

Ph. D. in Development Studies

School of Development Studies

- **Duration of the programme:** 8 semesters (4 years) for candidates with MA/MSc and 6 semesters (3 years) for those with MPhil.
- **Requirements for programme completion:** Coursework (up to 16 credits) and thesis (not measured in credits).
- **Medium of instruction:** English.
- **Number of seats available:** 6. **Reservation of seats:** In accordance with Government of NCT rules.
- **Minimum eligibility:** Masters degree from a recognized institution with marks of $\geq 55\%$ or equivalent grade/class ($\geq 50\%$ marks or equivalent for SC/ST/PD candidates).
- **Means of admission:** Written test and interview.
- **Important dates in the application and enrollment process:**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Deadline for submission of applications	7 July 2013
Display of name lists for entrance exam	15 July 2013
Dates of entrance examination and interviews	After 22 July 2013 (check this website for details)
Dates of selection announcement and payment of fees (admission)	To be announced
Beginning of programme	c. 12 August 2013

- **Brief programme description:** The PhD programme consists of coursework and dissertation research and writing. **Course work** is mandatory for students who have not completed an M.Phil programme. The course work requirement shall normally consist of several courses of two or four credits each, totalling 16 credits, to be completed in two semesters/one year, extendable in special circumstances according to university regulations. Even for scholars who enter the PhD programme with an MPhil, the Research Studies Committee of the School reserves the right to recommend appropriate coursework. The two compulsory courses are Development Perspectives, Contexts and Historical Trends and Research Methods. Candidates will officially proceed to doctoral research once their research proposals have been approved by the RSC (i.e., subsequent to completion of coursework). Completion and successful defense of a PhD thesis will be the ultimate requirement for award of the academic degree. The terms of research supervision and of completion and examination of a thesis are outlined in the University's research studies regulations.
- **Additional comments:** Performance in the entrance test will carry weightage of 75 per cent and 25 per cent weightage will be for the interview. While the interview will be primarily based on the research proposal submitted by the candidate at the time of the entrance test (see **General Instructions page for Research Studies**), the entrance test might carry a section requiring the candidate to explain aspects of the proposal. The written test will mostly consist of essay questions addressing contemporary issues of development. The test will presume an ability to respond to the questions from a broad social sciences perspective. Readings on which questions could be based shall be circulated beforehand to candidates (or posted on the website). The test questions would be expected to be answered in 500 to 1000 words. Satisfactory performance in admission procedure requires obtaining a minimum of 55% marks (combined) in entrance test and interview (General category) and 50% marks (SC/ST/PD categories).
- **For additional information** about the PhD Programme in Development Studies, contact **Dr. Ivy Dhar** (ivy@aud.ac.in), Convenor, Research Studies Committee of SDS.