

School of Human Studies (SHS)
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Bulletin of Information

PhD Programme (Disability Studies) **Admissions 2020-2021**

School of Human Studies (SHS)

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 historical exclusions and marginalization.

PhD Programme in Disability Studies

Research scholars in Disability Studies view disability not simply as a defect inside a person, but as a complex relationship between society and the people who function differently from the norm. They need to develop understanding of different pathways of development and examine the ways people function from an ecological perspective. The PhD program in Disability Studies program addresses disability in its full complexity, promoting an awareness of disability that supports individuals in shaping their identities and lives.

It will be important that scholars can undertake critical positions in academics and other sites of engaged practice so that they can question, scrutinize, interpret and critique the various forces influencing the discourse of disability and respond by creating meaningful possibilities. The programme intends to nurture research scholars who develop the capacity to study the changing landscape of disability and the critical issues in the various sites of practice. It provides opportunities to develop evidence-based approaches to promote equity and social justice. The programme is designed to enable candidates to engage in rigorous scholarship and enhance the existing literature in the field with high quality research. The major objectives of the programme are:

1. To equip students with the tools to explore disability as an epistemology and engage in emancipatory research moving beyond positivism, and remove the hierarchical relations in the research process.
2. To critically examine the idea of disability as a human predicament paying particular attention to prevalent social practices, policy making, services and human rights issues pertaining to people with disabilities.

3. To equip scholars with a broad range of knowledge and skills vital for research informed by scholarship from diverse disciplines.

Program Details and Requirements

- The PhD program strictly adheres to the rules and regulations of the University Grants Commission, as they are enforced and revised from time to time. The current regulations in force can be found [here](#).
- The PhD program is guided by the research studies ordinance and regulations of the University, which can be found [here](#).
- Minimum duration of **three years** and maximum duration is **six years**. Extensions and relaxations are applicable as per PhD Regulations 2021 [here](#).
- Doctoral candidates are required to complete a course work of 16 credits in the first year (two semesters) of admission, including course(s) on Research Methodology. Course work is prescribed by the Research Studies Committee (RSC) of the School.

Course work requirements:

- The 16 credits of workload must be undertaken by the scholar in the first two semesters of the PhD programme and must be completed by the end of the first year.
- Courses for Semester I: Narrativising the Self (4 Credits); Research Methodology in Disability Research Core course (2 credits); Doctoral Seminar and Fieldwork (4 credits);
- Courses for Semester II: Research Methodology in Disability Research (2 credits); Guided Reading Core Course (2 credits); Elective (2 credits)
- Candidates already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. in integrated course, may be exempted by the School Research Studies Committee (RSC) from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the 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.
- A doctoral supervisor is appointed from the School within a year of admission to the program. Experts and scholars with academic credentials from outside the School or university can be appointed as co-supervisors in case the candidate requires additional or specialized guidance.
- A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) is appointed for every candidate, with the supervisor as the convener of the committee. The RAC advises the candidate and monitors her/his/ their progress in the PhD program.
- Every candidate is expected to complete the six milestones of the PhD program
 - Course work
 - Presentation and defense of a research synopsis
 - Pre-submission presentation

- Pre-submission requirements of conference presentations and publication
- Production of an original thesis
- Viva-voce examination of the PhD thesis

Fees

- Rs. 1,680/- per credit for Course Work, and
- Rs. 6,370/- per semester during Research/ Dissertation
- Rs. 500/- per semester for Student Welfare Fund
- Rs. 5,000/- as refundable Security Deposit
- Partial/full fee waivers are available as per University norms.

Stipend for Research Scholars

- At present, all PhD candidates who are not drawing any other scholarship/ fellowship are eligible for a stipend of Rs. 16,000/- per month for a maximum duration of three (03) years, subject to satisfactory work progress in every semester. The amount and duration may be revised by the University from time to time.
- “AUD Research Excellence Scholarship” will be awarded to 25 meritorious candidates in the University, commensurate with UGC-JRF (Social Sciences and Humanities) fellowships. Other scholarships and research internships may be announced by the university from time to time.
- PhD candidates may be employed as Teaching Assistants subject to need of the School and the approval of their supervisors and Chair RSC. Teaching Assistants will be paid a remuneration as per University norms.

Hostel

- AUD has about 40 seats for women candidates in its hostel at Kashmere Gate
- Details of admission to the hostel can be found [here](#).

Admission to the Ph.D. Programme (2020—2021)

Potential applicants to the PhD program are encouraged to familiarize themselves with research specializations at the School and get in touch with faculty members at the stage of applications. The research profiles of doctoral supervisors are available [here](#).

Seats

- Total 05 | UR 03 | OBC 01 | ST (PwD) 01 | Foreign Student (Supernumerary) 01
- Reservations are as per rules of the university and orders of the Government of NCT of Delhi, as applicable from time to time.
- Candidates’ proposed research should align with the specializations of Disability Studies Programme faculty at SHS. The School reserves the right to decline admission to candidates in cases where the topic does not align with faculty specializations or the School does not possess the necessary infrastructural requirements/ laboratories.

Eligibility

- Master’s degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master’s degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in the ten-point scale or an equivalent degree from

or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognised or authorised by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

- A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, is allowed for applicants belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Persons with Disability categories.

Procedure for Admission

- The admission to the PhD program is based on a two-stage process consisting of an Entrance Test and a Personal Interview.
- Applicants are required to submit an original Research Proposal and Statement of Purpose at the time of submitting the online application.
- The research proposal, not exceeding 1500 words, should explain the nature and the process of the proposed work in disability Studies.
- In addition, candidates must submit a Statement of Purpose articulating why they wish to pursue a Ph.D. in Disability Studies, not exceeding 500 words.
- The proposed area of research must align with the research interests of the faculty of the PhD programme.
- Applicants are required to apply online on the admissions portal of the University with relevant documents.
- In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, the admission process, entrance test and interview will follow the format (online or offline) as decided by the University from time to time. Applicants are strongly advised to regularly check the [University Admissions website](#) regularly for details, updates and modifications.
- The Entrance Test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific.
- The Entrance Test will comprise subjective/ objective questions.
- An interview will be organized for the qualified applicants. The applicants are required to discuss their research interest/ area through a presentation of their research proposal before the Ph.D. Programme Faculty and RSC. The interview / viva voce to be conducted by the university shall consider the following:
 - whether the applicant possess the competence of the proposed research area
 - whether the research can be undertaken in the school
 - whether the proposed area of research can contribute to the new / additional knowledge.
- The Entrance Test shall be of 70% weightage and performance in the interview shall carry a weight of 30%.
- The interview, the Entrance Test and exemptions from the Entrance Test are guided by the Regulations Relating to the Award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, 2021 that can be found [here](#).

Important Dates

- The timelines related to the admissions process, date of Entrance Test and Personal Interview, and venue of the Test and Interview, and declaration of merit list will be announced on the University admissions website.

Fees for Applications

<i>(SC,ST, PwD)</i>	<i>(UR, OBC,EWS)</i>
<i>340 INR</i>	<i>700 INR</i>

IMPORTANT

Please consult the [University admissions website](#) regularly for details and updates.

For any queries, write to the Dean, School of Human Studies (deanshs@aud.ac.in) and Programme Coordinator, Ph.D. Psychology at anitaghai@aud.ac.in