

Restructured HUSS PhD Program (2017-18 entry onwards)

The Department undertook a comprehensive restructuring of its Ph.D. program over the last two years to enhance the rigour and training received by doctoral candidates before embarking on their dissertation research. In preparation for this, the PG course offering has been significantly enhanced with 64 new courses being added to the basket. With the re-designing of 33 existing courses, the total offering has gone up to 97 courses. Several interdisciplinary course offerings have also been included. A basket of research methodology courses has been designed keeping in mind the requirements of research in the seven different disciplines housed in the Department. The erstwhile Communications Skills (HUL 810) course that is mandatory for all research scholars in the Institute, has been re-named as "Research Writing" and has been re-designed to focus on scientific writing to equip research scholars with the necessary skills to write abstracts, reports, journal articles, etc.

The new course requirements for HUSS Ph.D. students (2017-18 Entry) are as follows:

1. Six taught courses (total of 18 credits) consisting of core and elective courses as determined by each disciplinary unit, including research methodology courses.
2. HSD 700 (earlier called HUC 722) cannot count as one of the six courses.
3. The course on Research Writing (HSL 800, earlier HUL 810) is a compulsory pass/fail course, in addition to the 18 credits.
4. Course waiver for M.Phil holders is to be determined on a case by case basis by the DRC up to a maximum of two courses (no waiver for Linguistics students).

The taught course requirements are to be completed in 18 months for full-time students and 24 months for part-time students. The comprehensive examination and research plan presentation must also be completed within this time frame. After passing the comprehensive examination and approval of the research plan presentation, students are expected to present their research work once a year at the bi-annual Work-in-Progress (WIP) seminars held in the Department, where students receive written feedback on their work from the faculty associated with their disciplinary unit.

Please see the relevant DRC and DFB minutes excerpted below.

DFB Meeting November 24, 2016

Minute 3: The DFB agreed that the restructured Ph.D. program (refer to the DRC minutes dated May 1, 2015 and DFB minutes dated 24 February 2015) would be implemented beginning with the batch of Ph.D. students joining the Department in July 2017.

DRC Meeting May 1, 2015

Minute 1c: Waiver in coursework requirements to students with an MPhil degree: The DRC will take decisions on requests from students in this regard on a case-to-case basis. The DRC can waive up to 2 courses (not core courses) for such students.

DFB Meeting February 24, 2015

Minute 3: All the units made presentations on their proposed course structures for the PhD course work. The DFB decided that minimum course work requirement for the PhD program will be 18 credits (from taught courses.).

Minute 4: All units were requested to upload their proposed course structure on a Google document. Units that are expected to participate in the Research Method module were requested to work out a course structure.

PhD Requirements (Student Entry 2017-18) ^	Economics	Sociology	Linguistics	Psychology	Policy	Literature	Philosophy
Disciplinary core	2 from a basket of 3 (HSL 712 Microeconomics, HSL 713 Macroeconomics and HSL 719 Advanced Econometrics)	2 core courses (HSL 771 Sociological Theory + HSL 772 Sociology of India)	3 core courses (At least ONE course in EACH of the following areas a. Syntax b. Psycholinguistics/ Computational linguistics c. Phonology/ Morphology)	1 core course (HSL 761 Theories of Psychology)	1 core course taught in 2 modules (HSL 701 Intro to S&T Policy and HSL 702 Approaches to S&T Policy - 1.5 credits each)	1 core course: Any ONE of the following courses: HSL731 Contemporary Critical Theory OR HSL732 Study of an Author/ Writer in Focus	1 core course (Close reading of one philosophical work through a seminar based course)
Disciplinary electives	1 or 2	1 or 2	none required	2 or 3	none required	3	none required
Other electives	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2 (from HUSS Department or DMS)	4 (from HUSS Department or outside)	2 (from HUSS Department)	5 (from the Philosophy unit or HUSS Department)
Research methodology	HSL 814 Research Methods in Economics (2 credits) + 1 credit module	2 x 1.5 credit modules	Research Methodology Course (2+1 credits)	2 x 1.5 credit modules or a 3 credit course as determined by the unit	2 x 1.5 credit modules or a 3 credit course as determined by the unit	No. The core can also double up as RM. May have 3 x 1 credit modules on special topics (open to students of other disciplines as well).	none required
Research Writing (HSL 800)	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
TOTAL	18 taught credits + HSL 800	18 taught credits + HSL 800	18 taught credits + HSL 800 + Minor project (HSD 700) by end of the 3rd year of PhD*	18 taught credits + HSL 800	18 taught credits + HSL 800	18 taught credits + HSL 800	18 taught credits + HSL 800
Waiver for Mphil holders	Case to Case Basis (through DRC)	Case to Case Basis (through DRC)	No	Case to Case Basis (through DRC)	Case to Case Basis (through DRC)	Case to Case Basis (through DRC)	Case to Case Basis (through DRC)

^ as on July 20, 2017

* Minor Project should not be in the same area that the student is taking up for the main PhD project.