

**MPHIL IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE (SHS-SDS)  
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION (2013-14)**

- (1) **Full programme title:-** MPhil in Development Practice
- (2) **Duration of the programme:-** 2 years (inclusive of 8 months 'field immersion')
- (3) **Number of academic credits:-** 64
- (4) **Whether thesis/dissertation or a major project report is required** for programme completion (Credits): Action Research Project (12 Credits)
- (5) **Medium of instruction:-** English
- (6) **Number of seats available:-** 25 (10+13+2)
- (7) **Minimum eligibility:-** Masters with 55% (with 5% relaxation to SC/ST/PD) in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences or professional degrees like law, agriculture, engineering and medicine
- (8) **Reservation of seats:-** 10 seats to be filled as per the Reservation Policy of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi; 13 seats open to candidates from all over India and subject to Reservation Policy of the Govt. of India, 2 seats open to candidates from outside India.

(9) **Stipend/Fellowships:-** The students of MPhil Development Practice will receive a stipend of Rs 12,000/- per month with an annual contingency amount of Rs 36,000/- for their stay and travel in villages during field ‘immersion’.

(10) **Means of admission:-** Written tests (inclusive of MCQ type and critical-analytical-reflective essay type writing on texts uploaded on the AUD website on June 17, 2013); Group Discussion and Interview. Please check ‘Reading Material’ section in the webpage for details about Written Test.

(11) **Important dates in the application and enrollment process:-**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Start of application process	5 June, 2013
Last date of application	28 June, 2013
Uploading of reading material on the website	17 June, 2013
Exam dates	1 July- 3 July, 2013
Declaration of First List of selected candidates	8 July, 2013
Admission of candidates offered admission in the First List	8 July-11 July, 2013
Declaration of Second List of selected candidates	12 July, 2013
Admission of candidates offered admission in the Second List	12- 17 July 2013
Declaration of Third List of selected candidates	18 July, 2013
Last date of admission	19 July, 2013

(1) **Brief programme description:-**

The idea driving this MPhil is that a new set of *professionals*, trained in rural development/transformational skills are needed to fulfill the bottom-up version of the Indian developmental dream, seeking to link the ‘transformation of self’ to the larger goals of *social justice and collective transformation*. Existing theories and practices of development have hitherto failed to fully address the lived experiences and the livelihoods-health-education-governance related predicaments of a large segment of the Indian rural poor. The 'rural', even if in transition, continue to be seen as 'backward'. The MPhil in Development Practice (co-hosted by AUD and a reputed development sector agent, PRADAN) through an examination of the unexamined 'underdevelopment of the rural' and the equally unexamined 'royal roads to Development', and the setting up of a relationship with the rural through a eight-month long immersion-based-learning in rural contexts wishes to create a cohort of Development Sector

Professional who would have the capacity to *initiate transformative social action in rural India*.

(2) Courses and other programme activities

**Course Structure and Programme Schedule**

	<b>Semester I</b>	<b>Semester II</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Semester III</b>	<b>Semester IV</b>
<b><i>Immersion at PRADAN Development Centre, Kesla</i></b>	Orientation to the MPhil Course and Pre-Course Immersion – at Kesla	<b>Natural Resource Management – 2 Credits</b>		<b>Rural Livelihoods – 2 Credits</b>	
<b><i>Core Interdisciplinary Courses (at AUD)</i></b>	<b>Understanding the Rural (4 Credits) –</b>  Institutions in Rural Spaces  Deprivation and Resources  <b>Experiencing Self – Relating Self with Others – 4 Credits</b>  <b>Philosophy of Development Practice- 4 Credits</b>	<b>Listening, Learning and Communication – 2 Credits</b>  <b>Gender and Development – 2 credits</b>  <b>Equality, Discrimination Marginalization and Development - 2 Credits</b>  <b>Environment, Natural Resources, and Development - 2 Credits</b>  <b>Research Methods in Rural Contexts – 2 Credits</b>		<b>Politics, Resistance and Change – 2 Credits</b>  <b>Intervention, Inclusion and Collective Action – 2 Credits</b>  <b>Reflections on Justice – 2 Credits</b> <b>Discourses on Well-Being – 2 Credits</b>	

<b>Research Methods</b>		<b>Participatory Research and Grassroots Engagement Methodology</b> (to be transacted at Kesla) - 2 Credits		<b>Project Management –</b> 2 Credits	
<b>Seminars/ Workshop</b>		<b>Education in Rural Context</b>  <b>Health in Rural Context</b>  <b>Gender, Culture, Rights and Ethics</b>  <b>Dissertation Seminar: Formulating an Action Research project</b>		<b>Rural Through Art, Literature, Films - 4 Credits</b>  <b>Dissertation Seminar: Giving final shape to the Action Research project</b>	
<b>Practicum/ Immersion</b>		<b>Immersion I (2 months): Stay in a Rural Household (1 month) and Village Study (1 month)</b> – 2 Credits	<b>Immersion II (2 months): Developing Competences in Community/ Group Context</b> – 2 Credits		<b>Action Research (4 months)</b> – 12 Credits
<b>Reflective Practice</b>	<b>Group Processes at AUD – 1 Credit</b>  <b>The Development Practitioner</b> (2 Credits)	<b>Group Processes at Kesla – 2 Credits</b>		<b>Group Processes at AUD – 1 Credit</b>	

**(3) Additional notes or alerts:-**

- Programme applicants must apply with the Application Form for MPhil Development Practice (2013-2014) linked to the webpage.

- Application fee for General candidates is Rs. 300/- and for SC/ST/PD candidates is Rs. 150/-.
- Application fee must be paid in the form of a Demand Draft made in favour of “Ambedkar University, Delhi”.
- Hardcopy of the application may be submitted in person or by post.
- Applications should be sent to:

Project Director,  
MPhil in Development Practice  
School of Human Studies (SHS)  
Ambedkar University Delhi  
Kashmere Gate Campus  
Lothian Road, Kashmere Gate  
Delhi – 110006

- Applicants are not required to submit a research proposal or Statement of Purpose.
- The selected candidates will have to travel to Kesla, Madhya Pradesh and join the ORIENTATION Programme at the KESLA Campus of PRADAN on 21 July, 2013. The stay at Kesla will be for ten days. **Candidates are expected to make their own travel arrangements.** Accommodation shall be taken care of by AUD and PRADAN
- Please contact [gurpreet@aud.ac.in](mailto:gurpreet@aud.ac.in)/ [shyamolima@aud.ac.in](mailto:shyamolima@aud.ac.in) or for any changes in the Orientation Programme.

**(4) Full name(s) of programme contact faculty, with their titles and email ID's:-**

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