

Class Timing

06:00 to 09:00 pm every day except Friday.

Admission Requirements

For admission into the MDS programme, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. The candidate must have a Bachelor degree with a second division or CGPA 2.5 in any discipline from a recognised public or private university.
2. The candidate must qualify in an admission test consisting of a written section and an interview.

Note: Candidates with a CGPA of less than 2.50 at any level of education are not eligible to apply.

Faculty Members

Faculty members are carefully selected on the basis of academic record, teaching skills and research experience. Specialist faculty from other universities and institutions within and outside the country are also engaged for different courses.

Head of the Institute

Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director

Academic Coordinator (ad interim)

Professor Rashed Uz Zaman, Ph.D. (Reading, UK)

Application Form

The application form along with admission instructions are available at: admissions.bracu.ac.bd

Admission Test

The admission test will include a written test and an interview. The written test will be on English, Logical Reasoning, Mathematics and an essay on a social issue.

Fee Structure

Admission Fee	Tk. 20,000
Tuition Fee	Tk. 5,500 per credit
Computer Lab Fee	Tk. 2,500 per semester
Student Activity fee	Tk. 1,000 per semester
Library Fee	Tk. 1,500 per semester
Library Membership Fee	TK. 2,000 (one time)

- All fees are subject to change
- Different fees structure is applicable for foreign students

Performance based tuition waiver

A student may be eligible to receive performance based tuition fee waiver based on academic performance and CGPA.

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Master of Development Studies



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BRAC University, established in 2001, is one of the leading institutions of higher education in the country. The University's goal is to provide an excellent broad-based education with a focus on professional development for students, in order to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for leading the country in its quest for development. BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) was established in June 2013 through the merger of the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) and the BRAC Development Institute (BDI) at BRAC University. It is a centre of excellence in post graduate education and research, as well as advocacy based on rigorous research.

Master of Development Studies (MDS)

The Master of Development Studies (MDS) programme is designed to provide an in-depth, inter-disciplinary understanding of development concepts and issues. The programme provides a wide range of elective courses so that students can pursue their studies according to their academic interests and career objectives.

Objectives

- To make students capable of approaching and analysing development issues in the context of globalisation, economic transformation, and socio-cultural and political changes.
- Apply cross-disciplinary knowledge to address complex sustainable development challenges.
- Critically analyse development policies, strategies, plans, and budgets.
- Design, implement, monitor, and evaluate development projects across sectors.
- Navigate the development landscape and understand the roles of major players such as national and international development agencies, finance institutions, government, donors, and UN agencies.
- Prepare graduates for careers in teaching, research, consultancy and management of development organisations.

Structure of the Programme

Courses	No. of Courses	Credits
Foundation	3	9
Core Courses	6	18
Research Concepts, Methods and Application	3	9
Elective Courses	3	9
Thesis (optional)	1	
Total		45

Curriculum

Foundation Courses (Compulsory, 3 credits each)

- DEV 300: Economics and Development
 DEV 301: Fundamentals of Social Sciences, I: Sociology and Anthropology of Development
 DEV 302: Fundamentals of Social Sciences, II: Politics, Political Economy and Government in Bangladesh

Core Courses (Compulsory, 3 credits each)

- DEV 501: Development Perspectives
 DEV 502: Poverty: Concept, Measurement and Policy
 DEV 503: Global Dimensions of Development
 DEV 504: Rural Development
 DEV 505: Gender and Development
 DEV 506: Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Programmes

Research Concepts, Methods and Application (Compulsory, 3 credits each)

- DEV 690: Research Methods and Concepts
 DEV 691: Statistics and Computer Skill Development
 DEV 692: Research Design and Proposal Writing



Elective Courses (3 credits each)

At least 3 elective courses must be completed. A student may choose to concentrate on a specific area of study by opting for appropriate elective courses in consultation with his/her academic advisor.

- DEV 601: Comparative Development Experience
 DEV 602: Development Informatics
 DEV 603: Education and Development
 DEV 604: Environment and Development
 DEV 605: Governance and Development
 DEV 606: Health and Development
 DEV 607: Indigenous Knowledge and Development
 DEV 608: Micro-finance and Development
 DEV 609: Nationalism, Identity Politics and Development
 DEV 610: NGOs and Social Entrepreneurship
 DEV 611: Population and Development
 DEV 612: Project Appraisal and Management
 DEV 613: The Rights-Based Approach to Development
 DEV 614: Technology and Development
 DEV 615: Urban Development
 DEV 616: Financial Management
 DEV 617: Law and Development
 DEV 618: Social Communication
 DEV 619: Land Acquisition, Displacement and Development
 DEV 620: Involuntary Resettlement and Rehabilitation
 DEV 621: Development-Induced Resettlement and Rehabilitation

Thesis (Optional)

DEV 693: Students may opt to write a thesis based on an original research proposal and completed under a supervisor assigned by the university. A student will have to present and defend his/her thesis in front of an academic committee. After successful defense and necessary revisions, the student will be eligible to get a MDS with thesis degree.

Completion of the Programme

The completion of the programme will vary depending upon the number of credits a student registers for. If a student registers for maximum 12 credits in every semester, s/he will complete the programme in four semesters.