

Ambedkar University Delhi
School of Development Studies

Guidelines related to entrance examination and interview
MA Development Studies, 2017-18

- Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) admits students to its MA Development Studies programme based on entrance examination followed by an interview. It is mandatory for candidates to appear for both entrance examination and interview to secure admission to this programme.
- The entrance examination and interview carries weightage of **75 marks** and **25 marks** respectively.
- The entrance examination for MA Development Studies programme will be held on **5 July, 2017 (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm)**. The duration of the entrance examination is two hours. Candidates are expected to report by **2:00 pm** at the University campus located at Lothian Road, Kashmere Gate, Delhi - 110006.
- Candidates shortlisted based on performance in entrance examination will be called for an interview at Kashmere Gate campus of the University. Interviews will be held on one or more days during **12-14 July 2017** anytime **between 9.30 am and 6.00 pm**.
- Eligible/short-listed candidates are expected to be present at Kashmere Gate campus of the University both for the entrance examination and interview.
- Last year's question paper has been uploaded on the University website to give candidates a sense of the type of questions that may be asked. The format of this year's question paper is given below.
- One section of the question paper will be based on readings uploaded on the University website. Instructions are given below.

Entrance examination and interview format

The question paper for the entrance examination will comprise of three sections. Section A and B will comprise of multiple choice questions. Section A will assess candidates' general awareness on issues related to development. Section B will assess candidates' capacity for logical reasoning and their quantitative ability. Section C will comprise of descriptive questions which will require candidates to comprehend and reflect on the academic articles uploaded on the University website.

To answer Section A and B, OMR sheet will be provided. Candidates are required to bring ball point pen and HB pencils and erasers. The OMR sheet will be collected back from the candidates after the first 75 minutes of the entrance examination. Candidates will have to write their answers for Section C in the limited space provided in the question-answer booklet.

The interview of shortlisted candidates will aim to understand their knowledge requirement and their perception about suitability of MA Development Studies programme for their prospective career path. The interview will 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.

Readings uploaded on the website of the University

Following three readings have been uploaded on the website of the University:

Reading 1:

Kanbur, Ravi. (2009). "The co-evolution of the Washington Consensus and the economic development discourse", *Macalester International*, Vol. 24, Article 8: 33-57.

Reading 2:

Nayyar, Deepak. (2008). On exclusion and inclusion: Democracy, markets, and people In *Liberalization and development* (pp. 57-68) By Deepak Nayyar. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Reading 3:

Kohli, Atul. (2006). Politics of economic growth in India, 1980-2005 (Part I: The 1980s). *Economic and Political Weekly*, 41(13):1251-1259.

Reading 1 (Kanbur, 2009) will be compulsory for you to read and there will one descriptive question based on this article. Candidates will have the choice of answering **any one of the two** descriptive questions from Reading 2 (Nayyar, 2008) and Reading 3 (Kohli, 2006).

Please note that copies of the readings will not be provided to the candidates at the examination hall. Neither will you be permitted to carry your own soft/hard copy of the readings to the examination hall. Candidates are expected to read the compulsory and at least one of the optional articles carefully before coming to appear for the entrance examination.

Students with queries and/or concerns are advised to contact **deansds@aud.ac.in** or **masdsadmissions@aud.ac.in**. Please keep checking the University website regularly for further updates.

Venue for entrance examination and interview:

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