# SCHOOL OF HUMAN STUDIES (SHS)

SHS has brought together psychologists, social anthropologists, sociologists, philosophers and social work professionals to offer two interdisciplinary programmes: MA in Psychology and MA in Gender Studies, both drawing strongly not only from intellectual sources but also engaging with the real life 'situatedness' of a variety of subjectivities around us.

It is an interdisciplinary space for thinking and reflecting on myriad meanings of being human.

The Programmes focus as much on the promise and potential of the human, as on the actual historical exclusions and marginalisations, characteristics of human cultures.

#### MA GENDER STUDIES

The Programme is an integral part of the interdisciplinary intersectional and dynamic vision of AUD, which conceives of academic learning as providing students with a critical conceptual framework in its engagement with social realities and issues.

Consistent with this ideal, the MA Programme is envisaged as a thoroughly interdisciplinary one, drawing upon gendered analyses from the sciences, social sciences and the humanities.

#### **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

The pedagogies of teaching and learning employed at Gender Studies are intended to inculcate a feminist sensibility in our students, in ways that balance academic rigour with intellectual freedom. We encourage them to experience the personal as political by bringing into the classroom spaces, critical reflection on their own and others' life histories and activism in conjunction with feminist texts and theorisation and offer multiple sites of assessment.

## **CREDIT SYSTEM**

The MA in Gender Studies is a 64 credits programme. Core areas like South Asia and Global Feminisms offer both a historical and methodological analysis of the movements around gender and women. Elective options build on faculty specialisations to encourage students to take up specialisations both amenable to employability and furthering the key research agenda of the field. The students also have the freedom of being able to choose Electives across the different Schools and Programmes of the University, which adds to the depth of varied perspectives that they bring to the Gender Studies courses.

## INTERNSHIP

Certain structural innovations in the Programme like the requirement of doing an internship enables students to work with an organisation, and ensures that even while studying, the student is able to make links with the outside world in terms of experience and creating opportunities for future collaborations.

#### DISSERTATION

The dissertation in the final semester of the MA is an opportunity not only to contribute to knowledge production in the field of Gender and Women's Studies but also to interpret and challenge existing knowledge systems from a gender-sensitive lens. The research thus conducted is also expected to help students in identifying the potential areas of research and work to be taken up after the completion of the Programme.

DURATION 2 years (4 semesters) Full time

NUMBER OF CREDITS 64

FEES\* Rs.1,250 per credit + Rs.500 per semester for Student Welfare Fund + Rs. 5,000 refundable caution deposit.

Partial/ full fee waivers and scholarships available. ("Subject to approval)

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION English

## **CAREER OPTIONS**

The Programme equips students with a degree that would enable them to intervene in multiple settings such as government and non-government organisations, educational settings, mental health and disability, media and definitely academia that require a focus on the inequities associated with gender.







On the 26th January 1950, we are going to enter into a life of contradictions. In politics we will have equality and in social and economic life we will have inequality. In politics we will be recognising the principle of one man one vote and one vote one value. In our social and economic life, we shall by reason of our social and economic structure, continue to deny the principle of one man one value. How long shall we continue to live this life of contradictions? How long shall we continue to deny equality in our social and economic life?

DR B R AMBEDKAR

#### **ADMISSIONS 2014**

#### **SEATS**

42 (including reservations in accordance with the Government of NCT of Delhi norms).

#### HOSTEL

AUD has about 40 seats for women in its Hostel in Kashmere Gate and about 20 seats for men in Dwarka.

#### **ELIGIBILITY** (Essential)

Bachelors degree with at least 45% marks (or equivalent grade) from a recognised University in any discipline (relaxation of 5% for candidates belonging to SC/ST/ PD categories).

Candidates appearing for the final year examination of a degree can also apply.

**ONLINE APPLICATION** 

**ENTRANCE TEST\*** 

1 May - 16 June 2014

5 July 2014

ON CAMPUS APPLICATION INTERVIEWS 26 May - 16 June 2014

10 - 11 July 2014

\*Consult AUD website for readings related to the entrance test.

Application Fees: Rs.400 (Rs.200 for SC/ST/PD)

## MA **GENDER STUDIES** 2014-2016

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