



**OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC COORDINATOR
ICFAI UNIVERSITY MIZORAM**

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Dated: December 27, 2025

**Ph.D Admission Notice
January 2026**

This is a notification to all interested that Ph.D admissions in various disciplines under the following are now open for the Academic Session 2026-2027.

Sl.No.	Name of Department	Number of Ph.D seats available
1.	Commerce	6
2.	Economics	6
3.	Education	6
4.	English	6
5.	Geography	6
6.	History	6
7.	Hospitality & Tourism	6
8.	Management	6
9.	Mizo & Cultural Studies	6
10.	Political Science	6
11.	Social Work	6
12.	Sociology	6
13.	Psychology	6

Important Dates:

Date for Admission notification	27 th December, 2025 (Saturday)
Last Date for filling up of Admission form (online/offline)	27 th January, 2026 (Tuesday)
Date for written examination	28 th January, 2026 (Thursday)
Venue and timing of examination	ICFAI University Mizoram (10 AM – 1 PM)
Interview dates	28 th January, 2026 (4 PM onwards) 29 th January, 2026 (10 AM onwards) 30 th January, 2026 (10 AM onwards)
Publication of the list of selected candidates	30 th January, 2026 Friday (3:00 PM onwards)
Last date of payment of admission fees	30 th January, 2026 Friday (3:30 PM – 5:30 PM)
Call for waiting / contingency list	30 th January, 2026 (after 5:30 PM)
Last date of payment of admission fees for waiting / contingency list	31 st January, 2026 (Saturday up to 12:00 PM)
Commencement of classes for Coursework	9 th February, 2026

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How to apply:

Online applications are invited and may be submitted to

<https://iumizoram.edu.in/admissions/2026>

Offline applications may also be submitted during office hours.

Syllabus for written examination:**Department of Economics****Research Methodology:**

1. Significance of research in Economics
2. Methods of data collection
3. Research and publication ethics

Economics of Growth and Development:

4. Human Development Index
5. Theory of development: Adam Smith, Schumpeter
6. Models of Economic growth: Solow, Harrod Domar

Indian Economy:

7. Industry- pattern, structure of growth, major challenges, policy responses
8. Sustainable development and environmental degradation
9. Rural development – issues, challenges and policy responses

Microeconomics:

10. Collusive Oligopoly: Cartels – market sharing and joint profit maximization, price leadership, low-cost, dominant firm, barometric price leadership
11. Limit pricing theory – Bain's and Sylos-Labini
12. Ricardo's theory of rent

Macroeconomics:

13. Extension of IS-LM model with labour market
14. Meaning, effects, causes and control of inflation
15. Business cycle theory – Pure Monetary Theory, Monetary Over-Investment Theory

Environmental Economics and Demography:

16. Interlinkage between economy and environment
17. Malthusian theory of population
18. Sustainable development – concepts and indicators

Contemporary Issues in Economics

19. Economic impact of Covid-19
20. Causes and consequences of Urbanization

Department of Social Work

1. Definition and Concept of Social Work
2. Historical Development of Social Work: England, USA and India
3. Social Work as a professional service
4. Values and Ethics of Social Work
5. Challenges of Social Work Profession: Regional, National and International Perspective
6. Primary and Secondary Methods of Social Work
7. Micro, Mezzo and Macro practice of social work in different settings
8. Tools, techniques and Principles of methods of social work
9. Approaches of Social Work Intervention through different models, tools, techniques and methods
10. Concept of Social Work Research and Scientific Research
11. Aims and Objectives of Social Work Research
12. Social Work Research as a method of Social Work
13. Types of Research Design in Social Work Research
14. Types of Sampling Design (Probability and Non-Probability Sampling Design)
15. Steps in Research Process/Research Design
16. Concept of Hypotheses and Variables in research
17. Statistics in Social Work Research: Central Tendency, Range, T-test, ANOVA, Chisquare
18. Data Interpretation and Analysis
19. Definition and Concept of Qualitative and Quantitative research design
20. Case Study, Focus Group Discussion, Key Informant Interviews, Ethnography research, Phenomenology research

Department of Sociology

1. Epistemology in social science research
2. Positivism
3. Ethnography
4. Phenomenology
5. Steps in Scientific Research
6. Writing a research proposal
7. Research Design
8. Sampling
9. Survey
10. Ethical Issues in Social Science Research

11. Classical & Modern Sociological Theory
12. Gender and Society
13. Family, Marriage and Kinship
14. Sociology of India
15. Environmental Sociology
16. Sociology of Religion
17. Sociology of Education
18. Social Stratification
19. Rural Sociology
20. Urban Sociology

Department of Geography

Geography of India

1. Physiographic Divisions of India and Their Economic Significance
2. Indian Monsoon: Mechanism, Variability, and Impact on Agriculture
3. River Systems of India: Role in Regional Development

Physical Geography

4. Earth's Interior: Structure, Composition, and Geological Evidence
5. Plate Tectonics Theory and Its Role in Explaining Earth Movements
6. Weathering, Erosion, and Mass Wasting: Processes and Landform Development

Human Geography

7. Human–Environment Relationship: Possibilism vs Determinism
8. Patterns of Rural and Urban Settlements: A Comparative Study
9. Cultural Regions of the World: Basis and Characteristics

Population Geography

10. Population Growth and Distribution in the World: Trends and Determinants
11. Demographic Transition Theory and Its Global Applicability
12. Population Policies in Developing Countries with Special Reference to India

Geomorphology

13. Fluvial Landforms: Erosional and Depositional Features
14. Volcanism and Earthquakes: Causes, Distribution, and Effects
15. Cycle of Erosion by W.M. Davis: Concept and Criticism

Oceanography

16. Ocean Currents of the World and Their Climatic Influence
17. Marine Resources: Distribution, Utilization, and Conservation

Climatology

18. Classification of World Climates with Special Reference to Köppen
19. Global Warming and Climate Change: Causes, Impacts, and Mitigation

Geographical Thought

20. Evolution of Geographical Thought: Contributions of Classical and Modern Geographers

Department of Mizo & Cultural Studies

Songs

1. Mizo folk songs
2. Mizo Christian songs
3. Patriotic songs

Life circles rituals of the Mizos

4. Birth
5. Marriage
6. Death

Research Methodology

7. Plagiarism
8. Qualitative Research Methodology
9. Research Ethics

Mizo Language

10. Preservation of Mizo Language
11. Eight Scheduled

Culture Studies

12. Oral narrative
13. Oral History

Literary theory

14. Contemporary theory
15. Modernization

Department of Political Science

1. Insurgency in North East India
2. Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India
3. Research Methodology
4. Annexation of North East India by the British
5. Formation of States/ Hill State Movement in North East India
6. Aristotle & Plato
7. Social Contract Theory
8. Utilitarianism: Bentham and Mill
9. The Kashmir Problem and its impact on India-Pakistan Relations.
10. Indo-US Relations with special focus on Donald Trump's tariffs.
11. Indo-Russian Relations with special focus on the Russo-Ukraine war and its impact on the relationship between India and Russia.
12. Realism in Global Politics
13. Liberalism in global politics
14. Critical theory in Global politics
15. Socialism in political ideologies
16. Liberalism in political ideologies
17. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution
18. Political Socialisation and Political Culture
19. Federalism in India
20. 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment

Department of Commerce

1. Research Methodology
2. Statistical Methods
3. Individual and Group Behavior: motivation, team work, leadership
4. Organizational conflict & management.
5. Direct and indirect taxes, GST.
6. Business Environment
7. Marketing Management
8. Consumer Behavior
9. Consumer Protection
10. Demand Theory and Analysis
11. Production and Cost Analysis
12. Market Structure
13. Capital Budgeting
14. Capital Structure
15. Business Environment

16. Human Resource Management
17. Indian Financial Structure
18. International Business
19. Entrepreneurship
20. Personal Financial Planning

Department of English

1. Literary Theory: Classical to Neoclassical
 - Plato, Aristotle
 - Mimetic theory, catharsis
 - Dryden, Pope etc
2. Contemporary Literary Theory and Criticism: Major essay and School
3. Indian Writing in English
4. Research Methodology
 - a. Research questions & proposal writing
 - b. Textual analysis
 - c. Citation styles (MLA)
 - d. Plagiarism & ethics
5. Practical Criticism (unseen passage)
6. Linguistics
7. History of English language
8. History of English Literature: Medieval to Contemporary
9. American Literature
10. Dalit Literature
11. Rhetoric & Prosody
12. General Literary Awareness
13. Cultural Studies
14. Modernism
15. Post-Modern and Contemporary Literature
16. History of Indian Literature and Language
17. Asian Literature
18. Northeast Indian Writing in English
19. Theatre and Film
20. Research Proposal

Department of Psychology

1. Anxiety and Depression.
2. Trauma and Resilience.
3. Addiction and Substance abuse.
4. Personality Disorders.
5. Developmental Psychology.
6. Cognitive Bias and Decision Making.
7. Social media impact.
8. Emotional Intelligence.
9. Mindfulness and Stress reduction.
10. Cross Cultural Psychology.
11. Artificial intelligence in Therapy.
12. Climate change Psychology.
13. Population health.
14. Gender and Sexual Diversity.
15. Neurophysiology.
16. Health Psychology.
17. Forensic Psychology.
18. Sports Psychology.
19. Workplace Psychology.
20. Color Psychology

Department of History

1. Historiography & Theory – global debates on frontier studies focusing on Southeast Asia, national narratives of India, and regional historiography of Northeast India & historiography on Mizo and their cognate tribes (zofate chronicles)
2. Source Criticism – assessing authenticity, provenance, bias and transmission of primary materials ranging from UNESCO archives to tribal chronicles.
3. Archival Research – navigating national repositories (New Delhi), state archives (West Bengal,Guwahati, Shillong, Aizawl) and major digital collections worldwide.
4. Palaeography & Diplomatics – deciphering Assamese, Bengali and Mizo scripts; dating pre-colonial charters within global palaeographic frameworks.
5. Oral History & oral Tradition – designing interviews with village elders, documenting songs and folklore, and evaluating the epistemic weight of oral tradition alongside written sources.
6. Material Culture Analysis – studying artefacts, bamboo architecture and stone monoliths as evidence of local practices embedded in broader cultural networks.
7. Quantitative Methods – applying basic statistics, data visualisation and GIS to map settlement patterns, trade routes and demographic shifts from local to national scales.

8. Digital Humanities – text mining colonial gazettes, crowdsourced transcription of Mizo folktales, and building online exhibitions that reach a global audience.
9. Comparative History – linking Northeast experiences with other frontier regions (e.g., the Himalayas, Southeast Asian highlands) to highlight trans-regional dynamics.
10. Prosopography – constructing collective biographies of chieftains, missionaries and bureaucrats, tracing their influence from local arenas to national policy.
11. Gender & Intersectional Approaches – using feminist lenses to interrogate women's roles in tribal societies, colonial encounters and contemporary revival movements.
12. Environmental History – integrating climate data, landscape studies and local agricultural practices to understand shifting cultivation and forest policies across scales.
13. Public History & Heritage – translating research for museums, memorials and community projects, ensuring that oral narratives shape public interpretation.
14. Ethics & Legal Issues – navigating copyright, privacy, cultural-heritage laws and ethical protocols when working with indigenous oral traditions.
15. Writing & Dissertation Structure – crafting arguments for global journals, national scholarly presses and regional outlets, adhering to Chicago/Turabian citation.
16. Colonial Cartography – analysing British maps of the Northeast to reveal how global imperial visions reshaped local territorial understandings.
17. Missionary Encounters – examining how global Christian missions intersected with national education policies and local identity formation in Mizoram.
18. Trade Networks – tracing pre-colonial and colonial commerce (tea, timber, textiles) from local markets to national and global exchange systems.
19. Conflict & Peacebuilding – using oral testimonies alongside official records to study insurgencies, peace accords and reconciliation at local, state and national levels.
20. Cultural Revival Movements – investigating contemporary efforts to revive Mizo language, music and rituals, positioning them within global heritage discourse while honoring their local significance.

Department of Management

Core Management Foundations

1. Principles of Management & Organizational Behaviour
2. Human Resource Management
3. Marketing Management
4. Financial Management
5. Operations & Supply Chain Management

Research & Quantitative Skills

1. Research Methodology (Qualitative & Quantitative)
2. Statistics for Management
3. Econometrics & Data Analysis
4. Business Analytics & Decision Sciences

Strategic & Advanced Management Areas

1. Strategic Management & Corporate Governance
2. International Business & Global Management
3. Entrepreneurship & Innovation Management
4. Technology & Knowledge Management
5. Managerial Economics & Business Environment

Emerging & Contemporary Topics

1. Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
2. Digital Transformation & E-Business
3. Leadership Theories & Change Management
4. Public Policy & Development Management
5. Behavioral Economics & Consumer Behaviour
6. Industry 4.0, AI & Future of Work

Department of Education

Philosophical Foundations of Education

1. Philosophical bases of education, including idealism, realism, pragmatism, and existentialism as they shape educational aims and methods.
2. Role of education in social change.
3. Education for equity, equality of opportunities, and addressing social stratification.

Sociological Perspectives

4. Education and social mobility.
5. Education of disadvantaged groups like scheduled castes, tribes, women, and rural populations.
6. Impact of globalization, modernization, and economic development on education systems.

Educational Psychology

7. Advanced concepts in growth, development, and emotional intelligence during childhood and adolescence.
8. Theories of intelligence.
9. Personality development, trait theories, and assessment methods.

Research and Methodology

10. Research methodology in education, including problem formulation, hypothesis testing, and literature review.
11. Quantitative and qualitative designs, sampling methods like stratified random sampling, and statistical tools.
12. Research ethics, plagiarism principles.
13. Reliability and validity of research tool, statistics on educational research.

Pedagogy

- 14. Teaching models and approaches
- 15. Assessment strategies
- 16. Advanced pedagogical Theories

Comparative and Curriculum Studies

- 17. Comparative education systems and curriculum development across cultures.
- 18. Teacher education trends, professional ethics, ICT integration, and performance appraisal.
- 19. Special education, policies for CWSNs.
- 20. Inclusive education policies for children with special needs, RTE-2009, and higher education reforms.

Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management

1. Research Methodology

- Introduction to Research
- Research Methods
- Data Analysis Techniques
- Report Writing and Project Proposals

2. Research and Publication Ethics

- Philosophy and Ethics
- Scientific Conduct
- Publication Ethics

3. Academic Writing in Hospitality and Tourism Management

- Introduction to Academic Writing
- Structure and Contents of a Research Paper
- Using and Citing Sources of Ideas

4. Advanced Hospitality & Tourism Theory

- Concept of Hospitality and Tourism
- Consumer Behaviour in Hospitality and Tourism
- Sustainable and Responsible Tourism
- Destination Management and Branding

5. Tourism Economics and Policy

- Tourism Demand and Forecasting
- Economic Impact Analysis
- Tourism Policy and Tourism Governance
- International Tourism Organizations

For More Information

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