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Proposed Class Schedule for Ph.D. Coursework in Sociology (Academic Session 2026–2027)

Date	Day	Time	Faculty	Paper	Topic to be Covered
04 August 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I: Methodological Perspectives and Techniques of Social Research	Unit I: Constructivism; Realism and Critical Inquiry; Paradigms in Social Research
06 August 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II: Discipline Specific Advanced Level Course	Unit I: Feminist Perspectives and Contemporary Sociological Theories; Comparative Assessment of Contemporary Thinkers
11 August 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit I: Quantitative–Qualitative Debate; Mixed Methods Research; Methodological Pluralism
13 August 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit II: Approaches to the Study of Indian Society—Indological and Structural-Functional Approaches
18 August 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit II: Relationship between Theory and Research; Distinctiveness of Social Research;



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					Debate on Value Neutrality
20 August 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit II: Marxian, Oriental, Civilizational and Subaltern Approaches to Indian Society
25 August 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit II: Steps in Social Research; Research Design; Types of Research Design
27 August 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit III: Contemporary Indian Society—Major Issues, Emerging Challenges and the Way Forward

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01 September 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I: Methodological Perspectives and Techniques of Social Research	Unit II: Hypothesis – Meaning, Types and Formulation; Measurement, Reliability and Validity
03 September 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II: Discipline Specific Advanced Level Course	Unit III: Contemporary Indian Society – Globalization, Liberalization, Social Exclusion and



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					Developmental Challenges
08 September 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit II: Sampling – Probability and Non-Probability Sampling; Sampling Design and Sampling Errors
10 September 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit III: Contemporary Indian Society – Caste, Class, Gender, Identity and Emerging Social Issues
15 September 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit III: Types of Data; Methods of Data Collection – Observation, Interview and Questionnaire
17 September 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit IV: Classical Social Movements – Peasant, Labour and National Movements
22 September 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit III: Tools and Techniques of Data Collection; Schedule, Focus Group Discussion, Case Study and



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					Content Analysis
24 September 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit IV: New Social Movements – Environmental, Women's, Dalit, Tribal and Identity Movements
29 September 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit III: Data Processing, Coding, Tabulation and Introduction to Data Analysis (Quantitative and Qualitative)

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01 October 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit IV: Social Policies in India—Concept, Evolution of Welfare State and Contemporary Policy Framework
06 October 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit IV: Report Writing—Structure of Research Report, Referencing Styles and Academic Writing
08 October 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Unit IV: Social Policy, Social Justice and Inclusive Development



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13 October 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Unit IV: Ethics in Social Research—Informed Consent, Confidentiality, Plagiarism and Research Integrity
15 October 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Revision: Social Movements, Social Policies and Contemporary Issues
27 October 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Comprehensive Revision: Epistemology, Research Design, Data Collection, Data Analysis, Report Writing and Ethics
29 October 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Comprehensive Revision and Question Discussion: Entire Discipline-Specific Syllabus

Date	Day	Time	Faculty	Paper	Topic to be Covered
03 November 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Advanced Discussion on Epistemological Paradigms and Contemporary Methodological Debates
05 November 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Seminar on Contemporary Sociological Theory
10 November	Tuesday	11:30 AM –	Dr. Srabanti	Paper	Workshop on Research Design and Preparation of



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2026		2:00 PM	Choudhuri	I	Ph.D. Research Proposals
12 November 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Student Seminar: Approaches to the Study of Indian Society
17 November 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Practical Session: Questionnaire Design, Interview Schedule and Sampling Framework
19 November 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Seminar: Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Indian Society
24 November 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Research Ethics, Academic Integrity, Citation Management and Avoiding Plagiarism
26 November 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Student Presentations on Social Movements and Social Policy

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01 December 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Comprehensive Revision: Unit I & Unit II



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03 December 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Comprehensive Revision: Unit I & Unit II
08 December 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Comprehensive Revision: Unit III & Unit IV
10 December 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Comprehensive Revision: Unit III & Unit IV
15 December 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Mock Test Discussion, Research Methodology Problem Solving and Viva Preparation
17 December 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Mock Test Discussion, Theory Integration and Contemporary Debates
22 December 2026	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Evaluation of Student Research Proposals and Individual Feedback
24 December 2026	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Open Colloquium and Course Wrap-up; Preparation for End- Semester Examination



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05 January 2027	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Workshop on Preparing Ph.D. Research Proposals: Identification of Research Problems, Objectives and Research Questions
07 January 2027	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Advanced Seminar: Contemporary Trends in Sociological Theory and Indian Sociology
12 January 2027	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Student Presentation and Discussion on Research Design and Methodology
14 January 2027	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Student Seminar on Contemporary Indian Society and Social Movements
19 January 2027	Tuesday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Paper I	Practical Session on Research Ethics, Referencing, Citation Management and Academic Writing
21 January 2027	Thursday	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Kumkum Sarkar	Paper II	Integrative Discussion: Linking Theory with Contemporary Social Issues
26 January 2027	Tuesday	No Class	—	—	Republic Day (National Holiday)
28 January	Thursday	11:30 AM –	Dr. Kumkum	Paper	Comprehensive Course Review, Interaction with Scholars and



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2027		2:00 PM	Sarkar	II	Preparation for End-Semester Evaluation