



**Vidyasagar University**  
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**POs & PSOs for the Post-Graduate Programme**  
**in**  
**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**National Educational Policy – 2020**



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# Department of Anthropology 2025-26

## Programme Outcomes (POs)

PO 1: Knowledge and understanding of Human from Biological and Cultural Perspective. The Post Graduate students will develop an understanding of human holistically, and know about different aspects of his physical and social conditions.

PO 2: Critical Thinking Ability: Students will be able to critically look at the social and cultural phenomena and evaluate them in a holistic perspective.

PO 3: Development of Analytical Skills and Research Skills: The student will develop analytical skills to assess complex social-cultural phenomena. The theoretical knowledge will help to sharpen their analytical skills. The programme is also designed to impart training in various research methods used in anthropology, including qualitative and quantitative methods, ethnographic fieldwork, participant observation, case study, interviews, schedule and survey.

PO 4: Cultural Competence and Adaptability: Students come to know about cultural relativism that familiarises them of cultural diversity and be able to engage respectfully and effectively with individuals and communities from different cultural backgrounds, thus enhancing greater adaptability with the situations. They will be sensitive towards social and environmental issues. With this, they can better contribute to the peace and harmony, sustainability and interpersonal tolerance.

PO 5: Communication Skills: Students will be able to acquire better communication skills since the programme offers scopes for writing and oral presentation as well as interpersonal interactions in fieldwork.

PO 6: Use of Digital and ICT tools: The students will get used to deal with different digital tools including the online learning platforms like MOOCs.

PO 7: Interdisciplinary Perspective: Students will learn to integrate knowledge and insights transcending disciplinary boundaries while pursuing anthropological research through its conjunctive approaches and interdisciplinary methodological and theoretical understanding.

PO 8: Professional Efficiency: Students will acquire efficiency in working in careers including academia, research institutions, government agencies, NGOs, and private sector organizations, and possess the necessary skills to succeed in their chosen field. This will also help to develop leadership ability.

PO 9: Ethical Conduct: Students will learn to inculcate ethical principles of anthropological training and research, including obtaining informed consent, maintaining confidentiality, and respecting the rights and dignity of research participants, and will be able to maintain a general ethical standard in their behavioural practice. This ethical consideration includes both human and non-human species across genders and social identities.

PO 10: Life-long Learning: The student will be able to continue life-long learning through the knowledge and simple methodologies that the programme imparts them.

## **Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs):**

PSO 1: The Post Graduate will be able to understand biological and cultural evolution of humans with a knowledge of human origin and its reasons for variability.

PSO 2: The students will have knowledge of human adaptability in different ecological and geographical regions across the globe with an understanding of existing cultural practices and biological diversity.

PSO 3: The students will learn to apply anthropological knowledge in understanding contemporary social issues such as identity, sustainability, health, education, development and human rights. The anthropological theories and methodologies will give them an insight of the issues. Thus, they can contribute to the public policies and programs.

PSO 4: The students will gain a critical and insightful understanding of existing anthropological methods and techniques including fieldwork to address social issues apart from learning the professional skills in this regard.