



MANIPAL
ACADEMY of HIGHER EDUCATION
(Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University)

MANIPAL CENTRE FOR HUMANITIES

Centre of Excellence at MAHE, Manipal, Karnataka



Admissions Open for 2023

Programs Offered:

- BA (Humanities) with option of Major in English/Sociology/ History
- MA (English)
- MA (Sociology)
- MA (History)
- PhD

Manipal Centre for Humanities, located in the scenic campus town of Manipal in coastal Karnataka, was founded in 2010 to establish a premier institution for teaching and research in the humanities and social sciences. One of the most exciting academic experiments in higher education in India, MCH fosters a culture of innovative and reflexive pedagogy, intellectual freedom, student initiatives, and new directions in scholarship.

Overview

Manipal Centre for Humanities (MCH) is a leading research and teaching institute based in Manipal, Karnataka. It is one of only two Centres of Excellence in the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)—MAHE is one of the original six Institutes of Eminence declared by the Government of India in 2017. MCH is deeply committed to encouraging critical and creative thinking across a wide variety of disciplines in the fields of humanities and social sciences. It remains strongly aligned with the New Education Policy in its focus on India-relevant research and employment opportunity, as well as the United Nations mandate on Sustainable Development Goals.

Faculty at MCH are trained at some of the leading universities in India and abroad. Engaged in pioneering research, which contributes to their teaching, MCH faculty have published extensively, both nationally and internationally. Some of the core areas of engagement are Gender Studies, Modern Indian Literature, Social History, Western Philosophy, Film Studies, Political Sociology, Medical Sociology, Modern Indian History,

Contemporary Literature, History of Medicine and Visual Culture. Faculty conduct and facilitate workshops, internships, conferences, writing courses and guest lectures by renowned scholars and artists.

Students come to MCH from many of India's premier undergraduate colleges and from universities across the world. MCH Alumni have gone on to have successful careers in media, publishing, education, social sector, corporate sector, and arts management. Students have also been accepted in programs in several prestigious international universities.

MCH is housed in a beautiful, traditional coastal-style construction with a commanding view of Manipal Lake. The new MCH building houses six classrooms, a two-storey library, and the state-of-the-art Gangubai Hanagal Auditorium, as well as a conference room, a common room, and offices for faculty, staff and PhD students. Apart from the excellent physical infrastructure for culture and sports, the faculty-to-student ratio has been deliberately kept low in accordance with best international practice to ensure that students get the best possible academic attention and guidance.

Life at MCH not only offers a nurturing academic environment but an opportunity to savor a taste of life by the sea. Flanked by the sylvan greens of the Western Ghats and the golden beaches of the Arabian Sea, Manipal facilitates time for personal growth, sports, and cultural events.





BA (Humanities) Major in English/Sociology/History

BA (Humanities) is a carefully curated liberal arts degree that inculcates varied critical and creative skills across three years (six semesters). Keeping the larger goals of multi-disciplinarity in mind, the first two years of the program offer a wide range of **Foundation Courses** for a strong grounding in fundamental concepts and recent scholarship. Foundation Courses are offered from the following disciplines and topics - Literature, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Film Studies, and Gender Studies.

Electives in the final year of the program give students the option of a **Major** in English, Sociology or History. The program culminates with a research project and the writing of a **thesis** with faculty guidance.

Students are encouraged to participate in workshops, conferences and guest lectures by reputed scholars and artists during the academic year. They will have opportunities to explore allied fields such as art history, creative writing, theatre, film appreciation etc.

MCH aims to train its students to be active and dynamic participants in whichever profession they

choose to pursue. The BA program has a twofold aim—a) prepare interested students to pursue higher studies in the best institutes in India and abroad, and b) prepare students with a knowledge and communication skill set that allow them to work in varied institutional settings—governmental and non-governmental, corporate as well as international bureaucracy and philanthropy.



MA in English

The English program at MCH is distinctive for its emphasis on developing nuanced and mature literary sensibilities by employing the most contemporary scholarship. Moving away from the dated colonial study of periodisation in literature, the MA program offers innovative and challenging courses on Indian Literature, Modern International Literature, Gender Studies as well as emerging areas such as Film Studies. Students are trained towards rigorous in-depth textual analysis and encouraged to develop sophisticated writing and research skills. The program prides itself on re-imagining scholastic and creative engagement with literatures ~ premodern, modernist, contemporary, and in translation ~ in a wide spectrum that inspires students to discover and refine their particular interests.



MA in Sociology

The Masters program in Sociology is aimed at initiating a dialogue on society and the social. The teaching of the Masters and the doctoral program combines an interdisciplinary perspective with comprehensive training in field research. Blending contemporary sociology with classical theory, we offer dynamic courses such as law and society, the collective social, the sociology of kinship, and research methods. Our faculty, trained at leading universities in India and abroad, brings in its own expertise and specialization to create a teaching environment that is engaging and interactive.

MA in History

The Masters program in History will train students to engage with regional, national and global histories through multiple frames and perspectives. It offers research-based and innovative courses that deal with multidisciplinary approaches of social history, medical history, development studies, gender studies, caste studies, and contemporary history. The focus of the program is to develop intellectual breadth and deepen the analytical skills of the students. The program would equip students with the necessary skills of critical analysis to comprehensively understand the subject.

MCH Advantages

Centre of Excellence: MCH is one of two Centres of Excellence at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and provides a holistic training in Humanities and Social Sciences with strong emphasis on interdisciplinarity and social and academic relevance.

Highly Accomplished Faculty: Faculty at MCH have doctorate degrees from highly reputed national and international universities. Engaged in pioneering research, which contributes to their teaching, MCH faculty have published extensively, both nationally and internationally.

Innovative Pedagogy: Inspired by international liberal arts programs, all courses at MCH provide a strong emphasis on research, writing and communication skills and encourage original thinking while engaging with the latest scholarship. MCH also has a low student-faculty ratio and provides one-to-one mentoring during project and thesis writing.

International Recognition: MCH is regularly visited by nationally and internationally renowned scholars and artists.

Placements: MCH alumnae are spread across the fields of publishing, media, thinktanks, national and international NGOs, arts management, and higher research in prestigious international and ivy-league universities.

Student Activities: MCH has a diverse student population from some of the best colleges across the country and abroad. The student community at MCH has access to several vibrant forums - Film Club, Literary Club, Sports Club, Theatre Club and Literary Journals that are coordinated by the students themselves.

Academic Events: Catering to UN Sustainable Goals, MCH hosts several national and international workshops/conferences/seminars. Students get an opportunity to listen to and interact with top scholars in their field.

Infrastructure: In addition to technologically equipped classrooms, MCH is home to a state-of-the-art Auditorium, an exclusive Art Gallery and an extensive Humanities Library.



Admission Process

1. Apply through the online centralized university admission form <https://apply.manipal.edu/>
2. Following this, in the coming weeks, applicants will receive an email from the MCH office asking them to fill a detailed form that will have to be submitted along with required documents by the given deadline.
3. Admissions Committee will conduct telephone interviews with shortlisted applicants and selected candidates will be offered a letter of admission from the Admissions Office of MAHE.

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