

## ADMISSION NOTICE



BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF PROFESSIONALS (BUP)  
A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED BY THE ARMED FORCES  
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (FASS)  
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## **ADMISSION ON MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MDS-PROFESSIONAL) MDS 13<sup>TH</sup> BATCH, SESSION: 2026-2027**

BUP invites applications 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) is a 16-month graduate program that prepares future leaders to confront the urgent challenges of sustainable development in Bangladesh and across the Global South. Rooted in rigorous academic training and grounded in professional practice, the program equips students with the analytical tools, policy expertise, and field experience needed to drive meaningful change.

Students engage critically with theories of development while building practical skills in policy analysis, program design, project management, and applied research. The curriculum emphasizes real-world problem solving, linking classroom learning with the needs of communities, institutions, and policy environments.

Graduates emerge with the capacity to interpret development challenges from multiple perspectives and the professional ability to design and implement innovative solutions in collaboration with stakeholders at local, national, and international levels. The program cultivates graduates who are academically grounded, globally informed, and professionally prepared to lead in diverse development contexts.

| <b>Master of Development Studies (Professional) Program<br/>MDS 13<sup>th</sup> Batch, Session: 2026 - 2027</b> |                                                                                                                              |                           |                           |                           |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Duration                                                                                                        | 16 Months                                                                                                                    |                           |                           |                           |            |
| Structure                                                                                                       | 4 Trimesters (each 4 months long)                                                                                            |                           |                           |                           |            |
| Total Credit                                                                                                    | 52 Credit hours                                                                                                              |                           |                           |                           |            |
| Total Fees                                                                                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester                                                                                                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester | 4 <sup>th</sup> Trimester | Total      |
|                                                                                                                 | 39,600/-                                                                                                                     | 27,400/-                  | 27,400/-                  | 35,600/-                  | 1,30,000/- |
| Class Schedule                                                                                                  | Friday & Saturday - 0900-1300 hours<br>(Offers a balanced mix of face-to-face classroom teaching and <b>online classes</b> ) |                           |                           |                           |            |

### **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 a minimum of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class/Division or CGPA-2.50.
- 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' 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:**

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| Application Opens                       | 28 September 2026            |
| Application Deadline                    | 05 December 2026             |
| Admit Card Download                     | 15 December 2026             |
| Date and Time of Written Admission Test | 18 December 2026 at 9:00 am  |
| Date and Time of Viva-voce              | 18 December 2026 at 10:00 am |
| Publication of Final Result             | 28 December 2026             |
| Admission Finalization                  | 01 to 16 January 2027        |
| Class Commences and Orientation         | 22 January 2027              |

### **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:<br>Multiple Choice<br>Questions (MCQ) | 60         | Basic quantitative aptitude, knowledge on English vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, analytical ability, and general knowledge. |
| Written Test:<br>Writing Skills                     | 25         | Data analysis, research skills, and academic essay writing.                                                                              |
| Viva Voce                                           | 15         | Current affairs and contemporary development issues.                                                                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>100</b> | Candidate 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 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                                                                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assistant Professor Nuruzzaman | Program Coordinator     | 01769-028436   | Between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm during working days and during 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on weekends. |
| Deputy Director Sharmim Nahar  | Asst. Prog. Coordinator | 01769-021918   |                                                                                            |
| Md. Ahsan Habib                | Asst. Admin Officer     | 01913-465262   |                                                                                            |

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