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Advertisement for Admission to M.A. in Development Studies

Batch 2024-25

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) invites applications from eligible candidates for admission to the **M.A. in Development Studies program** for the academic year commencing in August 2024. Interested candidates may fill in the online application form available at <https://iitmandiadm.samarth.edu.in/2024/index.php/> from 3rd April 2024. The applicants should **read the following instructions** carefully. **Incomplete applications will not be considered for further processing.**

The M.A. in Development Studies also offers candidates (fulfilling certain criteria, while pursuing their M.A. in Development Studies) to apply for an M.A.+ Ph.D. Dual Degree at IIT Mandi.

Eligibility Criteria for Application

- i. Candidates who have qualified for the award of a three/four-year Bachelor Degree (B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Tech./ B.E. or equivalent), after 10+2 or equivalent schooling, from a recognized University or Institute with at least 55% marks/6.0 CGPA on a scale of a 10-point/equivalent (a minimum of 50% marks/5.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale/equivalent for SC/ST/OBC(NCL)/PwD candidates), are eligible to apply for admission to the Program.
- ii. Applicants awaiting final results in the qualifying exam are also eligible to apply. However, their final selection will be contingent on the production of the final mark/grade sheet satisfying minimum marks.

Mode of Selection

- The list of shortlisted candidates will be notified on the IIT Mandi website. No separate letter/email communication will be sent. Applicants are encouraged to check the IIT Mandi website.
- The admission process (**Written Test and/or Interview**) will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates.

General Information and Regulation:

<https://www.iitmandi.ac.in/pdf/ordinances/MA%20Ordinance%20and%20Regulations.pdf>

Important Dates and Schedule

- Starting date for filling online application: **3rd April 2024**
- Last date for submitting online application: **25th April 2024**
- The list of shortlisted candidates will be published by **6th May 2024**.



- Date of online written test will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates.
- Date of online interview will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates following the written test.

Application Fee for M.A Development Studies Admission:

Category	Amount in ₹
General/EWS/OBC/OBC (NCL)/Transgender/Foreign Nationals	200
Women/SC/ST/PD	100

Mode of Payment:

SBI Collect Portal. Applicant should submit fee on SBI collect portal of the IIT Mandi; and submit generated transaction number to the OAS admission application portal. One application fee is valid for the single application. The application fee is non-refundable.

Information to the Candidates

- For further information, write to shss_admissions@iitmandi.ac.in
- For queries related to the online application form, contact it_helpdesk@iitmandi.ac.in
- No TA/DA will be provided for appearing in the admission process by the institute.

Uniqueness of the M.A. Development Studies Program, IIT Mandi

- Multi-disciplinary approach, foregrounding issues and challenges of development in the Himalayan region.
- A combination of rigorous and relevant courses with field exposure to development challenges.
- Understanding the basic scientific and technological underpinnings of developmental challenges and their existing solutions.
- A mandatory field study component to understand the laboratory of Development Studies.
- Participatory research through components of dissertation/guided internship.
- Ability to communicate results to a range of stakeholders, including academia, professionals in policy making and implementation, local communities etc.
- **Possibility of conversion/admission to integrated Ph.D. Program, if the candidate fulfills the requirements.**

We look forward to reviewing your application.
