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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 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, II Semester, 2024-25

Thrust Areas

- Technology and Sustainable Transitions
- Water Governance
- Educational Informatics (Education, Technology and Society)
- Digital Culture, Digital Society
- Culture and Media Studies
- Film Studies (Indigenous Cinema)
- Psychology
- Education
- Applied and Corpus Linguistics
- English for Academic or Specific Purposes
- Western Philosophy
- Feminist Philosophy

Important Dates

Online Application Deadline	:	18-11-2024
Shortlist for Test/Interview	:	2-12-2024
Test/Interview	:	16/17-12-2024
Results	:	23-12-2024
Reporting for registration	:	4-1-2025

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 34,000 or 37,000 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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