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Advertisement for Admission to M.A. in Development Studies
Batch 2026-28

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) invites applications from eligible candidates for admission to the **M.A. in Development Studies program** for the academic year commencing in August 2026. Interested candidates may fill in the online application form available at https://iitmandiadm.samarth.edu.in/admission/ from 13th February 2026. The applicants should **read the following instructions** carefully. **Incomplete applications will not be considered for further processing.**

The M.A. in Development Studies also offers candidates (fulfilling certain criteria, while pursuing their M.A. in Development Studies) to apply for an M.A.+ Ph.D. Dual Degree at IIT Mandi.

Eligibility Criteria for Application

I.   Candidates who have qualified for the award of a three/four-year Bachelor Degree (B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Tech./ B.E. or equivalent), after 10+2 or equivalent schooling, from a recognized University or Institute with at least 55% marks/6.0 CGPA on a scale of a 10-point/equivalent (a minimum of 50% marks/5.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale/equivalent for SC/ST/OBC(NCL)/PwD candidates), are eligible to apply for admission to the Program.

II.   Applicants awaiting final results in the qualifying exam are also eligible to apply. However, their final selection will be contingent on the production of the final mark/grade sheet satisfying minimum marks.

Mode of Selection

I.   The list of shortlisted candidates will be notified on the IIT Mandi website. No separate letter/email communication will be sent. Applicants are encouraged to check the IIT Mandi website for regular updates.

II.   The admission process (**Written Test and/or Interview)** will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates by email only.

General Information and Regulation:

https://iitmandi.ac.in/pdf/ordinances/MA%20Ordinance%20and%20Regulations.pdf

Important Dates and Schedule (Tentative)

• Starting date for filling online application: **13th February 2026**
• Last date for submitting online application: **12th March 2026 (05:30 PM)**

Application Fee for M.A Development Studies Admission:

Category	Amount in ₹
General/EWS/OBC/OBC (NCL)/Transgender/Foreign Nationals	200
Women/SC/ST/PwD	100

Mode of Payment:

Application fee should be processed through online portal only, after completion of all necessary steps of application form. The application fee is non-refundable.

Information to the Candidates

- For further information, write to shss_admissions@iitmandi.ac.in
- For queries related to the online application form, contact it_helpdesk@iitmandi.ac.in
- No TA/DA will be provided for appearing in the admission process by the institute.

Uniqueness of the M.A. Development Studies Program, IIT Mandi

- Multi-disciplinary approach, foregrounding issues and challenges of development in the Himalayan region.

- A combination of rigorous and relevant courses with filed exposure to development challenges.

- Understanding the basic scientific and technological underpinnings of developmental challenges and their existing solutions.

- A mandatory field study component to understand the laboratory of Development Studies.

- Participatory research through components of dissertation/guided internship.

- Ability to communicate results to a range of stakeholders, including academia, professionals in policy making and implementation, local communities etc.

- **Possibility of conversion/admission to integrated Ph.D. Program, if the candidate fulfills the requirements.**

We look forward to reviewing your application.

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