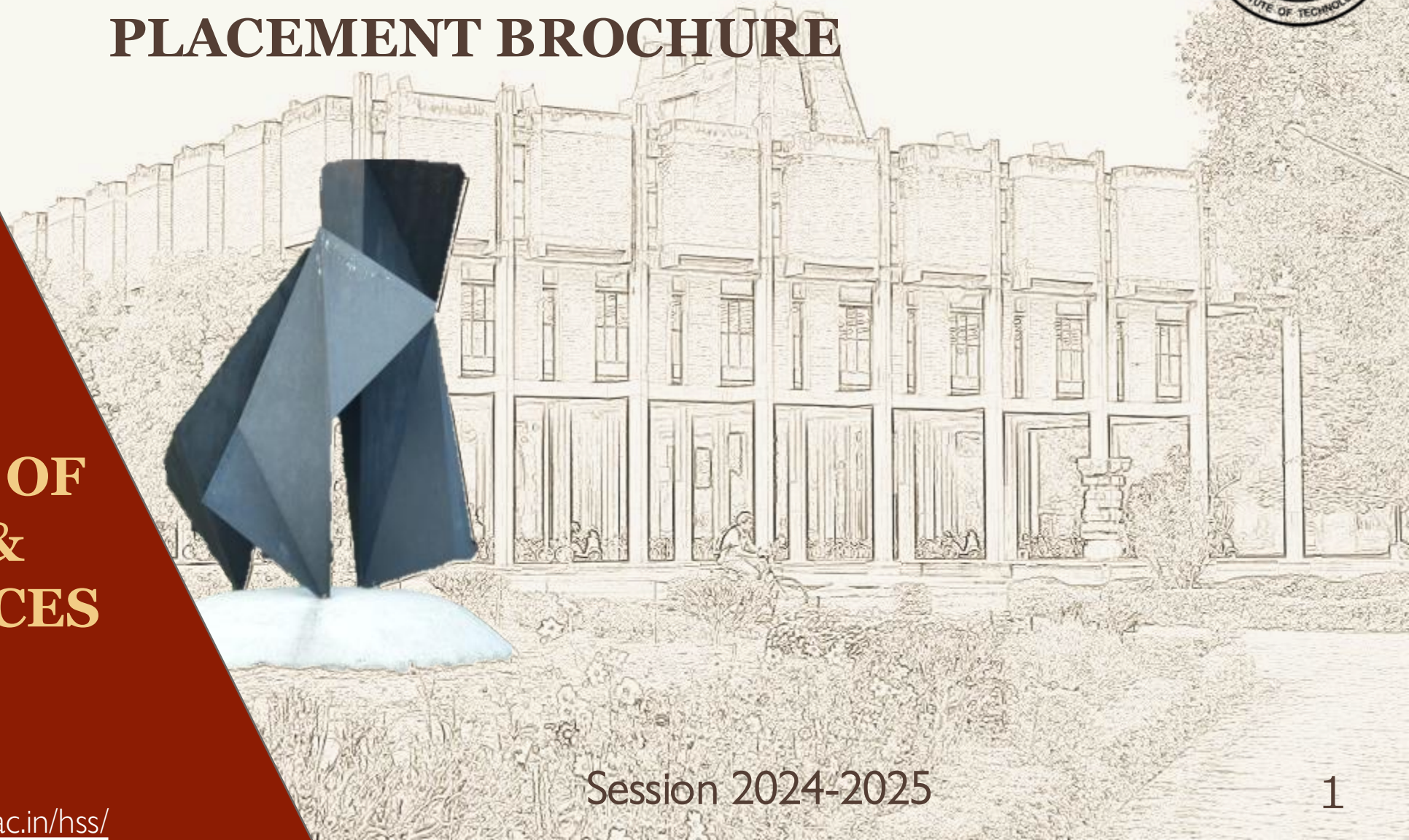




Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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**DEPARTMENT OF
HUMANITIES &
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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About Us

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences provides the human touch to technology, making students more aware of, and sensitive to, the realities of contemporary society.

The study of humanities and social sciences plays an important role in the education of scientists and engineers by making their education well-rounded, going beyond specialized training in a particular area of technology and enabling them to think critically for themselves. Not all problems of society have a technical solution, and humanities and social sciences provide alternative modes of cognition and problem solving.

Currently, there are five independent disciplines in the department – English, Fine Arts, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology.



Welcome Message

Head of the Department
Prof. Mini Chandran



Faculty Placement Advisor
Dr. Sushruth Ravish

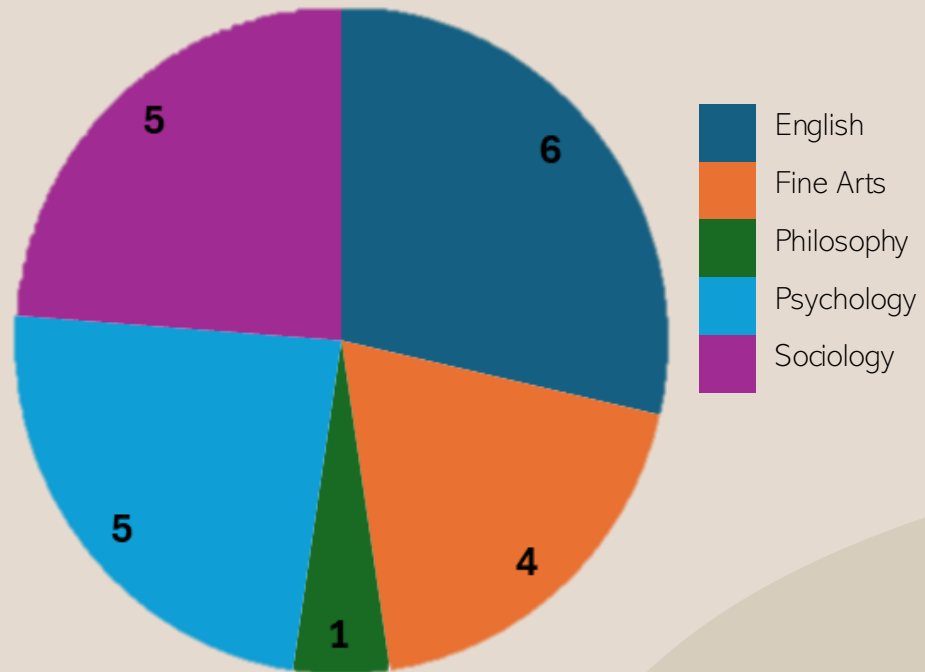


The HSS Department nurtures innovative and path-breaking research that does not compromise on quality. Our students are abreast with the latest developments in the knowledge domain globally, which equips with a unique skill-set that enables them to enhance the quality of their respective workspaces.

The PhD programme at the Humanities and Social Sciences Department nurtures well-rounded scholars who possess both a solid theoretical foundation and the practical skills to address complex real-world challenges. We invite recruiters to engage with our talented students, who bring intellectual rigor, and a commitment to making meaningful contributions in their fields. These young and bright minds promise to be a valuable addition to your organization.

PhD Students Demography

Total Graduating Students: 21



Lab Facilities



1. HSS Research Laboratory:

HSS Research Lab facilitates the smooth functioning of project related studies, experiments and development of products.

2. Fine Arts Laboratory:

The Fine-Arts Lab provides space and necessary equipment for UG and PhD coursework. It acts as an integral part of the Fine-Arts discipline and supports activities indispensable for a range of art making processes.

3. Psychology Laboratory:

The Psychology Lab conducts experiments related with Eye-Tracker, Bio and Neurofeedback systems, Vienna Testing System and Electronic Tachitoscope.

4. Language Laboratory:

The basic research is integrated with the teaching of courses related to language & communication.

5. Climate and Energy Policy Research Lab:

The lab's ongoing projects involve air pollution, climate change policy networks, just energy transitions, and grassroots innovations.





Research Areas of Our Educators

English: American Literature, Feminist Theory, Postcolonial Theory, Indian literature, Indian Popular Culture, Science Fiction, Films, Graphic Novels, Literary Theory, Translation Studies, Critical Theory, English Language Teaching, Applied Cognitive Linguistics, Linguistics, Language Variation, History of film theory, aesthetic politics, world cinema, Language Structure, Language Variations, Language Typology, South Asian Languages, Language and Culture Documentation, Metacognitive Awareness of Reading Strategies.

Fine Arts: Visual culture, frugal innovation, Visual thinking, Art history, Fine Arts & Design, Painting, Studio Art practices, Art Appreciation, Cinema Studies, Far-Eastern Art, Chinese Calligraphy, Oil Painting, Printmaking, Artisanal Histories, Textiles, Theory-practice interface.

Philosophy: Logic, Formal Epistemology, General Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Aesthetics, Philosophy and Literature, Phenomenology, Existentialism, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Evolutionary Epistemology, Creativity, Moral epistemology, Social epistemology.

Psychology: Health Psychology, Social Representations, Illness Narratives, Social Cognition, Organizational Cognition, Cognitive Neuropsychology, Trauma Psychology, Applied Social Psychology, Disaster Mental Health.

Sociology: Sociology of Science and Technology, Sociology of Development, Social Movements, Human Rights, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of law, economic sociology and sociology of work, Environmental Sociology, Social Network Analysis, Social Demography, Gender, Work and Family, Women's Labour Force Participation, Maternal and Child health, Migration, digital sociology, social geography, Urban sustainability, energy transition, climate governance, transboundary water studies, resource politics.

Factors that Empower HSS Scholars

- Rigorous Coursework
- Critical Reading and Writing Skills
- Superior Communication Skills
- Quality Publications
- Exposure to International and National Conferences
- Interdisciplinary Approach





Research Areas of Our Graduating Students

English

- South Asian Studies, Cultural Studies, Study of Religion, Folklore Studies, Environmental Humanities
- Colonial and Post-Colonial Literature
- Indian Literature, Medieval Bengali Literature, Anglo-Indian Studies
- Critical Race Theory, Feminist Theory, Film Studies
- Dalit Studies, Anti-caste Movements, Dalit Middle Class Memoirs, Dalit Feminism, Cultural Archives of Dalit Movements

Fine-Arts

- Archaeological Methods, GIS and GPS mapping
- Manual and Digital Printmaking
- Art History, Aesthetics, and Exhibition Curation Expertise



Research Areas of Our Graduating Students

Psychology

- Child Abuse Research, Trauma Psychology, Life-Story and Ethnography
- Organizational Behaviour, Gender-Management, Critical Discursive Psychology
- Strength-Based Parenting, Grit, Academic Success
- Traffic and Transportation Psychology, General Psychology, Cognitive Psychology

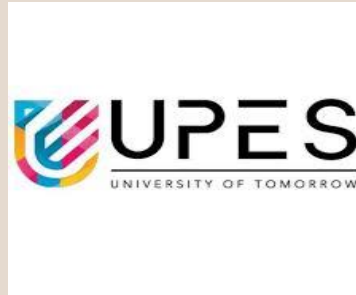
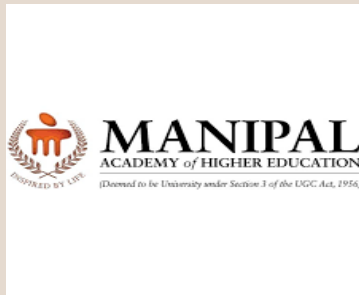
Sociology

- Law and Society, Law and Gender Policing, Sociology of Inheritance, Law and Religion
- Sociology of Energy, Justice, Energy and Climate Policy, Discourse Analysis, Social Network Analysis
- Economic Sociology, Anthropology of Credit and Debit, Sociology of Family, Marriage and Kinship and Social History of Business Communities

Our Alumni Work at



Past Recruiters





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