

## **MA in Global Studies**

### **Important Information for Applicants**

#### **Global Studies**

Global Studies (GS) is an academic field of inquiry focusing on the study of globalisation through transdisciplinary and critical perspectives. It shall foster a ‘global perspective’ among students, by examining the connectedness of diverse experiences, processes and forces. The field further aims to develop regional knowledge beyond the dominant territorial and nation-centric frames, and engage with alternative imaginaries like the Indian Ocean and the Himalayan region. The interest in researching and teaching Global Studies at AUD reflects the interdisciplinary mission at the heart of the University.

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Key programme objectives are to illuminate hidden histories and geographies of globality that are often subsumed within the dominant stories of colonial, postcolonial and neoliberal globalization; and to understand processes through which perceptions of ‘local’ and ‘global’ are co-produced within a multitude of locally embedded contexts. The MA programme is organized around the following thematic areas that build an understanding of important global debates: 1) Wealth and Poverty; 2) State and Democracy; 3) Global Environment and Society; 4) Cultures and Identities.

#### *Key Features*

- The programme seeks to engender a culture of self-conscious and reflective learning through a suite of compulsory and elective courses and learning situations. Students will be mentored through the programme with an eye to their aspirations beyond it.
- Seminars, workshops, and field trips are designed to maximize peer learning and inculcate leadership skills.
- By foregrounding *themes* rather than academic subjects, the programme encourages students to explore both the possibilities and limits of established disciplines. Students will learn that debates can be entered, discourses produced and real-life situations changed by different kinds of and differently positioned knowledge producers and practitioners.

#### **Programme Structure**

The GS programme will be transacted over four academic semesters and one summer intersession. It consists of five core courses (total of 20 credits), a 4-credit course on Research Methods, and electives (total of 26 credits) to be taken in the second and third semesters. The students may opt for specialization in one of four thematic areas and complete this by choosing electives offered through GS or other MA programmes in AUD.

Apart from taught courses, programme requirements include 14 credit worth of independent (self-directed) work as follows: a 2-credit Summer Research Project (during the summer following the second semester), a 2-credit Student Seminar (third semester), an 8-credit Dissertation component (fourth semester), and a 2-credit Capstone Workshop (fourth semester).

**Faculty:** The core faculty is trained from premier institutions in India and abroad and worked in diverse fields and locations. Distinguished academics and practitioners will also contribute to teaching and guidance as Visiting and Adjunct Faculty.

**Careers:** The programme does not assume that all its graduates will follow academic career trajectories. Rather, it presumes that there is useful and engaged work to be done in various organizations, institutions and social spaces. The graduates will be well prepared to work in diverse organizations and locations.

**Medium of instruction:** English

**Eligibility:** Any bachelor's degree with at least 45% marks (or an equivalent grade) from a recognised University (relaxation of 5% of marks for candidates belonging to ST/SC/PwD Categories). Candidates appearing for the final year examination of a degree can also apply.

### **Fees**

- Tuition Fees: Rs.25,120 per semester (Rs.1570 per credit) + Student Welfare Fund (Rs.500 per semester)
- Extra Mural Interface Cost : Rs 5000/- per year.
- Caution Deposit: Rs.5000 (One-time and refundable)
- If a student opts for extra credit an additional fee of Rs. 1570 per credit has to be paid.
- Partial/full fee waiver and scholarships are available. Full waiver of tuition fees will be extended to students belonging to SC, ST and PwD categories. For details see AUD website.*

### **Instructions for Entrance Examination**

The written examination (75% weight) will include General and Geographical Knowledge, Logic and Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, and question(s) based on a pre-circulated text, to be uploaded on the AUD website by June 21. This will be followed by an interview (25%). All applicants must appear in both the written exam and the interview to be eligible for admission.