



PROSPECTUS

Centre for Development Studies Thiruvananthapuram

ADMISSION 2016

MA Applied Economics

Centre for Development Studies (CDS) invites applications for its MA programme in Applied Economics for the academic year 2016-2017. The programme will commence on **Thursday, July 28, 2016.**

About the programme

MA (Applied Economics) in CDS is a unique master's programme in economics that aims at providing a rigorous training in theory, tools and methods for applied economic analysis, with a special focus on issues of economic development. **The degree is awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

MA students will be part of a vibrant research community at CDS, comprising of faculty, research scholars and visitors, working on various facets of development within an inter-disciplinary framework. Trained as applied economists, students are expected to be well prepared for careers in academia, government, national and international development agencies, research institutions, the corporate sector and the media.

Course Structure:

Students are required to complete sixteen courses: nine compulsory and seven optional courses as listed below. One compulsory course in the fourth semester is a project in which the student shall work on an empirical issue relating to India's economy under faculty supervision. Please note that all optional courses mentioned below may not be offered every year:

Compulsory Courses	
AE101 Fundamentals of Microeconomic Theory	AE105 Econometric Methods
AE102 Fundamentals of Macroeconomic Theory	AE106 Economic Development
AE103 Mathematical Methods	AE107 International Economics
AE104 Statistics	AE108 Indian Economic Development
AE208 Project	
Optional Courses (Seven courses to be taken from the following. All optional courses may not be offered every year)	
AE201 Public Economics	AE210 Gender and Development
AE202 Industrial Organisation	AE211 Labour and Development
AE203 Topics in Trade and Development	AE212 Law, Economics and Development
AE204 Economics of Technology and Innovation	AE213 Issues in Indian Agriculture
AE205 Population and Development	AE214 Issues in Indian Industry
AE206 History of Economic Thought	AE215 Political Economy, Development and Governance
AE207 Economic History of Modern India	AE216 Economics of Project Evaluation
AE209 Environment and Sustainable Development	

Eligibility:

- A bachelor's degree in any discipline under 10+2+3 pattern, with at least 50 percentage of marks.
- SC, ST & Person with Disability (PWD) (with $\geq 40\%$ disability) candidates are eligible irrespective of percentage of marks secured in the qualifying degree.
- Those who are appearing for their final examination may also apply. Such candidates, if selected, shall be allowed to join the programme only if they have secured the minimum prescribed percentage of marks in their qualifying examination at the time of registration to the programme. They should also submit the final mark sheets of the qualifying examination at the time of registration to the programme.

Fees

MA students have to pay a tuition fee of Rs. 8000/- (Rs.2000/-for SC/ST) per semester. There will be one time JNU Registration/ Enrolment fees of Rs. 6115/-. All students will be provided hostel accommodation on a shared basis. There are hostels for men and women in the campus. All rooms have attached bath and are modestly furnished. CDS hostel rent is Rs.200/- per person per month, which includes charges for electricity and water. Simple but nutritious meals are served at the cafeteria attached to the hostel and all hostellers are expected to eat from the cafeteria for which a monthly bill has to be paid.

Admission

Admission is based on an entrance test scheduled on **Sunday, May 22nd 2016** from **10.00 am to 12.00 noon** at **Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kozhikode, New Delhi, Pune & Thiruvananthapuram**. No TA/DA will be provided for attending the Entrance Test. The candidates are advised to make their own arrangements for travelling and lodging for attending the Entrance Test.

Reservation

Statutory reservation for **SC, ST, OBC (NCL) & Person with Disability (PWD)** ($\geq 40\%$ disability) candidates as per Govt. of India rules.

Entrance Test

Candidates will be tested for their analytical ability and aptitude. Candidates are expected to be familiar with the undergraduate course content of a standard Economics programme taught at the BA level. They are also expected to be aware of current national and international economic issues of importance. An illustrative list of areas to be covered is given below, especially for the benefit of candidates without an undergraduate degree in Economics.

- 1) Microeconomics (Theories of consumer behaviour, production and the firm)
- 2) Macroeconomics (National Income, Theory of Income determination, Monetary Policy, Trade and Balance of Payments)
- 3) Statistics and Mathematics: Descriptive Statistics (Mean, Median and Mode, Standard Deviation, Correlation coefficient). Elementary Probability Theory, Mathematics for economists (Elementary Algebra, Coordinate Geometry and Elementary Calculus).
- 4) India's economy in the post liberalized period

The MA entrance test question paper will consist of two parts. The first part will have 25 multiple-choice questions with +2 marks each for correct answers and -1 for each wrong answer. The second part will have 5 passages with 2-3 short analytical questions from each passage, carrying a total of $5 \times 10 = 50$ marks. The duration of the entrance examination is **two hours and maximum marks will be 100**. Prospective candidates can find past question papers of the entrance examination on our website (<http://cds.edu>)

Minimum Marks to be obtained in the written test in order to be considered for selection

General Category	- 50%
OBC (NCL)	- 45%
SC/ST/PWD	- 40%

How to Apply

Application is to be submitted in the prescribed Format (**Application form with Hall ticket**) along with

- Copies of mark-sheets for Bachelor's degree (latest available)
- Age Proof- SSLC Certificate or any other relevant document.
- Candidates belonging to the following categories should submit self attested copies of latest relevant certificates issued from competent authorities
 1. SC/ST candidates - caste certificate
 2. OBC (non-creamy layer) candidates - OBC (non-creamy layer) certificate
 3. Person with Disability (PWD) (with $\geq 40\%$ disability) candidates – PWD certificate
- Candidates working in Government Departments and Public sector undertakings should forward their application through proper channel along with a no objection certificate from the competent authority. However an advance copy may be submitted, if expecting procedural delays
- **Application Fee of Rs. 300**, as a DD drawn only from State Bank of India(SBI) or State Bank of Travancore (SBT) in favour of the Centre for Development Studies, payable at Trivandrum. The application fee is non-refundable.
- **SC, ST and PWD** (with $\geq 40\%$ disability) applicants are **exempted** from payment of the application fee.

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: APRIL 15, 2016

Duly filled application form along with self attested copies of above documents should be sent to **Academic Programme Office, Centre for Development Studies, Ulloor, Medical College P.O, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 011, Kerala** with the superscription over the cover '**Application for MA Admission- 2016** ' on or before **APRIL 15, 2016**.

For any additional information please contact Academic Programme Office at 0471 – 2774254.

After announcing the results of the entrance test in CDS website probably by fourth week of June, all communications from CDS to selected candidates will be through e-mail only. Selected candidates may check their e-mail regularly after fourth week of June for further communications from CDS.