

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING
for
MA in Law, Politics and Society

The School of Law, Governance and Citizenship (“SLGC”) at Ambedkar University Delhi offers an interdisciplinary approach to the productive and complex interaction of law, culture, politics and social structures. Rather than treating law merely as a domain of legal practice or as a body of knowledge meant just for lawyers and legal scholars, the School understands law to be a contested terrain of knowledge and practice that is best investigated in a creative and collaborative manner across disciplines.

The M.A. Programme in Law, Politics and Society at the SLGC is designed with the premise that a focus on the intersection of law and politics is of crucial importance in shaping a better understanding of modern India. That law is both living and dynamic as against something static is evidenced in the way courts and the judiciary has constantly re-interpreted texts of the law as well as the Constitution.

Students from a wide range of disciplines, including but not limited to, law, sociology, political science, philosophy, will find this programme attractive. Law graduates through this programme will be able to deepen their understanding of interdisciplinary legal studies including sociological and historical jurisprudence. Graduates of other social sciences will be able to acquire a social understanding of law and the functioning of legal institutions. The programme will have a comparative focus constantly foregrounding the debates of the global south within a wider political and cultural context.

The programme comprises of 64 credits over 4 semesters of 16 weeks each. It includes 12 taught courses (4 credits each), a writing seminar (4 credits), a summer internship (2 credits) and a written thesis (10 credits). Of the 12 taught courses, 6 are core courses, which are compulsory, and 6 are elective courses, which students can select from a list of courses on offer.

Medium of instruction: English

Eligibility: The candidate should have a Bachelor’s degree in any discipline with a minimum of 45% marks or an equivalent grade from a recognised university. (Relaxation of 5% marks for SC/ST/PwD)

Fees: Tuition fee of Rs.92,800/- (@Rs. 1450/- per credit i.e. Rs. 23,200/- per semester) + Rs.5000/- (one-time, refundable caution deposit) + Rs.500/- per semester for student welfare fund. If a student opts for extra credits, an additional fee of Rs.1450/- per credit.

Partial/Full fee waiver and scholarships are available. Full fee waiver of tuition fee will be extended to students belonging to SC/ST/PwD categories.

Instructions for Entrance Examination:

The entrance examination will test the candidates/ applicants analytical understanding of legal debates, and will be in the form of qualitative essays.

Three types of questions will be asked in the examination:

a. The first one will be analytical response essays to questions. The questions will gauge the understanding that students have of key legal debates as well as evaluate their reasoning ability & writing skills. The questions will be based on contemporary legal issues of public significance. While candidates are not expected to have an in-depth knowledge of the technical aspects of law, candidates should demonstrate an awareness of the public importance of some of these debates.

b. The second set will comprise of short comments that will test the basic awareness of legal concepts and issues.

c. The final question will consist of a reading and comprehension test in which two extracts will be provided followed by qualitative multiple choice questions and answers. Please note that there may be negative marks administered in this segment

Tips for preparation:

Keep abreast of some of the key legal topics and debates.

Do not worry about technical legal knowledge and focus on their social and political importance.