

MPhil and PhD Programmes in History

School of Liberal Studies (2014)

- **Means of application:** through the online application process linked to this website.
- **Duration of the programme:** Normal duration of M. Phil. programme is 2 years (4 semesters) and of Ph. D. programme 3 years (6 semesters).
- **Number of academic credits:** Course work for M. Phil. is 16 credits and Ph.D. candidates can be prescribed up to 16 credits of course work.
- **Whether thesis/dissertation is required:** Yes, a dissertation is required for completion of both M. Phil. and Ph.D. programmes.
- **Medium of instruction:** English. The dissertation must be written in English.
- **Number of seats available:** Seven (7) seats for M. Phil. and three (3) for Ph.D.
Reservation of seats in accordance with Government of NCT rules.

- **Minimum eligibility:**

MPhil eligibility:- Masters degree in any field of the social sciences and humanities from a recognized institution with $\geq 55\%$ or equivalent CGA ($\geq 50\%$ for SC/ST/PD applicants).

PhD eligibility:- As above plus MPhil (with thesis) in any field of the social sciences and humanities from any recognized institution. In special cases, applicants who have completed History courses beyond MA (for example, MPhil courses but without thesis) could be eligible for admission.

- **Means of admission:** Written test and interview.
All MPhil and PhD candidates selected for the entrance test must submit research proposals in English on the date of the entrance test. *Applicants who do not submit a proposal at that time will be deemed ineligible for admission.* The research proposal should be a coherent statement (recommended 700 - 1000 words) indicating the *nature of the proposed topic* (with tentative title), *specific issues to be explored or questions to be answered* by the proposed research, the *kinds of sources or materials/artifacts to be used* in answering the research questions, and the *locations of the sources and means of accessing them.* The research proposal must be accompanied by a *select bibliography/sources list* (maximum two pages). Note that a research proposal which is only a narrative of 'what is known' or what scholars have written about the topic and which does not suggest paths for further research will be taken less seriously. If the applicant is invited to an entrance interview following the entrance test, he/she will be expected to discuss the research proposal in the interview. **The research proposal must**

include a cover page with the following statement: ‘The undersigned declares that this research proposal has not been prepared by another person and is the product of his/her individual work’ [-- followed by signature of the applicant].

- **Important dates in the application and enrollment process:-**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Application deadline	14- 08-2014
List of eligible candidates notified	By 21-08-2014
Dates of Entrance Tests and Interviews	After 22-08-2014 (check this website for updates)
Programme Commencement	c. 10-09-2014

Brief programme description:- The course work of this M. Phil. programme consists of four courses of four credits each (total 16 credits). *Some doctoral candidates could be prescribed part of the same course work (i.e., up to 16 credits) by the Research Studies Committee (RSC) of the School.*

The courses offered are as follows:

Course I (RH1): Historical Methods. Course II (RH2): Studying India’s Past: Traditions and New Approaches. Course III (RH3): Research Paper I- Historiographical essay focusing on the theme of proposed research topic of the student. Course IV (RH4): Research Paper II- Essay on a theme agreed upon between the research scholar and the Research Studies Committee (RSC) keeping in view his/her proposed research topic. For courses RH3 and RH4, a provisional faculty guide is appointed.

Commencement of dissertation research and writing for both M.Phil and Ph.D. scholars happens officially upon completion of course work and defense of a modified research proposal.

- **For additional information contact Dr. Dharendra Dangwal, Convenor of Research Studies Committee of SLS (dharendra@aud.ac.in).**

**Research Studies Committee
School of Liberal Studies
Ambedkar University, Delhi
Kashmere Gate Campus, Lothian Road
Delhi 110006**