

M.P.S. /M.Phil.

This programme is designed to inculcate fundamentals of population studies and interface of population with other disciplines of social science, development and public policy. Problems of youth and adolescence, reproductive health and gender issues are given special attention. The module of the MPS programme is designed to make students self-sufficient in basics of population science, computer applications, data collection and analyses, preparing a report, taking part in group discussions and professional presentation in seminars and conferences. Students receive rigorous hands on computer training in the application of demographic packages such as MORTPACK and SPECTRUM, statistical packages such as SPSS and STATA, and mapping software such as GIS. During the course, students undergo field training in data collection methods and visit government, non-government and research organizations in different parts of India to get acquainted with their work in the field of population and health.

Admission requirements:

Applicants should hold a Master Degree in Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Geography, Social Work, Population Studies, Mathematics or Statistics from a recognized University. Candidates appearing for the qualifying examination and expecting results by June this year can also apply for admission.

Mode of selection:

The Institute selects students through a written admission test followed by a personal interview. The weighed score of qualifying examination, admission test and personal interview is the basis of selection on merit. Indian applicants called for admission test can claim sleeper-class, round-trip fare on production of original travel documents. Local travel cost is not reimbursed. Foreign applicants fulfilling the admission requirements are exempted from the admission test.

Number of seats:

The total number of seats available with fellowship has been restricted to 32.

Course duration:

The duration of MPS course is one year, and the medium of instruction is English.

M.Phil. in Population Studies:

This is an advance course in population research. The course work comprises of an Advance Research Methodology (½ unit), seminar work on Guided Reading of Important Papers (½ unit) and Dissertation under the guidance of a faculty (1½ unit).

A total of eight top-ranking students from those who have successfully completed the MPS course are given the option to pursue the M Phil course. The remaining students are awarded the MPS degree.

Admission announcement:

Each year announcement for admission to MPS/M.Phil. is made in March-April in the institute website and leading news papers.



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Fee structure

All Indian students are required to pay a tuition and related fee of Rs. 9400/-, hostel accommodation and establishment charge of Rs. 400/- per month and refundable library deposit of Rs 2,000/-.

The foreign students are charged a tuition and related fee of US\$ 8,200/-, hostel fee of US\$ 300/- per month and refundable library deposit of US\$ 100/-.

Those who join the hostel mess are required to pay a refundable deposit of Rs. 1,500/- and monthly boarding charges, which is computed on cost-sharing basis by all members. As mess services are subsidized and the institute places order for many guest lunches, the actual mess bill for a student does not usually exceed Rs. 1000/- per month.



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Various courses in M.P.S/M.Phil.

The course content spread over two semesters includes:

Preparatory courses

Mathematics, Communication Skill in English, Personality Development and Computer Basics.

Main courses

1. Basic Statistical Methods in Population Studies (1 unit)
2. Social Science Concepts and Issues (1 unit)
3. Introduction to Demography and Sources of Demographic Data (½ unit)
4. Fertility and Nuptiality (1 unit)
5. Mortality, Morbidity and Public Health (1 unit)
6. Reproductive Health (½ unit)
7. Migration, Spatial Distribution and Urbanization (1 unit)
8. Gender Issues in Population Studies (½ unit)
9. Population and Development (1 unit)
10. Population Policies and Programmes (1 unit)
11. Evaluation and Adjustment of Data Population Projection (½ unit)
12. Research Methodology (1 unit)
13. Historical Demography (½ unit)
14. Advanced Statistical and Computer Applications (½ unit)
15. Indirect Estimation Methods and Demographic Models (½ unit)

Group C: Optional courses

1. Urban and Regional Planning (½ unit).
2. Population Ageing (½ unit)
3. Bio-Statistics (½ unit)
4. Business Demography (½ unit)
5. Operations Research Methods (½ unit)

A one-unit course involves 40 hours of classroom lecture while a half-unit course is composed of 20 hours of lecture. A student is expected to take all the preparatory and main courses and one of the optional courses. The performance of a student is evaluated through a combination of assignments, written examination and comprehensive viva-voce. On successful completion of two semesters of credited and non-credited courses, students go for field visits, and on return are guided to write, present and defend a term paper on a selected research topic.



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Professional opportunities:

Ever expanding global humanitarian service has created new jobs worldwide in academics, survey research, data analysis, programme implementation and evaluation of social policies. On completion of MPS, most get immediate employment in the Institute's research projects. Subsequently, many take up jobs in multinational companies, market research firms and international organizations. The Institute prides itself on its alumni who occupy key positions in many foreign universities and reputed international organizations such as the Population Council, UNFPA, UNAIDS and UNICEF. Those who wish to take up academic posts do the M. Phil course and/or apply to Institute's Ph.D. programme.



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Fellowship:

Each selected Indian student will be awarded a Government of India fellowship @ Rs.2500/- per month.

Submission of application:

The prescribed application form can either be obtained by post or downloaded from the Institute website. Completed application form and copies of transcripts attested by a Gazetted Officer or public notary should be submitted with a demand draft for Rs. 400/- payable to **"The Director, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai"** drawn at Mumbai.

Foreign and SC/ST/PH applicants are exempted from processing fees.



Contact details:

Application form can be obtained by post from the following address on sending a self address Rs.25/- stamped envelope of size 25 cm x 12 cm.

The Assistant Registrar (Academic)

International Institute for Population Sciences

Post Box No : 8307

Govandi Station Road,

Deonar, Mumbai – 400 088

Foreign students can communicate by email to: director@iips.net or mps@iips.net

For any further information please contact MPS/M.Phil. Coordinator.
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