

**12(A) Social Demography (2 Credits)  
and (B) Indian Diaspora (2 Credits)  
12A: Social Demography**

**Course Credits: 2**

**Hours: 30**

**Course Description:** Social Demography uses a sociological perspective to study the population, its size, structure, characteristics and the demographic processes. It enables the students to explore the interrelationship between social demography and social institutions.

**Objectives:** This course is intended to enable the students to:

- understand the significance of social demography and its basic concepts
- know about the population dynamics in India

**Unit I: Social Demography** **10 Hours**

- a) Characteristics of the population: Size, structure and composition
- b) Demographic processes
- c) Population policies

**Unit II: Theoretical Perspectives** **10 Hours**

- a) Pre-Malthusian theories
- b) Malthusian theory
- c) Demographic transition

**Unit III: Population Processes** **10 Hours**

- a) Fertility and fecundity
- b) Mortality and morbidity
- c) Migration

**Readings**

Weeks, J. (2011). *Population: An introduction to concepts and issues*. California: Wadsworth Publishing Company.

Census of India Reports- (2011) at [www.censusindia.net](http://www.censusindia.net)

<http://www.chaf.lib.latrobe.edu.au/census/>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

**12B: Indian Diaspora**

**Course Credits: 2**

**Hours: 30**

**Course Description:**


The twenty-five million strong Indian Diaspora has become one of the largest and influential global communities today. This course introduces the students to the concept of Diaspora and the Indian Diaspora. It examines the construction of the Indian Diaspora and its representation in some forms of contemporary popular culture as well as at the interrelationship between India and her Diaspora today.

**Objectives:** This course is intended to enable the students to:

- learn about the Indian diaspora and its significance
- examine how this diaspora is represented in media

**Unit I: The Indian Diaspora** **12 Hours**

- a. Scope of the study of Indian diaspora
- b. Pre-colonial diaspora
- c. Colonisation and the Indian diaspora
- d. Indian diaspora in the post-independence era

  
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- e. Case studies on the Indian diaspora with an emphasis on socio-economic, cultural and linguistic profiles: The Indian Diaspora in Britain, Canada, Middle East, Trinidad, and Mauritius

**Unit II: Representation of the Indian Diaspora**

**12 Hours**

- a. Indian diaspora in cinema  
b. Indian diaspora in literature  
c. Indian diaspora on the Internet

**Unit III: India and the Indian Diaspora**

**06 Hours**

- a. Reciprocal relations between India and her diaspora  
b. Indian Foreign Policy in relation to her diaspora

**Readings**

Jayaram, N. (ed.). (2004). *The Indian diaspora: Dynamics of migration*. New Delhi: Sage.

Jayaram, N. (ed). (2011). *Diversities in the Indian diaspora: Nature, implications, responses*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Lahiri, J. (2003). *The Namesake*. Boston and New York: Mariner Books (Houghton Mifflin Company).

Sahoo, A. K. and Maharaj, B. (2007). *Sociology of Diaspora: A Reader*. India: Rawat Publications.

Uberoi, P. (2006). *Freedom and Destiny: Gender, Family and Popular Culture in India* (Chapter 6). New Delhi: Oxford University Press.



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