

Master of Philosophy in the Department of Liberal Arts

Available specializations are Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Economics, English, Psychology, and Sociology.

SEMESTER I*

Courses and Credits:

- Five Courses (of which at least three should be discipline specific): 5*3: 15 credits

Selection of Guide:

- The selection of guide will be done in the first semester by December 31. Students have the freedom to request for a guide in accordance with their research interests. The selection of the guide must be done based on the topic of study and mutual consent between student and faculty.
- The process involves submission of the Guide Declaration Form to the Convenor, Departmental Post Graduate Committee (DPGC)
- If the student is unable to come to a decision about her/his choice of a guide within the stipulated deadline then the DPGC will allot a guide based on a mutual discussion between the concerned student and plausible guide.
- If a change of guide is required, this must be done in consultation with DPGC and HoD with approval of the Academic Dean.
- If required, students can opt to have a co-guide from any department within IIT Hyderabad, based on the topic of study. This should be done in consultation with the main- guide.

SEMESTER II*

Courses and Credits:

- Four Courses (of which at least two should be discipline specific): 4*3: 12 credits

M. Phil. Evaluation Committee:

- An M. Phil. Evaluation Committee is formed by the beginning of Semester III for each student
- This committee meets at regular intervals to evaluate the student's progress

***Available courses for Semesters I and II can be viewed at**

<http://lba.iith.ac.in/academics/pdf/Postgraduate%20Courses%20Jan2014.pdf>

SEMESTER III

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| LA 6035: Development of research proposal Description: Presentation of the research proposal developed | 03 Credits |
| LA 6045: Thesis Unit I Description: Literature review, data collection and data analysis | 15 Credits |
| Total Credits | 3 + 15 = 18 Credits |

SEMESTER IV

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| LA 6055: Thesis Unit II Description: Thesis writing and pre-submission seminar | 15 Credits |
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Thesis Writing, Submission and Evaluation:

- The students are required to complete their thesis in the time allotted
- The thesis should be submitted by April 30
- A pre-submission seminar will be held before the thesis is submitted
- The final defense/viva voce will be conducted before the M. Phil. Evaluation Committee after submission of the thesis

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