

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Admission to Direct PhD in Education & Integrated M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Education Academic Year 2012-13

The M.Phil in Education¹ is part of the integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme which consists of two academic degree programmes that can be pursued with a single admission procedure taken at the entry level for the M.Phil degree. Successful completion of the two-year degree would facilitate the transition to the Ph.D programme. A mid-stream option exists where students can move into the Ph.D programme after one year of course work, provided they acquire A- and are found suitable. All candidates enrolled for the programme shall undergo a taught full-time M.Phil programme.

Objectives of the programme

The programme seeks to deepen students' understanding of the nature of education as a disciplinary domain of theory and practice. Students will gain orientation in educational research methods together with developing conceptual understanding of specific areas of focus within education. Through the process of completing the course work, students are expected to develop capability to think, communicate and engage in the discourse and practice of education.

Salient features

- Option of on-campus teaching and blended learning (that includes periodic on-campus teaching and supported online mode learning)
- Collaborative arrangements with other institutions for coursework
- Competence in regional language through the course in “Modern Indian Language Production”
- Specialisation through coursework and participation in research seminars
- Participation in the research programmes of the Centre

Eligibility criteria for M.Phil and direct Ph.D

- A candidate should have a consistently good academic record and a minimum of 55 percent of aggregate marks, or a grade point average of 3.5 under the seven-point scale of the UGC, awarded by a recognized university in India or abroad, are eligible for admission. In the case of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students, the minimum eligibility is an average of 50 per cent of aggregate marks, or a grade point average of 3.05.
- A candidate should have a Masters degree in Education (MA/M.Ed) or related Social Science or Science or Humanities discipline for applying for M.Phil
- An M.Phil in Education or a demonstrated knowledge of the field is compulsory for applying for direct Ph.D.
- A candidate may be either a fresh M.Phil graduate or someone with professional experience in the said field for applying for direct Ph.D.
- There are no restrictions regarding age.

TISS follows reservation policy for SC, ST, OBC and PWD as per the Government of India norms

¹ The M.Phil in Education is proposed to be offered from TISS, Hyderabad (this is an off-campus of TISS which is awaiting UGC clearance in the next couple of months).

Candidates who are currently employed and wish to continue working can choose among the following options:

- Taking leave from their work and participating in the programme full-time or
- Spending specified periods on campus and completing course requirements by attending modular research workshops held each semester

Curriculum framework

I	BC1: Introduction to Social Science and Education Research	2
	BC2: Evolution of Indian Education System	2
	Optional 1	2
	Optional 2	2
II	BC3: Education Theory and Methodology	4
	Optional 3	2
	BC4: Modern Indian Language Production	2
	Proposal presentation	
	(Total course work credits = 16)	
III	Independent research	30
IV	Independent research	
	At least one seminar presentation of work in fourth semester prior to submission	
	Total credits	46
	Attendance in ongoing research seminar series of the Centre	
	Attendance and participation in ongoing research/ peer group seminar	

The maximum limit for completion of the coursework and independent research is 5 years and the programme requirements may be completed in a flexible mode.

Mode of delivery/teaching

Students could opt for the M.Phil programme either in an on-campus or blended-learning mode. Some courses may be offered across institutions, with due credit equivalence. The programme aims at engaging students in discursive and reflective study of education and social sciences. Students will be encouraged to read and discuss among peers and engage in the discourse community by participating in courses, ongoing seminars and discussions, in research and teaching opportunities and in action research and field engagement.

Areas of expertise:

- Curriculum and pedagogic studies
- Culture, context and learning
- Teacher education
- Child development and cognition
- Quality and policy
- Social dimensions of education
- Higher education

Admission process

Candidates applying for Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D and direct Ph.D will go through the same admission procedures being followed for admission by the TISS. Specific components of the field of education will be part of the written assessment and personal interview. Apply through the forms uploaded on the website and follow the same guidelines given in the brochure.

Important Dates:

Last date of submission of Application Form:	April 8, 2012
Shortlisted candidates list on the TISS website	April 20, 2012
Written Test and Personal Interview on and between	May 1- 4 , 2012

For further details read the Information Brouchure. For any further clarifications email the Doctoral Students Officer at dso@tiss.edu or Call on 25525268 or 25525223.

Hard copy application with all enclosures to reach Section Officer (DSO & Meetings), Tata Institute of Social Sciences, V.N. Purav Marg, Deonar, Mumbai - 400 088 by April 8, 2012.

Prof. Neela Dabir
Registrar

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