

# **MDS Admission Prospectus**

## **MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

### **Program Structure**

The 18-month long MDS program consists of 64 credits and spanning over 3 semesters. Each semester runs over 16 weeks of which 12 weeks is for class teaching, 1 week break for semester final examination preparation, and 3 weeks for holding the Semester final examination. All classes will be held on Fridays (02 classes start from 3.30-5.30PM & 6-8) & Saturdays (03 classes start from 11-1pm; 2-4pm & 5-7PM)

#### **First Semester**

MDS 501: Development Studies: Principles, Theories and Approaches

MDS 502: Microeconomics

MDS 503: Socio-anthropological Perspectives of Development

MDS 504: Politics and Administrative System Analysis

MDS 505: Gender and Development

#### **Second Semester**

MDS 506: Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

MDS 507: Poverty and Inequality: Concepts, Measurements, and Policy

MDS 508: Macroeconomics

MDS 509: Quantitative Analysis and Research Design

MDS 510: Qualitative Research Methodology

#### **Third Semester**

This semester provides students the opportunity to specialize (Major) in certain areas by taking three courses in their chosen area along with an eight credit thesis or five courses without thesis. The Area of specialization includes a. Development Economics, b. Public Policy Analysis, c. Social Development, and d. Natural Resource Management. The Academic Committee, however, on the basis of faculty availability and number of applicants decides the offering of any particular Major in the semester.

The eligible student will write a research paper/field report in this semester. On the basis of the project proposal, a faculty member will be appointed as academic supervisor to guide the

student in completing the research paper/field report. The normal length of the research paper/field report is 8,000 to 10,000 words. Each student will sit for a comprehensive examination, in addition to the specialized courses, at the end of the final semester.

*Major (Development Economics)*

MDS 521: Data Science and Forecasting Techniques  
MDS 522: Macroeconomic Management  
MDS 523: Institutions, Power and Political Economy  
MDS 524: Technology and Digital Economics  
MDS 525: Financial and Economic Analysis  
MDS 526: Public Policy: Process Analysis and Evaluation  
MDS 527: Climate Change and Development  
MDS 528: Public Finance  
MDS 529: Development Economics

*Major (Public Policy Analysis)*

MDS 531: Public Policy: Process Analysis and Evaluation  
MDS 532: Advanced Quantitative Analysis for Public Policy  
MDS 533: Institutions, Power and Political Economy  
MDS 534: NGOs and Social Entrepreneurship  
MDS 535: Climate Change: Policy and Governance

*Major (Natural Resource Management)*

MDS 541: Environmental Economics  
MDS 542: Natural Resource Management: Approaches and Practices  
MDS 543: Climate Change and Development  
MDS 544: Disaster, Vulnerability and Sustainable Development  
MDS 545: Social and Environmental Impact Analysis  
MDS 546: Energy Transition: Economics and Policy  
MDS 547: Sustainable Development: Practices and Paradoxes  
MDS 548: Conservation Behaviour for Development

*Major (Social Development)*

MDS 551: Diversity, Equality and Inclusive Development  
MDS 552: Ethnographic Analysis  
MDS 553: Migration, labor Market and Development/ Migration, Refugee  
MDS 554: Social Development in Practice  
MDS 555: Behavioral Analysis of Development  
MDS 556: Social and Environmental Impact Analysis  
MDS 557: Development Communication

*Major (Development Management)*

MDS 561: Institutions and Corporate Governance  
MDS 562: Financial and Economic Analysis  
MDS563: Macroeconomic and Sectoral Management  
MDS 564: Social and Environmental Impact Analysis  
MDS 565: Development Communication

## **ADMISSION INFORMATION**

### **Eligibility for Application**

Admission is open to individuals who have at least a Bachelor Degree with Honors from any recognized university or a four/five-year BE/MBBS/BDS degree from Engineering Universities/Colleges/Medical Colleges. A Master degree is compulsory for B.A. (Pass) applicants. A candidate already having one master's degree is also eligible to apply. Candidates with Third Division/Class or CGPA below 2.50 at any level of their academic career are not eligible to apply. (*Note: The University shall determine equivalence of degrees awarded by the private and foreign universities.*)

### **Application Procedure**

Prospective students shall apply in the prescribed form, obtained from the Website of the Department of Development Studies. All the necessary papers mentioned in the application form must be submitted with the application form as per advertisement along with application fee Taka 1500 (one thousand five hundred). Successful applicants will be selected on the basis of their performance in the Qualifying Examination. The Qualifying Examination will be of 100 marks of which 80 marks will be on written test and 20 marks on viva-voce examination.

**Written Test:** The written test will be comprised of the following two parts:

*Quantitative Aptitude (10 Marks):* The Quantitative Aptitude part contains 20 MCQ questions to test candidates' mathematical ability on arithmetic, algebra and geometry. The questions are mostly based on quantitative section of GMAT/GRE.

*Language, Communication and Writing Skill (70 Marks):* This section is composed of two questions – i. reading comprehension, and ii. Analysis of Issue/Argument - which will test the candidate's analytical ability as well as their understanding of English. The writing ability will be assessed through - i. Translation, ii. Précis writing, iii. Essay writing on a contemporary development topic, and iv. Data table/ chart analysis.

**Duration:** The duration of the written test will be 2 hours of which 60 minutes for MCQ Part (Quantitative Aptitude and Grammar) and 1 hour for Descriptive Part (Language, Communication, and Writing Skill).

**Viva Voce:** This will test the speaking ability of the candidate and will also emphasize on professional experience.

### **Timeline of Application and registration**

	Item	Date
1.	Distribution of Application Form	April 26, 2023
2.	Receipt of Completed Application Form by (All supporting documents must be provided in A4 size photocopy)	June 07, 2023
3.	Distribution of Admit Card	At the time of Form Submission
4.	Written Test of Qualifying Examination (QE) & Viva-voce	June 09, 2023 at 10 am
5.	Publication of Result	June 10, 2023
6.	Distribution of Admission Form	June 11, 2023
7.	Last date of Registration and Admission	June 18, 2023
8.	Merit based direct enrollment Waiting list	June 19-22, 2023
9.	Orientation (Tentative) and Beginning of Classes	July 01, 2023

### **Other Important Features**

1. Candidates will not be considered to be eligible for admission if he/she does not obtain Minimum Qualifying Marks in each of the three parts of the test.
2. All answers must be given in the ANSWER SHEET provided.
3. Each MCQ question will be followed by four or five answer choices. You have to select only one answer for each question and completely darken the corresponding circle in the OMR SHEET. Please use 2B pencil so that the letter cannot be seen. A Sample Question:
4. You should find out seat plan for the written test from the Department Office one day prior to the test day during the office hours.
5. Report to your designated examination hall at 9:30 a.m. on the day of Written Test

**Admission of Qualified Candidates:** Candidates finally qualified for the MDS program shall obtain the prescribed 'University Admission Form' from the Department office and submit the filled-in form and required documents, on payment of requisite fees, as determined by the Department. On fulfillment of the procedure, a candidate will be enrolled & registered to the University as a student of MDS program.

**Fee Structure**

Total fees of the Program: 300,000 (three lacs). A student has to pay 100000 per semester (at the beginning of the semester)

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Amount to Pay</b>
First	100000
Second	100000
Third	100000
Total	300,000/