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# Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

## **BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus**

# About the Department

**The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences is involved in research and teaching. It offers higher degree and integrated first degree programs leading to the award of Doctoral and Master's degrees. The Master's program in General Studies, M.Sc. (Tech), is oriented along the streams of Communication and Media Studies, and Development Studies.**

# Ph.D. Admission, I Semester, 2023-24

## Thrust Areas

- Cultural Studies; Literary Studies
- International Relations of South Asia; IR Theory; Chinese Foreign Policy.
- Applied Psychology; Education (School & Higher)
- Sociology; Gender Studies
- ELT; Syllabus Designing; Gender and Cultural Issues in Education
- Media Studies; Advertising Communication
- Western Philosophy; Feminist Philosophy
- Development Studies; Public Policy and Gender

## Important Dates

<b>Online Application Deadline</b>	<b>: 26-06-2023</b>
<b>Shortlist for Test/Interview</b>	<b>: 07-07-2023</b>
<b>Test/Interview</b>	<b>: 21/22-07-2023</b>
<b>Results</b>	<b>: 27-07-2023</b>
<b>Reporting for registration</b>	<b>: 08-08-2023</b>

The Institute reserves the right to change the above deadlines. Candidates will be informed well in advance should there be such a change.

# Eligibility

- The candidate should have at least an MA or an equivalent degree.
- The candidate should have scored at least 55% in the postgraduate degree.
- The Department should have an expert in the area to supervise the candidate.

## Full-time Candidates

- Eligible to be considered for Institutional Fellowship of INR 28,000 or 31,000 per month as per intake qualification.
- Candidates from thrust areas only to be considered for Institute Fellowship .
- Candidates with UGC/JRF Fellowships in all areas of expertise in the Department are encouraged to apply.

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## Selection Process

- Written exam followed by interview
- M.Phil. and/or JRF holders exempted from written exam

Detailed Advertisement: <https://www.bitsadmission.com/phdmain.aspx>

Department Website: <https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/pilani/pilaniDepartmentofHumanitiesandSocialSciences/DepartmentofHumanitiesandSocialSciences>

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