



MS (Research) in Humanities and Social Sciences

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Indore



Description: The students will be extensively trained in the analytical frameworks and empirical methodologies of interdisciplinary fields mentioned above. The program seeks to bridge theory and praxis, and its focus will be on both the qualitative and quantitative analytic traditions, to equip the students to explore diversified career opportunities in academia, government, corporations, policy and governance institutes, media and consultancies.

Objectives: The program is designed to develop a set of skills drawing from research to implementation that will train graduates for a diverse range of opportunities.

The MS(Research) will also be considered for a conversion to the PhD program, based on a rigorous evaluation by the Institute norms.

Design: The prospective students are required to develop projects with various specialisations such as Digital Humanities, Sustainability Studies, Economics of Innovation, Film & Media Studies, Philosophy and Literature among others. This will be followed by a rigorous dissertation including a defense after the thesis submission.

- A two-year MS(Research) program with a dissertation project
- Project with MS(Research) dissertation supervisor in the above mentioned areas
- A major proportion of the program will be for dissertation project

Minimum Educational Qualification: A Masters' degree (MA/MSc/MPhil) or a Five-year integrated degree (with first division as defined by the awarding institute/university for Indian applicants and equivalent to International applicants, as assessed by the Institute) in any subject. Relaxation of 5% in qualifying degree is applicable for SC and ST category applicants.

Eligibility Requirements:

a) Indian Students: i) A first division, as specified by the institute/university, for GEN/OBC category (5% relaxation for SC/ST applicants) in aggregate, OR ii) A minimum CPI of 6.0 for GEN/OBC (5.5 for SC/ST) category on a scale of 10; with corresponding proportional requirements when the scales are other than on 10.

A valid GATE score with the HSS component will also be considered for admission.

b) International Students: Valid and relevant GRE and TOEFL/IELTS score.

Categories of Admission:

a) Indian Students: (i) TA: Teaching Assistantship; (ii) DF: Candidates sponsored by the Defence Forces; (iii) IS: Institute Staff of IIT Indore on part-time basis.

b) International Students: (i) International self-financed (ISF) students; (ii) International students sponsored by non-government organisations or by a reputed industry (ISW); (iii) International students sponsored by foreign governments or its organisations or through mutual collaborative programs of India with other countries (GSW).

Duration of the Program: 2 years (Full Time) extendable by maximum of one semester.

Total Intake: 15 seats with reservation as per GoI norms (i.e., 5 GEN; 3 OBC-NC; 1 SC; 1 ST) + eligible candidates from DF and IS categories (without scholarship).

Scholarship: As per MHRD notification for MS Program.

Evaluation: Students are expected to identify their Thesis Supervisor(s) to start the research work early into the program. A PG Students' Progress Committee (PSPC) will be formed for each student to guide them through the project. The progress of MS Thesis will be monitored by Research Progress Seminar (RPS) to be conducted at the end of every semester. Final evaluation of MS (Research) Thesis will be done by at least one external examiner.

FAQs

Q1. What is an MS(R) program?

Ans: MS(R) program is a professional and research-oriented course in the field of science, engineering and management, which provides a sound theoretical and practical research-based approach to the discipline.

Q2. How is MS(R) different from MSc program?

Ans: The main difference between MS(R) and MSc program is that the former is an advanced level of PG degree, where the focus is on research and employability while the latter focuses on the theoretical and experimental knowledge in a particular field or subject.

Q3. What are the job opportunities after MS(R) in Humanities and Social Sciences?

Ans: After completing the MS(R) based on the tracks chosen, a student can explore opportunities in diverse areas as academia, publishing, banking sector, government, corporations, think tanks, policy institutes etc.

Q4. Are there any other institutes offering MS(R) in Humanities and Social Sciences in India?

Ans: This is a new program launched by IIT Indore, keeping available research and employment avenues in focus.

Q5. What is the selection procedure for admission?

Ans: See above for the eligibility qualification for Indian as well as International applicants. After shortlisting the candidates, the department may conduct a written test and/or an interview for final selection.

Q6. If I have a specialization in a particular subject like economics or sociology, can I extend my interest in the same specialization for the dissertation?

Ans: Yes, you shall have the freedom to choose your topic based on your research interest in consultation with available research expertise within the School.

Q7. What is the evaluation process of MS(R) dissertation?

Ans: The MS(R) dissertation will be evaluated by an internal committee along with at least one outside expert.

Q8. What is the duration of MS(R) program? If one is not able to complete within the stipulated period of time, is there any provision of extra time to complete the dissertation?

Ans: The duration of MS(R) program is 2 years (four semesters). If one is not able to complete it within this time period, the PSPC may allow extension for one semester, based on the progress report. However, the extension may not be with fellowship.

Q9. Is there any provision for industry-academia interface during the course of the program?

Ans: Yes, based on your area of interest, a project or internship can be arranged with the industry, based on the supervisor's endorsement.

Q10. Does the institute organise campus placements for graduating students of MS(R)?

Ans: The placement cell provides support to all the students of the Institute.