

School of Liberal Studies (SLS)
Dr B R Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)
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Bulletin of Information

PhD Programme (Sociology)

Admissions 2020-2021

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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 Programme in Sociology

The Ph.D. programme in sociology resonates with the larger envisioning of AUD, which seeks a dialogue between the ideal of equality, social justice and critical thinking. Through a doctoral degree in Sociology at AUD, a scholar will be able to map the social reality in its complexities, arriving at a research question with the help of the taught courses as well as guided readings to actually doing the research- engaging with the field. The PhD research scholars in sociology will benefit immensely from the inter-disciplinary focus of research and teaching that Ambedkar University encourages.

The PhD programme in sociology aims to produce research scholars, who are capable of creative and critical engagement with the contemporary world through their research, transforming the way one engages with and re-imagines the social. In keeping with the inter and trans-disciplinary focus of the university, the students will be encouraged to take courses, do research/seminar papers and generally participate in the vibrant academic pursuits of the AUD campus.

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.

- 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.
- 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

- 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

Seats

- Total 12 | UR 06 | OBC 03 | SC 02 | 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 Sociology Programme faculty at 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.
- Applicants are required to submit an original Research Proposal at the time of online application.
- The research proposal must clearly delineate the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study. The research proposal should give a background of the proposed research, its broad questions/ objectives and a brief description of the relevant theoretical/conceptual frameworks. The word limit for the research proposal is 2500 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 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 Programme Coordinator, Ph.D. Sociology at pcphdsocio@aud.ac.in