

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education) in CDOE, IIPS?**
M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Learning), a two-year academic programme, which can be completed in maximum 4 years, is available in the Centre for Distance Education, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. The eligibility for this course is a bachelor's degree from a recognized university in India or abroad in any subject with a minimum of 50% marks (45% for reserved candidates as per the Government of India norms). This course was introduced in the academic year 2017-2018, a replacement of MPS (Master of Population Studies) course, which was of one-year duration with the eligibility of any master's degree initiated in the academic year 1994-1995, with an intention to increase its enrolment and use to the needy working officials in various government and non-government organizations.
- 2. What is the duration of MA in Population Studies Programme?**
The MA in Population Studies programme through Distance Learning Mode is a two-year programme. However, it can be extendable upto 4 years (For details please visit <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/admission-0>).
- 3. What are the benefits after completing the course M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education)?**
This course M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Learning) is designed to train the students in monitoring and evaluation on population and health issues in government departments and international public organizations. The Institute has trained many students from India, countries of the ESCAP region, Africa and North America. The IIPS alumni are occupying prestigious positions in the National and International Research Organizations like central and state universities, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAID, Development Agencies, and Non-Governmental Organizations. The students who complete the course successfully may get employment opportunities in various population related socio-economic, health, environment and development organizations in terms of teaching, research or may work as an independent agency.
- 4. Is the course M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education) from CDOE-IIPS recognized by the UGC?**
M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education) from CDOE-IIPS is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC)- Distance Education Bureau (DEB). The University has been accredited with an "A" grade by the NAAC.
- 5. When is the admission announcement for M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education) course is advertised and how to apply for the course?**
The admission announcement is advertised in the IIPS's website (www.iipsindia.ac.in), Employment News and various leading population studies teaching and research institutions in the country twice a year (i.e., June-July and December-January). The interested candidates may apply for the course through online during March-April and July-August.
- 6. What are the course contents/ subjects and credits of M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education)?**
M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education) from CDOE-IIPS consists of 18 subjects (2 Foundation papers, 15 Core papers, and 1 Optional paper) having 74 credits including term paper and viva-voce.

7. What about the course structure of MA ODL Programme?

The course structure is the same as of regular programme run at IIPS (For details please refer <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/students-corners>).

8. What is the evaluation pattern of M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education)?

The evaluation process of M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education) involves continuous assessment through assignments (30% weightage) and semester-end examinations (70% weightage). The written examination will be conducted twice in a year (March-April and July-August at the Institute). Each student needs to prepare a term paper under the guidance of a faculty of the institute. He/ she needs to present the term paper proposal in front of the CDOE's and institute's faculty members. It is required to submit the final term paper within three months from the date of proposal presentation. The students those who completed all the requirements, i.e., contact programme, assignments, written examinations, term paper proposal presentation and submission of term paper will be allowed for attending the viva-voce examination leading to make eligible for convocation. The evaluation is done by direct Ten Pont grading system. In order to obtain the degree, a student is required to write examination for 60 credits apart from the non-credited papers. Overall, there are 18 papers designed for this course. The Evaluation Process includes primarily two components: i. Written Examinations, Term Paper and Viva-Voce. In order to obtain the degree, a student is required to write examination for 60 credits apart from the non-credited papers. The learners must also submit final term paper (10 credits) and appear in Viva Voce (4 credits); ii. Assignments. Learners need to submit their assignments through post/ courier.

9. Whether foreign nationals are admitted for the course M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Education)?

As per UGC-DEB regulations, the foreign students are not admitted in the M.A. in Population Studies (Distance Learning) of CDOE, IIPS.

10. What is the detailed process for submission of online and offline application forms?

Visit the Admission Portal: <https://iipsindia.ac.in/content/centre-distance-and-online-education>

Admission: <https://iipsindia.ac.in/content/admission-0>

Application form: MA in Population Studies (Distance Learning)

[https://iipsindia.ac.in/sites/default/files/1%20Application%20Form MA%20Distance%20Pg m%2005%2007%202024_0.pdf](https://iipsindia.ac.in/sites/default/files/1%20Application%20Form%20MA%20Distance%20Pg%20m%2005%2007%202024_0.pdf)

Download and Print the Application form.

Fill-in the Application form and e-mail the scanned copy of application form with enclosures (1. Under Graduate degree provisional/ convocation certificate, 2. Under Graduate degree marksheet, 3. HSC marksheet, 4. SSC marksheet, and 5. No Objection certificate, if the candidate is employed, and 6. Application processing fee receipt (Rs. 1000/- for General, Rs. 500/- for OBC(NCL) & EWS, Rs. 250/- for SC/ST & PWD applicants) to distanceeducation@iipsindia.ac.in.

The hard copy of the same has to be sent to: Prof. Nandita Saikia, Head, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Govandi Station (East) Road, Deonar, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400 088, India.

11. What are the Admission Criteria for the MA Programme?

Admission to this course is open to all those with a Bachelor's degree in any social science subject/Health/Mathematics/ Stats or any similar degree recognized by Indian/Foreign universities with 50 percentage marks for general candidates and 45 percent marks for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/EWS and PWD category (For details please visit <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/admission-0>).

12. How can I pay the application and programme fees?

Visit the online payment portal <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in>

Online payment of fee <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/online-payment>

Online payment links <Yes> <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect>

Educational institutions <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/payment/listinstitution.htm>

Category <IIPS> <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/payment/listcategory.htm>

Payment category <MA in Population Studies (Distance Learning) Application fee/ Course fee>

[<Select payee> <Enter payment details> <Verify payment details> <Complete payment> <Print receipt>]

13. After payment of the application fee, what information shall I receive through e-mail?

You will get the confirmation of payment made by you through e-mail.

14. Where do I contact after successful submission of form?

Once the application form is successfully submitted, it will be scrutinized and shortlisted of the CDOE Admission Committee. If you fulfil the eligibility criteria you will receive a confirmation of admission at your registered e-mail address. If a deficiency is found in the application, you will receive a communication through email/SMS informing you about the discrepancy. After removal of discrepancy if you are found eligible, your admission shall be confirmed. Please note that if a discrepancy is detected in your application, you will get only 3 days to remove it, failing which your application may be cancelled.

15. What is the time frame for getting confirmation of my admission?

The Admission forms submitted through e-mail or postal address are scrutinized and confirmed for admission subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria. Please wait for 2-3 weeks after submission of your application.

16. From where will I collect my identity card after admission confirmation?

You will be provided your identity card when you visit the CDOE first time after your confirmation of your admission for any of your purposes, i.e., contact programme, examination, etc.

17. How can I check my Admission/ Registration detail?

You can check your admission/ registration detail through an e-mail (distanceeducation@iipsindia.ac.in) or a phone call (+91- 22-42372428/462).

18. How can I register for the next year of my Programme?

You can register for the next (second) year of your programme, after successful completion of the subjects of first year.

19. (old) Will the course material be provided by the Institute for MA?

Yes, the course material is provided in hard and soft copies for the said course.

20. (old) Can one interact with the faculty members at IIPS if required?

Yes, one can easily interact with the teachers with prior appointment.

21. What is ABC ID, why is it necessary for students, and how to create the same?

The ABC ID serves as a unique identifier for individuals within the Academic Bank of Credits system. It facilitates the smooth transfer and accumulation of academic credits, supporting students in their educational journeys across multiple institutions.

The UGC has made the creation of the ABC ID compulsory to ensure that all academic credits earned are securely recorded and easily transferable between institutions. This step is crucial for the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes flexibility and mobility in higher education.

Steps to follow while creating your ABC ID:

Step 1: Visit the DigiLocker portal. Existing users can log in by clicking on the 'Sign In' button, and new users can click on the 'Sign Up' button to create a new account and sign in.

Step 2: Use your username and password or Aadhaar number and mobile number to log in.

Step 3: After logging in, click on 'Search Documents'.

Step 4: Under 'Education and Learning', click on 'Academic Bank of Credits'.

Step 5: Next, select 'APAAR/ABC ID Card'.

Step 6: Enter the details such as your name, gender, date of birth, admission year, institution name, Identity Value, etc. After filling out all the required details and ticking the consent box, you need to click on the 'Get Document' button.

22. If I want to withdraw from the programme after confirmation of my admission, shall I get my fee refunded?

Yes, when you withdraw from the programme after confirmation of your admission, you can get refunded of your fee as per the UGC norms.