

MA Development Studies

Information and instructions regarding entrance examination and interview

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The Entrance Exam for MA Development Studies programme will be held on Thursday 3 July, 2014 (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm). Candidates are expected to report at 2:00 pm at the University campus located at Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Candidates shortlisted based on entrance exam will be called for an interview either on Wednesday, 9 July or Thursday, 10 July, 2014 anytime between 9.30 am and 6.00 pm. Eligible and selected candidates are expected to be present at Ambedkar University, Delhi campus both for the entrance exam and interview.

The purpose of entrance exam is to test the candidates' general awareness on issues related to development, their capacity to comprehend and reflect on specified academic articles, and their ability in analytical reasoning and basic quantitative skills. A large part of the exam would consist of objective type multiple choice questions. The interview of shortlisted candidates would aim understand their career plans, their knowledge requirement, and their perception about suitability of MA Development Studies programme for their prospective career path. The interview would also attempt to evaluate knowledge acquired by candidates as a part of their previous education, their ability to explain their interest in Development Studies, and their general awareness about issues related to development.

Following two readings have also been uploaded on the website of the University.

Sachs, W. 2010. *The development dictionary: A guide to knowledge as power* (pp. XV-XX). London: Zed Books.

Patnaik, P. 2014. Neo liberalism and democracy. *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLIX(15): 39-44.

These readings would be used for testing candidates' capacity to comprehend and analyse academic articles. The relevant section of the question paper would consist of two/two sets of questions with one/one set for each article. Candidates would have the choice of answering any one/one set of the descriptive questions.

Please note that hard copies of the readings will not be provided during the entrance exam. Neither would you be permitted to carry your own copy of the readings to the exam hall. Therefore, you are expected to read your chosen article carefully before coming to appear the entrance exam.

Students with queries and/or concerns may please contact masdsadmissions@aud.ac.in. Please check the University website <http://www.aud.ac.in> for further updates.