

Introduction

In 1996, the Department of Sociology of the University of Colombo took the initiative in addressing the great need that exists in Sri Lanka for sociological expertise by introducing a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Sociology. Since then, the Department has successfully produced a number of diploma holders catering to this important national need.

The course is specifically designed to offer theoretical as well as practical insights into applied sociology for those who are already in employment or for recent graduates who are in search of employment in related fields.

Course Aims

* To offer students a critical understanding of the theoretical and methodological aspects of applied sociology.

* To train students to critically evaluate and analyze sociological phenomena which play a significant role in promoting or hindering development.

* To create adequate applied sociological expertise in the country in keeping with the increasing demand for such expertise at national, regional and local levels.

Course Structure and Duration

The course consists of six taught courses and each course unit comprises 30 contact hours. In addition, all candidates are required to write a dissertation. Guidelines for the dissertation can be obtained from the Co-ordinator.

The course shall be conducted over a period of one academic year, approximately during 30 weeks divided into two semesters. Classes will be held in the evenings of weekdays and on weekends.

List of Course Units

DAS 500 - Introduction to Applied Sociology

DAS 501 - Study of Rural Social Transformation with Special Reference to South Asia

DAS 502 - Social Policy and Social Development

DAS 503 - Urban Development and Urban Planning

DAS 504 - Applied Social Research: Designs and Methodologies

DAS 505 - Sociology of Health and Medicine

DAS 506 - Sociology of Social Issues

DAS 507 - Sociology of Irrigation with Particular Reference to Sri Lanka

DAS 508 - Quantitative Analysis in Social Research

DAS 509 - Environmental Sociology

Lecture/Seminar Sessions

Friday 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Course Evaluation

- A) Each of the six papers offered by candidates shall be evaluated through individual assignments and end of year examinations. The minimum pass mark shall be 50% for each paper and assignment. Each paper shall be of three hours duration.
- B) Students who fail in one paper shall be permitted to complete that paper at the next year's examination. Those who fail more than one paper shall be required to repeat the whole examination in the following year.
- C) Dissertations shall be evaluated separately and a minimum of 50 out of 100 marks is required to pass. Those who score less than the minimum in their dissertations shall be permitted to resubmit them on one more occasion within a timeframe stipulated by the Senate of the University of Colombo.

Course Lecturers

Department of Sociology

Prof. S.T. Hettige
Prof. Sasanka Perera
Prof. S.R. Jayatilake
Dr. Subhangi M.K. Herath
Dr. Chandani Liyanage
Dr. Chandrasiri Niriella
Dr. Premakumara.de Silva
Dr. Nishara Fernando
Mr. M.T.M. Mahees
Dr. Kumudu Kusum Kumara
Dr. Farzana F. Haniffa
Dr. Iresha Karunaratne

Department of Demography

Prof. Indralal de Silva

National Institute of Social Development

Mr. A. Ranaweera

Eligibility and Selection

The entry requirements are:

- A) A degree from a recognized university with sociology or anthropology as a subject, or a degree from a recognized university with relevant work experience in fields such as development policy, planning and rural or urban development.
- B) A working knowledge of English

The applicants with the necessary qualifications may be required to appear for an interview at the Department. Final selection of candidates shall be the responsibility of the University Senate.

Course Fees

Application Fee	-	Rs.	1,000.00
Course fee	-	Rs.	35,000.00
Registration fee	-	Rs.	1,500.00
Library Fee	-	Rs.	1,500.00
Library deposit (refundable)	Rs.	5,000.00	
Examination Fee	-	Rs.	1,500.00

Application

Advertisements calling for applications shall be published in national newspapers. Application forms can be obtained from the Senior Asst. Registrar (Academic & Publications) University of Colombo, P.O. Box 1490, Colombo 3 on payment of a prescribed fee (Rs. 1000/-).

Information

For further information please contact:

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