

## ADMISSION NOTICE



BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF PROFESSIONALS (BUP)  
A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED BY THE ARMED FORCES  
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (FASS)  
Department of Development Studies  
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### **ADMISSION ON** **MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MDS-PROFESSIONAL)** **MDS 10<sup>TH</sup> BATCH, SESSION: 2023-2024**

BUP invites application from prospective candidates for Master of Development Studies (Professional) Program under the Department of Development Studies, FASS.

#### **WHY STUDY MDS AT BUP?**

The Master of Development Studies (Professional) Program at BUP primarily focuses on nurturing professionals well-equipped to address the complex challenges of sustainable development in Bangladesh and beyond. Development Studies is a field which deals with expanding human potential in the changing global contexts by emphasizing on the complex interplay of economic, environmental, social, and political processes with particular emphasis on issues relevant to developing countries. This Program is designed to produce professionals and skilled personnel who are aware of the local, regional, national, and international issues that affect development and who can take a more informed and positive role in shaping the societies in which they live. The 16-month master's program offers a robust blend of academic and professional training, providing a comprehensive understanding of relevant theories and methodologies in contemporary development studies. Students are equipped not only to conduct rigorous policy analysis and research but also to adeptly manage various development interventions. In this program, key approaches, techniques, and tools for development studies and practice are contextualized within a deeper understanding of their theoretical and methodological frameworks. This approach ensures that our program strikes a harmonious balance between academic depth and professional relevance, preparing graduates to navigate the complexities of the real-world development landscape with confidence and expertise.

<b>Master of Development Studies (Professional) Program MDS 10<sup>th</sup> Batch, Session: 2023 - 2024</b>	
Duration	16 Months
Trimester	4
Total Credit	51
Total Fees	Contact the program office for details
Class Schedule	Friday - 0900-1300 hours Saturday - 0900-1300 hours (One week per month may be online class)

#### **INTENDED STUDENTS:**

This program is designed to provide advanced-level training tailored for both recent graduates and early to mid-career professionals keen on upgrading their expertise or acquiring new skills vital for the development sector. It is crafted for aspiring professionals interested in careers within international and national development agencies or academia. The curriculum focuses on developing research and program management skills crucial for applied research and practical development roles in both government and non-governmental organizations.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION:**

Candidates with any of the following criteria are eligible for admission:

- Bachelor’s degree (Honors) or its equivalent in any field. Candidates must have obtained minimum 2<sup>nd</sup> Class/Division or CGPA-2.5.
- BA/BSS (Pass). Candidates of Pass Course must have 05 (Five) years of job experience in the development field.
- Armed forces officers/personnel with any of the above-mentioned degree. Candidates with BA/BSS (pass) degree must have 05 (Five) years of service in the Armed Forces.

**NOTES ON ELIGIBILITY:**

- For qualifications/degrees other than those mentioned, equivalence will be determined by Equivalence Committee of BUP.
- Eligible applicants will have to appear a Written Admission Test followed by a Viva-Voce.
- Date, time, and list of eligible candidates for Admission Test will be published in website and campus notice board and will be notified also through email.

**ADMISSION SCHEDULE:**

Application Opens	05 November 2023
Application Deadline	18 December 2023
Admission Card Download	20 December 2023
Date and Time of Written Admission Test	22 December 2023 at 9:00 am
Date and Time of Viva-voce	22 & 23 December 2023 at 10:00 am
Publication of Final Result	30 December 2023
Admission Finalization	01 to 14 January 2024
Class Commences	19 January 2024

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

- Visit <https://admission.bup.edu.bd/Admission/Home>
- Click on “**Apply for Masters Program**” and select “**Apply**” for MDS (Professional) Program.
- Complete the online application form and submit your application before the deadline.
- Deposit your application processing fee **1000 Tk.** online using your preferred card/mobile financial services/internet banking. Service charge is applicable. Detailed payment procedure is available at “How to Apply” link on admission site: (<https://admission.bup.edu.bd/Admission/Home>)

**MODE OF ADMISSION TEST:**

Admission Test	Marks	Syllabus
Written Test: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)	60	Basic quantitative aptitude, knowledge on English vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, analytical ability, and general knowledge.
Written Test: Writing Skills	25	Data analysis, research skills, and academic essay writing.
Viva Voce	15	Current affairs and contemporary development issues.
Total	100	Candidates must pass the test to qualify for admission.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE CARRIED DURING VIVA-VOCE:**

Candidates must carry the following documents (both original and attested photocopy) during viva-voce, failure of which will be considered as being disqualified for interview:

- Admit Card (original)
- Photocopy of Certificate & Mark Sheet of (SSC, HSC, Undergraduate/Graduate Degree & Master's degree (if any).
- Photocopy of National Identification (ID) Card.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR FINAL ADMISSION:**

- 8 Copies of attested Passport Size Colored Photographs (Name and Roll Number written at the back side).
- SSC/Equivalent (Certificate & Mark Sheet) Attested Photocopy (3 sets).
- HSC/Equivalent (Certificate & Mark Sheet) Attested Photocopy (3 sets).
- Undergraduate/Graduate Degree (Certificate & Mark Sheet) Attested Photocopy (3 sets).
- Master's (Certificate & Mark Sheet) Attested Photocopy (3 sets).
- Experience Certificate (if applicable).
- Admit Card.
- National Identification (ID) Card Photocopy.

**Note:** Those who have foreign degree(s) must submit the equivalence certificate issued by the concerned authority in Bangladesh.

**INQUIRY ABOUT ADMISSION PROCESS:**

Name	Appointment	Contact Number	Contact Hour
Asst. Prof. Md Zahidur Rahman	Program Coordinator	01769-021921	Between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm during working days and during 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on weekends.
Lecturer Nuruzzaman	Asst. Program Coordinator	01769-028436	
Ahsan Habib	Asst. Admin Officer	01913-465262 01718-927476	

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