

SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Doctoral Programme

The Department of Sociology at Shiv Nadar University (SNU) is establishing itself as a centre of research and runs a vibrant doctoral programme that is alive to the plurality of South Asian cultures and societies and welcomes comparative analyses from field sites around the world. While individual faculty members have varied interests in unfolding contemporary processes, the Department as a whole emphasizes a critical empiricism that is central to the fieldwork and ethnographic tradition of sociology and social anthropology. Simultaneously, we foreground sustained theoretical training and encourage interdisciplinary work. We are especially committed to exploring the disciplinary processes of ethnographic writing.

Some of the research areas indicated by the faculty are: Nomads and Nomadism, Ecology, Privilege and Dispossession, Violence, State-Borders-Frontiers, Music, Military Cultures, Ethnographic Object, Contemporary Religiosities, Law, Mobility, Kashmir, Research/Art Interface.

The Doctoral Programme is for a duration of 4 years and in exceptional cases may be extendable up to a maximum of 1 year.

During their doctoral programme, Ph.D. scholars will undertake coursework, conduct a pilot study and write an extended proposal on their area of research. Subsequently, such students will engage in fieldwork, participate in a writing programme, and present their work to the faculty of Sociology and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS). Students will be expected to contribute as Teaching Assistants for the undergraduate programme in Sociology. All Ph.D. scholars will work with a faculty advisor and a thesis advisory committee. Completed theses will be examined by two external examiners.

Coursework

Ph.D. scholars will have to complete 6 courses for a total of 24 credits in their first year in residence.

In the first semester, Ph.D. scholars are required to take 2 intensive reading and writing courses.

The first course – *Objects, Codes, Techniques* – will train students on the relation of theory to practice and the world of everyday objects. The course will be structured around readings that show the relationships between material artifacts, rules of their organisation, and the values that are embedded in such artifacts.

The second course – *Field, Archive, Ethnography* – will emphasise the significance of field-based research along with comparative traditions of enquiry and will help in interrogating and affirming disciplinary boundaries.

In addition, in both the first and second semesters, each scholar will be required to take a course called *Independent Studies in Sociology*. This course will be designed to address critical areas of scholarship or other requirements, such as language training, for individual projects and will be pursued under the supervision of a faculty member.

Pilot and Research Proposal

In their second semester, students will develop a pilot project around their specific areas of enquiry and prepare an extended proposal for doctoral research. The proposal will serve as a qualifying examination for proceeding to candidacy in the programme. At the end of the semester, each student will prepare an oral presentation of her project and proposed fieldwork. Students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in the language/s spoken in their proposed field sites. The Department will work with individual students to support their language training requirements.

Fieldwork

Generally, fieldwork will be carried out during semesters 3 and 4, with the option of extending it through another semester (i.e. 12-18 months). During their fieldwork, scholars will be registered at SNU and will remain in touch with their faculty advisor. They will submit semester-wise fieldwork reports to their thesis advisory committee.

Writing Up

Scholars will typically spend 18-24 months (ie. 3-4 semesters) writing up their theses. During this period, scholars will participate in a thesis writing group in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), where they will present their field research and draft chapters, as well as critically engage with other scholars and with faculty members. Ph.D. scholars will also be required to contribute to the undergraduate teaching programme during their writing up period.

Departmental Life

Ph.D. scholars play an active role in all aspects of departmental life, contributing to a dynamic and growing community of students and scholars of sociology at SNU. In addition to gaining teaching experience, scholars help organise and participate in a whole range of intellectual activities, including academic seminars, conferences, exhibitions, library and archive projects, reading groups, and ongoing research initiatives and collaborations.

The Department is committed to fostering a collegial life at SNU, where research scholars will be strongly encouraged to participate in the intellectual and social activities of SHSS and the University.

Doctoral Programme in Sociology | Overview

Requirement	Semester/s	Credits
Objects, Codes, Techniques <i>Seminar Course</i>	1 st Semester	4 credits
Field, Archive, Ethnography <i>Seminar Course</i>	1 st Semester	4 credits
Extended Research Proposal	2 nd Semester	4 credits
Fieldwork: Pilot Study	2 nd Semester	4 credits
Independent Studies in Sociology	1 st and 2 nd Semesters	4 + 4 credits
Fieldwork	3 rd & 4 th Semesters + 1 additional semester, if required	
Writing Up	Upto 8 th Semester (18-24 months)	

Faculty Profiles

For information on the Department and faculty profiles, please visit:

<https://sociology.snu.edu.in/people/faculty>

Fees and Financial Assistance

Detailed information about the fee structure and the nature of assistantships are available on the website.

All full time PhD students admitted into the program shall receive a **doctoral fellowship consisting of 100% tuition fee waiver and 70% hostel fee waiver**. The student shall also receive a **monthly stipend of ₹50,000 for first two years and ₹55,000 for 3rd and 4th year** subject to satisfactory performance. The assistantship is subject to satisfactory performance in the program evaluated continuously, and compliance with all University regulations

Guidelines for Application

The Department of Sociology at SNU invites applications for its PhD programme, commencing in August 2019.

Eligibility

Interested students must have a Master's degree in any discipline, with a minimum of 55% or the equivalent grade-point, and/or a minimum of 55% or the equivalent grade-point in M. Phil.

Selection Process

All candidates who qualify the minimum eligibility criteria of 55% or equivalent grade-point in Masters and minimum or 55% or equivalent grade point in M. Phil and successfully submit the full admission form of SNU will be called for an Entrance Examination comprising a written test and an interview.

The Entrance Examination will be conducted on SNU campus. No travel fare or accommodation is offered, however, local transport from the Metro Station at Sector 16, Noida will be offered.

The merit list of successful candidates will be determined on the basis of the final score in the SNU Entrance Examination. Minimum qualifying marks are 70%.

Application Fees

Applicants will be required to pay a non-refundable application fees of Rs. 1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred Only) by credit/debit card or Demand Draft drawn in favor of **Shiv Nadar University** payable at **NOIDA**.

Application Instructions

All interested candidates are advised to go through the faculty research themes before they apply.

All interested applicant shall apply online from the link given below or on the website. Please follow the instructions carefully.

- Fill all the mandatory fields
- **Online upload** of following document is required
 - Passport size color photograph
 - Current CV
 - All Mark sheets/Degree Certificates (10th Standard onwards)
 - Standardized Examination certificate- CSIR, UGC, GATE etc. (If applicable)

- **Names and contact information of 3 Referees**
- **A Research Proposal (minimum 2000 and maximum 5000 words)**
- **A Statement of Purpose (Around 1500 words)**
- **A Writing Sample (minimum 3000 to maximum 8000 words)**
- **The application fee can be paid online or a Demand Draft can be sent to University.**
- **After online submission, print the completed form and send by speed post to the University at the address given below with following document (You may add additional documents if required)**
 - Completed form
 - Demand Draft for application fee (If online fee payment mode is not used)

Please note that the application is not deemed complete until we receive all the necessary prescribed documents and application fees.

Supporting documents may be sent by Speed Post to:

Ms. Mamta Nagar

EA to the Department of Sociology

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Shiv Nadar University

NH-91, Tehsil Dadri

District Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP 201314

India.

Questions? If you have questions of an academic nature write to Dr. Devika Bordia on devika.bordia@snu.edu.in for clarification

APPLY NOW

Deadline: 22 June 2019