

**Department of English**  
**University of Delhi**  
**MPhil Programme in English: A Beginner's Guide**  
**2018-19**

Structure

The MPhil Programme is spread over four semesters.

Semester 1: Research methodology plus one optional course

Semester 2: Two optional courses

Semester 3 and 4: Dissertation

Course allocation

Optional courses are allocated on the basis of the preferences submitted by students, the position of students on the merit list, a forty-point roster, and the availability of seats in each course.

Transfer between courses

If students wish to transfer to a course other than the one allotted to them, they need to submit an application within one week of the announcement of course allocations. The application should be endorsed by the supervisor of the course currently allotted as well as by the supervisor of the course to which the student wishes to transfer. Permission for such transfers will be subject to availability of seats in the courses concerned.

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory in all courses. Students may not miss any seminar or Dissertation supervision without informing the supervisor of the course and obtaining prior permission. A minimum of two-thirds attendance at seminars and supervision meetings is required.

Research Methodology Course

Please refer to handout on the Research Methodology Course.

Plagiarism

**The Department takes a very serious view of plagiarism in class presentations and written submissions. Students are reminded that unacknowledged borrowing from any source, print or electronic, will be treated as plagiarism and will be censured as such. Long papers and the Dissertation will have to be submitted through Turnitin. Plagiarism may result in penalties including grade reduction, a fail grade, and expulsion from a course.**

Optional Courses

As part of optional courses, students are required to make class presentations, submit written summaries of readings, short papers, and a long paper. The requirements of each optional course are decided by the supervisor. The 4000-word long paper submitted at the end of the course carries half the weightage in determining the grade awarded to each student. Each optional course is worth 4 credits.

Dissertation

In their third semester, students begin work on a 20,000-word dissertation under regular supervision. The dissertation, the most important submission by an MPhil student, along with the viva-voce examination carries twelve credits.

## Submissions

**Two printed copies of all papers (three for dissertations) must be submitted to Ms. Asha in the Department office by 4:00 pm of the deadlines given in the MPhil Calendar. Deadlines are not negotiable. In addition you must submit a copy through Turnitin by the deadline. In exceptional medical circumstances a student may be permitted by the MPhil Committee to submit a long paper or dissertation within a week of the announced deadline. Penalties including grade/mark reductions will apply in all such cases.**

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