

School of Liberal Studies (SLS)
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Bulletin of Information
PhD Programme in Economics
Admissions 2020-2021

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES

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 go beyond the classroom to engage with the field.

PhD IN ECONOMICS

The Ph.D programme in economics aims to provide a well-rounded and rigorous training in economics which will enable research scholars to address substantive questions using economic theory and empirical methods. It aims to produce scholars alive to the multiplicity of disciplinary traditions in economics and the connections of these traditions to each other and to other branches of human knowledge.

Programme details

- 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](#).
- Each student admitted to the programme must complete 16 credits of coursework. Of this, 8 credits of compulsory Research Methods courses must be completed in the first semester. Of this, two credits to be constituted by a core introductory module ‘Research Methods-1: Methods and Approaches to Economics’ and the other six credits to be earned from the course ‘Research Methods-2’ by choosing from different tracks of three research methods electives, which will cover Mathematical Methods, Historical Methods and Political Economy, and Econometrics. In the second semester, the student must complete two 4-credit

elective courses. Of the two Elective courses, the student may opt for 'at most one' elective course from other programmes in the University based on their research interests and with consultation and approval of the Academic Advisor and PhD Programme Coordinator.

- 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.
- 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](#)

Areas of Research

- Microeconomics
- Development Economics
- Agrarian development
- Poverty and inequality
- Macroeconomics
- Environmental Economics
- Health Economics
- Labour and development
- Financial economics

Seats

- Total **06** | UR 02 | OBC 02 | SC 01 | ST 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 the Economics Programme faculty of SLS. 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.
- The applicants are required to submit a written research proposal along with the application. The research proposal (not exceeding 2500 words) should clearly delineate his/her tentative research theme/focus/areas and should elaborate on the research questions comprehensively.

- The written examination will consist of subjective questions broadly based on a Masters level curriculum in Economics.
- For the interview the candidate will be required to present her/his research proposal and would be expected to have a comprehensive understanding in the area chosen in the proposal.
- The selection process, and specially the interview, would emphasize innovative thinking ability and a genuine interest in research. The alignment of the student's research interest with the on-going thrust research areas of the faculty would also be taken into account. Applicants are requested to familiarise themselves with the research interests of the faculty through their profiles [here](#).
- 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.
- 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 shall consider the following:
 - i. whether the applicant possesses competence in the proposed research area.
 - ii. whether the research can be undertaken at the School.
 - iii. whether the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge in the field.
- 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.

IMPORTANT

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

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