

# SOC 202: Nepalese Society and Politics

*Credit Hours: 3*  
*Lecture Hours: 48*

## **Course Objectives:**

The objective of this course provides general introduction of Nepal, its geography, natural resources, history, society, cultures, economy, politics and the governance of Nepal.

## **Course Description:**

After the completion of course the students will be able to understand Nepalese geography – climate and vegetation, understand history – society, religion and cultures, able to understand Nepalese economy and the problem of development, understand the political system – its development, and the governance system.

## **Course Details**

### **Unit 1: Introduction**

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- Origin of Nepal – Nepal as a sovereign country
- Geography – location
- Political history – Ancient period, Medieval period, Shah period Rana period
- Modern Nepal

### **Unit 2: People, Society and Culture in Nepal**

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- Demography – demographic composition of people
- Religion – Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Kirat, and Christianity, and Religious harmony
- Festivals of Nepal
- Cultural heritage of Nepal
- Languages and literatures of Nepal
- Migration – types, trend, opportunities and challenges
- Implications on Business, economy and work culture

### **Unit 3: Nepalese Economy**

**LH 10**

- Economy of Nepal – Planned economy and Mixed Economy, Nepal's status in HDI, World Development, and Poverty status
- Agricultural development – status, its contribution in national economy, challenges
- Secondary and tertiary sector development – status, its contribution to national economy, challenges
- Tourism in Nepal – scope and challenges
- Labour – employment status, domestic and foreign employment, challenges

### **Unit 4: Resources in Nepal**

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- Natural resources – Land of Nepal, Rivers and Lakes of Nepal
- Water resources and Bio-diversity
- Climate and vegetation of Nepal
- Human resources

## Unit 5: Political Development and governance in Nepal

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- Democracy
- Constitution and its development in Nepal
- Political parties and their roles
- Administrative division – central, sub-national and local administration
- Local self government – roles and functions of District Development Committee; Village Development Committee, Municipalities
- Nepal and international / regional organizations
- NGOs and INGOs in Nepal
- Implications in economy and Business

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