

MPhil/PhD in Women's and Gender Studies: offered by Ambedkar University Delhi and Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi (CWDS), 2014 - 2016

Women's and Gender Studies MPhil/PhD programme is conducted jointly by Ambedkar University Delhi and Centre for Women's Development Studies (Delhi) as part of collaboration between the two institutions. The program will assimilate analytical understandings of the significance of gender (relations) and foster study of conduits and configurations of power, causes, contexts and consequences of women's subordination.

MPhil programme duration: 2 years (4 semesters). The taught component of the MPhil programme shall be normally completed over two semesters. Guided thesis research is transacted over the next two semesters. Selected MPhil students, subject to performance, may proceed to doctoral research after completing 18 credits of courses of the MPhil programme (without completing an MPhil thesis). Direct admission of doctoral scholars is possible under the combined MPhil/PhD quota.

Total Credits (MPhil): 30. Course work = 18 credits; thesis work = 12 credits.

Medium of Instruction: English

Nature of Programme: Interdisciplinary

Number of MPhil/PhD Seats: 10 for MPhil and 6 for PhD*

MPhil eligibility: Masters in any field with 55% or equivalent CGA, or comparable professional qualification with 55% or equivalent CGA.

* Admission to the PhD programme will take place at a later date duly announced at the AUD website (www.aud.ac.in)

IMPORTANT DATES:

MPhil/PhD in Women's and Gender Studies	
Start of Online application form	26 May, 2014
Last date of Online application	30 June, 2014

Uploading of reading material on the website for entrance exam	27 May, 2014
Display of list of candidates for entrance exam	3 July, 2014
Entrance Exam	9 July, 2014 (10 am)*
Display of list of selected candidates for interview	12 July, 2014
Interview	15 July, 2014
Declaration of First List of selected candidates	17 July, 2014
Admission of candidates offered admission in the First List	17- 22 July, 2014
Declaration of Second List of selected candidates	23 July, 2014
Last date of admission	30 July, 2014
Orientation	5 August, 2014

* Candidates are requested to reach the venue of exam by 9.30 am. Please check the website regularly to be informed about related details on aud website.

SCHEDULE OF COURSES AND DISSERTATION:

Semester 1	Semester 2
1. Women's Movements (Seminar mode, 4 credits) 2. Reading Texts in Historical Context I (2 credits) 3. Research Methodologies through Exemplary Works I (2 credits) 4. Dialogue with Researchers (2 credits)	5. Feminist Theories (4 credits) 6. Research Methodologies through Exemplary Works II (2 credits) 7. Reading Texts in Historical Context II (2 credits)
Semesters 3 and 4: Dissertation Research Practicum + Dissertation (12 credits)	

Additional course(s) in fulfillment of MPhil/PhD programme requirements may be allowed on a case to case basis as recommended by the Research Studies Committee (RSC) of the School of Human Studies. In addition to the 18 credits of courses required for the Women's and Gender Studies MPhil programme, a student of the programme may undertake courses from other postgraduate/research programmes of AUD (whether within or outside of SHS) totaling between 2 and 8 credits. These additional credits/grades will not be computed in calculating the programme grade average but the additional courses and grades shall be noted on the programme transcript.

MPhil to PhD.

Students completing the prescribed 18 credits of MPhil course work may apply for admission to PhD *if* they have completed the prescribed course work with an overall grade average of A Minus (8 on an 11-point scale). Such candidates shall proceed to doctoral studies *without completing an MPhil thesis and without award of the MPhil degree*. In these cases, the RSC shall determine whether additional course work or acquisition of skills is necessary before the student may formally proceed to doctoral thesis research/writing. No entrance test is required but the candidate shall submit a formal research proposal for doctoral registration, as directed by the RSC.

AUD gives a stipend to all research scholars. Please refer to aud website for further details.

Admission Process: Admission to the programme will comprise of three components: Research proposal/statement; entrance exam and interview.

The written exam will be largely based on readings uploaded on aud website under 'RS Admissions' in 'MPhil in Women's and Gender Studies' titled 'Readings for Entrance Exam.' Candidates are expected to prepare themselves on themes related to research and the field of Women's and Gender Studies. The exam will be for 2 hours (10 am to 12 am).

Candidates are expected to reach the venue by 9.30 am.

Candidates are also expected to write a brief 'Research proposal,' provision for which is given in the online application form. This and your entrance exam performance will be the basis of the next stage of interview.

For information about the MPhil/PhD programme in Women's and Gender Studies, contact Dr. Rachna Chaudhary (rachna@aud.ac.in) or Dr. Shubhra Nagalia (shubhra@aud.ac.in) and/or Prof. Mary John (maryejohn1@gmail.com) or Prof. Renu Addlakha (addlakhar@gmail.com).

For filling online application form follow the instructions carefully that are given with the online application form at aud website. Incomplete forms will be rejected.

It is crucial that programme applicants provide complete contact information that includes an email address. **Applicants are expected to visit this website from time to time to remain informed about admissions activities and deadlines.**