

School of Education Studies (SES)
Dr B R Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)

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PhD Programme in Education

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SES is envisioned to evolve as a community of professionals and scholars endeavouring to understand education in its historical and contemporary contexts through engaged scholarship and practice. The School aims to bridge the gap between the theory and practice of education in its multiple locations—in that, it attempts to foster greater convergence between the study of education as a social phenomenon and the preparation of professional educators. In pursuit of this vision, SES launched the MA Education programme in 2012, MA Education (Early Childhood Care and Education) in 2014, a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme in 2019, a PhD Programme in Education in 2019, and two four-year Integrated Teacher Education Programmes (ITEP), also called BABEd programmes in Preparatory and Secondary in 2023. These programmes are part of the School's endeavour to bring in convergence between the professional and the liberal dimensions of education.

PhD Programme in Education

The doctoral programme is designed to engage scholars committed to identifying challenges in education, developing newer insights and contributing to the knowledge construction in this discipline. It aims to nurture research scholars to develop the capacity to study the changing landscape of education and the critical issues in the various sites of practice. The programme aims to question, study, and critique the various forces influencing the education discourse and respond by creating alternative pathways. It intends to develop evidence-based approaches to promote equity and social justice. The programme is designed to enable candidates to engage in rigorous scholarship and enhance the existing literature in the field with high-quality research. The courses will encourage candidates to examine themes through multiple lenses grounded in different disciplines. SES offers specialisation in the following areas: Educational Theory, Curriculum Studies, Education Policy and Reform, Higher Education, Economics of Education, Social Science Education, Sociology of Education, Early Childhood Care and Education, Language and Literacy, Inclusive Education, Critical Pedagogy, Psychology of Education and Teacher Education. After successfully completing the PhD Education Programme, students will be able to:

- Conduct independent and collaborative research studies with academic rigour.
- Follow research and academic ethics when conducting any study or writing on a topic.
- Develop an integrated understanding of education and related disciplines through coursework.
- Critically examine political and socioeconomic contexts in which education programmes are situated.

- Contribute to curriculum development, policy development and planning of educational schemes.
- Acquire the ability to teach undergraduate and graduate level courses and develop awareness of various pedagogic practices in higher education.

List of Supervisors

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- Link for Admission Notice:
https://aud.delhi.gov.in/sites/default/files/admissions/2025/PhD/ph.d_admissions_2025_notice.pdf
- Please consult the University admissions website regularly for details and updates.
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