

**AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI (AUD)  
ADMISSIONS 2014  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

**MPhil/PhD in Women's and Gender Studies**

**Why would I be interested in such a programme?**

- The School of Human Studies is an exploratory, interdisciplinary space for thinking and reflecting on the myriad meanings of being human. Academic programmes housed by the School focus as much on the promise and potential of the human, as on the actual historical exclusions and marginalization, essential to human cultures.
- The MPhil/PhD programme in Women and Gender studies creates a space for questioning silences around gender that steer the workings of caste, class and community in contemporary and historical societies, and social sciences. As part of the School of Human Studies, it provides a corrective lens to the conception of the “human” in both the notions of “humanity” and the “human societies”.
- The unique collaboration with the Centre for Women’s Development Studies supplements the development-approach to gender with the inter-disciplinary resources at AUD, in particular literature, film, psychology, sociology, history and expressive cultures.

If you have an interest in any of these, then the programme is tailor made for you. EXPLORE IT FURTHER!

**Who is eligible to apply?**

**a. Educational qualifications**

- Postgraduate degrees in any discipline

**b. Marks**

Minimum 55% or equivalent CGPA in the qualifying degree as mentioned above

**c. Work Experience**

Those with comparable work experience may also apply.

**d. Age**

There is no limit.

**e. Encouragement**

We encourage those with Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates to apply.

**What can graduates expect after the end of this course?**

The course will enable students to:

- Develop a sound interdisciplinary understanding of their field that generates a capacity for theory, research and intervention in social processes covering the major humanistic and social sciences.
- Develop analytical skills and critical thinking about the operation of gender at multiple levels.
- Intervene in multiple settings - governmental and non-governmental organizations, education, psychology, mental health and disability, film, media and academia.
- Question and re-imagine disciplines and knowledge from a feminist lens.

- Study the history and politics of women's activism and social change.
- Appreciate the intersections between the personal and the political.
- Learning to teach gender, as it emerges as the new face of the twenty-first century's socially conscious university.

### **Who are the people who will teach?**

In-house AUD Faculty, Visiting Faculty and CWDS faculty shall collaboratively anchor various components of the programme both within the university setting and also during their field engagement. This is not a traditional 'taught' programme as the Indian education system has us believe. You will have close mentorship at the beginning of the programme, followed by intensive supervision to hone your research agenda and project. The programme is about LEARNING and CRITICAL PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE.

### **Support provided to programme participants etc**

The programme is intense and we believe it will draw in special students.

- a. First and foremost, AUD provides a stipend of Rs 5,000 to each research student.
- b. The tuition fee would be Rs 1250/- per credit (total 18 credits for course work and 5000/- for 2 non-course work semesters during dissertation writing) + Rs.500 per semester for Student Welfare Fund + Rs.5,000/- as refundable Security Deposit.

**For further information about Ambedkar University, Delhi and the other programs it offers, please visit the FAQs section under 'Admissions 2014' of the University website.**