



# Vidyasagar University

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## POs & PSOs for the Post-Graduate Programme in SOCIOLOGY

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# Department of Sociology 2025-26

## Program Outcomes (POs)

On successful completion of the M.A. in Sociology program, the students will be able to	
PO1	<b>Analytical Skills:</b> Ability to critically analyze social structures, institutions, processes, and issues through multiple theoretical lenses.
PO2	<b>Research Competence:</b> Gain proficiency in both qualitative and quantitative research methods, ethical practices, and the ability to design and conduct independent studies.
PO3	<b>Interdisciplinary Insight:</b> Integrate knowledge from allied disciplines such as economics, politics, philosophy, anthropology, and cultural studies into sociological analysis.
PO4	<b>Social Issues Awareness:</b> Cultivate a comprehensive understanding of contemporary social issues such as inequality, marginalization, globalization, urbanization etc.
PO5	<b>Policy Orientation:</b> Develop awareness of public policy debates, governance issues, legal structures, and social justice frameworks relevant to India and beyond.
PO6	<b>Application of Sociological Theories:</b> Apply sociological theories to everyday realities including family, media, education, culture, and work.
PO7	<b>Global and Local Perspectives:</b> Acquire the ability to connect global processes such as migration, globalization, and economic restructuring with local sociological contexts.
PO8	<b>Problem-Solving Skills:</b> Apply sociological knowledge to identify, analyze, and propose solutions to real-world issues at community, institutional, and policy levels.
PO9	<b>Diversity and Inclusion:</b> Gain sensitivity towards issues of caste, class, gender, disability, sexuality, and tribal identities, fostering inclusive perspectives.
PO10	<b>Preparation for Higher Studies and Careers:</b> Equip students for advanced academic research, teaching, civil services, NGOs, media, corporate sectors, and policy institutions.

## Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)

After the successful completion of M.A. in Sociology program, the students are expected to:	
PSO1	<b>Urban and Regional Sociological Expertise (Linked to SOCC401X0: Urban Sociology)</b> Students will gain advanced knowledge of urbanization, urban planning, governance, and inequalities in city life. This outcome is specific because the course combines Indian and global urban debates (Chicago School, Lefebvre, Castells, Patrick Geddes) with practical concerns such as housing, slums, and urban poverty — directly preparing graduates for urban research, policy, and planning careers.
PSO2	<b>Economic and Developmental Analysis Skill (Linked to SOCC402X0: Economic Sociology and SOCE452A0: Sociology of Development)</b> Learners will develop the ability to analyze economic systems, globalization, and development processes using sociological theories. The specificity comes from blending classical approaches (Marx, Weber, Polanyi) with contemporary issues (feminization of labour, globalization of work, sustainable development, post-development). This equips graduates to work in development agencies, economic policy, and NGOs.
PSO3	<b>Sensitization towards Marginalization and Social Justice (Linked to SOCC406X0: Sociology of Marginalized Groups and Communities and SOCE453A0: Sociology of Law)</b> Students will acquire specialized understanding of caste, tribe, gender, disability, and LGBTQIA+ communities, alongside knowledge of constitutional rights, law, and social justice. This is specific because it uniquely equips Sociology graduates to engage in advocacy, rights-based work, and policy implementation, which are central to the disciplines applied orientation.
PSO4	<b>Research and Methodological Competence (Linked to SOCO403X0: Research Methodology and Ethics)</b> Learners will be trained to design and conduct ethical, rigorous research using qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods. This outcome is specific because sociological practice relies heavily on fieldwork, triangulation, and critical engagement with epistemology skills that differentiate Sociology from other social sciences and prepare students for academic, professional, and applied research careers.
PSO5	<b>Cultural and Media Literacy (Linked to SOCE404A0: Sociology of Education, SOCE404B0: Sociology of Media, and SOCE454A0: Sociology of Culture)</b> Students will critically analyze how culture, education, and media shape identities, ideologies, and inequalities in contemporary society. This is specific because it integrates sociological perspectives (Bourdieu on reproduction, Stuart Hall on culture, feminist and interactionist approaches to media) to address modern challenges of digital platforms, globalization, and cultural transformation.