 2004Y(3)	Social Research Methods	60	120	180	12
SOCI 2008Y(3)	Sociology of Work and Leisure	60	120	180	12
Year 3				180	
SOCI 3000(5)	Dissertation			180	20
SOCI 3001Y(5)	Sociology of Globalisation	60	120	180	12
SOCI 3002Y(5)	Deviance and Society	60	120	180	12
SOCI 3006Y(5)	Race and Ethnicity	60	120	180	12

Electives for BSc (Hons) Sociology & BSc (Hons) Sociology with specialisation in Gender Studies
(Electives for both streams unless specified)

Code	Module name	Contact Hrs	Self-study/ Hrs	Other learning activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
Year 1					
SOCI 1103(1)	Sociology of Health and Quality of Life	30	60	90	6
SOCI 1104(1)	Sociology of Peace	30	60	90	6
SOCI 1105(1)	Introduction to Sociology	30	60	90	6
SOCI 1108(1)	Gender and Societal Dynamics	30	60	90	6
SOCI 1110(1)	Social Movements & Social Change	30	60	90	6
SOCI 1205(1)	Sociology of Youth ¹	30	60	90	6
SOCI 1109(1)	Gender and Health ²	30	60	90	6
WBL 1000(1) (optional)	PLACEMENT				4

Year 2					
SOCI 2007(3)	Sociology of Migration ¹	30	60	90	6
SOCI 2107(3)	Feminist Theories	30	60	90	6
SOCI 2205(3)	Social Responsibility	30	60	90	6
SOCI 2207(3)	Gender Mainstreaming ²	30	60	90	6
SOCI 2208(3)	Gender and Sports	30	60	90	6

Year 3					
SOCI 3105(5)	Urbanisation and Community ¹	30	60	90	6
SOCI 3209(5)	Ethics and Good Governance ¹	30	60	90	6
SOCI 3211(5)	Power, Democracy and Participation ¹	30	60	90	6
SOCI 3212(5)	Sustainable Development and Practices ¹	30	60	90	6
SOCI 3111(5)	Gender Citizenship and Democracy ²	30	60	90	6
SOCI 3112(5)	Gender Impact Analysis ²	30	60	90	6
SOCI 3206(5)	Men, Masculinities and Identity ²	30	60	90	6
SOCI 3207(5)	Gender, Sexuality and Diversity ²	30	60	90	6

¹ : Offered for For BSc (Hons) Sociology ONLY

² : Offered for For BSc (Hons) Sociology (specialisation: Gender Studies) ONLY

Note: The University reserves the right not to offer a given elective module if the critical number of students is not attained and/or for reasons of resource constraints.

9. PROGRAMME PLAN - BSc (Hons) Sociology & BSc (Hons) Sociology with specialisation in Gender Studies

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Year 1

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SOCI 1007Y(1)	Sociological Data Analysis	60	12
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