

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING
for
MA in History

The School of Liberal Studies (SLS) offers a range of interdisciplinary and overlapping programmes that support, encourage and redefine liberal arts education through cutting-edge interdisciplinary courses, interactive pedagogy and learning that goes beyond classroom spaces.

The MA History programme is designed to impart understanding of historical phenomena and processes as well as to transmit skills of historical analysis and encourage the historical imagination. The programme teaches students to inquire historically while making use of insights and interpretive techniques of other disciplines, and it seeks to encourage a spirit of critical thinking about contemporary social questions. Skills acquired through the programme shall serve programme graduates well not only in academic but in such careers as journalism, publishing, educational administration, museum/archive management, tourism/heritage management and government service (among others).

Structure:

S.No.	Core/elective basket	Compulsory/elective	Credit weightage
1	Core courses	Compulsory courses offered in specific semesters	16 credits
2.	Elective area I- South Asian History	Electives open to both semesters	8 to 32 credits
3.	Elective area II- Comparative History	Electives open to both semesters	8 to 32 credits
4.	Non-History courses	Elective-optional	Up to 8 credits
5.	Research paper	Compulsory – Semester 4	8 credits
		Total	64 credits

Elective History courses are grouped in two broad categories: South Asian History and Comparative History. Courses in the former are unified with respect to their geographical dimension-areas and regions within or across the Indian subcontinent-and address various themes. Courses in the latter are designed to acquaint students with the eclectic nature of historical research while encouraging them to reflect upon connections between 'Indian History' and 'other' fields of history.

Students must complete at least eight credits and as many as 32 credits of elective courses in each of these two categories.

MA History students are encouraged but not required to complete up to eight credits of non-History courses, whether in the School of Liberal Studies or from postgraduate programmes of other Schools of the University.

Medium of instruction: English

Eligibility: BA with at least 45% marks (or an equivalent grade) from a recognised University in any discipline (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:

1. Tuition Fees: Rs. 25120 per semester (Rs.1570 per credit)
2. Caution Deposit: Rs. 5000 (One-time, refundable) Student Welfare Fund: Rs. 500 per semester
3. If a student opts for extra credits an additional fee of Rs. 1570 per credit has to be paid.

* Partial/full fee waiver and scholarship are available. Full waiver of tuition fees will be extended to students belonging to SC, ST and PwD categories.

Instructions for Entrance Examination:

A sample question paper will be made available on the AUD admissions page. The entrance examination question paper will consist of two sections. Section I will feature an extract from historical literature or another text (a paragraph or two) and the candidate will be asked to respond to a question or small set of related questions about the featured text extract. Section II will consist of several questions from historical and contemporary debates in Indian and other history (e.g., world or global history) and candidates will be expected to answer any one question. Answers will be evaluated not only for content and display of knowledge but for organization and clarity of writing. Very long answers will not necessarily be awarded high marks.

The entrance interviews will involve short (10-15 minute) interactions between each invited candidate and a small panel of faculty members. Candidates might be asked to comment further on an answer they wrote in the entrance test and/or they could be quizzed about the nature of their interests in the study of history (or more widely of social sciences and humanities). The purpose of this is for the faculty to become acquainted with the candidate and her/his capacity to undertake work at the postgraduate level.