

Fall 2026 Semester



Ph.D. IN
**HUMANITIES &
SOCIAL SCIENCES**



CRITICAL
THINKING



CROSS-CULTURAL
PERSPECTIVES



RESEARCH
EXCELLENCE



SOCIAL
IMPACT



The **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** degree is acknowledged to be the highest university degree that is conferred on a candidate who successfully defends her/his Ph.D. thesis in front of a panel of experts appointed by the University. Prior to the defense, the candidates are expected to complete one year of course work, publish in reputed journals and present their work in conferences. Completion of a thesis, depending on individual performance, typically takes about 4 years.

PH.D. IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Ph.D. program in Humanities and Social Sciences at Mahindra University places primary emphasis on research and is structured to help students develop competence in their fields of specialization. As a doctoral candidate in our program, you will have the opportunity to work closely with our faculty members, who are subject experts in their respective fields (you may want to check faculty profiles on the website). They will serve as mentors, guiding you through your research endeavours, challenging your ideas, and helping you develop a deep understanding of your chosen area of study. Our PhD students are also trained to work on research leading to publications in reputed journals/books.

Why Ph.D. at Mahindra University

- Opportunity to work in a research-oriented environment
- Mentorship by subject experts
- Full tuition fellowship & stipend for Ph.D. students
- Experiential learning related to research and teaching

Eligibility - Minimum qualification required for admission

Master's degree in Humanities and Social Sciences with a minimum CGPA of 6.00 on a 10-point scale or 60% marks in aggregate.

Note: Interested candidates are expected to submit a 500-1000 word proposal with a clear and coherent explanation of the proposed area of research.

» Specialized areas in which PhD students, if found suitable, would be admitted in Fall 2026 semester

» **Ph.D. Assistantship** – Rs 35,000 Per Month (Plus Boarding and Lodging)

Ph.D. Specializations for Fall 2026 semester

- **Literature and Cultural Studies:** - Indian Writing in English, Cultural Studies, Women's Writing, Postcolonial Literature, Digital Humanities, Medical Humanities, Energy Humanities, Posthumanism, South Asian Fiction, Literatures from the Global South, Graphic Narratives, Feminist Literary Studies, Crime Fiction and Detective Narratives, Law and Literature, Affect Theory, Literature and Cognition, African Literatures, Literature and the Body, Literature and Technology, Comparative Literature and Indian Knowledge Traditions, Oral Traditions and Folklore studies, Hermeneutics and Indian Knowledge Systems
- **English Language Education:** - Skills Teaching and Assessment, Technology in ESL Education (Digital and Multimodal Pedagogy), English as a Second Language (ESL) Studies, Teacher Training and Professional Development, Classroom-Based Research, Intercultural Communication, Materials Development in ELT, Teacher Identity and Cognition, Teaching Approaches, Methods and Strategies, Learner-Centered Pedagogy
- **French:** - Féminisme; Études de genre; Approches comparatives du féminisme et la représentation des femmes dans la littérature française; Évaluation des compétences interculturelles; Littérature française et francophone; Littérature suisse romande; Enseignement et évaluation de l'écrit; Approches et stratégies d'enseignement; Translinguisme
- **Economics:** - Development Economics, Behavioral Economics, Sustainability, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics, Energy Economics, Economics of Climate Change
- **Accounting and Finance:** - Accounting, Corporate Finance, Sustainable Finance, Behavioural Finance
- **Philosophy:** - Philosophy of Mind, Philosophical Logic, Consciousness, Ethics, Professional Ethics, Indian Philosophy, Analytical Philosophy
- **Education:** - Education leadership, Educational governance, Education Policy and Planning, Women leadership, school education sector

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