

Arts and Social Sciences Journal

Knowledge enlightens the intellect of human beings. It enables a person to be aware of oneself and others. To get an understanding of incidents or events is an everlasting quality of man, because all the men have an intrinsic trait of identifying and investigating the happenings. Human beings possess different forms of knowledge, the knowledge of himself, his culture, and surroundings. From the very beginning, knowledge was a byproduct of human queries and investigations. The Social science is a field of human knowledge that mainly deals with the allinclusive aspects of man's social life. The Natural science deals with natural environment in which man is lived, whereas, the humanities are closely related to the social sciences as it studies both man and his culture. The Social sciences are more concerned with those basic elements of culture that determine the general pattern of human behavior, while the humanities deal with more specific aspects of human culture. There is another field of knowledge referred as the 'Arts' and usually categorized as a separate branch of knowledge. It mainly concerns with man's endeavour of conveying spiritual and aesthetic values through art and literature and finding out the meaning of life through religion and philosophy. The discipline 'Arts' has many similarities with the subjects of humanities and both the disciplines usually come with each other as the "Arts and Humanities." In most of the Indian universities, the subjects of humanities are either as the subjects of Arts or Social

Sciences. Therefore, in this chapter, only the disciplines the Arts and Social Sciences are being discussed and the humanities have been taken as their equivalent. The chapter describes the concept and contents of the discipline i.e., of Arts and Social Sciences.

THE ARTS

The discipline ‘Arts’ studies various aspects of human culture and civilization to explore various fields of human intellect and creation and the meaning, and values of the human life. It deals with human’s ideas, skills, customs, and more often his relationship with its culture and surroundings. Different fields of the Arts are providing an all-round education and exposure to many areas of human endeavors and creating a wider foundation for growth and development of knowledge.

Traditionally, the Arts in the medieval Europe was referred to as the “Liberal arts” that included the seven branches of learning as grammar, logic and rhetoric (the trivium) and Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, And Music (the quadrivium). It provided general and intellectual information about human and his culture rather than professional skills. The liberal arts initially included traditional, thoughtful fields of knowledge, different from mechanical fields and later other fields of knowledge were also included in the Arts, such as Creative Arts, Humanities, Social sciences and Science.

The study of the Arts provides general knowledge and understanding of literature, languages, music, personality, nature, art, religion, humor, historical events and so on. Thus, the study of the Arts not only enhances human knowledge and understanding, further, it facilitates an individual to participate effectively in the intellectual and creative activities and imagine the world from different perspectives.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Science is one of the fields of knowledge that studies the society and social behaviour of humans. It is a term used for imparting knowledge about activities, growth and developments of human society and applied to study society from different perspectives of social behaviour of human. By providing a vast amount of information on the social life of human beings, it helps in building a system of knowledge that relates to the growth and development, nature and functioning of men and their societies. Thus, it presents to that scheme of knowledge, which comprises of human Knowledge, their culture and social environment.

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