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Course Number and Name

SOCE 102 Sri Lanka Society

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to use basic concepts in Sociology and Social Anthropology for analyzing society and related social issues in Sri Lanka society.

Course Contents

The conceptual and methodological framework for understanding Sri Lanka society; geographical and historical background; social history in pre-colonial, colonial and postcolonial periods; population and demographic transition; kinship, marriage, family and gender; decent and inheritance; Dravidian kinship terminology; religion: Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam; pattern of social inequality: caste, class, gender and ethnicity; the role of Sri Lanka as a welfare society and protest and change in modern Sri Lanka.

Assessment Strategy

- i. Time of Assessment End of the Year
- ii. Assessment Method Written examination Assigned Percentage of Marks for each Component – 100%

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