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## THIRD-YEAR OF BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR SOCIOLOGY REVISED SYLLABUS ACCORDING TO CBCS NEP2020

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COURSE TITLE: QUALITATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH  
SEMESTER - VI, W.E.F. 2025-2026

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN SOCIOLOGY  
AND**

**APPROVED BY THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

Devrukh Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's

Nya. Tatyasaheb Athalye Arts, Ved. S. R. Sapre Commerce and  
Vid. Dadasaheb Pitre Science College (Autonomous), Devrukh.  
Tal. Sangmeshwar, Dist. Ratnagiri-415804, Maharashtra, India

Academic Council Item No: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Name of the Implementing Institute            | : | Nya. Tatyasaheb Athalye Arts, Ved. S. R. Sapre Commerce and Vid. Dadasaheb Pitre Science College (Autonomous), Devrukh. Tal. Sangmeshwar, Dist. Ratnagiri - 415804, |
| Name of the Parent University                 | : | University of Mumbai                                                                                                                                                |
| Name of the Programme                         | : | Bachelor of Arts                                                                                                                                                    |
| Name of the Department                        | : | Sociology                                                                                                                                                           |
| Name of the Class                             | : | Third Year                                                                                                                                                          |
| Semester                                      | : | Six                                                                                                                                                                 |
| No. of Credits                                | : | 04                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Title of the Course                           | : | Qualitative Social Research                                                                                                                                         |
| Course Code                                   | : | A309SOT                                                                                                                                                             |
| Name of the Vertical in adherence to NEP 2020 | : | Major                                                                                                                                                               |
| Eligibility for Admission                     | : | Any SYBA Pass seeking Admission to Degree Programme in adherence to Rules and Regulations of the University of Mumbai and Government of Maharashtra                 |
| Passing Marks                                 | : | 40%                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Mode of Assessment                            | : | Formative and Summative                                                                                                                                             |
| Level                                         | : | UG                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Pattern of Marks Distribution for TE and CIA  | : | 60:40                                                                                                                                                               |
| Status                                        | : | NEP-CBCS                                                                                                                                                            |
| To be implemented from Academic Year          | : | 2025-2026                                                                                                                                                           |
| Ordinances /Regulations (if any)              |   |                                                                                                                                                                     |

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## **Syllabus for Third Year of Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**

**(With effect from the academic year 2025-2026)**

**SEMESTER - VI**

**Paper No. III**

**Course Title: Qualitative Social Research**

**No. of Credits - 04**

**Type of Vertical: Major**

**COURSE CODE: A309SOT**

**Learning Outcomes Based on BLOOM's Taxonomy:**

| <b>Course Learning Outcome No.</b> | <b>Blooms Taxonomy</b> | <b>Course Learning Outcome</b>                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CO - 01</b>                     | Remember               | To know the qualitative data and processing                                                         |
| <b>CO - 02</b>                     | Understand             | To understand Social Research in Qualitative Methods                                                |
| <b>CO - 03</b>                     | Apply                  | To provide students with an orientation to Qualitative Social Research                              |
| <b>CO - 04</b>                     | Analyze                | To acquaint students with the important concepts, techniques and processes in qualitative research. |

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| COURSE CONTENT |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |           |                 |
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| Module No.     | Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Credits   | No. of Lectures |
| 1              | <b>Unit I - Qualitative Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualitative Research: Nature, characteristics, significance and critique</li> <li>Preoccupations of qualitative researchers</li> <li>Theoretical considerations - Interpretivism</li> </ul> | 01        | 15              |
| 2              | <b>Unit II - Process of Qualitative Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinction between qualitative and quantitative research</li> <li>Process in Qualitative Research</li> <li>Reliability and Validity in Qualitative research</li> </ul>         | 01        | 15              |
| 3              | <b>Unit III - Qualitative approaches to enquiry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observation</li> <li>Ethnography</li> <li>Case study</li> </ul>                                                                                                              | 01        | 15              |
| 4              | <b>Unit IV - Methods and Techniques of data collection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview: Unstructured, Semi-structured, In-depth</li> <li>Focus Group discussion</li> <li>Conversation and Discourse analysis</li> </ul>                            | 01        | 15              |
|                | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>04</b> | <b>60</b>       |

### **Required Previous Knowledge:**

Basic Knowledge of Social Research and its concepts are necessary before starting to learn the course.

### **Access to the Course:**

The course is available for all the students admitted for Bachelor of Arts as a Major. The students seeking admission in other disciplines may select the course as a minor considering the terms and conditions laid down by the University of Mumbai, the Government of Maharashtra, and the college, from time to time.

### **Methods of Assessment:**

The assessment pattern would be 60:40, 60% for Semester End Examination (SEE) and 40% for Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIA). The structure of the SEE and CIA would be as recommended by the Board of Studies and approved by the Board of Examination and the Academic Council of the college.

- **References:**

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- Cresswell, J. W. (2007) 'Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design- Choosing among five approaches' Sage Publication: New Delhi
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- Gibbs Graham (2007), 'Analyzing Qualitative Research', The Sage Qualitative Research Kit, Sage Publications.
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- Uwe Flick (2007), 'Designing Qualitative Research', The Sage Qualitative Research Kit, Sage Publications.
- Uwe Flick (2007), 'Managing Quality in Qualitative Research', The Sage Qualitative Research Kit, Sage Publications.

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- **Web resources:**

- <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/social-research>
- <https://www.questionpro.com/blog/social-research/>
- [https://pria-academy.org/pdf/ippr/IPPR\\_U-1\\_Understanding%20Social%20Research.pdf](https://pria-academy.org/pdf/ippr/IPPR_U-1_Understanding%20Social%20Research.pdf)
- [https://jiwaji.edu/pdf/ecourse/political\\_science/MBA\\_HRD\\_203\\_Research\\_Methodology.pdf](https://jiwaji.edu/pdf/ecourse/political_science/MBA_HRD_203_Research_Methodology.pdf)

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