

# **Curriculum**

Masters of Social Science (MSS)

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**Department of Folklore**

**Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University**

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## Faculty of Social Sciences

### Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University

The Department of Folklore, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University offers the courses of Folklore under the academic administration of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The following courses of the Master of Social Science (MSS) Degree in Folklore will be offered during the period of one year.

#### 1. Program Name:

Masters of Social Science (MSS) in the Department of Folklore.

#### 2. Vision:

The vision of the department is to be a center for academic excellence through producing future leaders in the field of Folklore based on academic knowledge and research.

#### 3. Program Objectives:

The objectives of this program will be ensured to provide proper education to create good and skilled citizens on the basis of folk knowledge.

#### 4. Program structure:

Masters of Social Science (MSS) program shall be of 30 Credit and shall be evaluated on the basis of 1000 marks out of which 800 (24 Credit) marks shall be for 8 teaching course units, 100 (3 Credit) marks for Thesis writing and 100 (3 Credit) marks for Viva-Voce.

For 100 marks course, assigned credit is 3. Duration of written examination is 3 hours. There is a Viva-Voce examination carrying 100 marks at the end of the year. For 8 courses, 40 percent is for internal evaluation. All Courses are Compulsory.

The total number of credit hours of the Masters of Social Science (MSS) program shall be as follows:

Program duration	: 01 Year
Number of semesters	: 02
Total number of teaching courses	: 08

Credit per course		: 03
Credit hours for total courses	8×3	= 24 Credit hours
Credit hours for Thesis paper	1×3	= 03 Credit hours
Credit hours for oral examination (Viva-Voce)	1×3	= 03 Credit hours
<b>Total credit hours</b>		<b>= 30 Credit hours</b>

### 5. Marks distribution

Each course, theoretical or practical, irrespective of credit hours shall be evaluated on 100 marks for 3 credit hours basis for the convenience of assigning letter grade and grade point. The distribution of marks for a given course will be as follows:

Sl.No.	General Course/ Examination	Marks
1.	Class attendance	10
2.	Class test(Mid Term 1 and 2)	10+10=20
3.	Assignment	10
4.	Final examination	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

Sl.No.	Thesis Paper	Marks
1.	Thesis Writing	80
2.	Viva-voce	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### 6. Total marks and credit point distribution by year (two semesters)

Semester	Marks	Credithours
First Semester	500	15
Second Semester	500	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>30</b>

### 7. List of Courses for Study during the Masters of Social Science (MSS) Degree

<b>Masters of Social Science (MSS) First Semester</b>			
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Full marks</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
FL 501	Cultural Studies	100	3
FL 502	Folklore and Gender	100	3
FL 503	Folk Groups and Folklore Genes	100	3
FL 504	Comparative Folklore	100	3
FL 505	International Trend of Folklore	100	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Masters of Social Science (MSS) Second Semester</b>			
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Full marks</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>
FL 506	Cultural Heritage of Bangladesh	100	3
FL 507	Popular Culture and Applied Folklore	100	3
FL 508	Ethnomusicology	100	3
FL 509	Thesis	100	3
Viva- Voce		100	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total Marks =1000**

**Total Credit Hours =30**

# Department of Folklore

## Master of Social Science (MSS)

### First Semester

#### Course No: FL 501

#### Course Title: Cultural Studies

#### Objective

The objective of this course is to ensure better understanding toward the complex aspect of culture and also to focusing the different contexts in which it manifests. Therefore, this course will introduce students to the related terms, issues, debates, analytical techniques, and interpretive strategies. Its goal is to emphasize on interdisciplinary approaches and critical thinking to develop new knowledge on how culture is shaped by us and shaping us.

#### Course Outline

- A. Definition, area, scope, theories, and contemporary debates of cultural studies.
- B. Culture and society, social structure and its relation to culture studies.
- C. Perspectivess: Modernism; Post-Modernism; Colonialism; Post-Colonialism; Subaltern; Orientalism; Cultural transaction.
- D. Rabindranath Tagore; Arabinda Ghosh; Swami Vivekananda; Karl Marx; Max Weber; Antonio Gramsci; Michel Foucault; Jacques Derrida; Edward Said; Talal Asad; Chaitanya Dev; Lalon Sai; Araj ali Matubbar.

#### References

1. পারভেজ হোসেন (সম্পা.) : মিশেল ফুকো
2. Alan Bass (an introduction) : Jacques Derrida Writing and Difference
3. Antonio Gramsci : The prisoner's notebook
4. Claude Levi Strauss : The Scope of Anthropology
5. Do : The Structural Anthropology
6. C.W. Watson : Multiculturalism
7. Geoff Danaher and others : Understanding Foucault
8. J.C. Alexander and S. Seidman : Culture and Society Contemporary Debates
9. Jeremy Moss : The Later Foucault: Politics and Philosophy

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| 10. Joseph V. Femia    | : Gramsci's political thought                    |
| 11. Karl Marx          | : Communist Manifesto                            |
| 12. Paul Rabinow (Ed.) | : The Foucault                                   |
| 13. Max Weber          | : The protestant ethics and spirit of capitalism |
| 14. Michael Lane (Ed.) | : Structuralism A Reader                         |
| 15. Ziauddin Sardar    | : Orientalism                                    |

**Course No: FL 502**

**Course Title: Folklore and Gender**

**Objective**

Folklore and Gender is a course that aims to focus on the interrelations between gender and everyday life. It will introduce students to the informal cultural aspects of gender roles and ideologies from folkloric perspective and contextual approach. Training students to connect contemporary ideas and theories to informal communicating system, this course wants to produce skilled future folklorists to add valuable contribution to the growing body of folklore study as well as to gender scholarship.

**Course Outline**

- A. Introduction to Folklore and Gender: Informal culture and gender related roles, practices and ideologies; Patriarchy; Social and Cultural Construction of Masculinity and Femininity; Male Chauvinism; Importance of studying the relationship between Folklore and Gender.
- B. Theories and Concepts of gender studies.
- C. Representation of gender in folk literature and culture: Proverbs; Riddles; Rhymes; Legends; Myths; Folk Religion; Folk Art; Ritual; Festival; and digital folklore.
- D. Women's Folklore of Bengal Region: Arshi dheka; Chatu parab; Pitha parab; Vai-fonta; Shad vaksan; Korno chedon; Gaye halud; Shaai acar.
- E. Folklore, gender and environment; Social caste and racism; Power Relation and Gender Discourse.

**References**

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| ১. আনু মুহাম্মদ              | : নারী, পুরুষ ও সমাজ             |
| ২. আবুল হাসান চৌধুরী         | : বাংলা লোকসংগীতে নারী           |
| ৩. আলী রিয়াজ                | : বাংলাদেশের নারী                |
| ৪. নাজমুল ইসলাম খান (সম্পা.) | : জেগার, মিডিয়া এণ্ড জার্নালিজম |
| ৫. মল্লিকা সেনগুপ্ত          | : পুরুষ নয়, পুরুষতন্ত্র         |
| ৬. ঐ                         | : স্ত্রীলিঙ্গ নির্মাণ            |
| ৭. মিহির চৌধুরী কামিল্যা     | : বাংলার নারী সংস্কৃতি           |

৮. মোবাররা সিদ্দিকা : বাংলা লোকাখ্যানে জেগার : ঐতিহ্য ও পিতৃতান্ত্রিকতা  
 ৯. শাশ্বতী ঘোষ : অর্ধেক অর্থনীতি  
 ১০. শাহীন রহমান : জেগার প্রসঙ্গ  
 ১১. সুমিত্রা চক্রবর্তী : ফোকলোর ও জেগার : লোকঐতিহ্যে পিতৃতন্ত্র ও নারীর স্বতন্ত্র স্বর  
 ১২. সমুদ্র চক্রবর্তী : অন্তরে অন্তরে: উনিশ শতকে বাঙালি ভদ্রমহিলা  
 ১৩. সেলিনা হোসেন ও মাসুদুজ্জামান : জেগার বিশ্বকোষ (১ম ও ২য় খণ্ড)  
 ১৪. সেলিনা হোসেন ও অন্যান্য সম্পা. : সাহিত্যে নারীর জীবন ও পরিসর  
 ১৫. হুমায়ূন আজাদ : নারী  
 16. Cohen, S. D. : Women and Discourse in the Fiction of Narguerite Duras.  
 17. R.W. Connell : Gender  
 18. Nalini Visvanathan : The women, gender and Development Reader  
 19. George H. Schoemaker (Ed.): The Emergence of Folklore in Everyday life  
 20. Susan Tower Holis, Linda Pershing and Jang Yong (Ed.): Feminist Theory and the study of folklore

**Course No: FL 503**

**Course Title: Folk Groups and Folklore Genres**

**Objective**

This course is designed to introduce the versatile and complex feature of folklore from an advance level. The aim of it is to reflect a broad range of ideas, issues, and perspectives in contemporary folklore studies. It will also assist students to develop their own way of observing, describing, analyzing, and understanding folklore.

**Course Outline**

- A. Folk Groups: Definition of Folk; Nature of folk group; Folk life; Various Social groups; Versatile experiences; Versatile Interaction; temporary folk groups; Individual as multiple folk; Lore of a group.
- B. Folklore Genres: Family Folklore; Children's Folklore; Occupational Folklore; Ethnic Folklore; Regional Folklore; Women's Folklore; Religious Folklore; Contemporary Folklore; Public Folklore; Digital Folklore; Oral Folklore; Foodways; Material Folk Culture.

## References

1. Alan Dundes : Interpreting Folklore
2. Dan Ben-Amos (Ed.) : Folklore Genres
3. Elliot Oring (Ed.) : Folk groups and Folklore genres An introduction
4. Elliot Oring (Ed.) : Folk groups and Folklore genres A Reader
5. George H. Schoemaker (Ed.) : The Emergence of Folklore in Everyday life
6. Jan Harold Brunvand : The Study of American Folklore
7. Lauri Honko (Ed.) : Thick Corpus, Organic variation and Textuality in Oral tradition :
8. Michael Jones : People Studying people
9. Robert A. Georges & Michael Owen Jones: Folkloristics – An Introduction
10. Richard M. Dorson (Ed.) : Folklore and Folklife An Introduction
11. Simon J. Bronner : The Oxford Handbook of American Folklore and Folklife
12. T. J. Blank : Folk Culture in the Digital age

**Course No: FL 504**  
**Course Title: Comparative Folklore**

## Objective

This course aims to explore the cross-cultural aspects of folklore of this world. On this purpose, it will focus both on the core and the distinctive form of human's informal culture. Attaining this course will help students to develop an ability to compare, connect, analyze, and interpret the tangible and intangible dispositions of world's folklore.

## Course Outline

Critical discussion and comparison of proverbs, riddles, rhymes, narratives, deities, festivals, rituals, folk beliefs, superstitions, dance, music, food habits and other folkloric aspects of Bangladesh, South Asia, South East Asia, Scandinavia, Germany, UK, and USA.

## References

১. ওয়াকিল আহমদ : বাংলার লোকসংস্কৃতি
২. মো: আকতার হোসেন : বাংলাদেশের লোক সংস্কৃতি
3. Alexander Haggerty Krappe : The Science of Folklore
4. Jan Harold Brunvand : The study of American folklore an Introduction
5. Joanna Cole : Best loved folktales of the world
6. Richard M. Dorson (Ed.) : Folklore and folklife an introduction
7. Do : American Folklore

**Course No: FL 505**

**Course Title: International Trend of Folklore**

### **Objective**

This course will take the students in the flow of time that made the folkloristics discipline of today. As a part of this effort, it will focus on various segments of intellectual lineages of major schools and notable theorists. This will entail identifying the major problems each school addressed and that fueled its primary contributors' investigations and the relationship of these central problems to the concepts and terms they developed and deployed, including their genesis, meaning, changing uses, merits, limitations, and significance to contemporary folkloristics. Upon successful completion of this course, it is hoped that students will demonstrate remarkable development of a foundation for self-directed learning and also will be able to critically think the existing concepts of folkloristics.

### **Course Outline**

- A. Approaches: Antiquities; Popular Antiquities; Philological School; Mythological School; Diffusionism; Anthropological Perspectives; Historical Geographical Method; Type and Motif Index; Psychoanalytical School; Structural School; Postmodern Perspectives; Contextual Approach.
- B. Zones: Germany; England; USA; Scandinavia; Japan; China; Canada; Egypt; Estonia; India; Bangladesh.
- C. Organizations: American Folklore Society; The Folklore Society; FFS; FFC; Asiatic Society; Bangla Academy; Bongiya Sahitya Parisad; Indiana University; University of Pennsylvania; Utah State University; Memorial University of Newfoundland; University of California, Berkley; Rajshahi University, JKKNIU.
- D. Folklorists: Grimm Brothers; Robert Chambers; Max Muller; Andrew Lang; William John Thoms; Vladimir Propp; Katharine Mary Briggs; Richard M. Dorson; Jan Harold Brunvand; Linda Dégh; Alan Dundes.
- E. Aspects: Regional Folklore; Colonial Folklore; Immigrant Folklore; Contemporary Folklore; Ethnic Folklore.

### **References**

- ১. শামসুজ্জামান খান : আধুনিক ফোকলোর চিন্তা
- ২. সুস্মিতা পোদ্দার : লোকসংস্কৃতি ঐতিহাসিক ও তাত্ত্বিক বিশ্লেষণ।
- 3. Alan Dundes : Interpreting Folklore

4. Do : International Folkloristics
5. Do : The Study of Folklore
6. Do : Essays in Folklore
7. Alexander Haggerty Krappe : The Science of Folklore
8. Carl Lindahl, John McNamara and John Lindow (Eds.) : Medieval Folklore
9. Elizabeth C. Fine : The Folklore Text From Performance to Print
10. Hermann Bausinger : Folkculture in an Age of Technology
11. Jan Harold Brunvand : The Study of American Folklore
12. K. D. Upadhyay : Essays in Indian Folklore
13. Kenneth and Mary Clarke : Introducing Folklore
14. Levette J. Davishion : A Guide to American Folklore
15. Mazharul Islam : A History of Folktale Collection in  
India and Pakistan
  
16. Richard M. Dorson : Handbook of American Folklore
17. Do : American Folklore
18. Do : The British Folklorists : A History
19. Do : Folklore Research Around the World
20. Robert A. Georges And Michael Owen Jones : Folkloristics An Introduction
21. Sankar Sengupta : Folklorist of Bengal
22. Tristram Coffin (Ed.) : American Folklore
23. Vladimir J. Propp : Theory and History of folklore

# Department of Folklore

## Master of Social Science (MSS)

### Second Semester

#### Course No: FL 506

#### Course Title: Cultural Heritage of Bangladesh

#### Objective

In this course students will learn about the diversified aspects of cultural heritage of Bangladesh. The objective of this course is to introduce students to the concepts of cultural heritage, as well as to critically examine the contemporary ideas to develop a better analytical skill on this subject matter. Studying this course will help students to understand the impact of the assets of cultural heritage on people's everyday life, contemporary society, and our sense of history in the Bangladesh context.

#### Course Outline

- A. Land and the People: Geographical features; Natural resources; Pre-Aryan People; Mauryan; Aryanization; Sunga; Kushana; Admixture of various blood.
- B. Political periods: Gupta; Pala; Arabian Muslims; Sena; Turks; Afghans; Mughals; Sultanat Period; Colonial period; Independent Bangladesh.
- C. Ancient and medieval historical monuments: Mahasthangar, Maynamati, Paharpur, Wari-Bateswar; Sonargaon, Barobazar, Bagerhat, Rajshahi; Chapainawabganj.
- D. Life and Culture of Bengal: Sufi-ism; Neo-vaishnavism; Language; Literature; Folkways; Education system; Arts and crafts; Architecture; Religions; Foods; Festivals.
- E. Arenas: UNESCO Convention on Cultural Heritage; Tourism and Cultural heritage; Cultural Identity and Cultural Heritage; Conservation and management of heritage; Contemporary theories and practices.

#### References

1. Sivan, R. : The Presentation of Archaeological Sites, in the Conservation of Archaeological sites in Mediterranean region.
2. Neil Asher Silberman : Between Past and Present; Archaeology, Ideology and Nationalism in the modern middle east.
3. Timothy, D. and Boyd, S. W.: Heritage Tourism
4. Laurajane Smith : All Heritage is Intangible.
5. Valdimar Tr. Hafstein and Martin Skrydstrup: Patrimonialities: Heritage vs. Property

6. H. C. Ray Chowdhury : Political History of Ancient India
7. A. F. Salahuddin Ahmed (Ed.) : Bengal National Culture and Heritage
8. Jadunath Sarkar : The History of Bengal Vol. II
9. R.C. Majumdar : The History of Bengal Vol. I
10. Saifuddin Chowdhury : Early Terracotta Figurines of Bangladesh
11. Saifuddin Chowdhury : Aspects of Material and Folkculture in Bangladesh
12. এ. কে. এম. ইয়াকুব আলী : মুসলিম স্থাপত্য ও শিল্পকলা
13. এম. এ. রহিম : বাংলার সামাজিক ও সাংস্কৃতিক ইতিহাস
14. আব্দুল করিম : বাংলার ইতিহাস (মোঘল ও সুলতানি আমল)
15. এ. কে. এম. শাহনেওয়াজ : বাংলার সংস্কৃতি
16. এম. এ. রহিম : বাংলার সামাজিক ও সাংস্কৃতিক ইতিহাস (প্রথম ও দ্বিতীয় খণ্ড)
17. গোলাম মুরশিদ : হাজার বছরের বাঙালি সংস্কৃতি
18. মুহম্মদ এনামুল হক : বঙ্গ সুফী প্রভাব
19. সুফি মোস্তাফিজুর রহমান : প্রত্নতাত্ত্বিক ঐতিহ্য
20. সুফি মোস্তাফিজুর রহমান : বাংলাদেশের সাংস্কৃতিক ঐতিহ্য

**Course No: FL 507**

**Course Title: Popular Culture and Applied Folklore**

### **Objective**

The primary objective of this course is introducing various scholarly concepts of popular culture and applied folklore to students. Secondly, it will encourage its participants to engage in critical thinking. Students who take this course are hoped to improve their knowledge on how people are affected by popular culture at the personal and social level, and also will develop better understandings on the application of the concepts of folkloristics to address or solve various social problems.

### **Course Outline**

- A. Popular Culture: Definition; Why study it?; Semiotics school; Cultural semiotics; Political Economy; Marxims; Socialism; Capitalism; The Frankfurt School; Hegemony; Globalization; Representation; Ideology and popular culture; Body and Identity; Race and ethnicity in popular culture; class and stereotypes in popular culture; Ritual and ceremonies in popular culture; subcultures and counter cultures; Digital era, mass media, and social media.
- B. Applied Folklore: Definition; Scope; History of studying; Individuals and communities; Social Activism and the Public Goods; Future of this field; Public Health and Applied Folklore; Development, Sustainability, and applied Folklore.

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1. Danesi, M (2008), Popular culture: Introduction perspectives.
2. Jhon storey (2009), Introductory guide to cultural Theory and popular culture.
3. Baron, Robert and Spitzer, Mick (2007), public Folklore.
4. Jones, Michael Owen, Putting of Folklore to use.
5. Carla Freccero: Popular culture
6. Simon During (Ed.): The cultural Studies Reader.
7. Omayra Xaragoxa Cruz and Raiford Quins (Ed.): Popular culture; a Reader.
8. Simon J. Bronner: Folk Nation
9. Molly Muthudumaraswary and- M. D. Kaushal (ed.): Folklore, Public Sphere and civil society.
10. David J. Hufford: The Terror that comes in the night
11. Burt Feintuch (Ed.): The Conservation of culture : Folklorists and the public sector.
12. রওশন জাহিদ: লোকবিক্ষণে ঠাকুরমা'র ঝুলি
13. রওশন জাহিদ: বাংলা সাহিত্য ও বাংলাদেশের লোকসাহিত্য: তাত্ত্বিক বিশ্লেষণ

**Course No: FL 508**

**Course Title: Ethnomusicology**

## Objective

This course will focus the formation of ethnomusicology through a strong emphasis on history, theories, methodologies, and current debates. Its purpose is to examine how and why people make music across different cultural contexts. Therefore, this course is going to provide an enriched understanding of the role of music in human life; acquaint students with a wide range of musical perspectives, and demonstrate the utility of ethno musicological point of view in the study of folklore in and as culture.

## Course Outline

- A. Profiling the Subject: Definition; Scope; Importance; History; Theories; Methodologies; Music in the Context of Culture.
- B. Critical Approaches: Cultural History; Gender and Music; Politics and music; Music and Aesthetics; Public Ethnomusicology; Ethics, Rights, and Intellectual Property; Geography and Ethnomusicology; Music and Human Psychology; Globalization and Music.
- C. Folklore and Ethnomusicology: Instruments; Vernacular Melody; Sense of Group; Folklore of Music; Folklore as Music; Contexts and Variations of Folk Song; Folk Songs of Bengal Region.

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1. Rice, Timothy. 2013. *Ethnomusicology: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Nettl, Bruno. 2015. *The Study of Ethnomusicology: Thirty-Three Discussions, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press. \*2013 Edition should suffice.
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10. Novak, David. 2011. "The Sublime Frequencies of New Old Media." *Public Culture* 23(3): 60334.
11. Chavez, Alex E. 2017. *Sounds of Crossing: Music, Migration, and the Aural Poetics of HuapangoArribeño*.
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**Course No: FL 509**  
**Course Title: Thesis**

**Objective**

Studying Folklore can help us understand what people say, do, and make in their everyday life and thus can deepen our knowledge of people and their culture. To turn this possibility into reality, ethnographic as well as folklorographic field research practices are considered as fundamental in this discipline. So, the objective of this course is to provide future folklorists with rich opportunity to explore the magical realm of folklore from their own perspective.

**Course Outline**

The course consists of research synopsis development and data collection, and research thesis writing. At the end of the courses, each candidate will submit a complete research monograph to the department within due time. However, each candidate will be offered a research project under a specific supervisor among the faculty, who would be appointed by the respective examination committee of the department, and finally that will be approved by academic committee. Subsequently, to ensure reliability of the field study and the data/information, the students shall be responsible to submit the field data/information to the respected supervisor and the research monograph must be approved by the respected supervisor.

**Course No: FL 510**  
**Course Title: Viva-voce**

**Objective**

The oral examination is a vital part of the assessment process. Purpose of this viva exam is to test how familiar students are with the course that they have taken and the thesis being submitted. The aim of it is also to find out student's understanding of a topic through their ability to verbally explain that topic to someone else.

**Outline**

After the written exam and thesis submission, each student will have to face an oral test. Here fluency and demonstrating capability of their acquired knowledge will be examined. It will be a focused discussion where students will get the opportunity to express the depth of their learning in MSS year in front of the exam committee.