



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES

(Deemed-to-be-University)

An Autonomous Organization of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India
Govandi Station Road, Deonar, Mumbai – 400088.

ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027



MASTER OF ARTS IN POPULATION STUDIES (SESSION: JULY- AUGUST 2026-2027)

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, formerly known as the Demographic Training and Research Centre (DTRC till 1970), was established in July 1956 under the joint sponsorship of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, the Government of India, and the United Nations. The Institute was declared as "Deemed to be University" on August 19, 1985, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The objective of the Institute is to train persons from India and foreign countries in the field of Population Sciences, Demography, and allied subjects. The Institute has trained many students from the ESCAP region including Africa and North America. The IIPS alumni are occupying prestigious positions in the National and International Research Organizations like WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAID, Universities, Development Agencies, and Non-Governmental Organizations. The IIPS also provides services of research, evaluation, training, consultation to government departments, International Organizations, and Public Organizations. The Institute has been accredited with an "A" grade by the NAAC.

ABOUT CDOE

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), formerly known as the Department of Extra Mural Studies and Distance Education at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), was established in 1994 to promote the discipline of 'Population Studies.' Since its inception, the Centre has been dedicated to providing high-quality education and training specially designed for working professionals through distance learning. Initially, the Centre introduced the Master of Population Studies (MPS) and Diploma in Population Studies (DPS) Programme. Currently, the Centre offers the 'M.A. in Population Studies' Programme a need-based course recommended by the UGC, focusing on population data analysis and the interrelationship between population and development.

About the Programme:

IIPS is commencing its 9th Batch M.A. in Population Studies, a Two-year Programme through Distance Mode for the academic session of July-August 2026. The programme is approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC)- Distance Education Bureau (DEB). The programme consists of a total of **84 credits, which includes eighteen Core Papers and two Indian Knowledge system course (Online). Overall, there are 20 papers designed for this course.**

Eligibility:

Bachelor's degree from a recognized university in India or abroad in any subject with a minimum of 50% marks (45% for reserved candidates). Applicants who are having master's degree and work experience will be given due weightage. Reservation criteria will be followed as per the Government of India norms.

Special features:

Self-instructional material shall be provided in **softcopy formats only**. A Contact programme of two-weeks duration will be organized at the Institute in June and December every year. Furthermore, counseling and doubt-clearing sessions will be conducted once in a quarter.

Duration:

This programme can be completed over a minimum period of two years to a maximum period of four years.

Medium of instruction:

English

Programme fee:

Rs. 30,000/-

Examination and evaluation:

The program's evaluation involves continuous assessment through assignments (30% weightage) and semester-end examinations (70% weightage). The written examination will be conducted twice in a year (June and December) at the Institute. The students will also have to undertake a term paper related to Population, Health and Development related issues, which will carry 10 credits, and appear in Viva Voce for 4 credits. The evaluation will be done by the direct Ten Point grading system. The passing grade for each course subject is a minimum of 'P.'

Selection criteria:

The selection of candidates will be done by a selection committee duly constituted by the Director & Sr. Professor of the Institute.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN

Sociology, Psychology and Anthropology
Economics and Geography
Basic Statistical Methods for Population Studies
Introduction to Demography and History of Population
Fertility and Nuptiality
Evaluation, Adjustment of Demographic Data and Population Projection
Introduction to Demographic and Statistical Software
Migration and Urbanization
Historical Demography
Gender and Reproductive Health
Population and Development
Research Methodology
Concepts and Measures of Global Health
Population Policies, Programme and Evaluation of HFW Programme
Advanced Statistical Packages and Applications in Large-scale Data
Morbidity, Mortality and Public Health
Population Ageing and Health Transition
Urbanization, Space and Planning
Biostatistics and Epidemiology
Term/ Research Paper



HOW TO APPLY

The Information Brochure and Application Form can be downloaded from Institute's website <http://www.iipsindia.ac.in> (clicking on Admissions 2026-27) or <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/centre-distance-and-online-education> (clicking on Centre for Distance and Online Education).

The non-refundable processing fee of Rs.1000/- for General category, Rs. 500/- for OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and EWS category and Rs. 250/- for SC/ST/PWD category applicants, should be paid only through online visiting the institute website <https://www.iipsindia.ac.in/content/fee-payment>

Applicants are required to send either hard copy or soft copy (for soft copy, email to distanceeducation@iipsindia.ac.in with subject CDOE_2026_July-August Application_ your name) of the application along with the supporting documents to "The Head of the Centre, Centre for Distance and Online Education, International Institute for Population Sciences, Govandi Station Road, Deonar, Mumbai 400 088 (India)." Applications can also be submitted in hand to the CDOE during office hours.

Last date for receiving the application: 19 August 2026

For queries, please contact:

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