



# Department of Sociology

## School of Humanities and Social Sciences

### Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR

1. **Introduction:** The University is offering two year Master's Degree Programme in Sociology under semester scheme. The syllabus is developed keeping in view the international standards and according to UGC CBCS guidelines that would give wider understanding about the society, active social participation and social behavior in the society. To provide students with high quality academic programs and experiential learning opportunities that will develop their understanding of sociology and its applicability in a variety of social settings and equip students with a sound academic foundation that helps them to question critically, think logically, communicate clearly, act resourcefully and live ethically. The Department would try enhancing thinking capacity, developing leaders and innovators who would be an asset to the society at large. The requirement of the programme and the curriculum is described below in depth.

#### **From the Desk of Honourable Vice Chancellor: Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra Kumar Sinha**



Sociology is the study of society in systematic manner. Before the advent of sociology, society was studied in an unscientific manner. Sociology examines the various facets of society. The significance of sociology has grown in the current digital era along with the transformation of society. Today, sociology is not just taught in classrooms; rather, its applications are extremely evident in a variety of fields, including commerce, the IT sector, marketing, social work, law, government, development, business, communication, health, education, politics, administration, sports, etc. Due to its ability to address all social issues, sociology has practical benefits. It provides ample opportunities to the students to serve in different sectors.

The Department of Sociology at Gautam Buddha University was introduced in the year 2011 which currently offer M.A. program in the discipline. The department of sociology encourages

social inclusion in the multifaceted society and supports an interdisciplinary approach to a thorough understanding of social processes.

**From the Desk of Dean School of Humanities & Social Sciences: Prof. (Dr.) Bandana Pandey**



The Department of Sociology is one of the esteemed departments of the Gautam Buddha University established in the year 2011. It aspires to develop theoretical and practical knowledge of society for social harmony and nation-building through teaching and research. The department provides students with multifaceted, high-quality education and research grounded in Buddhist principles and Indian cultural values.

The Department focuses on providing friendly environment to students to learn the fundamentals of the field and to engage with society in order to get empirical knowledge using both qualitative and quantitative approaches. Department encourage students to take part in national and international academic events such as seminars, workshops, methodology courses, and training programmes as well as help students in getting ready for competition at the national and state level.

**2. Description of the Programme:**

- **Programme Title:** The programme shall be called “MA in Sociology”
- **Duration of the Programme:** This programme shall be conducted in semester pattern and shall be extended over a period of two academic years each consisting of two semesters.
- **The programme Intake:** The numbers of students in each year shall not exceed 20. It will be encouraged that there is adequate representation of both the gender and the seats will be reserved for the SC/ST/OBC/ other sub-category as per the Government rules and regulation.
- **Eligibility:** Graduation in any discipline from a University/any recognized college/University established by law securing minimum 45% marks for general as well as OBC students and 40% for SC/ST, or any other criteria fixed by GBU.
- **Admission Procedure:** Following the invitation of the application by the University, all the applications will be screened according to the basic criteria. Considering the number of applicants the University might conduct admission test or may call the students for interview/ group interaction. In the interview/group interaction the students’ aptitude, basic understanding, communication skills etc will be judged or any other criteria fixed by GBU.

3. **Credit System and papers:** The programme is designed on a credit system. The total credit of entire course is 84. Each semester consists of 5/6 papers. Every semester has Compulsory paper, paper which enhances ability of students and/or discipline specific electives and/or generic electives and/or open electives are main component of the course.

- **Synopsis Preparation:** At the beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester students start to prepare synopsis for their dissertation which is submitted at the end of the course. According to their area of interest the department will decide the supervisor for the students.
- **Dissertation/Project:** For the completion of the course, the students have to submit dissertation/project as a partial fulfillment of the course requirement. According to approved synopsis students start work on dissertation/project under the supervision of concerned supervisor provide by the department.
- **Social Lab:** Social laboratory is an important and unique feature of the Department of Sociology in Gautam Buddha University. The main aim of this laboratory is to explore Sociology in applied and experimental way. Basically it is the heart and engine of the department. In this laboratory students try to understand Sociological Thinkers & Theories through rigorous theoretical as well as practical process. In practical's students conduct experimental activities on social behavior, social perception and attitude in a closed environment. Also it provides understanding to the students in a logical manner on various social customs, mores, traditions, folkways, habits and the changing social landscape of the society. It also makes students familiar to the various research methods, techniques, tools and software's in the field of social science research.
- **Field Exposure:** In order to develop sociological understanding practical experience is provided by the department so as to explore the social settings in the society through field visits.
- **General Proficiency (GP):** According to the vision of the University, the general proficiency is an essential component that focuses on overall behaviour of students in the class and otherwise, participation in extracurricular activities, sports, social services, cultural activities etc. Various opportunities towards this direction are provided to all the students of the University. GP is monitored and

governed by the Dean, Students Affairs, proctorial board, hostel wardens and other responsible authorities.

- **Weekly Lecture/Talk/Seminar:** Department invites subject experts (internal and external both) from various specialized areas to deliver lecture/ talk on their specialized areas. It helps students to think analytically and try to understand the concepts/processes in broader perspective. During the weekly seminars students need to make oral or power point presentations in front of faculty and their class fellows on the assigned topics to enhance their communication and presentation skills.
  - **Remedial Classes:** Department provides remedial classes for revision and preparation for various competitive exams and Entrance tests and provide additional support to students who require assistance in language and its fluency.
4. **Attendance:** As per the University rules, attendance in all the classes is mandatory. Students can take leave from attending the classes only on genuine reasons from the concerned authority in the department.
  5. **Evaluation Scheme:** The evaluation will be done as per GBU norms. Every semester there hold semester examinations of theory papers. For the evaluation of internal assessment: field exposure/ social lab/ written test / seminar/ project work and/or simulation exercise will be considered. Internal assessment will be conducted in all the theory papers. The percent distribution of marks in theory papers will be as following.
    - Internal assessment: 15%
    - Mid semester assessment: 25%
    - End Semester assessment: 60%
  6. **Grade and declaration of result:** Declaration of result and allocation of grades will be done as per the rules of GBU.
  7. **Offering of Elective Course Criteria:** The Elective courses mentioned in this programme structure will be offered subject to:
    - Availability of faculty members in each course with subject expertise in the respective area of specialization.
    - A minimum of five students opting for the specialization.

The students shall be allocated their elective course/s at the beginning of each semester after scrutiny of students' options and interest. The decision of the faculty members will be final in allocation of elective course to the students.

8. **Fee for the Programme:** Fee structure for the course will be decided as per the University rules. The students need to submit their fees within the stipulated time line given by the University.

9. **Course Structure for MA in Sociology:**

Detailed course structure is attached in Programme tab.

10. **Brief Faculty Profile:**



**Prof. (Dr.) Bandana Pandey**

**Dean School of Humanities & Social Sciences**

**Academic Experience:** 35 years

**Research Interest:** Communication Theories and Research, MediaLaws and Ethics, Advertising Management and Public Relations, Feminine Discourse, Vedic Communication, Print and Electronic Media



**Dr. Prakash Chandra Dilare**

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**Academic Experience:** 11 years

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