

# **Programme Project Report (PPR)**

**for Distance Learning Programme  
under School of Distance Education**

**Master of Arts in Sociology  
2018-19**

**School of Distance Education**

**University of Calicut  
Malappuram District  
Kerala 673635**

## **Calicut University**

The University of Calicut is the second largest affiliating University located in Thenjippalam of Kerala in India established during 1968. The University was created through a Government plan bifurcating Kerala University with an emphasis on fostering quality human resource and promoting productive research that benefit both local communities and wider humanity. As per the plan the four post-graduate departments of Kerala University operating in Calicut were annexed to the new University along with 54 constituent colleges spread across seven northern districts. With Nirmaya Karmana Sree as its' motto. The University aims to nurture excellence in education and research in its catchment areas of Northern Kerala. The head quarters in Thenjippalam have departments in science, Humanities and Management areas. In addition number of off-campus centers in neighboring districts like Kozhikode, Wayanad, Thrissur, Palakkad, and Lakshadweep Islands. Besides these University provides courses in ODL (Open Distance Learning) mode. This was formerly known as Institute of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education.

### **SDE**

The School of Distance Education was formerly known as the Institute of Correspondence and Continuing Education, which was established during 1981 in head quarters of Calicut University, with a vision to create novel realms of education embracing creativity and innovations to enhance to access and reach of quality higher education. Its mission is provide opportunities for learning to unreached and enables them to pursue quality higher education leading to competence of a high order. It is making all its effort to extend its support to reach the unreached and has been keen in providing facilities in distance mode for the benefit of the deprived sections of the society. Now it is one of the major Departments of the university and has also emerged as one of the major distance education providers. It caters to the needs of thousands of students from various parts of the country. Now 14 UG courses and 12 PG courses are providing through Distance Mode. Three study centers are allotted for MA Sociology and it renders SLM to learners and fifteen hour contact classes for each paper through study centers for PG Courses.

### **Objectives**

1. It endeavors to extent its benefits to deprived sections of the society.
2. It exerts to minimize the inequality in availability of knowledge through the extension of knowledge to reach the unreached.
3. It provides knowledge based on equality, through which to reduce the inequality to entering learners to new areas of competencies.

### **(a) Program's mission and objectives**

## **Mission**

Look into the overall mission of School of Distance Education in University of Calicut which assured the accessibility of quality of higher education to all. The MA program, sociology, aims to impart an in-depth theoretical and practical understanding of sociological knowledge in post-graduate level.

## **Objectives**

1. To assist the learners for acquainting nature and characteristics of sociological outlook.
2. To acquaint the learners with the critical exploration of social problems, issues and social processes through sociological perspective.
3. To equip the learners with sociological evaluation.

## **(b) Relevance of the program with Higher Education Institution's Mission and Goals**

Offered in distance mode, MA Sociology will be closely aligned with the mission and vision of the University of Calicut. The course ensures knowledge based, learner centered, qualitative and socially responsible education. MA Sociology in distance mode will be advance program for the students who are intend to do higher education. This program is offered by the university follows the same syllabus and curriculum with slight variations offered in the regular mode through affiliated colleges of the University of Calicut.

## **(c) Nature of Prospective target group of learners**

The scope and space for application of sociological perspective are widening in this context the demand of sociology program in sociology level has extended, but only limited chance of accommodation for students in regular mode through university departments and colleges. Thus through distance mode can provide quality and cost conscious education to a large segment of population. Distance mode assures the qualitative education, at the same time the method, learning, eligibility for enrolment and age of entry are too flexible.

## **(d) Appropriateness of Program to be conducted in Open and Distance**

**Learning mode to acquire specific skills and competence:**

MA Sociology program will perceive to ensure the following skills and competences in learners

1. Theoretical skill (Reading and writing skill): The course provides the theoretical insights of classical, Modern and advanced sociological thinking. As a post graduate program it opens a wide space for reading on the subject, and correlating it with contemporary social situations and critically evaluates the past and present. The course also provides the skill of sociological imagination.
2. Practical skill: The course provides skill for the application of theoretical knowledge in the messy social situations. It also provides an outlook of the importance of sociological theories in contemporary social issues and social planning.
3. Skill for community participation: The course equips the learners for identifying the social issues and participates in community services.
4. Evaluation Skill: The course equips learners for critical and non-critical evaluation.
5. Research skill: The course trained learners for prepare and present the research papers.
6. Analytical skill: The course imparts an analytical skill to learners and they can review the occurrences.

**(e) Instructional Design**

**Course Structure and Mark Distribution Yearly System**

**Maximum Marks**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Paper code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>of</b>
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**I<sup>st</sup> Year**  
**(Previous)**

Paper		Total Mark of Exam	Group Minimum for each year	Upwardly Revised Mark
C 01	Classical Social Theory	140	280	175
C 02	Social Research Methods and Quantitative Techniques	140		175
C 03	Social Structure and Change in India	140		175

**II<sup>nd</sup> Year  
(Final)**

C 04	Population and Society	140	320	175
C 05	School of Sociological Theory	140		175
C 06	Studies in Agrarian social structure	140		175
E 02	Sociology of Urban Development	140		175
E 03	Sociology of Women and Society	140		175
	Viva Voce	100		100
Grand Total			600	1500

**Duration of the program**

Four year with intersection of two years.

**Faculty and Support staff requirement**

There are two full time faculty members available and one of them coordinates the MA program in Sociology. There is sufficient staff support from the SDE office for processing administrative work. The service of qualified permanent and guest teachers and experts from panels approved by the Vice Chancellor are used in preparation of SLM and for taking contact classes.

### **Instructional Delivery mechanism**

Self learning materials are provided to learners. In addition learners are offered 80 contact hours for each year conducted over 10days during weekends.

## **ACADEMIC PLANNER FOR THE PG PROGRAMMES PROPOSED FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION JULY 2018.**

<b>Sl No</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
1	Admission	1 <sup>st</sup> week of June 2018	Last week of June 2018
2	Distribution of I <sup>st</sup> Semester Study Materials	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of July 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August 2018
3	I <sup>st</sup> Semester Contact Classes	Last week of July 2018	Last week of October 2018
4	Commencement of I <sup>st</sup> Semester examination	I <sup>st</sup> week of January 2019	Last week of January 2019
5	Publication of results	II <sup>nd</sup> week of May 2019	
6	Distribution of II <sup>nd</sup> Semester Study Materials	II <sup>nd</sup> week of February 2019	II <sup>nd</sup> week of March 2019
7	II <sup>nd</sup> Semester Contact Classes	II <sup>nd</sup> week of February 2019	Last week of May 2019
8	II <sup>nd</sup> Semester Examinations	1 <sup>st</sup> week of July 2019	III <sup>rd</sup> week of July 2019
9	Publication of results	I <sup>st</sup> Week of November 2019	
10	Distribution of III <sup>rd</sup> Semester Study Materials	1 <sup>st</sup> week of August 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> week of September 2019
11	III <sup>rd</sup> Semester Contact Classes	I <sup>st</sup> week of August 2019	Last week of October 2019
12	III <sup>rd</sup> semester Examinations	Last week of November 2019	II <sup>nd</sup> week of December 2019
13	Publication of Results	II <sup>nd</sup> week of April 2020	
14	Distribution of IV <sup>th</sup> semester Study Materials	I <sup>st</sup> week of January 2020	Last week of January 2020



15	IV <sup>th</sup> Semester Contact Classes	I <sup>st</sup> week of January 2020	Last week of May 2020
16	IV <sup>th</sup> Semester Examinations	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of June 2020	Last week of June 2020
17	Publication of Results	Last week of September 2020	

**(f) Procedure for admissions, curriculum transactions and evaluation:**

Applications for admissions are received online. Eligibility for admission to MA Sociology is graduation in any subject in the faculties of Arts/Social Science/science/Commerce/Law securing not less than 45% marks in part III (excluding Subsidiaries). OBC/OEC candidates are eligible to relaxation up to 5%. SC/ST candidates need only to get pass mark.

**Fee Structure:** RS.4500/ for full program. The amount of tuition fee is flexible for the candidate belonging to eligible categories. Besides, the amount fee may be raise in accordance with changing the mode of admission, University, State of University etc.

**Financial assistance**

Concession for tuition fee will be given to eligible categories like SC/ST, OEC, those will be admitted to the program without remitting tuition fee.

**Curriculum** is transacted in Distance mode with the help of Self Learning Material and counseling.

**Evaluation** is based on the examination conducted in the end of year, which is conducted by the Controller of examinations, University of Calicut. The written exams carry 140 marks per paper, and then it upwardly revised to 175 in mark sheet.

**(g) Requirement of Library Resources:** Separate library for SDE with a good collection of books. Learners can make use of these books as reference materials by producing learners' Identity Cards.

**(h) Cost estimate of the program and the provisions:**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Expected Enrollment</b>	
		<b>400</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Cost of SLM preparation including DTP charges</b>	
		<b>100,000</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Printing and distribution of SLM</b>	
		<b>130,200</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Contact Classes</b>	
		<b>241391</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Pay and allowances of staff at HQ</b>	
		<b>552410</b>
<b>6.</b>		
	<b>Examination and Valuation</b>	<b>363636</b>
<b>7.</b>		
	<b>Expense per student</b>	<b>34841</b>
<b>8.</b>		
	<b>Miscellaneous expense</b>	<b>6061</b>
<b>9.</b>		
	<b>Grand total of expense</b>	<b>1393698</b>

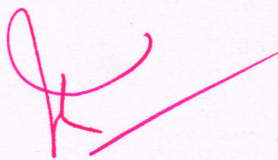
**(i) Quality assurance mechanism and expected program outcomes:** MA Sociology has a Board of Studies, which approves and reviews the Syllabus, course content and the Self Learning Material of MA Sociology offered through distance mode. Well qualified teachers are conducted the contact classes in study centers in addition the classes are provided in headquarters.

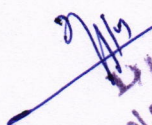


### Expected outcomes

Sociology is a branch come in social science, it merely not a studying subject, through studying sociology students formed a separate culture with social commitment, and a peculiar pattern of behavior and interaction style.

1. Built a socially committed people.
2. Study of sociology in PG help the students to get training in conducting researches and to find out solution to contemporary social problems.
3. The course equips learners for community participation, public policy formation and planning.
4. The learners can go for higher studies like M.Phil, Ph.D etc.
5. The learners are also competent to work in Govt. organized projects, govt. agencies, non-profit organizations.
6. The course equips learners for ethnographic studies.

  
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