

MASTERS OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)

COURSES DESCRIPTIONS

ASC 800: ADVANCED SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Critical analysis of classical sociological theory. Theories of development and underdevelopment of the Third World. Application of theories to research processes and methodologies. Selective integration of social science theories to sociological practice.

ASC 801: ADVANCED PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Examination of the philosophical assumptions underlying sociology. Alternative approaches, methods, concepts, including problems, explanation and justification; objectivity and social science.

AGD 803: Gender and Family in African Development

Concepts: Gender, family and Development and their inter-relationships, Origin of family, Institutionalization of Gender, Types of family, Gender and family relationships, Gender and household economies, Access to and control of resources in the family, Challenges facing the family in the contemporary Society, changing trends in the family, Gender power shifts: reversal of gender roles and their impact on development, Gender-based violence in the family. Future of the family in Africa. Coping mechanisms.

AMC 800 – Research Methods

PUC 800: RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Fundamentals and mechanics of research and research writing. Concept of Research, the Process of Identifying a Research Problem, Formulating Research Objectives, Hypothesis and Questions, Conducting a Literature Review, Developing Theoretical and/or Conceptual Frameworks, Developing Data Collection Tools, Data Management and Analysis, Proposal Writing, Reporting and Disseminating Research Findings.

ASC 804: ADVANCED DEMOGRAPHY

Population theories: biological, cultural, economic and social; demographic transition theory. Methods and sources of demographic projections. Politics of population policies; population control programmes and human rights; population parameters: density, age and sex structure. Migration and settlement patterns. Population and sustainable development and livelihoods. Population dynamics: cultural change, geopolitics and technology. Contemporary issues in demography.

ASC 806: ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY

Management and organization, leadership, functions of the executives; human relations in industrial work environment; job satisfaction and work performance; ethics; motivations; problems of personnel and authority in a transitional society.

ASC 807: ADVANCED MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

Theoretical approaches to sociology of medicine, impact of modern medicine on developing societies; epidemiology of diseases and social implications.

Current community health and problems and programme; AIDS and other epidemic diseases; maternal child health; safe motherhood; paramedic- patient relationships.

ASC 808: ADVANCED URBAN SOCIOLOGY

Socio-cultural, economic and political functions and dysfunctions of urbanism; the socio-cultural context of urbanism as way of life; socio-psychological impact of social change on city dwellers. Rural migrants and urban life. Future of urbanization focused on developing countries.

ASC 803: ADVANCED RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Various types of rural communities. Rural structures in Africa. Rural residential patterns. History of agrarian societies; social organization; land tenure systems. Rural economy: peasant and pastoral societies. The nature of rural development; Rural-urban linkages. The effects of modernization and globalisation. Rural development strategies and policies.

PUC 801 Qualitative Research Methods

Philosophical Foundations of Qualitative and Quantitative Research; Interpretive, Positivism and Postmodernism; Qualitative Versus Quantitative Research (Single versus Multiple Realities); Need for Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches in Research; Qualitative Research Approaches – Ethnography, Phenomenology; Theoretical foundations; Qualitative Research Methods (Observation (Participant And Non Participant), In-Depth Unstructured Interviews, Focus Group Discussion, Case Studies, Panel Discussion and Community Interviews, Social Mapping, Trend Analysis, Narrative Method; Sampling In Qualitative Research; Skills and Techniques of Qualitative Data Collection and Recording (Interviewing, Note taking, Tape and Video Recording, Transcribing); Validity and Reliability Issues in Qualitative Research; Ethical Guidelines In Qualitative Research; Qualitative Data Analysis (Objectives of data analysis in qualitative research, Interim analysis: Memoing, Content Analysis, Thematic Coding and Analysis, Content/Discourse/Textual Analyses, Auto/Biography and Visual Methods); Quantitative Analysis of Qualitative Data; Qualitative Data Analysis Packages (Nvivo, NUDIST, Answer, **QDA Miner**, MAXQDA, ATLAS-TI); Qualitative Report Writing and Triangulation; Communicating and Dissemination Of Qualitative Findings.

ASC 812 Thesis (Equivalent to 8 units)