

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HYDERABAD

Brochure for the M.A. program in Development Studies

Program and Curriculum

The Department of Liberal Arts (LA) invites applications for its Master of Arts program in Development Studies. The interdisciplinary program aims to train students for careers in research and academics, administration and the development sector, and provides a platform to explore the multi-dimensional facets of development - economic, social, cultural, political, psychological, and ecological. Through its innovative and context-sensitive design, the program introduces students to the multiple ways in which processes and discourses of development can be adapted to the dynamic challenges that currently face society. ***Students strongly inclined towards the multidisciplinary approach to development are encouraged to apply.***

A semester-wise list of core and elective courses in the program is available on the department website: <https://la.iith.ac.in/mads.html>. The program will be offered in the MoE (Ministry of Education) category from the July 2026 admission cycle.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The eligibility of the candidates to apply for the program and their selection will be according to the following criteria:

- Candidates with a 3-year and 4-year bachelor's degree (such as B.A., B.Sc., B.Tech., BCA, BBA, LLB, B. Com, B.E., or any other background) with 6.5 CGPA (65%) for GN cut-off, OBC: 90% of GN cut-off; SC/ST: 85% of GN cut-off. We also encourage early-career professionals to apply for this program.
- Candidates shortlisted must clear the written test and/or interview conducted by the Department.
- Mere fulfillment of the minimum educational qualifications does not necessarily entitle applicants to be called for a written test and interview.
- The Institute reserves the right to call only the requisite number of potential candidates based on qualification and suitability.
- Failure to provide final proof of the qualifying undergraduate degree at the time of registration at IIT Hyderabad will lead to the cancellation of the applicant's admission.
- Candidates selected for this program are not eligible for a fellowship.

Reservations

The reservation of seats in admissions under SC, ST, OBC, EWS categories and for persons with disability (PWD) will be as per the rules of the Government of India.

Procedure for Submitting the Application

Please fill out and submit the online application form available on the Institute website:
<https://www.iith.ac.in/>

Other relevant information

Selection for the program will be based on a multistage shortlisting process (written test and interview). The written test and interview will tentatively be conducted in May 2026.

Contact: For all queries regarding the application process, please email office@la.iith.ac.in
