

B.15) HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HSS) [Department of Humanities and Social Sciences]

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

- i. M.Phil. (awarded by IIT Bombay or equivalent 2-year degree) in any of the disciplines pertaining to the research areas in the Department, with First Class or 60% marks (55% marks for SC/ST) as specified in the General Eligibility Criterion.
- ii. M.A. or equivalent degree in Humanities & Social Sciences subjects, with 55% marks (50% for SC/ST).
OR
Master's degree in Commerce with 55% marks (50% for SC/ST).
OR
M.Sc. or equivalent degree in Science, with First Class or 60% marks (55% marks for SC/ST) as specified in the General Eligibility Criterion.
OR
B.Tech./B.E. or equivalent degree in Engineering/Technology, with First Class or 60% marks (55% marks for SC/ST) as specified in the General Eligibility Criterion.

Candidates with degrees in Science, Commerce, Design, Architecture, Management and Engineering/ Technology or candidates with two years of PGDM from recognised Govt. Institution will be considered for research areas consistent with their academic background. Candidates having UGC-NET Lectureship (LS)/ GATE are also eligible for Teaching Assistantship in addition to other academic qualifications.

RESEARCH AREAS

- **Psychology** – **Only in Autumn & Spring Semester 2025**: Organizational Psychology, Health Psychology, Cognitive Psychology.
- **Sociology** - **Only in Autumn semester 2025** : Urban Studies; Development Studies; Rural/Agrarian Sociology; Law and Governance; Legal Pluralism; Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change; Gender and Development; Disaster Studies; Ethnicity and Multiculturalism; Sociological Theory; Historical Sociology; Collective Memory; Anthropology of corruption; Constitutional Law; Sociology of Higher Education; Sociology of Religion and Kinship; Conversion; Christianity in India; Caste today; Religious Institutions; Hierarchy/Stratification; Sociology in/of India; Contemporary Karnataka; Sociology of Development; Resource Rights; Subaltern Resistance and Movements and Political Ecology; Sociology and political economy of Finance; Political Economy of Development; Indian Political Economy; Theories of Money; Classical Political Economy; New and Old Institutionalism and History of Economic Thought;

Issues of Gender and Sexuality; Medical Anthropology; Anthropology of the Body and Embodiment; Post Colonial Studies; Post-Modern Feminist Studies and Southern Theories; Caste: Civility and Democracy; Civil Society, Ethnography Studies; Inclusion and Exclusion; Environmental Sociology; Social and Environmental Movements; Environmental Politics with a focus on Social inequality and Natural Resource Conflicts especially in Rural India; Issues of Livelihood and Problems of Marginalized Class and Political Ecology; Science and Technology Studies; Sociology of Medicine and Public Health.

- **Philosophy** – **Only in Autumn Semester 2025**: Philosophy of Cognitive Science, AI Ethics, Philosophy of Mind including Philosophy of Science; Classical Indian philosophy (orthodox and heterodox systems); Philosophy of Language, Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Ethics.
- **History** – **Only in Autumn Semester 2025**: Migration history, maritime history, histories of anticolonialism and decolonization, subaltern histories, social histories of modern India, studies in social mobility, community, caste studies, Dalit studies, histories of languages and scripts, manuscript cultures, print cultures (modern/early modern period)
Archaeology- Archaeology of death, Landscape archaeology, Experimental Archaeology, South Asian Archaeology, Archaeological Theory, Public Archaeology, Heritage
- **Cell for Indian Science and Technology in Sanskrit*** - **Autumn and Spring semester 2025** Indian Science and Technology; Indian Philosophy; Logic and Epistemology; Sanskrit language; Panini and Grammar; Philosophy of Language.
**Note for CISTS: Ph.D. candidates who have applied for Sanskrit in the SF category can get some financial support from the Chellaram Foundation.*
- **English & Linguistics** – **No intake** in all areas.
