

School of Liberal Studies (SLS)

PhD Programme (Sociology) Admissions 2019



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SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES (SLS)

SLS is home to postgraduate studies and research in Economics, History, Sociology and Mathematics. It offers a range of interdisciplinary, diverse and overlapping programmes that support, encourage and redefine liberal arts education through a number of interdisciplinary courses, participatory pedagogy and teaching-learning processes that goes beyond classroom to engage with the field.

PhD ADMISSIONS 2019 for Sociology

Applications are invited for PhD Programme in Sociology. Please check AUD SLS Sociology faculty profiles to assess areas of specialisation that faculty members have. The following are some of the broad areas in which research expertise is currently available: labour and public health; gender, sexuality and transnational feminisms; justice, equality and law; medical anthropology; anthropology of violence and mental health; social exclusion, caste and dalit politics; democracy, state and social movements; rural transformations and agrarian change, political economy of development and infrastructure, urban studies and land politics; relationships, kinships and intimacies, feminist pedagogy and contemporary higher education institutions;; business and social entrepreneurship, migration and popular culture.

SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENT

A Supervisor from the Sociology Faculty of SLS shall be assigned to each PhD scholar. A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) consisting of at least three members including the Supervisor, co supervisor (if any) and one/ two more faculty members, of which at least, one should be outside of the school / University would be constituted for each PhD scholar before the end of the course work. The RAC will periodically review progress of the research work of the doctoral candidate and also make recommendations as may be required to ensure that the scholar completes all requirements of course work.

The research scholar shall appear before the RAC at least once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The 6-monthly progress report signed by all the members of RAC shall be submitted by the Supervisor to the Standing Committee Research (SCR) of the academic council through Research Studies Committee (RSC) of the school with a copy to the research scholar.

Co-supervisory arrangements are possible with experts and scholars outside the School or even outside AUD on the conditions that they have recognised academic credentials, and the RSC of the School should be convinced that the involvement of the co-supervisor would significantly enhance the quality of the scholar's research.

COURSE WORK

Candidates admitted in the PhD programmes are required to complete 16 credits of course work during a period of two semesters. In the first semester, two core courses of 4 credits each will be Theoretical Issues in Sociological Research and Methods and Techniques in Social Research. In the second semester, two 2 credit courses on Guided Reading and Workshop on Academic Writing will be transacted together

with a 4 credit Elective course which the PhD scholar can choose from those offered by Sociology faculty SLS as well as outside of the Programme or School.

Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in Delhi region during the officially recognised academic year/ sessions and the scholar's regular attendance of classes and related academic activities.

FEES: Rs. 1680 per credit for course work, or Rs. 6370 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 stipend will be paid as per the existing AUD norms.

JOURNEY OF PHD CANDIDATE

The minimum period for completion of PhD, including coursework period is three years, and maximum is 5 years. More details regarding rules governing PhD programmes at AUD are available in the AUD REGULATIONS CONCERNING DEGREES OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.), 2017 and all scholars will be guided by the said regulations. Each scholar will be expected to provide a six monthly progress report throughout the duration of the PhD enrolment after successful completion of coursework within 12 months of enrolment. After completion of the course work, the scholar will be required to make a presentation and defend the research synopsis. The scholar will also have to make a pre- submission presentation to be arranged by SLS RSC. Finally, there will be a viva-voce examination in which the scholar will defend PhD thesis in the presence of AUD supervisor, co- supervisor (if any), thesis examiner and other invited experts.

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SEATS: 10. The total number of seats may vary depending on the availability/ interest of research supervisor in the specific area in which the proposal has been advanced. The University is not obliged to fulfil all the advertised seats if the suitable candidates are not found.

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

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates seeking admission in PhD programme must have Masters degree from a recognised University/Institute with 55% marks or an equivalent grade. 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) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

Meeting the eligibility criteria alone will not ensure admission. It will be dependent on overall performance in research proposal, entrance test and interview.

APPLICATION

At the time of submitting the application form a Statement of Purpose as well as Research Proposal need to be submitted. The Statement of Purpose should include a well articulated argument as to why the candidate wishes to pursue research at AUD. The SOP should not exceed 500 words. The applicants are required to submit a written research proposal clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study not exceeding 2500 words. There will be 25%weightage assigned to the research proposal. The research proposal document should give a background of the proposed research, its broad questions/ objectives and a brief description of the relevant conceptual frameworks. Each proposal will be put through plagiarism-check software and plagiarism, if found, will be a ground for summary disqualification of the application.

ENTRANCE TEST and INTERVIEW

Eligible candidates will be short listed for the written test. The written entrance test will be of 50% weightage. The examination will among other things test research methodological understanding of applicants. Only candidates qualifying in the written examination will be called for the interview. The interview shall be based on the courses that the candidate has done till the Master's level, the statement of purpose and the research proposal submitted.

A provisional admission to the PhD programme will then be offered to the candidates on the basis of combined merit of the written entrance exam (50% weightage), research proposal (25% weightage) and interview (25% weightage).

APPLICATION DATES

On-line Application: 10 June 2019 – 8 July 2019

Entrance Test: 31 July 2019 at 10:30 am

Interview: 6 August 2019 – 10:30 am

Online application Fees: Rs 700 for UR / OBC candidates and Rs 340 for SC/ST & PWD candidates.

*Consult the website for further entrance related details. For more information, keep checking the admission website at: www.aud.ac.in

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