

PERIYAR UNIVERSITY

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SALEM - 636 011

**CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION
(CDOE)**

PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT (PPR)



**M.A. SOCIOLOGY
[SEMESTER PATTERN]**

(Candidates admitted from 2025-26 onwards)

Programming Project Report (PPR)

I. Programme's Mission and Objectives

Programme Mission:

The mission of the M.A (Master of Arts) Programme in Sociology aims to provide classical and modern sociological perspectives or theories regarding structure and function of society and establish egalitarian society.

Objectives:

- To provide basic and core sociological concepts to the students for the better understanding and analysis.
- To impart major sociological perspectives to enable students to understand the structure and function of society to address social issues.
- To offer a platform for higher studies and research in sociology, and inter- disciplinary areas.
- To make the students to qualify for various national and international competitive examinations.
- To make a socially sensible and responsible citizens by imbibing social values and social understanding.

II. Relevance of the Programme with HEI'S Mission and Goals

To produce graduates who are well equipped in the field of sociology and thereby resolve the real and virtual world problems by employing scientific and empirical knowledge.

III. Nature of Prospective Target Group of Learners

The potential target groups of learners for a Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology Programme are depending on their specific focus. The stakeholders are this Programme is as follows

1. Aspirants of Competitive examination
2. Graduates
3. NGO personnel
4. Field workers / Social workers
5. Researchers

IV. Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning to acquire specific skills and competence

Programme Outcomes

- The graduates would define the social issues with specific social understanding.
- Able to apply critical thinking and meta-skills to understand the social issues.
- To comply ethical and legal values while doing social research.
- Enhance social skills and leadership ability to resolve social pathology.
- To understand social fabrics for social entrepreneurship.

Programme Specific Outcomes

- Understand the basic knowledge and concepts of society.
- Infer basic understanding about Indian society in the changing context.
- Examine the classical and modern sociological thoughts.
- Exhibit excellent talent in dealing with social research and analysis.
- Understand social issues of real world and virtual world.

V. Instructional Design

Curriculum Design

The program is divided into four semesters and minimum credit requirement is 92 to get M.A. Sociology programme through ODL mode from Periyar University. Minimum time period for acquiring M.A. Sociology programme will be two years and maximum time (extended) period is five years.

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M.A. Sociology
Learning Structure 2025-2026 Onwards

Paper Code	Subject	Paper Title	Lecture Hrs	Credit	Marks		
					CIA	EA	Total
I SEMESTER							
25SOCC01	Core – I	Principles of Sociology	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC02	Core – II	Classical Sociological Theory	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC03	Core – III	Research Methodology	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCE01	Elective – I	Environmental Sociology	90	3	25	75	100
25SOCE02	Elective – 2	Social Demography	90	3	25	75	100
II SEMESTER							
25SOCC04	Core – IV	Indian Society: Structure and Process	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC05	Core – V	Contemporary Sociological Theory	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC06	Core – VI	Social Movements In India	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCE03	Elective – III	Human Resource Management	90	3	25	75	100
25SOCE04	Elective – IV	Gender and Society	90	3	25	75	100
III SEMESTER							
25SOCC07	Core – VII	Indian Sociological Thought	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC08	Core – VIII	Rural Sociology	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC09	Core – IX	Urban Sociology	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC10	Core – X	Industrial Sociology	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCE05	Elective – V	Sociology of Development	90	3	25	75	100
IV SEMESTER							

25SOCC11	Core – XI	Current Debates in Sociological Theory	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC12	Core – XII	Sociology of Health	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCC09	Core – XIII	Indian Social Problems	150	5	25	75	100
25SOCE06	Elective – VI	Crime and Society	90	3	25	75	100
25SOCP01	Core – XIV	Dissertation cum Viva-Voce	120	9	25	75	100
		Total	2160	92	525	1575	2100

Faculty and Support Staff:

The University has appointed the necessary faculty and support staff specifically for ODL mode, in compliance with UGC requirements. The course materials developed by the CDOE faculty meet the standards set by the 2020 regulations.

Staff Category	Required
Assistant Professor	2
Supportive Staff	1
Total	3

Delivery Mechanism:

CDOE ODL employs a modern ICT (Information & Communication Technology) enabled approach for instruction, distinct from conventional or regular programs. This methodology is more learner-oriented, with the learner actively participating in the teaching-learning process. The academic delivery system of CDOE ODL includes:

Print Material:

The printed material of the programme supplied to the students will be unit wise for every course.

Counselling Sessions:

There will be 6 counseling/ contact classes in face to face mode of two hours each for a course of 4 credits. The counseling sessions / Personal Contact Programme (PCP) classes will be held on the campus of the University on Saturdays and Sundays.

Medium of Instruction:

The medium of course instruction and examination will be in English.

VI. Procedure for admission, curriculum transaction and evaluation of M.A.

Sociology programme

Admission Procedure:

Admission to the M.A. Sociology programme will be based on evaluating candidates' eligibility. Admission is not guaranteed, and Periyar University CDOE reserves the right to cancel any admission at any time if any irregularities are discovered in the admission process or eligibility criteria.

Duration of the Programme:

The maximum duration for M.A. Sociology programme is N (Course duration) + 5 years. If a student does not complete the program within seven years, they must apply for special examinations.

Eligibility:

A candidate who has passed 10 + 2 + 3 is eligible to apply for M.A. Sociology programme.

Fee Structure:

Name of the Programme	Degree	Duration	Year	Fee (in Rs.)
Master of Arts in Sociology	PG	N (Course duration) + 5 years	1	4,830
			2	3,970

Credit System:

Periyar University, CDOE plans to implement the 'Credit System' for most of its programs. Each credit corresponds to 30 hours of study, encompassing all learning activities. Therefore, a 5-credit course requires 150 hours, a 4-credit course requires 120 hours, and a 3-credit course requires 90 hours of study. This system helps students gauge the academic effort needed to complete a course. To finish an academic program, students must successfully complete both the assignments and the term-end examinations for each course in the program.

Evaluation: The evaluation system of the programme is based on two components:

- i. **Continuous Evaluation through assignments (25 % weightage):** This component holds a 25% weightage. Each course will have at least one graded assignment and test. Students must submit these assignments to the Coordinator of the CDOE.
- ii. **Term-End Examination (75 % weightage):** These exams are conducted twice a year. Students may choose to take any of the exams offered by the University during the year. To be eligible for the Term-End Examination, students must have registered for the course and submitted the assignment. Students must submit an Examination form online (www.periyaruniversity.ac.in) or offline before the due dates specified in the schedule of operations. If a student misses any term-end examination for a course, they can appear for it in any subsequent term-end examinations. This option is available until the student secures the minimum pass grade in the courses. After this period, the student can extend for another ten semesters by paying the fee again. The Candidates shall be declared to have passed the examination if he/she secures not less than 40 marks in total (CIA mark + Theory Exam mark) with minimum of 50 marks in the Theory Exam conducted by the University.

QUESTION PAPER PATTERN

For Core & Elective

Duration: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 75

<p>Part A: (10X2=20marks)</p> <p>Answer ALL Questions</p>
<p>Part B: (3X5=15marks)</p> <p>Answer any THREE Questions (THREE out of FIVE questions)</p>
<p>Part C: (5X8=40 marks)</p> <p>Answer ALL Questions</p> <p>(One Question from Each Unit with internal choice)</p>

VI. Requirement of the Laboratory Support and Library Resources

The M.A. Sociology program does not require any laboratory support.

The Central Library is one of the important central facilities of Periyar University. It has Text book, reference books, conference proceedings, back volumes, standards, and non-book material such as CD-ROMs and audios. The central library procured several e- books in different areas.

All routine functions of the library are automated with the help of an integrated library software package, developed and distributed by UGC INFLIBNET. The database the entire collection has been created and available through online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) to the users via campus network.

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) at Periyar University has begun establishing a dedicated library for the ODL program and is in the process of acquiring printed books and e-books for this purpose.

VII. Cost Estimate of the Programme and the Provisions

The University has already incurred initial expenses for infrastructure, manpower, SLM preparation, and other necessities. The University plans to allocate expenses from the total fee collection, based on admission of students as follows:

- ✓ SLM Printing and Delivery – 20%
- ✓ Salary and Administrative Expenses – 60%
- ✓ Software Development & Maintenance – 10%
- ✓ Future Developments – 10%

VIII. Quality Assurance Mechanism

The University has established the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) on its campus. The CIQA will oversee and ensure the quality of the ODL programs. The CIQA of Periyar University's Centre for Online and Distance Education includes the Vice-Chancellor as the Chairperson, three senior teachers from Higher Educational Institutions, Heads of three departments or schools offering recognized programs in Open and Distance Learning and Online modes, two External Experts in Open and Distance Learning and/or online education, Officials from the Administration and Finance departments, and the Director of the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance as the Member Secretary. The objective of the CIQA is to develop and implement a comprehensive and dynamic internal quality assurance system. This system will ensure that the higher education programs offered in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online modes by the Higher Educational Institution are of acceptable quality and are continuously improved.

The Board of Studies consists of industry experts, alumni and experienced faculty members who review the course curriculum every two to three years. This board benchmarks the curriculum against academic and social requirements, leading to revisions in both the curriculum and self-learning materials to align with the need of the hour.

The expected programme outcomes are:

- The graduate has obtained a broad understanding of sociological principles, perspectives and methods.
- The graduate has utilized domain-specific expertise to address social concerns in local, regional, and global contexts.
- The graduate can design and conduct social research using ethical methods to collect and analyze primary and secondary data.
- The graduate has gained with communication skills (including ICT) can work in various fields, including teaching, research, bureaucracy, development, and social responsibility.
- The graduate has developed critical thinking skills and the ability to share knowledge via independent reading, writing, and discussion.