

School of Human Ecology (SHE)

SHE aims to develop a deep and multifaceted understanding of environmental concerns that includes perspectives from the social and the natural sciences. The School expects its students to graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to analyse and address environmental concerns keeping in mind social equity, academic rigour and ecological sustainability. SHE promotes field-based teaching and field research, which connects theory with praxis.

MA Environment and Development (MAED)

The MAED is a rigorous, full-time programme with strong emphasis on reading, writing and field-based research. The goal of this MA programme is to foster interdisciplinary learning about issues at the intersection of human society and the biophysical environment with a perspective grounded in the experiences of the global South. It is unique in India given its orientation and scope, which is guided by the idea that ecological challenges such as atmospheric pollution, resource depletion, and the attendant threats to ecosystems and biodiversity, result from a complex interaction of socio-political and biophysical factors. The programme aims to create change-makers who can contribute towards sustainability and social justice at the national and global scale.

Structure

- MAED comprises 64 credits spread over two years (4 semesters).
- Each semester is of 16 credits carried out over 16 weeks of academic work including assessments and field projects.
- The 64 credits required for completion of the Programme are distributed between Core courses, specialised Elective courses, a summer internship (2 credits) and an MA dissertation (8 credits).

- Students have the option to exit the MA programme with a postgraduate diploma in Human Ecology after completing two semesters and the summer internship, subject to the assessment rules of the School.
- Students are required to take up an independent research project under a designated faculty supervisor at the end of Semester III, which will lead to a dissertation. Assessment is based on a written dissertation thesis and a viva voce.

Teaching Methodology

Class lectures are combined with workshops, seminars and field projects with an emphasis on analytical skills, oral and written communication and field based research. Students are required to read extensively, write regularly and be available for field-based learning. The School of Human Ecology uses the Ecology lab at the Kashmere Gate campus as well as its long-term field sites in Delhi, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and North-East India to expose students to rigorous field-based research.

Faculty

The faculty at the School of Human Ecology deploy their core training in disciplines such as ecology, history, economics, anthropology, planning and geography to carry out interdisciplinary teaching and research on the interface of human society, non-human beings and the biophysical environment. SHE also has a distinguished list of Adjunct and Visiting Faculty from the academic and practitioner community.

Assessment and Evaluation

The purpose of assessment and evaluation at SHE is to facilitate academic learning and supplement it with practical understanding and

hands-on exposure. The MAED programme follows a system of continuous assessment, and therefore students are expected to be regular in attending classes, workshops and other educational exercises. Students are evaluated and graded on the basis of a variety of assessment situations including written tests/examinations, take-home assignments, term papers, class participation and discussion, presentations, field-based projects and independent study. The mode and pattern of assessment differs from course to course. Absence from classes is allowed only on valid medical grounds, and exceptions to this rule require special permission.

Courses(Core Courses)

- Development and Social Change
- Ecology, Ecosystems and Biodiversity
- Environmental and Ecological Economics
- Environmental History
- Environmental Law, Policies and Governance
- Social and Political Ecology
- Research Methodology I
- Research Methodology II

Select list of Elective Courses:

- Adaptation to Climate Change
- Advanced Ecology
- Africa: Environment and Development
- Agrarian Environments
- Applied Population Ecology
- Basic Principles of Restoration Ecology
- Conservation and Livelihoods
- Contested Atmospheres: The Political Ecology of Urban Air
- Development and Public Health
- Displacement, Resettlement and Rehabilitation
- Ecological Restoration in Practice
- Ecological Statistics
- Environment and Health

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Gender and Environment
- Geographic Information System I
- Geographic Information System II
- Geopolitics, Resources and Political Ecology
- Social Impact Assessment: Theory and Practice
- Urban Development and Environment

Students can also opt for elective courses from other Schools and programmes at AUD, subject to the rules and regulations of the MAED programme.

CAREERS

The MAED programme has a very high rate of placement. Alumni of the MAED programme have secured employment in government agencies, academia, research organizations, think tanks, non-governmental organisations, consultancy firms, civil society initiatives and the media. Several alumni are pursuing higher studies in Masters and research programmes in India and abroad. Independent research during internship and dissertation and emphasis on field-based learning has contributed strongly to our alumni's success in the workplace and academia.

SEATS

42 (including reservations in accordance with the Government of NCT of Delhi norms).

DURATION: 2 years (4 semesters) Full Time

ONLINE APPLICATION

11 May 2018 - 23 June 2018

SELECTION DATE

Written Test: 6 July

Interview: 10 - 11 July

FEES

Tuition fee @Rs. 1570/- per credit i.e. Rs. 25,120/- per semester + Rs.5000/- (one-time, refundable caution deposit) + Rs.500/- per semester for student welfare fund. If a student opts for extra credits, an additional fee of Rs.1570/- per credit will be charged.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants need to have a Bachelors degree in any discipline with minimum 45% marks (or equivalent grade) from a recognised university (relaxation of 5% for candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ PwD categories). Candidates appearing for the final year examination of a degree can also apply.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The final selection for admission will be based on the performance of the candidates in the entrance test and personal interview conducted by the School. The entrance examination tests the applicants for skills like reading, writing and comprehension; quantitative ability; logic and reasoning and general awareness. Question papers of past entrance examinations are not made available to applicants as a matter of School policy.

HOSTEL

AUD has 45 seats for women students in its hostel in Kashmere Gate.

APPLICATION FEES

Rs. 480 for unreserved candidates and Rs. 190 for SC/ST/PwD candidates

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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