

PROSPECTUS
MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES-MDS
(WEEKEND) PROGRAM

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1. Introduction

The 'Master of Development Studies' (MDS) is a weekend program run by the department of Economics and the department of Public Administration and Governance Studies, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh. MDS aims to provide a challenging and innovative approach to study and practice on the contemporary development discourses, a rapidly growing area of study concerned with the people, society and economy. As an advanced program, MDS is also committed to promote high quality research on development areas and governance issues of the developing nations in general and Bangladesh in particular. MDS will promote greater public understanding, advance independent analyses, and encourage further professional competence on issues related to development and good governance--the cherished goals of the developing world.

The MDS program is divided into two majors:

1. Economics for Development (ED), and
2. Governance for Development (GD)

Department of Economics will conduct ED major, while department of Public Administration and Governance Studies will conduct GD major.

2. Objectives of the Program

The MDS has been designed to provide advanced level technique for fresh graduates and mid-level career professionals eager to enhance their knowledge, skills or to acquire new ones. The program determines to train young professionals willing to pursue a career in international or national (both Govt. and NGO) agencies or in the academic world. The program emphasizes on the development of research skill not only for further academic research but also in practical development work. The students of this program are expected to meet the following outcomes.

- i) Understand the theoretical background about major debates in development studies.
- ii) Deepen the analytical capacity in undertaking advance level analyses of the major current issues and debates in contemporary development and development studies.

- iii) Develop comprehensive understanding of the development economics along with other social perspectives of development studies.
- iv) Sharpen analytical abilities on concepts and research of development studies, thereby contributing to practical policy formulation and implementation.

3. Program Structure

3.1. Course and Credit Distribution: The 1.5 year MDS program is of 45 credits and divided into 3 semesters. Each semester is of 19 weeks of which, 15 weeks for class teaching, 1 week break for preparation, 3 weeks for holding the semester final examination. The distribution of marks and credit hours of 1.5 year Master in Development Studies is given in the following table.

Table 1: Distribution of courses and credit hours

Semester	No. of courses	Credit Hour
1 st Semester	5	5 × 3 = 15
2 nd Semester	5	5 × 3 = 15
3 rd Semester	3 Research paper/ Thesis	3 × 3 = 9 1 × 6 = 6
Total	14	45 credits

3.2. Number of Students: Total number of students for one and half year MDS program will be 100 (50 in each major).

3.3. Medium of Instructions: Medium of instructions of teaching and examination would be in English.

3.4. Class Time: Friday and Saturday.

3.5. Venue: All academic activities will be held in the Faculty of Social Science building, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh.

3.6 Course Structure: In the 1.5 year MDS program, a student has to take 14 courses of which 10 common courses, 3 major courses, and a research paper. Course structure is presented in the following table.

Table 2: Course distribution

First Semester	
MDS5101	Development Studies: Theories and Approaches
MDS5102	Principles of Economics
MDS5103	Politics and Public Administration
MDS5104	Statistical Analysis for Social Science
MDS5105	Gender and Development
Second Semester	
MDS5201	Environment and Development
MDS5202	Project Planning and Evaluation
MDS5203	Research Methodology
MDS5204	Climate Change and Disaster Management
MDS5205	Non-Government Organization (NGOs) and Development
Third Semester	
Major courses (Any 3)	
Major 1: Economics for Development (ED)	
MDS5301	Development Economics
MDS 5302	International Trade
MDS5303	Political Economy in Bangladesh
MDS5304	Poverty and Inequality Analysis
MDS5305	Urbanization and Development
Major 2: Governance for Development (GD)	
MDS 5301	Governance and Development
MDS5302	Theories and Approaches of Public Policy
MDS 5303	Public Policy Making Process in Bangladesh
MDS5304	ICT for development
MDS5305	Local Governance and Development
MDS6102	Research Paper

3.7 Admission Requirements

3.7.1 Eligibility for Application: The Master of Development Studies is an interdisciplinary social sciences program. The candidates should have the following credentials.

3.7.2 Graduated in social sciences and want to deepen their understanding of how these disciplines can help understand processes of change, transition and development; graduated in non-social science disciplines and want to supplement their previous studies by gaining familiarity with the conceptual and research methods of the development studies ; and working as development professionals and now want to deepen their understanding by obtaining academic training in theory and methods relevant to development.

3.7.3 In general, admission is open to individuals who have at least a Bachelor degree from any recognized University /Colleges. A candidate already having a Master degree is also eligible to apply.

3.7.4 Candidates with any Third Division/ Class or GPA/CGPA bellow 2.00 are not eligible to apply. However, the students appeared at the final examination for Bachelor/ Master Degree may be admitted provisionally but their admission shall be confirmed subject to passing the examination appeared for.

3.8 Application Procedure. Eligible applicant will download the prescribed application form from the University website (www.jkkniu.edu.bd). Fill in the application form and submit to the social science faculty office with a pay order/Demand Draft (MICR) of Tk. 800 from any scheduled Bank, issued in favor of MDS, JKKNIU. Photocopy of all academic certificates must be attached to the application form.

3. 9 Admission Test: All candidates are required to appear for an admission test of one hour. Questions will be in MCQ form. Distribution of marks and topics will be as follows.

Table 3: Distribution of admission test marks

Topics	Marks
English	30

Mathematical reasoning and mental ability	20
General knowledge on contemporary issues	50

Selection of candidates will be made on the basis of merit.

3.10 Fees Structure: MDS is a self-finance program. The entire cost of the program will be managed from students' tuition fees. Total tuition fees and costs are given in the following table.

Table: Fee structure

Tuition fee	1 st Installment	20,000/=
	2 nd Installment	20,000/=
	3 rd Installment	20,000/=
	4 th Installment	20,000/=
Total fees	= 80,000/=	

This fee structure, however, is subject to change. The authority reserves the right to revise the fee structure.

3.11 Other Fines and Fees: Besides the regular admission, tuition and development charges, the program will charge fines and some other situational fees as case basis:

Table: Other fees

Name of fees and fines	TK
Testimonial Issue Fees	200
Transcript Fees (For each Semester)	200
Make-up Exam Fee (per course per exam)	500
Retake fees (per course)	3000
Improvement Fees (per course)	2000
Late Registration	1000
Non-collegiate fine (per course)	500
Late payment (if at least 7 days notice is served)	Additional 50% of the payment due or TK. 3,000

	whichever is less.
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3.12 Award of Degree

The Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh will award degree. For the MDS degree, each students requires to

Successfully complete 45 credit hours in 1.5-year courses.

Earn a minimum CGPA of 2.0

Obtains a minimum letter Grade of C- (GP 2.25) in the thesis.

Controllers of examinations of JKKNIU will issue certificates and transcripts to the successful students.

4. Rules and Regulations of MDS Program

4.1 Evaluation and Grading: Evaluation and grading shall be determined on the basis of the following.

Table 1: Distribution of marks for evaluation

Class attendance	10%
Term paper/ home assignments	10%
Mid Semester examination	20%
Semester final examination	60%
Total	100%

4.2 Class Attendance: A student shall have to attend 75% of classes held in a course. Otherwise he/she will be treated as non-collegiate and not be allowed to sit for exam. However a student having at least 60% of attendance may be allowed for exams upon production of an application and payment of non-collegiate fines. Marking for class attendance shall be computed in following manner:

Table 2: Distribution of marks for class attendance

Attendance ranges (in percent)	Marks
90% and above	10
85% to less than 90%	9
80% to less than 85%	8

75% to less than 80%	7
70% to less than 75%	6
65% to less than 70%	5
60% to less than 65%	4
55% to below 60	0

4.3 Research Paper/Thesis

The aim of the course is to train the students in basic research work, academic writing, and the application of suitable research methods. The student must prepare a project proposal of at least a 3000 words (4 pages) within the first two weeks of the second semester of the MDS program. On the basis of the project proposal, a faculty member (at least an Assistant professor) will be appointed as academic supervisor in accordance with the guidelines approved by the academic committee of the department (major). The basic task is to solve a well-defined delimited research problem within a wider development focused context by applying well established scientific methods and, when applicable, to make use of theoretical frameworks. Professional guidance is continuously given and the work is closely followed by the supervisor.

This is an independent research task with duration of approximately 17 weeks. The written length of the dissertation may vary according to the nature of the subject. But the normal length is minimum 10,000 words excluding abstract, acknowledgment, appendices, table of contents, list of references and acronyms. After the completion of thesis dissertation, each student will submit four copies of report (one copy for the supervisor, one copy for assessor, one copy for seminar library of the faculty of social science and another copy for central library in the Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh.

4.4 Grading Structure: Grading Structure for MDS Degree Program is in a 4-point Grading Scale. For each course, the average marks awarded by the semester final examiners, and the marks awarded by the course teacher for the mid-term examination, term papers/home assignments and active participation in the discussion class/tutorial class/group presentation/class test shall be totaled and converted into letter grades following a 4-point grading scale presented in the following table.

Table: Grading structure of MDS

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Grade point	Interpretation
80% to above	A+	4.00	Outstanding
75% to less than 80%	A	3.75	Excellent
70% to less than 75%	A-	3.5	Very Good
65% to less than 70%	B+	3.25	Good
60% to less than 65%	B	3.00	Satisfactory
55% to less than 60%	B-	2.75	Below Satisfactory
50% to less than 55%	C+	2.50	Average
45% to less than 50%	C	2.25	Below Average
40% to less than 45%	D	2.00	Poor
less than 40%	F	0	Fail

4.5 Promotion: For promotion from the first to second semester, a student shall require to earn a minimum CGPA of 2.00 taking into consideration all the grade points earned in total number of courses. A student failing to clear up semester dues of the university or department (major) shall not be promoted to the next semester.

4.6 Readmission

4.6.1 A students failing to get the CGPA 2.5 or below in final examination may seek readmission with the following adjustable batch.

4.6.2 On readmission, grades earlier earned by a student in the program shall be cancelled and the student shall have to retake all the course-works (such as in course/ tutorial/ assignment/ thesis/ internship and viva-voice) and final examination.

4.6.3 A student will get only one chance for readmission during the program.

7.4. The readmitted student who fails to earn the CGPA 2.25 or complete successfully 45 credit hours of 1.5 year course shall be dropped out from the MDS.

4.6.5 For readmission, a student shall have to apply within one month after the announcement of results of the concerned semester.

4.6.6 On readmission, grades earned earlier by a student in the class of readmission shall cease to exist and the student has to retake all the course works and examination

5. Drop-out

5.1 A student failing to earn minimum CGPA to complete the program in two academic years shall be dropped out of the program.

5.2 A student earning F Grade in any course after taking improvement examinations/ readmission in any semester shall be dropped out of the program.

Faculty Members

Economics for Development (ED) Major

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1. Md. Habibur Rahman, Phd, (Ukraine)

Associate Professor

2. Rehnuma Ferdous

MSc in Development Evaluation and Management (IOB, Belgium)

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MSS and BSS in Economics (Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University)

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Masters in Economics in Environmental Economics (Dhaka School of Economics,
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Governance for Development (GD) Major

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1. Shahzada Ahsan Habib

MSS and BSS in Public Administration (Dhaka University)

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