

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
THE DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**



HANDBOOK OF INFORMATION

*******M. Phil. in Economics
2011-2012**

**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
DELHI-110007**

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4. M.PHIL IN ECONOMICS

The M.Phil. Programme in Economics operates within the overall framework laid down by the ordinance governing the M.Phil. programme in the University.

1. Student intake into the M.Phil. Programme will be determined as per the University Ordinance VI. Reservation will be provided as per university guidelines.
2. 25% of the students enrolled in the M.Phil. programme will be entitled to get fellowships @ Rs.3000/- per month, with a contingency support of Rs.8000/- per year. Duration of the fellowship will be as per rules and regulations under the Ordinance for the M.Phil. programme of the Department. The selection of students for the above-mentioned Fellowships will be as per the merit list. 50% of the fellowships will be reserved for the reserved categories. Duration of the fellowship will be as per the rules and regulations under the Ordinance for the M.Phil. programme of the Department. No fellowship will be given for the extended period.
3. No fellowship will be given to students who join part-time M.Phil. programme.
4. All applicants for the M.Phil. Programme is required to take the entrance examination.

Eligibility

A. Students from Indian Universities

The minimum qualification for admission to the M.Phil. Programme shall be a Master's degree in Economics or in any of the following allied subjects: Business Economics, Business Administration, Commerce, Statistics, Mathematics, Operations Research, History and Engineering, with at least 55% marks in the aggregate, or an equivalent qualification recognized by the Academic Council. The above minimum marks requirement shall not however apply in the case of the teachers of the University of Delhi holding substantive appointment before the promulgation of the ordinance relating to the M.Phil. programme. Such teachers need only have 50% in the aggregate to be eligible.

B. Students from foreign Universities:-

Indian Nationals holding a Master's degree in Economics or in an allied subject, as well as all foreign nationals have the option of seeking admission to M.Phil. Economics by taking the Department's Entrance Examination or seeking admission on individual basis by submitting their GRE Scores along with recommendations from two academic referees. Those who choose to take the entrance test must apply to the Head of the Department on the prescribed form by the due date. No matter which option they choose, all foreign nationals must route their applications through:

Foreign Students Advisor
Foreign Students Registry
Faculty of Management Studies
University of Delhi
Delhi 110007

N.B. Foreign nationals with Indian degrees and Indian nationals with degrees from foreign universities should ideally appear for the entrance test. In case it is not feasible for a candidate to appear for the test she/he should follow the procedure laid down in B above.

Duration

The duration of the M.Phil. is one and half years for full-time students and two years for part-time students. Full-time teachers of the University of Delhi and its constituent colleges holding a substantive post alone are eligible for admission on a part-time basis.

Structure

The M.Phil. in Economics will consist of two parts, both parts having equal weight. Part I will comprise three full time courses and Part II a dissertation. The three courses in Part I will be of at least six months' duration each.

Span Period

A student must complete the M.Phil. programme i.e. clear both Part I and Part II of the course within three years of initial registration for the M.Phil. full-time programme, and within four years of initial registration for the M.Phil. Part-time programme.

Attendance

Students shall be required to attend the lectures and participate in seminars arranged in the department, and maintain a regular schedule of meetings with their term-paper supervisors. All students are required to attend at least two thirds of the lectures and seminars. The convenor of the M.Phil committee will assign students to faculty advisers as need be until such time as they write their dissertation proposal.

Examination

The mode of examination for Part I will include term papers, class exams, and presentations, as decided by the student advisory committee. In Part II, a student is required to write a dissertation on a subject approved by the Advisory Committee, under the supervision of the supervisor(s) appointed for the purpose. Only a student who clears at least two courses in the Part I examination may be allowed to proceed to his/her dissertation work. A student will be permitted to submit the dissertation only when he/she has passed the examinations in all the courses of Part- I.

The dissertation will be submitted only when the supervisor(s) concerned is/are satisfied that it is worthy of consideration in part fulfillment of the M.Phil. Degree. The application for submission of the dissertation shall also be countersigned by the Head of the Department. The dissertation may include results of original research, a fresh interpretation of existing facts and data, or a review of a critical nature, or may take such other form as may be determined by the Advisory Committee. No student shall be allowed to appear in any part of the examination (Part I/Part II) more than twice.

A candidate who having fulfilled the attendance requirement and being otherwise eligible to appear at the examination fails, or fails to appear shall be required to appear/reappear for the same on his/her being an ex-student in accordance with the rules prescribed in this behalf.

Evaluation and Classification of Results: Students admitted to the M.Phil. will be evaluated in Parts I and II of the M.Phil examination under the numerical system and successful candidates of the M.Phil examination will be classified into the following three categories.

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| 1. | Pass | At least 50% in each of two courses and no less than 40% in the third and 50% in the Dissertation including viva-voce |
| 2. | First Division | with 60% marks or more in the aggregate |
| 3. | First Division with Distinction | with 75% marks or more in the aggregate |

Transition to Ph.D

Students initially registered in the M.Phil. programme who obtains a score of 60% or more in the coursework are eligible for admission to the doctoral programme without completing their M.Phil. degree and each case would be based on the specific recommendation of the DRC.

Students who perform at a prescribed level (60% or more) on average in courses of the Part-I examination may be allowed to proceed to the Ph.D. programme without being required to undertake Part II. The student will put in a formal request to the Head/DRC Convener about a switch from the M.Phil. to the Ph.D. programme. A student who is admitted to the Ph.D. programme in this manner would then have to take two additional courses as part of the Ph.D. course work, as decided by the DRC. A student, who has been allowed to proceed to the Ph.D. programme as above, shall have the option to return to the M.Phil. programme at a later stage. However, such a student shall be required to clear the M.Phil. programme within the overall span period of three years from the date of initial registration to the full-time M.Phil. programme or within four years from the date of initial registration to the M.Phil. part-time programme. These students will then be eligible to receive UGC fellowships under the same conditions as other Ph.D. students who have been admitted through the entrance exam.

Fees etc.

The following fees are required to be deposited with the University Cashier:

Admission fee	Rs. 10
Library Deposit (refundable)	Rs. 1000
Tuition Fee @ Rs. 18/- p.m.	Rs. 324
Athletics Association	Rs. 50
Cultural fee	Rs. 10
Library Development Fee	Rs. 200 p.a.
Computer Fee	Rs. 4000*
N.S.S. Fee	Rs. 20
DSE Development fee	Rs. 500
DSE Library Services fee	Rs. 1000
University Development Fee	Rs. 300 p.a.
Enrolment Fee	Rs. 150
University Library Fee	Rs. 12 p.a.
Prevention of sexual harassment fund	Rs. 10 p.a.

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Examination Fee: Parts I and II Rs. 800 each

Note: The structure of fees may change as per the University decision from time to time.

M.Phil. Admission 2011-2012

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Candidates awaiting results of their last qualifying examination are eligible to apply. They must, however, produce proof of eligibility, if selected, at the time of admission. The admission will be on the basis of a written test followed by an interview for those candidates who score above the minimum cut off in the written examination. The cut-off will be decided by the M.Phil. Committee. The entrance examination will be held on 25th June 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The short list for interview will be put up in the afternoon of July 8th, 2011, and the interviews will be held on **July 11th, 2011**.

For the entrance examination, applicants will be expected to be familiar with M.A. first year material in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics.

List of indicative textbooks:

(i) Advanced Microeconomic Theory - Geoffrey A. Jehle and Philip J. Reny

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Course work for M.Phil. Programme

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5. PH.D. IN ECONOMICS

To be eligible for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme, a candidate must have obtained a Master's or M.Phil. degree of the University of Delhi, or any other recognized University, or any degree recognized as equivalent in the subject in which the candidate wishes to pursue a course of research, or in an allied subject. She/he must have obtained either a minimum of 50% marks or equivalent grading in the M.Phil. degree or a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grading in the Master's degree.

The student intake in the Ph.D. programme will be determined by para 3 of University Ordinance VI-B: 3. The extent of reservations and the eligibility criteria with respect to the reserved categories of students to be admitted to the doctoral programme will be governed by guidelines issued by the University in accordance with statutory provisions. (See http://www.du.ac.in/hini/du/Phd_ordinance.pdf)

Admission Procedure for the Ph.D. Programme:

Option I

Candidates who would like to be considered for financial assistance are required to appear for an entrance examination on **Saturday, 25th June 2011**. This will be followed by an interview for those candidates who score above the minimum cut off in the written examination. The cut-off will be decided by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC). For the entrance examination, applicants will be expected to be familiar with M.A. first year material in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics.

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Option II

Candidates who do not require financial assistance have the option of not taking the entrance examination. They should instead submit a proposal for doctoral research by **Wednesday, 15th June 2011** along with their application form. An electronic version of the research proposal should also be mailed to dept@econodse.org by the same date. Such candidates are encouraged to contact individual faculty members with a draft of their proposals well before the deadline, in order to ensure that the proposal is properly formulated and the subject is acceptable to a potential supervisor.

Based on the results of the Entrance Test (for applicants under Option I) and evaluation of the research proposals (for applicants under Option II), a shortlist of Ph.D. candidates to be interviewed will be announced in the afternoon of **8th July, 2011**. The interviews will be held on **Monday, 11th July 2011**.

Course work for the Ph.D. Programme:

All those admitted to the Ph.D. programme will be required to do coursework for two semesters and will be evaluated at the end of each semester. Provisional admission of each student to the Ph.D. programme will be confirmed only after successful completion of course work and defence of the thesis topic in a departmental seminar. The Ph.D. Programme will be governed by the detailed provisions of Ordinance VI-B of the University of Delhi.

Financial Assistance

Only Ph.D. candidates selected through the entrance examination will be eligible for financial aid awarded on the recommendation of the DRC, Department of Economics. All candidates admitted through the entrance examination may be awarded UGC (Non-NET) Fellowships of Rs 5000/- per month with contingency support of Rs 8000/- per year as per the University Rules.

A limited number of University Teaching Assistantships (under UTA scheme 2006 of the University) of Rs. 30, 000/ per month are available for students who received their Master's degree in last two years and are admitted to the Ph.D. programme through the entrance examination. This scheme is governed by a set of rules as notified by the University from time to time. Interested candidates may see <http://www.du.ac.in/index.php?id=656>.

Applicants may independently apply for the UGC-JRF Research Scholarships (see section 6 below).

RULES REGARDING PAYMENT OF SUPERVISION AND OTHER FEES BY RESEARCH STUDENTS

Every research student shall be required to pay the following fees:

Supervision Fee	: Rs.20/-p.m. from the date of registration (to be paid annually)
Enrolment Fee	: Rs.300/- to be paid at the time of admission by a Candidate who is joining the University afresh, otherwise a special annual fee of Rs.50/-
University Development Fee	: Rs.300/- (annual)
Library Fee	: Rs.12/- per annum
Library Deposit (refundable)	: Rs.1000/-
Athletic Fee	: Rs.50/- per annum
Library Development Fee	: Rs.200/- per annum

Fund (non-refundable)	
Computer fee*	: Rs. 4000/- per annum
DSE Development Fee	: Rs. 500/-
DSE Library Services fee	: Rs. 1000/-
Prevention of sexual harassment	: Rs. 10/- per annum
Fund	
Additional fee payable by	
Foreign Students	: US \$500/- Registration Fee and Fee and US \$100/- as Special Fee

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Note

- i. A research student who has been awarded bursary by the university shall be treated as having paid the supervision fee for the period for which the bursary is awarded.
- ii. Members of the teaching staff of the University Colleges and the teachers of the Higher Secondary Schools recognized by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi and such scholars as are working as Research Assistants/Library Assistants/Technical Assistants in the University of Delhi shall be exempted from payment of supervision fees.
- iii. Those who are exempted from payment of supervision fees under (i) and (ii) above shall be required to pay the Special Annual Fee of Rs. 3/- (in case of (i) and Research Assistants/ library Assistants/ Technical Assistants), and Athletic Fee of Rs. 5/- at the beginning of each academic year.
- iv. The structure of fees may change as per the University decision from time to time.

6. UGC-JRF RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

The University Grants Commission holds a national level test as an eligibility condition for consideration for the award of the Junior Research Fellowships for both M.Phil. and Ph.D. studies. The U.G.C. test is held at several university centres across the country. For details view UGC webpage: <http://www.ugc.ac.in>