

## **MA GENDER STUDIES**

**2019-21**

### **School of Human Studies (SHS)**

#### SCHOOL OF HUMAN STUDIES (SHS)

SHS is an exploratory, interdisciplinary space of thinking and reflecting on the myriad meanings of being human. Its academic programmes focus on the promise and potential of the human along with the actual historical exclusions and marginalisations. The school has brought together feminist scholars, psychologists, psychotherapists, political scientists, social anthropologists, sociologists, philosophers and cultural theorists. Out of its six interdisciplinary programmes, the two at the Master's level are MA in Gender Studies and MA in Psychology (Psychosocial Clinical Studies) both drawing strongly from intellectual sources as well as engaging with the real life 'situatedness' of a variety of subjectivities around us.

#### MA GENDER STUDIES

The programme is an integral part of the inter-disciplinary, intersectional and dynamic vision of AUD, which conceives of academic learning as providing students with a critical conceptual framework in its engagement with social realities and issues.

Consistent with this ideal, the MA Programme is envisaged as a thoroughly interdisciplinary one, drawing upon gendered analyses primarily from the social sciences and the humanities.

#### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The pedagogies of teaching and learning employed at Gender Studies are intended to inculcate a feminist sensibility in our students, in ways that balance academic rigour with intellectual freedom. We encourage students to experience the personal as political by bringing into the classroom spaces critical reflection on their own and others' life histories and activism in conjunction with feminist texts and theorisation, while offering multiple sites of assessment.

#### CREDIT SYSTEM

The MA in Gender Studies is a 64 credits programme. The School of Human Studies offers Foundation courses which are shared by the other Masters Programmes. There are courses that deal with conceptual ideas that structure the Gender Studies discipline, courses on political movements that have a dynamic relationship with feminist theory as well as courses that train students to handle research within a feminist perspective. Elective options built on faculty specialisations offer to students a wide range of choices that help consolidate their research interests and to encourage students to take up specialisations both amenable to employability and furthering key research agendas of the field. The students also have the freedom of being able to choose Electives across the different Schools and Programmes of the university, which adds to the depth of varied perspectives that they bring to the Gender Studies courses.

## INTERNSHIP

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Feminist politics is sceptical of the dichotomy between practice and theory. The Gender Studies programme at AUD tries to bridge this gap between knowing and doing by encouraging students to undertake an internship that would also familiarize them with the world of work. Internship enables students to work with an organisation, and ensures that even while studying, the student is able to make links with the outside world in terms of experience and creating opportunities for future collaborations.

## DISSERTATION

The dissertation in the final semester of the MA is an opportunity to contribute to knowledge production in the field of Gender Studies. It is also an opportunity to interpret and challenge existing knowledge systems from a gender-sensitive lens. The research thus conducted is also expected to help students in identifying the potential areas of research and work to be taken up after the completion of the Programme.

**DURATION:** 2 years (4 semesters) Full time

**NUMBER OF CREDITS:** 64

**MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION:** English

## CAREER OPTIONS

Gender Studies instills in students a democratic and critical, analytical and interrogatory sensibility. These are qualities that would be valued by any workplace in this complex and often unequal world that we live in. Students of Gender Studies bring a special kind of lens to whatever work and setting that they are placed in, succeeding in democratizing the space that they occupy.

## ADMISSIONS 2019

### SEATS

42 (including reservations in accordance with the Government of NCT of Delhi norms).

### HOSTEL

AUD has 45 seats for women in its Hostel in Kashmere Gate.

### ELIGIBILITY (Essential)

Bachelors' degree with 45% marks (or equivalent grade) from a recognised university in any discipline (relaxation of 5% for candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ PwD categories).

Candidates appearing for the final year examination of a degree can also apply

**Fees:** Tuition fee of Rs. 1,07,520/- (@ Rs. 1680/- per credit i.e. Rs. 26,880/- 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.1680/- per credit will be charged.

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.

**APPLICATION FEES:** Rs. 510/- for general candidates and Rs. 200/- for SC/ST/PwD candidates

### **ONLINE (ERP-BASED) APPLICATION**

02 May 2019 – 24 June 2019

### **ADMISSION TEST**

3 July 2019 – 2:00 pm

### **INTERVIEWS FOR ADMISSION**

11 July 2019 – 12 July 2019

**For further details:**

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