

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING
for
MA in Psychology (Psychosocial Clinical Studies)

The School of Human studies (SHS) is an exploratory, interdisciplinary space for thinking and reflecting on the myriad meanings of being human. Academic programmes housed in the School focus as much on the promise and potential of the human, as on actual historical exclusions and marginalization.

The MA Psychology (Psychosocial Clinical Studies) is an innovative programme carrying 70 credits across 4 semesters. This programme attempts to inculcate in students a capacity for clinical and critical thinking that will facilitate a nuanced sensitivity to diverse states of emotional experience, a regard for the margins of 'Indian' society and a capacity to theorise the same. It may be thought of as a first attempt in India to redefine and provide a new direction to the disciplinary orientation of Psychology. We expect our students to engage effectively in academic and research fields. In addition, our focus on clinical thinking and related processes will, we hope, enable students to effectively respond to and work in contexts such as counselling and psychotherapy, which require engagement with the nuances of feeling states and the richness of human subjectivity.

Objectives:

The following are the objectives of this two-year programme:

- Recognise the complexity in inner worlds and explore forbidden realms in thoughts and feelings;
- Experience the psyche as a source of inner freedom and aspire towards playfulness, creative action;
- Appreciate the psyche as created and formed by the matrix of social, political and historical forces;
- Appreciate difference and plurality in life while critically understanding and contesting the dynamic processes that foster marginalisation and exclusion.

Structure:

The programme has a strong interdisciplinary framework and draws from the rich literature in Psychology, Psychoanalysis, Clinical Thinking, Feminist Scholarship, Philosophy, Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology, Spiritual Studies, Sociology, Literature, Art and Aesthetics etc. The foundational courses, which are interdisciplinary in nature, generate an engagement of the multiple understandings

of the term human. A student of the programme needs to be thoroughly familiar with intrapsychic, interpersonal and transpersonal processes. While working with experience, a student needs to be informed of the socio-cultural and political processes that both constitute and differentially enable living of these experiences.

Internship:

During the summer break an intensive fieldwork is initiated for a period of 30 days. Students are assisted in placement in institutions such as hospitals and NGOs engaged in the field of mental health, trauma, work with people affected by violence and the processes of restoration and rehabilitation. The internship will be a site where students engage and develop a relational and clinical acumen. Also, students can visit places where indigenous processes of healing happen and document their observations. Regular supervision will be provided during this period. A detailed report documenting experiences is required at the end of the internship.

Dissertation:

As part of fulfilling their requirements towards completion of the Masters programme, students in their final year will be required to draft a research proposal and complete a dissertation on an appropriate topic in consultation with their assigned faculty supervisors.

Mentorship:

A feature of the program is mentorship where a group of 6-7 students of the class work closely with a single faculty where students articulate their anxieties and reflect on their subjective experiences that got evoked in class. Furthermore, mentorship groups are powerful locales for peer learning and exchanges in a close engaged ongoing intimacy. The co-constructed nature of knowledge, and the inter-subjective sense of the self, both make themselves available in a small group setting.

Medium of instruction: English

Seats: 42

Eligibility:

Bachelor's degree 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:

Tuition fee of Rs. 1,09,900/- (Rs.28,260/- in the first semester i.e. Rs 1570/- per credit) + 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.1570/- per credit will have to be paid.

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.

Selection Procedure:

The selection will be based on an entrance test and an interview. Reservation norms of the Government of NCT of Delhi will apply.

Instructions for Entrance Examination:

Written test total marks: 75 marks (35+30+10)

Interview : 25 marks

Duration of Written Test: three hours

Instructions for Written Test

All three sections A, B, and C are compulsory. There is no negative marking.

1. **Section A** carries 35 marks. **We have 35 questions of one mark each.** We have four options and one correct response to be filled in the OMR sheets.

Fill up the details required in part 1 of OMR Sheet. Use a **ball point pen** to write your name and roll number in the boxes on the top left of answer sheet and your signature in Part 2 of the OMR sheet.

Use **only HB pencil** to fill up all other details in part 1 and to mark your answers on the OMR sheet.

2. **Section B carries 30 marks. Section B has 10 questions. Each question carries 3 marks.**
3. **Section C has a passage and the answer has to be attempted based on the reading of the passage it carries 10 Marks. The reading would be uploaded two weeks before the exam on our website.**

Those students who qualify in the written test based on merit would be called for the **interview which is of 25 marks.**