

Faculty of Social Sciences and Education

MPhil in Social Sciences

Manbhawan Lalitpur

1. Introduction:

MPhil (Master of Philosophy) is a research based post-graduate degree leading to 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 course in tandem with the global contexts and local requirements, will qualify the graduates to work in the areas like governmental and non-governmental agencies, and higher education institutions.

2. Subjects Offered:

- a. MPhil in Economics
- b. MPhil in Political Science
- c. MPhil in Sociology

3. Duration: 1.5 years (3 semesters)

4. Target Groups:

This Program is targeted primarily to aspiring working individuals unable to join the conventional (face-to-face) education system in conventional universities, yet willing to pursue advanced level courses in social sciences disciplines (Economics, Political Sciences and Sociology).

5. Purpose:

The main purpose of this Program is to prepare human resources equipped with up-to-date and relevant knowledge, skills and competencies to address the demands of the current job market (in Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations) related to educational studies.

6. Eligibility:

Candidates with Master in related subjects (Economics, Political Science and Sociology) with second division or CGPA 2.7.

7. Curriculum Framework:

Semester I (Core Courses): 12 Credits

S. N.	Title of the Course	Credit Hours
1.	Theories of Social Sciences	3

2.	Research Methods in Social Sciences I	3
3.	Research Methods in Social Sciences II	3
4.	ICT and e-Research	3

Semester II (Specialization/Concentration Courses): 15 Credits

Specialization courses will be offered in Economics, Political Science, and Sociology

N.	Title of the Course	Credit Hours
1.	Specialization Course I	3
2.	Specialization Course II	3
3.	Specialization Course III	3
4.	Seminar and Academic Writing	3
5.	Conference and Publication	3

Semester III (Thesis Writing):

3 Credits

8. Learning Outcomes:

- (a) Exhibit a deeper understanding of theoretical /factual conceptual and philosophical mapping in the given discipline;
- (b) Utilize and apply research tools (with quantitative, qualitative and/or mixed approaches) in the given field of sociological research /inquiry;
- (c) Adapt theories and tools flexibly and apply 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;
- (f) Push the disciplinary boundary forward by making new and significant contribution to existing state of art

9. 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.

10. 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 educational sectors. Research skills acquired from this program are saleable in development agencies, private organizations, non-government and government organizations and Higher Education Institutes.

11. Further Education:

The MPhil graduates with specialization in Political Science, Economics, or Sociology will be able to pursue her/his Doctoral Degree (PhD) in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education, Nepal Open University or any university in or outside Nepal.

12. Entrance Examination Syllabus and Question Pattern:

MPhil in Social Sciences	
Full Marks:	50
Time:	90 Minutes
Syllabus:	Research Methodology in Master's or equivalent Degree
Question Types:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Multiple Choice Questions: 20 Marks2. Short Answer Questions: 10 Marks3. Long-Answer Questions: 20 Marks
Medium:	English