

## ***M. Phil. and Ph. D. programmes in HINDI (SLS)***

### **Admission and eligibility:**

**Up to eight (8) seats for M. Phil. and Ph. D. together in Hindi** shall be filled in 2011-2012 by candidates meeting eligibility criteria and with satisfactory performances in admission activities. The maximum number of Hindi M. Phil. and Ph.D. scholars enrolled at any given time shall reflect the maximum allocations of research scholars to AUD faculty members as per University regulations.

The M. Phil. programme is one in which scholars shall complete course work and a thesis within a normal span of 18 months to two years. There is a programme/stream of Ph. D. through M. Phil., in which M. Phil. scholars, upon completion of all requirements of the M. Phil. programme, shall be deemed eligible for admission to Ph. D.<sup>1</sup> There is a 'direct Ph. D.' programme/stream for applicants already holding the M. Phil. degree and for those with M. A. Hindi (only) who have displayed special aptitude, such as completion of a research thesis (or project of comparable scope) or scholarly publication.

Applicants must meet general eligibility criteria prescribed by the University for M. Phil. and Ph. D.; this includes an M.A. from a recognized institution with marks of  $\geq 55\%$  or equivalent. Admission to M. Phil. and Ph. D. in Hindi is open to applicants with previous degrees (M. A. or M. Phil., as the case may be) in any discipline of the social sciences or humanities. All eligible candidates will have to participate in an entrance test. Those holding the M. Phil. degree will have to submit a chapter of their dissertation, which they think best represents the work, along with their application.

In determining whether a candidate is to be offered admission to the programme, the **entrance test** for M. Phil. and Ph. D. shall have weightage of 50 per cent. 25 per cent weightage shall be granted to the quality of the **applicant's academic record** based on mark/grades obtained in M. A. or M. Phil. (whichever is the highest degree obtained). There will be 25 per cent weightage for **presentation cum interview**. The written entrance test could be waived for Ph. D. applicants holding M. Phil. *and* who have already undergone an AUD Hindi entrance test for admission to M. Phil. However, the entrance procedure for such candidates would always include evaluation of the M. Phil. thesis and a presentation cum interview. (Official acceptance of a thesis topic, along with recognition of a supervisory arrangement, occurs only after enrolment.)

The written test will consist of a number of questions addressing contemporary literary issues and debates and presuming an ability to answer the questions from a broad framework. The candidates would be directed to answer one or two of these essay questions. There could also be a section of the test requiring the candidate to write about his/her proposed research project. The candidate would be

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<sup>1</sup> An M. Phil. student of exceptional promise, having completed all the prescribed courses for the M. Phil. with an 'A' grade average (GPA 8.5 – 9.5), may be promoted to Ph. D. studies without completing an M. Phil. thesis. However, he/she would not in these circumstances be awarded the M. Phil. degree. See AUD research studies regulations §8(v).

expected to discuss the kind of research questions to be addressed and the methods to be used. The test questions are expected to be answered in 500 to 1000 words.

The test shall be followed by an interview in which the candidate makes a presentation (of about ten minutes' length) of his or her research proposal to the faculty members of the discipline. The interview would involve faculty members posing questions to the candidate about the presentation.

### **Course work:**

All candidates admitted to M. Phil. will have to complete course work of minimum 16 credits, over a period of one or two semesters. Candidates directly admitted to Ph. D. without M. Phil. will be required to do minimum of 16 credits of course work, within a period of one or two semesters. There shall normally be sufficient courses on offer that each research scholar could fulfil the course work requirement in one semester. Candidates admitted for direct Ph. D. and who are already M.Phil. holders could be exempted from course work. However, the research studies committee has the right to prescribe course work even to doctoral scholars already holding M.Phil.

*Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in the Delhi area during the officially recognized academic calendar/sessions and regular attendance of classes and related exercises.* Exceptions to the 'residency requirement' are of two kinds: (1) for scholars who are prescribed course work or 'pre-thesis' learning activities of a kind which cannot be fulfilled at AUD or which the research studies committee specifically prescribes to be done in some other place/under special conditions; (2) for scholars who have completed the prescribed course work and are working on non-graded pre-thesis activities or have proceeded to thesis research and writing. Even if not regularly present in the University, the research scholar is expected to maintain communication with his/her research supervisor or co-supervisors, who in turn report periodically to the research studies committee on the activities of the research scholar.

The course work for M. Phil. and non-M. Phil. 'direct Ph. D.' students will consist of 4 courses:<sup>2</sup>

1. A course on Research methodology;
2. A course related to the area of the student's research which will have options like 'Sahitya ka Samajshastra', 'Sahitya ka Itihas Darshan', 'Tulanatmak Sahitya', etc. Scholars having proficiency in English may also do a course from a related discipline (e.g., English).<sup>3</sup>
3. Research Paper I<sup>4</sup>;
4. Research Paper II.

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<sup>2</sup> That is, for students enrolled for M. Phil. or others who have not completed course work as part of M. Phil. Exceptions to this pattern would need to be explicitly prescribed and justified by the research studies committee.

<sup>3</sup> For example: certain English literature courses (or selected modules of the courses) at M.A. or M.Phil. level could be credited towards the degree in Hindi.

<sup>4</sup> Research Papers 1-2 could be accomplished in various ways—for example, as result of 'independent study' with consultation between an individual student and one or more faculty members, as culmination of a student's participation in a workshop/seminar for research scholars, etc. In any case, a substantial piece of writing would be required demonstrating the student's ability to conduct historical research free of direct supervision.

As noted, additional courses could be prescribed to *any* M. Phil. or Ph. D. student by the research committee of the school, according to the student's particular research requirements. For example, students may be prescribed language courses. These could be regarded as *thesis pre-submission requirements* and could be fulfilled—if so directed by the research committee—without formal 'crediting' or award of letter grades (as per the general research studies regulations of the University).

#### **Thesis:**

Completion and successful defence of an M. Phil. or Ph. D. thesis will always be a requirement for award of the respective academic degree. Every candidate must be assigned a thesis supervisor or co-supervisors. The terms of research supervision and of completion and examination of a thesis are outlined in the University's research studies regulations (May, 2010). Any additional requirements respecting the nature of the candidate's research, the methods or materials used, the length of the thesis (in terms of minimum and maximum words or pages), citation form, stylistic criteria, and so forth, shall be worked out by the research studies committee and approved by the Standing Committee Research.

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### ***M. Phil. and Ph. D. programmes in HISTORY (SLS)***

#### **Admission and eligibility:**

**Up to twenty (20) seats for M. Phil. and Ph. D. together in History** shall be filled in 2011-2012 by candidates meeting eligibility criteria and with satisfactory performances in AUD admission activities. The maximum number of History M. Phil. and Ph.D. scholars enrolled at any given time shall reflect the maximum allocations of research scholars to AUD faculty members as per University regulations.

The M. Phil. programme is one in which scholars shall complete course work and a thesis within a normal span of 18 months to two years. There is a programme/stream of Ph. D. through M. Phil., in which M. Phil. scholars, upon completion of all *course requirements* of the M. Phil. programme, shall gain provisional admission to doctoral studies.<sup>5</sup> There is a 'direct Ph. D.' programme/stream for (1) applicants already holding the M. Phil. degree (in History or a related discipline) and, (2) for applicants

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<sup>5</sup> An AUD M. Phil. scholar having completed all the prescribed courses for the M. Phil. with an 'A' grade average (GPA 8.5 – 9.5) may be promoted to Ph. D. studies without completing an M. Phil. thesis. However, he/she would not in these circumstances be awarded the M. Phil. degree. See AUD research studies regulations §8(v). Such admission is called provisional because the scholar promoted to Ph.D. requires approval by the research studies committee of a revised thesis prospectus as condition of enrollment for doctoral studies. Additional pre-thesis activities could also be prescribed such candidates.

with M. A. (in History or a related discipline) who have displayed special aptitude, such as completion of a research thesis (or project of comparable scope) or scholarly publication.

Applicants must meet general eligibility criteria prescribed by the University for M. Phil. and Ph. D.; these include an M. A. from a recognized institution with marks of  $\geq 55\%$  (or equivalent grade/class). Admission to M. Phil. and Ph. D. in History is open to applicants with previous degrees (M. A. or M. Phil., as the case may be) in any discipline of the social sciences or humanities. All eligible candidates will have to participate in an entrance test. Those holding the M. Phil. degree will have to submit with their applications a chapter of the thesis/dissertation which they think best represents the work.

In determining whether a candidate is to be offered admission to the programme, performance on the **entrance test** for M. Phil. and Ph. D. shall carry weightage of 50 per cent. 25 per cent weightage shall be granted to the quality of the **applicant's past academic performance** based on marks/grades obtained in M. A. or M. Phil. (whichever is the highest degree obtained). There will be 25 per cent weightage for **presentation cum interview**. The written entrance test could be waived for Ph. D. applicants holding M. Phil. *and* who have already undergone an AUD History entrance test for admission to M. Phil. However, the entrance procedure for such candidates would always include evaluation of the M. Phil. thesis and a presentation cum interview. (Official acceptance of a thesis topic, along with recognition of a supervisory arrangement, occurs only after enrolment.)

The written test will consist of a number of questions addressing contemporary socio-economic issues and presuming an ability to respond to the questions from a broad social science perspective. The candidates would be directed to answer one or two of these essay questions. There could also be a section of the test requiring the candidate to write about his/her proposed research project. The candidate would be expected to discuss the kind of research questions to be addressed by the thesis and the methods or resources to be used. The test questions are expected to be answered in 500 to 1000 words.

The test shall be followed by an interview in which the candidate makes a presentation (of 10-15 minutes' length) of his or her research proposal to the faculty members of the discipline. The interview would involve faculty members posing questions to the candidate about the presentation.

#### **Course work:**

All candidates admitted to M. Phil. must complete course work of minimum 16 credits, over a period of one or two semesters. Candidates admitted *directly* to Ph. D. *without* M. Phil. are required to complete a minimum of 16 credits of course work, within a period of one or two semesters. The order in which these courses are completed and the quantity of courses (credits) to be undertaken in one or two semesters is determined by a research studies committee (RSC). There shall normally be sufficient courses on offer so that each research scholar could fulfil the course work requirement in one semester. Candidates admitted for direct Ph. D. and who are already M.Phil.-holders could be exempted from course work. However, the RSC has the right to prescribe course work even to doctoral scholars already holding M.Phil.

*Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in the Delhi area during the officially recognized academic year/sessions and the scholar's regular attendance of classes and related exercises.* Exceptions to the 'residency requirement' are of two kinds: (1) for scholars who are prescribed course work or 'pre-thesis' learning activities of a kind which cannot be fulfilled at AUD or which the research studies committee specifically prescribes to be done in some other place/under special conditions; (2) for scholars who have completed the prescribed course work and are engaged in non-graded pre-thesis activities or have proceeded to thesis research (or 'field work') and writing. Even if not regularly present in the University, the research scholar is expected to maintain communication with his/her research supervisor or co-supervisors, who in turn report periodically to the RSC.

The course work for M. Phil. scholars and for 'direct Ph. D.' scholars not holding M. Phil. will consist of 4 courses:<sup>6</sup>

1. A course on historical method;
2. A course on historiography related to the area of the student's research;
3. Research Paper I<sup>7</sup>;
4. Research Paper II.

Other courses could be prescribed to *any* M. Phil. or Ph. D. scholar by the RSC, according to the scholar's particular research requirements. For example, students may be prescribed language courses or training in quantitative methods/special techniques. These could be regarded as *thesis pre-submission requirements* and could be fulfilled, if so directed by the RSC, without formal 'crediting' or award of letter grades.

### **Thesis:**

Completion and successful defence of an M. Phil. thesis or Ph. D. thesis will always be a requirement for award of the respective academic degree. Every candidate must be assigned a thesis supervisor from the AUD faculty or two co-supervisors (one of whom is an AUD faculty member). The terms of research supervision and of completion and examination of a thesis are outlined in the University's research studies regulations (May, 2010). Any additional requirements respecting the nature of the candidate's research, the methods or materials used, the length of the thesis (in terms of minimum and maximum words or pages), citation form, stylistic criteria, and so forth, shall be announced by the RSC, with approval of the Standing Committee Research.

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<sup>6</sup> That is, for scholars enrolled for M. Phil. and others who have not completed course work as part of M. Phil. Exceptions to this pattern would need to be explicitly prescribed and justified by the RSC.

<sup>7</sup> Research Papers 1-2 could be accomplished in various ways—for example, as result of 'independent study' with consultation between an individual student and one or more faculty members, as culmination of a student's participation in a workshop/seminar for research scholars, etc. In any case, a substantial piece of writing would be required demonstrating the student's ability to conduct historical research free of direct supervision.

## ***Ph.D. Programme in MATHEMATICS (SLS)***

- Eligibility: M.Phil. in Mathematics.
- Admission will be based on a written examination (of 2-3 hours) and an interview.
- The written examination has both objective and subjective parts:
  - 1/3 weightage will be given to questions from Real Analysis, Metric Spaces and Topology.
  - 2/3 weightage will be given to questions from Group Theory, Galois Theory, Linear Algebra, Modules and Ring Theory.
- All doctoral students will be required to complete at least 16 credits of supervised reading courses as a pre-thesis requirement.
- A thesis is required for the doctoral degree. Every candidate must be assigned a thesis supervisor from the AUD faculty or two co-supervisors (one of whom is an AUD faculty member). The terms of research supervision and of completion and examination of a thesis are outlined in the University's research studies regulations (May, 2010). Any additional requirements respecting the nature of the candidate's research, the methods or materials used, the length of the thesis (in terms of minimum and maximum words or pages), citation form, stylistic criteria, and so forth, shall be announced by the research studies committee, with approval of the Standing Committee Research.

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## ***Ph.D. Programme in SOCIOLOGY (SLS)***

The Ph.D. programme in Sociology at AUD will commence from the upcoming academic session. **Up to five (5) Ph.D. seats** may be filled in 2011-2012 by candidates meeting eligibility requirements and with satisfactory performances in the entrance activities. The following guidelines for admission (other than general eligibility requirements of the University) shall apply:

### **Eligibility:**

Applicants must have an M.A. from a recognized institution with  $\geq 55\%$  marks or equivalent grade. Admission to Ph. D. in Sociology is open to applicants with previous degrees (M. A. or M.

Phil., as the case may be) in any discipline of the social sciences or humanities. All eligible candidates will have to participate in an entrance test.

The entrance test will be consist of: 1.Written (essay-oriented) test (50% weightage) 2.Previous qualification and academic performance (25% weightage) 3.Interview-cum-presentation of the research proposal to the research committee of the University (25% weightage). The written test will have questions on contemporary social issues aiming to test the analytical and comprehension abilities of the candidates. Candidates will be encouraged to speak their minds and express original ideas and individual opinions.

The test shall be followed by an interview in which the candidate makes a ten minute presentation of his or her research proposal. The interview would involve faculty members posing questions to the candidate about the presentation.

**Course work:**

Candidates directly admitted to Ph. D. without M. Phil. will be required to do minimum of 16 credits of course work, within a period of one or two semesters. There shall normally be sufficient courses on offer that each research scholar could fulfil the course work requirement in one semester. Candidates admitted for direct Ph. D. and who are already M.Phil. holders could be exempted from course work. However, the research studies committee has the right to prescribe course work even to doctoral scholars already holding M.Phil.

*Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in the Delhi area during the officially recognized academic calendar/sessions and regular attendance of classes and related exercises.* Exceptions to the 'residency requirement' are of two kinds: (1) for scholars who are prescribed course work or 'pre-thesis' learning activities of a kind which cannot be fulfilled at AUD or which the research studies committee specifically prescribes to be done in some other place/under special conditions; (2) for scholars who have completed the prescribed course work and are working on non-graded pre-thesis activities or have proceeded to thesis research (or 'field work') and writing. Even if not regularly present in the University, the research scholar is expected to maintain communication with his/her research supervisor or co-supervisors, who in turn report periodically to the research studies committee on the activities of the research scholar.

**Thesis:**

Completion of a Ph. D. thesis will always be a compulsory requirement for award of the academic degree. Every candidate must be assigned a thesis supervisor or co-supervisors.

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## **Ph.D. Programme in the School of Development Studies (SDS)**

### **Admission and eligibility:**

The programme offers **up to four (4) seats for Ph. D.** in Development Studies that shall be filled in 2011-2012 by candidates meeting eligibility criteria and with satisfactory performances in AUD admission activities. The maximum number of Ph.D. scholars enrolled at any given time in the School shall reflect the maximum allocations of research scholars to AUD faculty members as per University regulations.

The Ph.D. programme is open to applicants already holding the M. Phil. degree (in disciplines related to Development Studies)<sup>8</sup>, and to applicants with M.Sc/M.A. who have displayed special aptitude, such as completion of a research thesis (or project of comparable scope) or scholarly publication in the relevant areas of Development Studies. Applicants must meet general eligibility criteria prescribed by the University for Ph. D.; these include an M. A./M.Sc. from a recognized institution with marks of ≥55% (or equivalent grade/class).

The admission process consists of a written test and an interview. Performance on the **entrance test** for Ph. D. shall carry weightage of 75 per cent. There will be 25 per cent weightage for the **interview** which will be primarily based on the research proposal submitted by the candidate as a part of his/her application. The written test will consist of essay questions addressing contemporary issues in development discourse. The test will presume an ability to respond to the questions from a broad social sciences perspective. The test questions would be expected to be answered in 500 to 1000 words.

### **Supervisory Arrangements:**

A doctoral supervisor from the School of Development Studies shall be assigned on the basis of mutual discussions between the candidate and a member of the faculty after the offer of admission has been made to the candidate. Given the interdisciplinary nature of research at the School, co-supervisory arrangements are possible with experts and scholars outside the School or even outside AUD. The co-supervisor should have recognized academic credentials and the research studies committee (RSC) of the School should be persuaded that the involvement of this person would significantly enhance the research experience of the candidate.

### **Course work:**

Candidates admitted to Ph. D. *without* M. Phil. are required to complete a minimum of 16 credits of course work, within a period of one or two semesters. The order in which these courses are completed and the number of credits to be undertaken in one or two semesters is determined by the RSC of the School. There shall normally be sufficient courses on offer so that each research scholar could fulfill the course work requirement in one or two semesters. The RSC has the right to prescribe course work and pre-submission activities even to admitted doctoral scholars already holding M.Phil.

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<sup>8</sup> Areas related to the theory, practice and policies of development.

Participation in course work presumes a scholar's **residence in the Delhi area** during the officially recognized academic year/sessions and the scholar's regular attendance of classes and related exercises. Exceptions to the 'residency requirement' could be for scholars who are prescribed course work or pre-thesis learning activities of a kind which cannot be fulfilled at AUD or which the research studies committee specifically prescribes to be done in some other place/under special conditions. Other courses could be prescribed to Ph. D. scholar by the research studies committee, according to the scholar's particular research requirements.

The above statement notwithstanding, there is a one-year residential requirement for the PhD programme of the School during which time the candidate would complete the coursework and begin working on the research synopsis. Thereafter the RSC would formalize a supervisory arrangement with the student to ensure the timely meeting of academic deadlines. The frequency of meetings to supervise progress would be decided by the supervisor and co-supervisor, if any.

**Thesis:**

Completion and successful defense of a Ph. D. thesis will be the requirement for award of the academic degree. The terms of research supervision and of completion and examination of a thesis are outlined in the University's research studies regulations (May, 2010). Any additional requirements respecting the nature of the candidate's research, the methods or materials used, the length of the thesis (in terms of minimum and maximum words or pages), citation form, stylistic criteria, and so forth, shall be announced by the RSC of the School, with approval of the Standing Committee Research.

**Monitoring Progress of the PhD Candidate:**

Four milestones in the PhD process will be monitored by the supervisor (and co-supervisor, if any):

- (1) Successful completion of coursework (normally within twelve months of enrollment);
- (2) Presentation and defense of research synopsis (between 12 and 18 months after enrollment);
- (3) Mid-term research seminar (a public seminar open to members of the School and the University; date to be decided by supervisor);
- (4) PhD defense/oral ('closed-door') in presence of supervisor, co-supervisor, and examiners.

**For inquiries about the programme, contact Professor Chandan Mukherjee, Dean, SDS (chandan@aud.ac.in).**

## **Ph.D. Programme in the School of Human Ecology (SHE)**

### **Admission and eligibility:**

The programme offers **up to eight (8) seats for Ph. D.** in Human Ecology that shall be filled in 2011-2012 by candidates meeting eligibility criteria and with satisfactory performances in AUD admission activities. The maximum number of Ph.D. scholars enrolled at any given time in the School shall reflect the maximum allocations of research scholars to AUD faculty members as per University regulations.

The Ph.D. programme is open to (1) applicants already holding the M. Phil. degree (in disciplines related to Human Ecology)<sup>9</sup>, and (2) for applicants with M.Sc/M.A. who have displayed special aptitude, such as completion of a research thesis (or project of comparable scope) or scholarly publication in the relevant areas of Human Ecology. Applicants must meet general eligibility criteria prescribed by the University for Ph. D.; these include an M. A./M.Sc. from a recognized institution with marks of  $\geq 55\%$  (or equivalent grade/class).

The admission process includes a **written test and an interview**. Performance on the entrance test shall carry weightage of 75 per cent. There will be 25 per cent weightage for the interview which will be primarily based on the research proposal submitted by the candidate as a part of his/her application. The written test will consist of essay questions addressing contemporary issues at the interface of environment and human society. The test will presume an ability to respond to the questions from a broad social sciences perspective. Readings on which questions could be based may be circulated beforehand to candidates. The test questions would be expected to be answered in 500 to 1000 words.

### **Supervisory arrangements:**

A PhD supervisor from the School of Human Ecology and would be assigned on the basis of mutual discussions between the candidate and a member of the faculty after the offer of admission has been made to the candidate. Given the interdisciplinary nature of research in the School, co-supervisory arrangements are possible with experts and scholars outside the School or even outside AUD. The external co-supervisor should have recognized academic credentials and the research studies committee (RSC) of the School should be convinced that the involvement of this person would significantly enhance the quality of the doctoral scholar's research.

### **Course work:**

Candidates admitted to doctoral studies *without* M. Phil. are required to complete a minimum of 16 credits of course work, within a period of one or two semesters (as prescribed by the RSC of the School). The order in which these courses are completed and the number of credits to

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<sup>9</sup> Areas within Human Ecology include applied ecology, environmental and ecological economics, environmental history, political ecology and sustainable development.

be undertaken in one or two semesters is determined by the RSC. There shall normally be sufficient courses on offer so that each research scholar could fulfill the course work requirement in one or two semesters. The RSC has the right to prescribe course work even to admitted doctoral scholars already holding M.Phil.

*Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in the Delhi area during the officially recognized academic year/sessions and the scholar's regular attendance of classes and related exercises. Exceptions to the 'residency requirement' could be for scholars who are prescribed course work or 'pre-thesis' learning activities of a kind which cannot be fulfilled at AUD or which the research studies committee specifically prescribes to be done in some other place/under special conditions. Other courses and pre-submission activities could be prescribed to a doctoral scholar by the RSC, according to the scholar's particular research requirements. The above requirements notwithstanding, there is a one-year residential requirement for doctoral scholars in the School of Human Ecology that could include a period after completion of actual course work. During this period the candidate would work on the research synopsis. By the conclusion of this residency period the RSC would formalize a supervisory arrangement to ensure the timely meeting of academic deadlines. The frequency of meetings to supervise progress would be decided by the supervisor and co-supervisor (if any).*

#### **Thesis:**

Completion and successful defense of a Ph. D. thesis will be the ultimate requirement for award of the academic degree. The terms of research supervision and of completion and examination of a thesis are outlined in the University's research studies regulations (May, 2010). Any additional requirements respecting the nature of the candidate's research, the methods or materials used, the length of the thesis (in terms of minimum and maximum words or pages), citation form, stylistic criteria, and so forth, shall be announced by the RSC, with approval of the Standing Committee Research.

#### **Monitoring Progress of PhD Candidate:**

Four milestones in the PhD process will be monitored by the supervisor and the RSC:

- (1) Successful completion of coursework: normally within 12 months of enrolment.
- (2) Presentation and defense of research synopsis: between 12 and 18 months after enrolment.
- (3) Mid-term research seminar: public seminar to be arranged by the AUD supervisor with the cooperation of the external co-supervisor (if any).
- (4) PhD defense/oral ('closed-door') in presence of AUD supervisor, co-supervisor (if any), and thesis examiners.

**For inquires about this programme, contact Dr. Ghazala Shahabuddin, SHE (ghazala@aud.ac.in).**

## ***M. Phil. Programme in PSYCHOTHERAPY AND CLINICAL THINKING (SHS)***

The School of Human Studies (SHS) is launching an M. Phil. programme in *Psychotherapy and Clinical Thinking* from August, 2011. The M.Phil. programme shall admit **up to fifteen (15) scholars** in the 2011 batch. Scholars must complete courses and credited learning/training/clinical activities totaling **96 credits**. The normal duration of the programme is **three years (six semesters)**. Completion of an **M.Phil. thesis** is required. This is a full time programme. Graduates of this programme may qualify to subsequently move into the School's 2-year doctoral programme.

Regular faculty (from the School of Human Studies) and Visiting Faculty shall engage with M.Phil. scholars in terms of the following: (i) self-work and personal therapy, with supervision of clinical cases and community work; (ii) critical thinking on clinical material; and (iii) clinical research. M.Phil. scholars are expected to work in the University clinic and in other clinical settings, to document outcomes of clinical cases and to generate clinical data.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students with an M. A. in Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work, Literature (English or other) or any Social Science subject, with  $\geq 55\%$  marks (or equivalent grade) from any recognized University may apply for entrance to the M.Phil. programme. Students with M. Sc in Natural Science subjects or with Master's equivalent professional training (for example, a degree in Medicine) are also eligible and are encouraged to apply. Eligible applicants shall participate in a written entrance test and an interview. Applicants must submit at the time of application a tentative thesis proposal of approximately two pages (500 – 700 words).

**BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:** Taking cognizance, on the one hand, of the acute dearth of trained psychotherapists in our country and respecting, on the other, the richness of the plurality of psychotherapeutic traditions as well as the need for a psychotherapist to work with a range of human states and to be able to respond to emotional distress in a variety of ways, the M. Phil. Programme, even as it draws largely from the psychoanalytic tradition, will incorporate insights from other psychotherapeutic perspectives and incorporate aspects of psychological testing. The aim would be to create a holistically trained mental health professional who is competent and sensitive (not just to clinical concerns but also to issues of social justice), open-minded and flexible and who can hear the resonances of culture, history and politics, even as they emerge in the consultation room, i.e. the psychotherapeutic context.

**VISION:** Anchored by the larger values and principles which Ambedkar University, Delhi stands for--namely, engaged scholarship, praxis-based generation of knowledge, active concern for equity and regard for those existing 'at the margins'--the M. Phil. programme hopes to create reflective and involved professionals who will be eager to grapple with the therapeutic challenges that currently face the profession and will be empathically responsive to the suffering of humans across class, gender, sexuality and caste boundaries. While we believe that it is imperative to relate to the felt poverty (and otherness) of the one who has internalized it in

a visible manner, we also think it is equally important to offer our services to those who exist amidst economic abundance but still reel under an emotional sense of poverty (and deprivation). Although the training programme envisages a special focus on lives and communities existing at the margins, we hope to make our students equally sensitive and adept at working with the felt pain of those who carry an inner sense of fragmentation and loss in spite of having lived in visible richness.

**LEARNING LOCATION AND PROCESS:** While the majority of Clinical Psychology programmes in the country have had the psychiatric hospital as the site of training, this M. Phil. Programme shall have University based psychotherapy clinics and community based clinical outposts as learning locations. These clinics which will offer services to neighbouring communities and the larger resident population of Delhi and shall serve as training fields for the M. Phil. scholars. In addition, students and faculty members will devote prescribed hours of clinical work to the family therapy unit, children's play room and a regular psychoanalytical clinic. Some of the M. Phil. trainees' time allocated to clinical work will be spent in engaging with community oriented work in a deprived neighbourhood, where each trainee could engage with a small group of people affected by circumstances like (sexual) violence, communal conflict, displacement, forced migration and homelessness. The aspiring clinician will undertake personal exploration and personal work. Supervised clinical research, culminating in a dissertation, will be an intrinsic part of the programme.

**Salient Aspects of the Programme.** The M. Phil. programme shall lead the student towards:

- An integrated understanding of the psycho-social-clinical axis.
- A grasp of the theory of clinical work and the clinical mode of thinking.
- An understanding of symptoms as rooted within a life-historical, familial and cultural envelope (i.e., see symptoms as meaningful, condensed statements of a person's life-world).
- A deeper acquaintance with advances in core and classical concepts of psychoanalysis: the unconscious, dreams, sexuality and relationships.
- Thorough knowledge of Post-Freudian developments, with emphasis on object relations and psychology of self, and the interpersonal and relational schools of thought.
- A sense of the connections between psychiatry, clinical psychology, humanistic and existential therapy, spiritual traditions of healing and psychodynamic therapy. Relationships between psychoanalysis and family therapy and child psychotherapy, neuroscience and the arts, theatre, literature, painting and education shall also be explored.

In addition to the above, a deep and ongoing immersion in cultural processes, myths, folk tales, stories and native systems of healing would be part of the overall mode of understanding the human psyche. The programme shall focus on reading and researching special currents in

psychoanalysis of relevance to our social context, for instance the work of feminist psychoanalysts, that of the Frankfurt School, traditions of psychoanalysis in Latin America, non-American as also non-European contexts, links between psychoanalysis and Liberation Psychology as well as the work of independent thinkers offering relevant critiques from within the tradition.

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