



# CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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## M.A. APPLIED ECONOMICS

*Degree awarded by JNU*

### The Centre

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) was set up under the intellectual leadership of K.N. Raj in 1970 in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) to promote research, teaching and training in disciplines relevant to development. The Centre currently has three academic programmes, namely, M.A. in Applied Economics, M.Phil. in Applied Economics and Ph.D. in Economics. The M.A. and the M. Phil degrees are awarded by the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, whereas Ph D scholars may choose to register with either JNU or Kerala University.



### The Programme

The M.A. Programme, started in 2012, is of four semester duration. The programme seeks to equip students with knowledge of analytical frameworks and empirical methodologies required for the study of contemporary issues in Economics with specific relevance to development. The hallmark of the programme is a balance between theory and application. Successful MA candidates join a diverse research community comprising faculty, research scholars and visiting scholars. With a judicious mix of training in economic theory, quantitative methods and analytical skills necessary to interpret development problems, the programme prepares graduate students for careers in academia, government, journalism, the corporate sector and consulting. Admission to the programme is open to students of SAARC countries also, for which five scholarships are available and the details are given in the prospectus.



### Course Content

Students are required to complete sixteen courses within the following structure: 9 core courses and 7 optional courses. One of the core courses is a project in which the student shall work on an empirical issue under faculty supervision. The project may be seen as the culmination of the programme, with the students being given an opportunity in learning by doing.

#### CORE COURSES

Fundamentals of Microeconomic Theory | Fundamentals of Macroeconomic Theory | Mathematical Methods | Statistics | Econometric Methods | Economic Development | International Economics | Indian Economic Development | Project

#### OPTIONAL COURSES

Public Economics | Industrial Organisation | Topics in Trade and Development | Economics of Technology and Innovation | Population and Development | History of Economic Thought | Economic History of Modern India | Environment and Sustainable Development | Gender and Development | Labour and Development | Law, Economics and Development | Issues in Indian Agriculture | Issues in Indian Industry | Political Economy, Development and Governance | Economics of Project Evaluation

### Strengths of the Programme

- ◆ A calm but argumentative environment that is conducive to research, teaching and training in applied economics.
- ◆ Emphasis on analytical and problem-solving skills.
- ◆ Designed to impart a sound understanding of India's economy and society.
- ◆ Occasional lectures by distinguished scholars from India and abroad.
- ◆ A world-class library with access to online and offline resources.
- ◆ State of the art computing facilities including major econometric softwares and campus wide Wi-Fi network .

The last date for submitting application through email is April 12, 2017.

For more details see the prospectus available in [www.cds.edu](http://www.cds.edu)

