

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) FOR B.A.(H) SOCIOLOGY

Q.1. Is the student required to have Sociology in class 12th to opt for B.A. (H) Sociology?

Ans. While it is not mandatory to have studied sociology at senior secondary level, there will be a deduction of marks/percentage as per Delhi University norms 2020-21.

Q.2. How to understand the subject of sociology?

Ans. Sociology is a science of society that attempts to study social life as a whole. The main focus is to study human society and its components. The main function of sociology is to provide a descriptive understanding of social phenomena. For which it makes use of various concepts like caste, class, race, gender, ethnicity, religion etc. grounded in theoretical paradigms. Sociology as a discipline holds importance for both individuals as well as society.

Q.3. Is there any relationship between sociology and other fields of social science?

Ans. Yes sociology clearly establishes a relation with other disciplines of social sciences such as economics, political science, history, psychology and anthropology. The concepts used in sociology are explained in terms of how do they connect and where sociology differentiates in understanding the same concepts making it unique and independent discipline in academia. Thus, the subject offers interdisciplinarity in order to gain demand at national and global level.

Q.4. What is the objective of B.A.(H) Sociology?

Ans. Sociology trains students to objectively study and analyse the world around them. Sociology helps students to contextualize issues at the broader social, political and economic phenomenon help them see how these shape our everyday reality. The honors program has papers that studies themes around state, kinship, gender, religion and India, among others.

Q.5. How many sociology papers does a student study as part of the honors course?

Ans. There are a total of 10 sociology papers that a student studies in the three year honors program ranging from Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of India, Economic Sociology, Gender and Society, Sociology of Religion, Sociological Research and so on. In addition to the sociology papers, students study AECC and Generic Elective courses in first and second year.

Q.6. Is Sociology Hons purely a theoretical course?

Ans. While many courses are theory-driven, there is an active attempt to combine them with short research projects or activities that demand practical engagement with the themes. Besides the main courses, there are also two skill enhancement courses (SEC) – Reading, Writing and Reasoning in Sociology and Ethnographic Film-Making.

Q.6. What are the key skills that student attains from Sociology course?

Ans. The study of sociology equips students with analytical skills. A training that strives to dismiss biased and preconceived notions also equips sociology graduates to critically engage with various social, political, economic, cultural, and historical phenomenon.

Q.7. How does Sociology study expand students' career options?

Ans. Sociology graduates are equipped for areas (but not limited to them alone) such as law, development studies, development practice, social work, bureaucracy and public institutions, women's studies, gender studies, area studies, international relations, policy studies, policy implementation, advocacy, management, marketing, social psychology, industrial organization, election studies, data sciences, journalism, criminology, and careers in fine and performing arts.