

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING
for
MA in Economics

The School of Liberal Studies (SLS) offers a range of interdisciplinary and overlapping programmes that support, encourage and redefine liberal arts education through cutting-edge interdisciplinary courses, interactive pedagogy and learning that goes beyond classroom spaces.

The Masters Programme in Economics provides students with a rigorous and in-depth advanced training in economic analysis, with a particular emphasis on equipping them with the ability to comprehend and think about contemporary economic issues including the challenges confronting developing countries like India.

The programme draws on different theoretical perspectives and traditions within the discipline, brings in perspectives from outside the discipline on contemporary social phenomenon, and uses creative pedagogical approaches to offer a well rounded training that would enable students to achieve a variety of objectives simultaneously; in keeping with the University's vision, develop a socio-political and historical perspective on the economy and the discipline which analyses it; master the quantitative techniques which are used extensively in economic analysis; understand and learn to analyse contemporary economic issues at the global and national levels; and acquire skills for absorbing and communicating economic ideas.

Structure:

The programme is delivered through a total number of 64 credits over four semesters. The first two semesters focus on the core courses which provide a mix of economic theory, quantitative techniques, economic history, and analysis of concrete development problems with a component focused specifically on India. To lay the disciplinary foundation of the MA, core-discipline based courses in the first semester are followed in the second semester by a mix of disciplinary grounding and interdisciplinary components of economics. In the third and the fourth semesters, the mix of core and elective courses build on these foundation to complement interdisciplinary perspectives and enable courses build on these foundations to complement interdisciplinary perspectives and enable students to develop an element of specialization in their preferred areas. MA Economics students may also complete under the category 'elective' courses from other programmes in the SLS or in other Schools.

Careers

The program will equip students for further studies in the social sciences as well as careers in government agencies, the corporate and financial sectors, development organisations and the media.

Medium of instruction: English

Eligibility: Any bachelor's degree with at least 45% marks (or an equivalent grade) from a recognised University (relaxation of 5% of marks for candidates belonging to ST/ SC/ PwD categories).

Fees:

Tuition fee of Rs.100480/- (@Rs. 1570/- per credit i.e. Rs. 25120/- 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 payable.

Partial/Full fee waiver and scholarships are available. Full fee waiver of tuition fee will be extended to students belonging to SC/ST/PwD categories.

Instructions for Entrance Examination:

There are two parts to the entrance examination: a written test of 75 marks and a viva-voce of 25 marks.

The written test will have two sections. Section A, the qualifying section, will have 30 multiple choice questions of 1 mark each, with negative marking for incorrect answers. This section has to be completed within the first one hour and all answers have to be given on an OMR sheet. Section B will have short-answer-type questions testing subject knowledge, analytical skills and writing skills of the candidates. Every candidate must carry an HB pencil, black or blue ballpoint pen, eraser. Calculators and other electronic devices are not allowed.

Candidates shortlisted on the basis of their performance in the written test will be called for a viva-voce.

The final offers will be made on the basis of the performance of the written test and the viva-voce examination.

Syllabus for the entrance test: All core areas in Economics at the undergraduate level.