

MPHIL IN **SOCIETY, CULTURE AND POLITICS**

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Launched in 2025, the **MPhil Society, Culture and Politics (MPhil SCP)** programme at the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGSHSS), LUMS, is a unique interdisciplinary course in Pakistan. Designed for both fresh graduates and professionals, it draws on sociology, anthropology, political science, gender studies, and environmental studies to prepare students for careers in research, policy, and development.

WHY MPHIL SOCIETY, CULTURE AND POLITICS AT LUMS?

The MPhil Society, Culture and Politics programme provides an unparalleled learning opportunity with access to:

- Highly qualified faculty from top global institutions with expertise across the social sciences
- Rigorous research methods training with a focus on qualitative techniques for locally grounded research
- Personalised interaction with faculty and area experts due to controlled class size
- High-quality research funded by reputed international and national organisations
- Critical theoretical approaches including Marxism, feminism, poststructuralism, and postcolonial/decolonial studies
- Engagement with Global South scholarship challenging Eurocentric approaches in the social sciences
- Interdisciplinary training that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries
- Preparation for PhD programmes or careers in development, policy, education, and media

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

CORE COURSES

- Approaches in Comparative Humanities
- Social and Political Theory
- Research Methodology (qualitative and quantitative methods)

ELECTIVES

Students select five elective courses in consultation with their faculty advisor, exploring themes such as urbanism, gender and sexuality, social movements, political economy, environmental studies, religion, populism, and democracy.

THESIS

Faculty-supervised graduate thesis (6 credit hours) allowing students to focus on particular themes and disciplinary approaches in consultation with their advisor.

WHO BENEFITS FROM MPHIL SCP?

- Students interested in critical approaches to understanding social and political transformations
- Those pursuing careers in development, policy, education, media, or PhD programmes
- Continuing students or professionals seeking a graduate degree with advanced training in social sciences
- Researchers wanting to develop locally-grounded theoretical frameworks

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Academic and research institutes, as well as consulting firms
- International and local organisations in the development and cultural sectors
- Museums, archives, and heritage organisations
- Publishing houses and media organisations
- Educational institutions as educators and curriculum developers
- PhD programmes at top-ranked universities globally



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