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# Humanities & Social Sciences (/)

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PROGRAMS

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### PHD

The curricula of the department aligned with its academic vision aim to cultivate critical and innovative thinking and impart training required to carry out highest level of multi- disciplinary research.

The department offers a **PhD program** in seven academic disciplines (Economics, Literature, Linguistics, Philosophy, Policy, Psychology, and Sociology). The PhD program consists of both full time and part time students. Currently, the department has a total enrolment of 55 PhD students, with 29 full time and 26 part

time students. The HUSS department at IITD has over the years become a highly attractive place for pursuing doctoral studies as it provides outstanding academic training, both in teaching and research, to students.



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## M.SC.

The department is launching two new programmes - MSc in Economics and MSc in Cognitive Science - in July, 2020.

The two full-time two-year courses will have 25 seats each.

For details visit M.Sc.(Cognitive Science) (<https://hss.iitd.ac.in/news/msc-cognitive-science-starting-2020>) and M.Sc.(Economics) (<https://hss.iitd.ac.in/msc-economics>)

## MINOR AREA

The economics unit of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of IIT Delhi wishes to propose a Minor Area program for the undergraduate students (B.Tech.) of the Institute. We believe that the Economics Minor would provide students a rigorous toolkit for thinking about the economy and about economic policy.

The objective of the Minor Area program in Economics is to acquaint students with the economic aspects of modern society, to familiarize them with techniques for the analysis of contemporary economic problems, and to develop in them an ability to exercise judgment in evaluating public policy.

The minor area in Economics has two main goals. The first is to acquaint engineering students with the basics of economic theory that are required for an understanding of working of an economy. The second is to allow students to build basic competence in the application of this theory in various fields of economics.

Please check here (<https://hss.iitd.ac.in/minor-area-economics>) for detail.

## PG CURRICULA

PhD scholars who have a Master's degree in the HUSS disciplines have to complete 12 credits of course work. Those with M.Phil may be given an exemption of maximum 6 credits. On successful completion of their course work, research scholars are expected to take a comprehensive examination which consists of a written test and a Viva Voce. The examination syllabus includes the courses taken by the scholar and also a list of seminal texts in the area of proposed research. A scholar's research plan needs to be presented in a seminar and approved by the Student Research Committee

The quality of the PG programme (i.e., the PhD program) and the curricula (undergraduate and postgraduate courses) are monitored periodically (UG review: once every 5 years; PG review: once every 10 years).

## UG CURRICULA

Apart from maintaining a rigorous PhD program, the department offers various elective courses to the Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) and the Masters of Technology (M.Tech.) programs of other departments within the institute. These elective courses are offered at two levels: the undergraduate (UG) and the post-graduate (PG) level. There is a great demand for HUSS elective courses.

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There are 55 Undergraduate and 36 Postgraduate courses listed by the Department in the Courses of Study Handbook of the IIT Delhi. These cover all the constituent disciplines of the Department. In any given Semester, HUSS faculty floats a basket of courses for students to choose from. Every semester, the HUSS department offers more than 25 UG courses and 10 PG courses. Our major objective is to develop critical thinking amongst students and to make them aware about various contemporary issues affecting the social and political life of the nation. Such training helps them understand not just the socially embedded nature of technology but also prepare them to be responsible citizens. With this in mind, the HUSS department in the last five years has introduced 57 new elective courses (42 UG electives and 15 PG electives).

A unique feature of the Department's undergraduate teaching is that it gets the distinctive opportunity to interact with each and every single undergraduate student of IIT Delhi through its course offerings. Successful completion of 16 Credits in the HUSS disciplines is compulsory for all undergraduate students to get their degree. However, for a sizeable section of the students HUSS becomes the destination for courses in

Open Category. HUSS department contributes a lot more to the shaping of the academic course basket of students at IITD than it is mandated to do. In fact, many students complete up to 30 credits of their course credits from humanities and social science disciplines. To enable our undergraduate students to develop into researchers, they are often encouraged to do minor projects with HUSS faculty members.

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