

Nepal Open University  
**Faculty of Social Sciences and Education**

BA Program

**1. Introduction**

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a four-year program of Nepal Open University. This program aims at providing theoretical and conceptual knowledge in conjunction with practical implications, maintaining the core ethos of humanities and social sciences at its heart. The program encapsulates the wider territory of social sciences and humanities that stretch across different disciplines. While preparing the learners for further educational degrees, the program promotes the learners to observe, visualize and analyze the social phenomena, in align with various theoretical conjunctures, and encourages in exploring the researchable issues and areas, densely or sparsely, occupied in the particular domain. Since the program is the university entry level program, the whole program familiarizes the learners into a new world of their interest that stretches to the further degrees.

**2. Objectives**

The program has the following general objectives:

- i. To introduce students to the existing social and human values, establishing a solid foundation for the study of society and human beings;
- ii. To familiarize students with a broad, comprehensive and multi-dimensional knowledge and world-views in the concerned field;
- iii. To acquaint and enhance the basic disciplinary knowledge and skills to the students;
- iv. To equip students with analytical skills that will enable them to bring positive changes in the society, be it leading development projects or emancipating fellow beings from different kinds of bondages;
- v. To incorporate the contemporary issues in the particular discipline, and;
- vi. To prepare the learners for further study and further degrees.

**3. Scope and Career Prospects**

Social sciences and humanities are the field that are immediately associated with human beings, their qualities and societies. This is why, the larger scope of this field extends beyond the classroom, into the human society, culture, philosophy, economic system, politics, polity and so on. Because of such wider scope, the social science and humanities graduates fit in several work stations. Practically research oriented course certainly multiplies the chances of being employed in several sectors like educational institutions, research, colleges, universities, schools, NGO/ INGOs, civil service, private organizations, cultural organizations, and so on. They may even work as a free-lancer. Some of them may be social activists, writers, editors, supervisors, consultants, and even journalists. We also produce political leaders, social engineers and freedom fighters.

**4. Eligibility**

To be enrolled in the BA program, each prospective student should have passed secondary level education or intermediate level (I.A) or equivalent degree from TU or any board/ Institution/ University, securing at least D+ grade, recognized by NOU from any stream. Students are free to choose any subjects in BA irrespective of their plus two backgrounds.

**5. Course Structure**

**Semester I**

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Compulsory	Nepali I		3
Sociology	Major	Introduction to Sociology	Classical Sociological Theories	3+3
English	Major	An Introduction to English Studies	History of English Literature	3+3
Economics	Major	Micro Economics I	Macro Economics I	3+3
Nepali	Major	भाषाविज्ञान र नेपाली भाषा	नेपाली कविता र काव्य	3+3

**Semester II**

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Compulsory	Nepali II		3
Sociology	Major	Research Methods in Sociology	Theories of Social Change and Development	3+3
English	Major	Prose	Poetry	3+3
Economics	Major	Micro Economics II	Macro Economics II	3+3
Nepali	Major	नेपाली नाटक र निबन्ध	आधुनिक नेपाली कथा	3+3

**Semester III**

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Compulsory	English I		3
Sociology	Major	Social Stratification	Social Institution and Processes	3+3
English	Major	Drama	Literary Stylistics	3+3
Economics	Major	Mathematics for Economics I	Development Economics and Planning I	3+3
Nepali	Major	पूर्वीय र पश्चात्य साहित्य सिद्धान्त	पूर्वआधुनिक नेपाली साहित्य र लोकवार्ता	3+3

**Semester IV**

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Compulsory	English II		3
Sociology	Major	Political Sociology	Sociology of Capitalism	3+3
English	Major	Creative Writing	Film and Society	3+3
Economics	Major	Mathematics for Economics II	Development Economics and Planning II	3+3
Nepali	Major	आधुनिक नेपाली उपन्यास	उत्तरवर्ती नेपाली साहित्य	3+3

**Semester V**

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Compulsory	English III		3
Sociology	Major	Sociology of Law	Economic Sociology	3+3
English	Major	Nepali Literature in English	Professional Communication	3+3

Economics	Major	Monetary Economics	Public Finance I	3+3
Nepali	Major	नेपाली साहित्यको इतिहास र नेपाली समालोचना	प्रयोजनपरक/कार्यमूलक नेपाली	3+3

### Semester VI

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Compulsory	English IV		3
Sociology	Major	Democracy, Diversity and Inequality	Sociology of Gender	3+3
English	Major	Masculinity Studies	History of English Language	3+3
Economics	Major	International Trade	Public Finance II	3+3
Nepali	Major	अन्तर्विषयक अध्ययन	सम्पादन र पत्रकारिता	3+3

### Semester VII

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Elective 1			3
Sociology	Major	Sociology of Environment	Sociology of Health	3+3
English	Major	Translation Studies	Applying Literary Theory	3+3
Economics	Major	Monetary System and Banking in Nepal	Financial Economics	3+3
Nepali	Major	विशेष अध्ययन	सिर्जनात्मक लेखन र वाक्कला	3+3

### Semester VIII

Subject	Nature	Course 1	Course 2	Credits
	Elective 2			3
Sociology	Major	Industrial Sociology	Sociology of Knowledge	3+3
English	Major	Research Writing	Research for English Studies	3+3
Economics	Major	Contemporary Nepalese Economy	Independent Study	3+3
Nepali	Major	शोधविधि	शोधपत्र लेखन	3+3

(These above-mentioned courses are proposed courses, and the Subject Committee and the Academic Council may bring changes as per the requirements.)

## 6. Teaching-Learning Strategies

The teaching-learning strategy will be based on learner-centric and skills based. Individual pace of learning and collaborative learning both will be equally emphasized. For this, both online and offline approaches will be adopted through TEAMS/Skype and MOODLE (Learning management system: LMS). In both of the modes (online and offline), teaching, learning, researching and assessing activities will be administered and transmitted through these means of delivery. This platform (MOODLE) can be used in both synchronized and a-synchronized modes. All course facilitators will have to work on this LMS platform and students will have access to MOODLE for learning. TEAMS will be used for online course delivery at learners' appropriate time. If any advance and applicable means of education will be available, that will be adopted in the course delivery. However, fixed time schedule (evening time in Nepali context) will be arranged for regular

online classes where tutor's course delivery, learners' presentation, interaction, sharing sessions will be conducted.

## 7. *Evaluation Criteria*

Internal Evaluation = 40% (In semester Examination: presentation, quiz, wiki, discussion forum, assignment, etc)

External Evaluation = 60% (Semester End Examination)

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>GPA</i>	<i>Marks in Percentage</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A	4	90 and above	Outstanding
A-	3.7	80 to <90	Excellent
B+	3.3	70 to <80	Very Good
B	3	60 to <70	Good
B-	2.7	50 to <60	Satisfactory
C+	2.4	40 to < 50	Pass
F	Below 2.4	Below 40	Fail

## 8. *More Details:*

<b>Total Years</b>	: 4
<b>Total Semesters</b>	: 8
<b>Total Credits</b>	: 120 (40 courses * 3 Credits)
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	: NRs.600 per credit
<b>Total Tuition Fee</b>	: NRs. 72000/- (of all semesters)
<b>Examination Fee</b>	: NRs. 2000/- (Per Semester Examination)
<b>Name Registration</b>	: NRs. 2000/- (Just Once)
<b>Admission</b>	: NRs. 2000/- (Just Once)
<b>Library Fee</b>	: NRs. 1500/- (Once a Year)
<b>Entrance Fee</b>	: NRs. 1000/-

## 9. *Entrance Examination Pattern:*

Students will be selected based on the Merit List prepared after Entrance Examination. Students will be chosen based on their oral performances and their earlier qualification. Examination Committee will take virtual interview of the candidates. A separate check-list will be prepared based on the performance in the earlier degree, providing certain number to the achieved degree (for instance: 5 marks for first division in 10+2 or IA, 4 marks for second division, and so on). Combining the interview marks and the qualification check-list, eligible students' list will be published on the Web of the University.

[If you like to know more about the program and the course, feel free and easy to ring the faculty desk, or email to the given email.]