

MPhil and PhD Programmes in History

School of Liberal Studies, AUD

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School of Liberal Studies, AUD offers admission to *MPhil and PhD Programmes in History* that encourage scholars to explore a wide range of subjects in Indian and South Asian History. Emphasis is placed on exploring and expanding complex methodologies necessary to carry out such research, with a view to evolve interdisciplinary and connected approach to historical studies. The Research Programme in History also expects its research scholars to actively contribute to the intellectual life of the University through regular sharing of their work with the faculty and their fellow students.

Specialization: The following are some of the areas in which research supervision may be possible in History at AUD: Medieval, Modern and Contemporary Indian Political, Economic and Social History with specific focus on Partition, Labour History, Urban History, Gender History, Environmental History, Histories of Re-

gions (Punjab, North East India, Rajasthan), Oral History, Frontier Histories, Histories of the Sacred, History of Science, Disease and Medicine, History of Famine and Philanthropy. Along with these, supervision may also be possible in Migration and Diaspora Histories and Histories of the Modern British Empire and European political thought.

Duration of the Programme and Course Work: Normal duration of M. Phil. Programme is 2 years (4 semesters) and of Ph. D. Programme 5 years (10 semesters).

A Research Advisory Committee shall be constituted for each M. Phil./Ph. D. Scholar within six months of admission, which will be responsible for advising the scholar and monitoring his/her research up till the completion of the degree.

Course work of the M. Phil. Programme consists of four courses of four credits each (total = 16 credits).

The courses on offer are as follows:

Course I (SLS₃H001): Historical Methods.

Course II (SLS₃H002): Studying India's Past: Traditions and New Approaches.

Course III (SLS3h003): Research Paper I- Historiographical Essay/Seminar focusing on the theme of proposed research topic of the student.

Course IV (SLS3h004): Research Paper II- Seminar/Essay on a theme agreed between the research scholar and the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) keeping in view his/her proposed research topic. It should be based on primary sources.

Some Doctoral candidates could also be prescribed part of the same course work by the RAC, with the approval of the Research Studies Committee (RSC) of the School.

Course work will be followed by writing of Dissertation/Thesis. The RAC decides benchmarks of measuring progress during the process of writing dissertation. Following the successful completion of course work a research scholar would be expected to successfully defend a *Synopsis*, which will be presented to the the History faculty and the Research Studies Committee. Prior to the submission of the Dissertation/Thesis, a Research Scholar would be required to make a *Pre-Submission Presentation* to the History Faculty as well as to the Research Studies Committee of the SLS.

Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in Delhi region during the officially recognised academic year/ ses-

sions and the scholar's regular attendance of classes and related exercises. Exceptions to the 'residency requirement' could be for scholars who are prescribed course work or 'pre-thesis' learning activities of a kind which cannot be fulfilled at AUD or which the Research Studies Committee specifically prescribes to be done in some other place/under special conditions.

Medium of instruction: English.

Number of seats available: **7 seats for M. Phil. and 3 seats for Ph.D.**

Reservation of seats will be in accordance with Government of NCT rules.

Minimum eligibility:

M. Phil. Eligibility:- Masters degree in any field of the social sciences and humanities from a recognized institution with 55% marks or equivalent CGA. A relaxation in marks of 5% or an equivalent relaxation of grade is allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non creamy layer, Delhi)/ differently-abled categories (DOPT/UGC list).

Ph. D. Eligibility:- As above, plus M.Phil (with thesis) in any field of the social sciences and humanities from any recognized institution.

ADMISSION PROCESS:

To be considered for admission it is essential for candidates to appear in written test (including for Ph. D. candidates, and candidates who have qualified NET or JRF exams) as well as in interview and fulfill any other entrance requirement, such as a research proposal.

All candidates are required to upload research proposal along with application. ***Research proposal will be checked for plagiarism. If found to be plagiarised, the application shall be summarily disqualified.***

The research proposal should be up to five double-spaced pages inclusive of a formal bibliography or list of sources (single spaced). The document should give a background of the proposed research, its questions/ objectives, a description of the cho-

sen conceptual frameworks, and the historical-geographical context of the research.

Candidate's proposed research should align with the specialization of the history faculty at the SLS.

All applications will be screened and a list of shortlisted candidates eligible to take written examination will be uploaded on AUD website.

The entrance examination will be for a duration of **2 hours**. It will be based on areas covered in Masters Programmes in History by most Indian Universities and general awareness of societal issues. The question paper may contain descriptive questions, comprehension and book review. A sample question paper for written entrance test will be uploaded later.

After the written test a list of qualified candidates called for interview will be uploaded on the AUD website.

Interview will be on the basis of the Research Proposal as well as on candidates knowledge of history and/or other social science disciplines.

The weightage of research proposal is 25 per cent.

The weightage of the written test is 50 per cent.

The weightage of the interview is 25 per cent.

FEES: : Rs. 1450 per credit for Course Work or Rs. 5510 per semester during Research/ Dissertation + Rs. 500 per semester for Student Welfare Fund + Rs. 5,000 as refundable Security Deposit.

SC/ST and Differently abled research scholars will be fully exempt from paying tuition fee. For others, partial/ full fee waivers are available based on income status.

STIPEND: The AUD-Standing Committee Research may determine as from time to time.

HOSTEL: AUD has about 40 seats for women in its hostel in Kashmere Gate.

Important Dates in the Admission Process:-

Events	Date
Application deadline	1-6-2017 to 10-7-2017

List of eligible candidates uploaded	18-7-2017
Dates of Entrance Tests	26-07-2017
List of Candidates Qualifying for Interview	1-07-2017
Date of interview	7-8-2017 and 8-8-2017
First Admission List	9-8-2017
Second Admission List	17-8-2017
Programme Commencement	Third week of August 2017

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