

School of Human Studies (SHS)
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PhD. in Women's and Gender Studies Admissions (2020-21)

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 in Women's and Gender Studies

The Women's and Gender Studies PhD programme is conducted by Gender Studies Programme, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi. It creates a space for social analyses primarily using the category of gender. We encourage work that bring in complex analysis of gender seeing it as produced through many categories like caste, class, sexuality, ability and community, for instance.

The pedagogies of teaching and learning employed at Women's and Gender Studies research programmes, are intended to further a feminist sensibility in ways that balance academic rigour with intellectual freedom.

Please check the AUD website for faculty specialisation, thematic areas and specialisation.

Programme Structure

PhD in Women's and Gender Studies entails mandatory course work as allocated to the student. It will include specific courses designed to strengthen the core areas of research of each student and courses on methodology and/or theory.

The AUD PhD programme in Women and Gender Studies was launched in 2012-13 (started in collaboration with Centre for Women's Development Studies from 2012-2019). Our course structure provides the necessary grounding for students in the field of Women's and Gender Studies. It also caters to PhD students from outside AUD who may not have the requisite background in the field of Women's and Gender Studies, and who can avail of these courses being offered in the first year.

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.
- The first semester of the programme would provide the necessary orientation to students both at the theoretical level and in terms of research methodology. The first semester has two compulsory courses, Feminist Theories (4 credits) and Research Methods with Exemplary Works (4 credits). Another Elective (2 credits) will be opted for by the students from among the electives offered within/across the Masters/Research programmes in the University.
- The second semester again gives the option of choosing an elective (4 credits) from either within or across programmes in the University. This is to fully avail the range of expertise among faculty and also to cater to the different interests of students. A compulsory Guided Study course (2 credits) will also be offered in the second semester based on the specific research interests of the students so as to effectively be guided towards a fully worked out research proposal before the end of the second semester.
- Candidates already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the PhD programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. and have been permitted to proceed to the PhD. in integrated course, may be exempted by the School Research Studies Committee (RSC) from the PhD. course work. All other candidates admitted to the PhD programme shall be required to complete the PhD 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 defence 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 PhD. 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

Feminist Theory, Feminist Jurisprudence, Sexuality Studies, Gender and Work, Gender and Disability, Women's Movements in South Asia, Gender and Caste, Classical Performing Arts, Political Parties, Politics and Gender in South Asia, Religion, Spirituality and Gender, Political Economy and Gender, Marriage, Family and Kinship Studies, Gender and Cultural History of Northeast India, Sociology of Gender, Food and Society, Consumption and Commodities, Material Culture, Politics and State, Health Studies, International Relations, Security Studies and Gender are some of the areas of research encouraged by the program.

Seats

- Total 04 | UR 03 | OBC 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 Women and Gender 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.

Admission Process

- The admission to the PhD program is based on Entrance Test, proposal and a Personal Interview.
- Applicants are required to submit an original Research Proposal at the time of online application. The proposal should be between 1000-1500 words only.
- 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.
- Candidates are expected to prepare themselves on themes related to Women's and Gender Studies. Questions will be interspersed between both methodological and theoretical aspects.
- 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 PhD. 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 and proposal together 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 information about the Ph. D. programme in Women's and Gender Studies, contact Dr. Bindu K.C (bindukc@aud.ac.in).