

School of Liberal Studies (SLS)
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Bulletin of Information

PhD Programme (Psychology)
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.

Ph.D. PSYCHOLOGY

In keeping with the philosophy and central concerns for which the School of Human Studies stands, the doctoral programme in Psychosocial Studies too is guided by a vision. Its method is to retain ethical engagement with forms of life and cultural modes of being that are rendered invisible and voiceless by the dominant discourses and politico-social structures and processes. Moreover, a psychosocial framework of research is facilitated by a concern about relating to nuances of human subjectivity and an attempt to feel the psychic recesses, dilemmas, resilience, life choices and conflicts in the participant's inner world. Guided by a critical perspective that constantly seeks to question both knowledge and power--questioning given structures within the discipline of psychology as also outside, historicizing/sociologizing knowledge, and orienting towards an inter-subjective world view within which affects, feelings and the phenomenological flow of life are received—the programme seeks to generate in the participants a nuanced sensibility to facilitate their clinical-critical, participatory and dialogical work.

In such research, the self of the researcher serves as an instrument through which processes of interpretation and meaning making are filtered, even as the momentum of work oscillates between recognition of self-reflexive moments (in the researcher and to an extent in also the participant) in which awareness of “sameness and otherness” leads to a deepening and broadening of human relatedness. Research in this mode welcomes the possible avenues through which the unknown (often preserved as the ‘excess’ and the ‘initially incomprehensible’ in the data) gradually unfolds in significance within the relational space between the researcher and the researched.

Serving life and its struggles, and focusing on qualitative work wherein sustained engagement is valued and the transformative potentials in the self of the researcher and researched are opened up, the doctoral programme will acquaint students with thinkers and researchers whose efforts are in line with the

above objectives. It will also help to hone the skills of future practitioners to ask searching questions in clinical and cultural domains.

The aims of the programme are as follows:

- To contribute to the rich and developing field of Psychosocial Studies through interdisciplinary research and writing.
- To delve into writing from India and South Asia for developing psychosocial research.
- To develop links between psychoanalysis and critical thinking relevant to India.
- To develop links between clinical psychoanalysis and critical psychology.
- To research marginalized lives and unexplored spaces of lived experience.
- To use qualitative methods of enquiry that reclaim subjectivity along with critical textual analysis
- To explore forms of listening to self and others.
- To develop writing styles that foreground the intersubjective nature of psychosocial enquiry.

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.

COURSES:

1. Reading Texts: A Methodological Focus (4 Credits)
2. Culture, Subjectivity and Psychoanalysis: The Politics of (Secret) Selves in Colonial India (4 Credits)
3. Critical Cultural Psychology (4 Credits)
4. Subjectivity, Life history and the Psyche: Researching into the world of survivors (4 credits).
5. On Mutuality in Research Thinking (4 credits)
6. An allied course from Anthropology, Sociology, Gender Studies, Literature, Film Studies, History, Philosophy or any other Discipline which meets the research interests of the candidate (4credits)
7. Guided Reading Course
8. Pro Seminar

Course work requirements:

1. Course No.1 is compulsory.
2. A candidate may opt for any two (2) courses from amongst 2. to 5.
3. In addition, a candidate may choose between either 6. Or 7.

4. 8 is optional. If a candidate undertakes a non-credited pro seminar in consultation with the faculty, it will be appropriately noted on their doctoral transcript but not counted in the overall calculation of the Grade Point Average (GPA).

Every candidate would have to successfully complete at least four, 4-credit courses (i.e. 16 credits in all).

- 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](#).

Areas of Research

Interdisciplinary/ Psychosocial (drawing from psychoanalysis, clinical psychology, developmental psychology and life-course research, cultural psychology, oriental psychology, inter-generational studies, psycho-history, queer studies, disability studies, gender studies, sociology, political thought, anthropology, literature, cinema, arts and aesthetics, history, philosophy)

Seats

- Total 07 | UR 03 | OBC 02 | SC 02 | 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 Psychology 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 at the time of online application. This should be a research proposal indicating research agenda, methodology planned and a bibliography. The applicant may also indicate their specific interest in and fit with the Psychosocial Studies PhD programme at AUD. 2500-3000 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 Entrance Test will be based on written responses to readings related to Psychosocial Studies uploaded in advance of the Test.

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- The Entrance Test will comprise subjective questions.

- Select readings for the Entrance Test will be circulated to applicants before the Test.
- 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 mamatha@aud.ac.in