

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

DETAILS FOR UON 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

I. Introduction

The Department of Sociology was established as a full fledged department in the 1968/69 academic year, having initially operated as a sub-department of the Department of Economics. Since then, the Department has grown to become one of the largest department sin the Faculty of Arts and College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS). It hosts programmes from the fields of Sociology and Social Work; the later operates as a substantive academic programme of the department. Students intending to specialize in Social Work register with the Department in their first year. After successful completion of their first year courses, those intending to specialize in Social Work do so from their second year.

The Department of Sociology and Social Work has highly trained and reputable human resource with local and international exposure. Currently, the Department has a total full time staff size of 23 distributed as follows: 2 Full Professors; 7 Associate Professors; 3 Senior Lecturers; 10 Lecturers and 1 Assistant Lecturer. This pool of full time staff is assisted by 4 part time lecturers – to make an overall total of 27 staff. Of the 23 full time staff, 12 attained their doctorate degrees abroad while 7 attained the same locally.

II. Subject Matter of Sociology

At a macro level, sociology can be understood as a social science that specializes in studying the nature (forms) and functions of human societies. It is therefore, defined as a scientific study of human societies. Further, sociologists seek to explain how different groups within a society operate and relate with each other to form the social structure of the society. For example, sociologists study how families, schools, religious organizations, ethnic communities etc operate to form and sustain society. Sociologists are therefore, keen to explain the social organization of groups, communities and formal organizations (e.g. schools, factories, government departments, private companies, NGOs, etc.)

At a micro level, sociology can be understood as a science that attempts to understand and explain human behavior. As this level, Sociologists seek to understand why human beings behave the way they do and to uncover factors that determine human behavior – such as social situation, social structure, socialization, culture and socio-psychological characteristics.

Academic Programmes

The Department of Sociology offers its academic programmes under three different modules and at various levels. The three Modules are defined as follows.

- a) Module I: Refers to the Regular (day time) programme
- b) Module II: Refers to the Parallel (Evening) programme
- c) Module III: Refers to programmes offered via Distance Learning (DL) mode.

The academic programmes offered at different levels include:

1. Ordinary Diploma - Level programmes

The two diploma- level programmes offered are:

- a) Diploma in Social Work and Social Development
- b) Diploma in Criminology and Social Order.

The two diploma-level programmes take a minimum of 9 months and are offered under Module I and II programmes.

2. Undergraduate programmes

The two undergraduate programmes offered are:

- a) B.A . in Sociology
- b) B.A. in Social Work

These two programmes take between 3 and 4 years and are offered under Module I, II and III degree programs.

3. Post-Graduate Diploma in Sociology

This is a two-semester coursework based degree in Sociology. It is offered only as a Module II programme.

4. Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Sociology

The Department offers a two-year M.A> degree in Sociology in different clusters and hence awards M.A. degrees in Sociology within the following specific domains:

- M.A. in Sociology (General) – offered only in Module I (Regular) programme
- M.A. in Sociology (Advanced Disaster Management)
- M.A. in Sociology (Counselling)
- M.A. in Sociology (Criminology and Social Order)
- M.A. in Sociology (Labour Management Relations)
- M.A. in Sociology (Medical Sociology)
- M.A. in Sociology (Rural Sociology & Community Development)

Except for the M.A. in Sociology (General); that is offered in Module I, all other M.A> degree courses are offered under Module II (Parallel) programmes.

5. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

The Department offers a Ph.D. degree by research and thesis mode which takes a minimum of 3 years under Module I programme.

IV. Courses offered in the Department

The following is a list of all the courses offered in the Department under the three different modules at different levels.

Diploma in Criminology & Social Order

CSO 001	Introduction to Sociology & Anthropology
CSO 002	Introduction to Criminology
CSO 003	Methods of Social Investigation
CSO 005	The Rural and Urban Context of Crime
CSO 007	Penology
CSO/CSW 008	Counselling
CSO 009	Introduction to Law, Social Order
CSO 010	Introduction to Collective Behaviour
CSO 011	The Disciplinary Society
CSO 012	Introduction to Political Sociology
CSO 018	Research Paper/Fieldwork (2 units)

Diploma in Social Work and Social Development

CSW 011	Introduction to Methods of Principles of Social Work
CSW 016	Introduction to Community Development in Social Welfare
CSW 001	Field Practicum & Research Report
CSW 003	Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology
CSW 004	Basic Concepts in Community Org. & Action
CSW/CSW 009:	Counselling
CSW 006	Administration of Social Welfare Organizations
CSO 001	Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology
CSO 017	Introduction to Programme & Impact Assessment
CSO 018	Research Methods of Development

B.A. (Module I, II and III)

SOCIOLOGY UNITS	
LEVEL I	
CSO 101	Introduction to Sociology
CSO 102	Introduction to Anthropology
CSO 103	Introduction to Comparative Sociology
CSO 104	The Socialization Process
LEVEL II	
CSO 201	Sociological Theory

CSO 202	Quantitative Research Methods
CSO 204	Social Statistics I
CSO 206	Rural Sociology
LEVEL III	
CSO 301	Sociological Theory II
CSO 302	Quantitative Research Methods
CSO 303	Social Change and Development
CSO 304	Formal Organisations
CSO 306	Urban Social Structures
CSO 307	Criminology
CSO 308	Social Statistics II
CSO 309	Political Sociology
CSO 310	Demography
CSO 311	
CSO 312	Medical Sociology
CSO 313	Community Development and Social Welfare
LEVEL IV	
CSO 401	Sociology of Human Services and Delivery Systems
CSO 403	Sociology of Knowledge
CSO 404	Sociology of Development
CSO 405	Sociology of Work and Industry
CSO 406	Health and Community
CSO 407	Economy and Sociology
CSO 408	Collective Behaviour and Social Movements
CSO 409	Ecology and Society
CSO 410	Law and Society
CSO 411	Philosophy of Social Sciences
CSO 412	Sociology of Mass Communication
CSO 413	Social Planning in Developing Countries

B.A. (Modules I and II)

Social Work Units	
Level I	
CSO 101	Introduction to Sociology
CSO 102	Introduction to Anthropology
CSO 103	Introduction to Comparative Sociology
CSO 104	The Socialization Process
LEVEL II	
CSO 201	Sociological Theory
CSO 202	Quantitative Research Methods

CSO 204	Social Statistics I
CSO 205	Sociology of the Family
CSO 206	Rural Sociology
CSO 209	Sociology of Deviant Behaviour
CSO 210	Social Sociology
CSW 200	Human Growth and Development
CSW 202	Social Work Methods
CSW 203	Community Development
CSW 204	Social work Theory and Practice
LEVEL III	
CSO 302	Qualitative Research Methods
CSO 313	Community Development and Social Welfare
CSW 301	Environment and Social Development
CSW 300	Social Policy and Administration
CSW 302	Family and Child Welfare
CSW 304	Social Change and Development
CSW 305	Personnel Management in Human Service Agencies
CSW 306	Evaluative Research
CSW 307	Human Relations
CSW 310	Community Organization and Action
CSW 311	Social Work and Social Ethics
CSW 312	Social Deviation and Rehabilitation I
	Plus field work practice at the end of the year
LEVEL IV	
CSO 413	Social Planning in Developing Countries
CSW 400	Gender and Development
CSW 401	Adolescence
CSW 402	Population and Development
CSW 404	Urbanization
CSW 405	Social Work Theory and Practice
CSW 406	Counselling
CSO 407	Formal Organization and Behaviour
CSW 408	Health and Community
CSW 409	Gerontology
CSW 411	Social Law
CSW 412	Social Psychiatry
CSW 403	Dissertation/Project Paper
M.A. REGULAR COURSE UNIT	
CSO 522	Advanced Sociological Theory
CSO 551	Demography
CSO 552	Criminology
CSO 553	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods &

	Statistics
CSO 532	Advanced Social Change
CSO 509	Advanced Rural Sociology
CSO 559	M.A. Thesis
M.A. PARALLEL COURSE UNITS	
CSO 501	Contemporary Sociological Theory
CSO 513	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods
CSO 514	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
CSO 516	Advanced Social Statistics
CSO 504	The Disciplinary Society
CSO 506	Socialization Theories
CSO 507	Conflict Theory
CSO 510	Proposal Writing and Fundraising
CSO 512	Attitude Measurement & Behaviour Change
CSO 515	Current Research Methods for Rural Development
CSO 520	Community Organization and Action
CSO 524	Social Change in East Africa
CSO 528	Comparative International Development
CSO 529	Problems of Urbanization in Development Countries
CSO 530	Africa's Development Problems
CSO 531	Social Planning in Developing Countries
CSO 533	Population Studies and Demography
CSO 534	Gender and Society
CSO 537	Sociology of Adolescence
CSO 538	Culture and Identity
CSO 539	Advanced Medical Sociology
CSO 540	Formal Organizations
CSO 541	Social Psychology
CSO 543	Rural Societies
CSO 544	Community Organization & Action
CSO 545	Social Evaluation of Programmes
CSO 547	Education Psychology & Extension
CSO 548	Rural Industrialization
CSO 549	Programme Planning and Administration in Community
CSO 554	Investment Human Resources
CSO 555	Industrial Organizational Behaviour
CSO 557	Labour and Industry
CSO 558	Small and Medium Enterprises Development
CSO 560	The Entrepreneurial Ethics
CSO 561	Sociology of Work Redesign
CSO 562	Automation and Society
CSO 563	Comparative Industrialization in Developing Countries

CSO 566	Comparative Entrepreneurship
CSO 567	Sociology of Personnel Management
CSO 568	Labour Law and Public Policy
CSO 569	Occupational Safety & Health
CSO 570	Trade Union Organization
CSO 572	Collective Bargaining in Developing Countries
CSO 573	Collective Bargaining in Africa
CSO 575	Sociology of Mass Communication
CSO 578	Theories of Crime and Deviance
CSO 579	Penology
CSO 580	Law, Society and Public Policy
CSO 581	Applied Research Techniques in Crime
CSO 587	Emergency Toolkit Laboratory
CSO 588	Disaster Policy Analysis
CSO 589	Advanced Training Techniques
CSO 590	Emergency and Contingency Planning Techniques
CSO 591	Contingency and Disaster Recovery Strategies
CSO 593	Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
CSO 594	Principles of Counselling
CSO 595	Natural and Technological Hazards
CSO 596	Environment and Development
CSO 598	Comparative Emergency in Management
CSO 600	Collective Behaviour & Social Movement
CSO 605	Consumer Behaviour
CSO 611	Health Care Systems in Developing Countries
CSO 612	Health Planning & Administration
CSO 613	Health and Social Change
CSO 614	Sociology of Health and Illness
CSO 615	Sexuality, Gender and Health
CSO 698	M.A. Project

Degree Structure and Duration

The curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts degree consists of 44 units. Each course shall extend for 45 hours.

There shall be four types of degree structure:

- a) 3.3.2.2
- b) 3.3.1.1.
- c) 3.3.3.3
- d) 3.1.1.1 (Social Work Only)

Ph.D in Sociology

Entry Requirements

MA in the area of sociology or its equivalent.

Degree Structure and Duration

A doctoral degree is done by research and thesis only and takes a minimum period of three years.

V. STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR 2011/2012

The following table provides estimates of the number of students enrolled in the Department under different modules and levels:

Programmes	Module I	Module II	Module III	Total
Dip. In Social Work and Social Development	-	100	-	100
Dep. In Criminology & Social Order	-	100	-	100
B.A. in Sociology	2,800	1,500	150	4,450
Postgraduate Diploma	-	10	-	10
M.A.	10	-	-	10
M.A.	-	580	-	580
Total	2,810	2,290	150	5,520

VI International Student Component

To date, the Department has one active international link through which we exchange students with the following international institutions:

- a) Volda College, Norway. The link was established in 2004. Through it, the Department sends at least 2 Social Work students who are fully sponsored by the Norwegian government to study for a B.A. in Social Work at Volda.
- b) Loyola University College, Chicago, USA: Starting 2009, the Department established a link with Loyola. Through the link, the Department has offered institutional affiliation to two Ph.D. STUDENTS FROM Loyola who are doing their preliminary preparations for their doctoral research in Kenya.

- c) Coppin State University, USA: Provides Research, Academic/student Exchange, cultural and educational opportunities for mutual benefit.

VII International Links and Collaboration

University of Washington, USA: Since early 2009, the Department is currently hosting a Fulbright Scholar from the University of Washington, USA who will be with us for two years. The Scholar is expected to assist in teaching.

VII Publications/Consultancies

Individual faculty put their own initiative to seek and access research funds and consultancies locally and internationally. The Department is therefore, continuously engaged in research and consultancies. In terms of output, individual faculty compile research reports, write book chapters as well as publish articles in refereed journals. Indeed, the Department is the host of the African Journal of Sociology (AJS) whose latest issue is Vol. VI, Number 1, 2008. Details of individual lecturers' recent research and consultancy outputs are accessible in the UON website. However, the following is a sample of the lecturers' research output.

VIII Publications and Book Chapters

P. Chitere and R. Mutiso, eds. 2001 Working with Rural Communities. A Participatory Action Research in Kenya, 2nd ed. University of Nairobi Press, Nairobi

Ocharo, R.M. 2011: The Aging in Rural Kenya and the Process of Social Isolation. In Chitere O.P. and Mutiso R. (Eds.) Working with Rural Communities: Participatory Action Research in Kenya. 2nd Edition: University of Nairobi Press. Pp. 540 – 358.

Conferences/Seminars

P. Chitere – ACET 7- 8 December 2011, African Centre of Excellence for Studies in Public and non Motorized Transport Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa.

P. Chitere - SATL – June (15-19) South African Transport Conference, Pretoria. Presented Paper entitled: "Routes and Termini for Paratransit transport in Nairobi."

Ocharo R.M. 2012 - Curriculum Develop workshop to develop curriculum in leadership in disaster response and management on 23-25th Jan. 2012 at AMREF International Training Centre, Nairobi

Ocharo, R.M. 2011: Attended a symposium in Enhancing Peace and Security in Eastern African Region held on the 29th July 2011 at the International Peace Support Training Centre, Nairobi – Kenya.

Research

Ocharo, R.M. 2011: Team Member in the Baseline Survey on food Water and Nutritional security in Kitui West Constituency. Commission by National Council of Science and Technology.

Community Service

Chitere, O.P. - Prepared Policy on Community Development Paper, DASD, Nairobi.

Media Commentaries

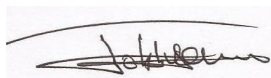
Ocharo, R.M. - 31.0.2012 : Talk on Opinion poll - KTN

Ocharo, R.M. - Breakfast talk on Disaster Risk Reduction – NTV

IX Number of 2011 Graduands

The following graduated with the specified award as indicated from the Department during the 2011 graduation.

Programmes	No. of Graduands
Dip. In Social Work and Social Development	90
Dip in Criminology and Social Order	62
B.A. in Social Work	71
B.A. in Sociology (major)	98
M.A.	68



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