

Nepal Open University

Manbhawan, Lalitpur

Faculty of Social Sciences and Education

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Program: MPhil in Social Sciences and Education

1. Introduction:

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is a research based post-graduate degree leading the graduates to further their study to PhD. It is designed to motivate the graduates to be involved in quality research, expanding the horizons of theoretical understanding. The contextual course, in tandem with the global scenarios and local requirements, will ensure the potential careers of the graduates in the field of Social Sciences and Education. The intake of 50 students shall be selected for the subject: Education Studies. Minimum 10 students in each program will be required for running the program.

2. Subjects Offered:

- i. Education Studies
- ii. English Education
- iii. Nepali Education
- iv. Political Science

3. Duration: 1.5 years

4. Target Groups

MPhil Program is targeted primarily to those working individuals, who are unable to join the conventional (face-to-face) education system in the conventional universities, yet willing to pursue advanced level courses under the umbrella of Social Sciences and Education.

5. Eligibility

- a. For M Phil in Education Studies, students with Master's Degree in related subjects or from any disciplines securing second division or CGPA 2.7 in the scale of four will be eligible. Students outside the Educational background will have to take up the additional three-credit pre-requisite course.
- b. For M Phil in English Education, students with Master's Degree in related subjects, or with MA in English, securing second division or CGPA 2.7 in the scale of four will be eligible. Students outside the Educational background will have to take up the additional three-credit pre-requisite course.
- c. For M Phil in Nepali Education, students with Master's Degree in related subjects or MA in Nepali securing second division or CGPA 2.7 in the scale of four will be eligible. Students outside the Educational background will have to take up the additional three-credit pre-requisite course.
- d. For M Phil in Political Science, students with Master's Degree in related subjects securing second division or CGPA 2.7 in the scale of four will be eligible.

Candidates must have working knowledge and skills of Information Communication Technology.

6. Objectives

At the end of the session, successful research scholars will be able to:

- (a). Exhibit a deeper understanding of theoretical, conceptual and philosophical mapping in the given discipline;
- (b) Utilize and apply quantitative, qualitative and/or mixed methods and approaches in the given field of sociological research /inquiry;
- (c) Adapt theories and tools flexibly and apply the tools in a new field of research;
- (d) Prepare a write up for peer-reviewed international research journals;
- (e) Carry out research and solve complex problems independently; and,

(f) Push the disciplinary boundary forward by making new and significant contribution to existing knowledge.

7. Curriculum Framework

a. Semester I (Core Courses):

12 Credits

i. For Nepali Education, English Education and Education Studies

S. N.	Title of the Course	Credits
1.	Educational Studies: Theoretical Perspectives	3
2.	Research Methods in Education I	3
3.	Research Methods in Education II	3
4.	ICT and e-Research	3
5.*	Fundamentals of Education	3

* Introductory course for those students with non-Education background.

ii. For Political Science

S. N.	Title of the Course	Credits
1.	Theories of Social Science	3
2.	Research Methods in Social Science I	3
3.	Research Methods in Social Science II	3
4.	ICT and e-Research	3

b. Semester II (Specialization Courses): 15 Credits

S. N.	Title of the Course	Credits
1.	Academic Writing	3
2.	Independent Study	3
3.	Specialization Course I	3
4.	Specialization Course II	3
5.	Specialization Course III	3

c. Semester III: Thesis Writing

3 Credits

8. Scholarships

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Education provides scholarship to the deserving candidates as per the Government of Nepal's / NOU's rules and regulations.

9. Career Prospective

On the successful completion, the course provides the candidates with a foundation for holding positions in academic as well as administrative organizations, and for conducting researches in social and educational sectors. Research skills acquired from this program are saleable in development agencies, private organizations, non-government and government organizations and Higher Education Institutes.

10. Further Education

After completion of MPhil Degree, the candidates will have a basis for admission to the doctoral level at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education, Nepal Open University or any of the universities at home and abroad.

11. Entrance Examination

Examination Types:

i. Written Test

ii. Interview

A. Written Test

75%

a. Question Types	1. Multiple Choice Questions : 20% 2. Short Answer Questions : 30% 3. Long-Answer Questions : 50%
b. Duration of Examination	3 Hours
c. Medium of Test	Nepali in MPhil in Nepali Education and English in other subjects
d. Subject Area of Entrance Test	Description
1. Research Methodology: 40%	Research Methodologies and Methods, Research Design, Literature Review, Techniques/Tools of Data Collection,

	Population and Sampling, Data Analysis, Elements of a Research Proposal, Research Report, Ethical Considerations
2. Knowledge of the Subject: 40%	Critical Analysis of Theories, Perspectives and Implications, Recent Trends in Concerned Subject Areas
3. Open and Distance Learning (ODL) & ICT: 20%	Introduction, Trends and Implications of Online and Distance Learning (ODL) and Information Communication Technology (ICT) in Higher Education

B. Interview (Check List + Oral) **25%**

C. Matrix of Questions Types and Study Area

Question Types/ Study Area	Research Methodology	Subject Knowledge	ODL	Total Questions	Total Marks
Multiple Choice Questions	8	8	4	20	20
Short Ans. Questions	2	2	1	5	25
Long Ans. Questions	1	1	1	3	30

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