

Why do we study Sociology?



The Sociology Program prepares one for a lifetime of change by developing one's appreciation of diversity, love of learning, writing and study skills, and knowledge base about human behavior, social organization, culture, and social change. If you are the type of person who does not necessarily follow the crowds (but are fascinated by their behavior), the type who is truly interested in what is going on in the world, then sociology should interest you.

Sociology helps us look more objectively at our society and other societies. It directs attention to how the parts of society fit together and change, as well as makes us aware of the consequences of that social change. We are faced with an ever increasingly complex and rapidly changing social milieu in modern industrial-bureaucratic societies. A study of sociology provides the conceptual tools and methods for understanding the social milieu as it is expressed in:

- group attitudes,
- values,
- behaviors,
- political processes of workers,
- families,
- organizations,
- consumers, and
- governments.

By focusing on the external forces that affect attitudes, values, and behaviors, sociology helps us better understand ourselves and the motivations of others around us. While we are all creatures of the various groups, organizations, and governments in our environments, we are also their creators. Sociology provides the tools and skills we need to take a more active role in creating, participating in, managing, and advancing such groups.

The aim of this text is to familiarize students to introduce them the concept of the term Sociology and help them answer the questions –

1. Why do we study sociology?
2. What is the possible subject matter of sociology?

Task- Students are advised to read this text and answer the following questions in their own words in not more than 500 words.

Time 30 mins.