

MASTERS OF ARTS (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

Course Description

ASC 800: Advanced Sociological Theory

Analysis of classical sociological theories: Structural functionalism, Social conflict theory, phenomenology, feminism, modernism and post-modernism. Nexus between theory and research. Application of theories to research processes and methodologies. Selective integration of social science theories to sociological practice.

ECD 804: Environment and Sustainable Community Development

Environmental-livelihood nexus, resource use paradigms, community development theories and paradigms, conceptualising sustainable community development, stakeholders in community development, role of civil society, NGOs, government, international community, private sector, partnership[s in community development; poverty and underdevelopment in Africa; aid and debt crisis; redefining Africa's development; NEPAD, Millennium Development Goals

ASC 804: ADVANCED DEMOGRAPHY

Population theories: biological, cultural, economic and social; demographic transition theory. Methods and sources of demographic projections. Politics of population policies; population control programmes and human rights; population parameters: density, age and sex structure. Migration and settlement patterns. Population and sustainable development and livelihoods. Population dynamics: cultural change, geopolitics and technology. Contemporary issues in demography.

PUC 800: Research Methods

Fundamentals and mechanics of research and research writing. Concept of Research, the Process of Identifying a Research Problem, Formulating Research Objectives, Hypothesis and Questions, Conducting a Literature Review, Developing Theoretical and/or Conceptual Frameworks, Developing Data Collection Tools, Data Management and Analysis, Proposal Writing, Reporting and Disseminating Research Findings.

ASC 822: Gender and Community Development

Social construction of gender; sociological theories on gender; sexual differentiation and sexuality; community gender analysis and gender analysis frameworks; gender concerns in community development; comparative studies on gender issues: production, property relations, class, social values, technology and development; mainstreaming gender in community development.

ASC 823: Methods and Techniques of Community Development

Methods and approaches in community development: directive and community driven approaches; Community-based participatory research (CBPR): Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA), Participatory Learning and Action (PLA), Participatory Action Research (PAR), Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA); Community capacity building; social capital development. [Ecological sustainable development](#); [asset-based community development](#); civil society based community development; community assessment and mobilization; communication of innovation; community dialogue.

JASC 824: Community Leadership and Organization

Concept of leadership; power, influence and authority; rationale and role of community leadership; Community leadership structures; styles and basis of leadership. Concept of

organization and organizational skills; leadership and group dynamics; leadership and governance; ethical considerations in leadership; challenges in community leadership; case studies in leadership.

ASC 825: Development and Management of Community Projects

Communities and their projects: Rationale; Identification of community projects; project and program management; project cycle; theories of project development and management: contingency, system, chaos, scientific method, classical theory, human relations and cultural theory. Viability, and risks in community projects; cost-benefit analysis, sustainability, scaling up and replication of community projects; project log frames; deliverables; monitoring and evaluation tools; impact assessment; challenges in project development; social and ethical audits.

ASC 826: Ethical and Legal Dimensions In Community Development

Ethics, morality and law. Basis and functions of law in society; ethics and community culture; mainstreaming ethical considerations in community development; Human rights approaches; accountability and justice; policy and legal instruments of community development; Challenges to legal and ethical

ASC 827: Resource Mobilization and Fund Raising

Concept of resources; types, nature and sources of community resources; resource mobilization and fundraising; leveraging of community resources; networking; development of social capital; utilization of resources; ethical issues and challenges in resource mobilization and fundraising; challenges in resource mobilization and fundraising.

ASC 828: Social Change and Community Development

Concepts, principles and ideals of social change; theories of social change; types, nature and sources of change in communities; community change management: planned and unplanned; Agents of social change; Community response to change; ethical dilemma in social change; Challenges in managing change at community level.

ASC 829: Conflict Management

Concepts of conflict resolution and management, peacemaking and peace building; origins, levels and types of conflict; conflict resolution and management approaches; creative response; conflict analysis and mapping; negotiation; mediation and arbitration; leadership in conflict management; networking and advocacy; peace management and institutional development; challenges in peace building, conflict resolution and management.

ASC 830: Social policy and planning

Conceptual and historical issues in social policy and planning; types and nature of social policy and planning; nexus between policy and planning; social policy and planning approaches and process; factors effecting social policy and planning; elements and dynamics of community planning and policy development; challenges in social policy development.

ASC831: Community Empowerment and Enterprise Development

Concepts in community empowerment and enterprise development; forms of empowerment: Social, economic and political; strategies of community empowerment: utilization of social capital, micro-enterprise development, IGAs, ROSCAS, cooperatives; types of enterprises;

enterprise development: business planning, appraisal, execution, monitoring and evaluation; risk management; business development services; enterprise financing: micro-financing models; legal and ethical issues in enterprise development and management.

PUC 801 Qualitative Research Methods

Philosophical Foundations of Qualitative and Quantitative Research; Interpretive, Positivism and Postmodernism; Qualitative Versus Quantitative Research (Single versus Multiple Realities); Need for Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches in Research; Qualitative Research Approaches – Ethnography, Phenomenology; Theoretical foundations; Qualitative Research Methods (Observation (Participant And Non Participant), In-Depth Unstructured Interviews, Focus Group Discussion, Case Studies, Panel Discussion and Community Interviews, Social Mapping, Trend Analysis, Narrative Method; Sampling In Qualitative Research; Skills and Techniques of Qualitative Data Collection and Recording (Interviewing, Note taking, Tape and Video Recording, Transcribing); Validity and Reliability Issues in Qualitative Research; Ethical Guidelines In Qualitative Research; Qualitative Data Analysis (Objectives of data analysis in qualitative research, Interim analysis: Memoing, Content Analysis, Thematic Coding and Analysis, Content/Discourse/Textual Analyses, Auto/Biography and Visual Methods); Quantitative Analysis of Qualitative Data; Qualitative Data Analysis Packages (Nvivo, NUDIST, Answer, **QDA Miner**, MAXQDA, ATLAS-TI); Qualitative Report Writing and Triangulation; Communicating and Dissemination Of Qualitative Findings.

ASC 832 Research Project (4 units)

6. PhD

APC 900: Research and Statistics in Social Sciences

APC 912: PhD (Sociology)