Development Studies Discipline
Khulna University
Khulna, Bangladesh

Admission Guidelines · Session 2026–2027

Master of Development Studies (MDS)

Applications are invited from qualified candidates.
Application forms available **11 November – 20 December 2026.**

40	1 – 1.5 years	Tk. 2,000	5 Jan 2027
Seats Available	Program Duration	Application Form Fee	Written Admission Test

1 About the Program

The Development Studies Discipline of the School of Social Science, Khulna University, invites applications from qualified candidates for admission to the **Master of Development Studies (MDS)** Program for the **2026–2027 session**. A total of **40 seats** are available across two modes of study:

Mode of Study	Duration
Master's by Coursework	1 year
Master's by Mixed Mode (Coursework and Dissertation)	1.5 years

2 Admission at a Glance

Evaluation method
Written admission test

Fees
Application form: Tk. 2,000 (non-refundable).
Admission fees: approximately Tk. 12,000 (estimated, not fixed).

Application form collection and submission
Office of the Development Studies Discipline, Room 3440, Third Academic Building (3rd Floor), Khulna University.

Classes begin
11 January 2027, or as per the Khulna University Academic Calendar.

Please note
Applicants should read the eligibility criteria (page 2) and the rules for admission (page 3) carefully before collecting an application form. Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will be rejected.

3 Eligibility for Admission

Candidates must meet **either** of the following academic qualifications:

OPTION A	OPTION B
Four-Year Bachelor's Degree	**Three-Year Bachelor's + Master's**
A four-year Bachelor of Development Studies (BDS), Bachelor of Social Science (BSS), or an equivalent bachelor's degree in a relevant or allied discipline, with at least a **second class/division** or a minimum **CGPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale**.	A three-year BDS, BSS or equivalent bachelor's degree in a relevant or allied discipline, **followed by a master's degree**, with at least a **second class/division** or **CGPA 2.50 on a 4.00 scale in both degrees**.

All degrees must be awarded by a recognized university or an institution approved by the **University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh**.

Relevant or Allied Disciplines

- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Demography / Population Science
- Economics
- Development Economics
- Geography
- Development Geography
- International Development Studies
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Government and Politics
- Sustainable Development
- Urban and Rural Planning
- Regional Planning
- Public Administration

Not eligible: Applicants with a third class/division or a GPA below 3.00 on a 5.00 scale; applicants holding degrees in disciplines not recognized as relevant or allied, as listed above.

Result awaited? Candidates awaiting final examination results may apply, but must submit the original academic certificate within **two months** of the commencement of classes.

4 How to Apply

1. **Collect the form.** Obtain the application form in person from the Office of the Development Studies Discipline, Room 3440, Third Academic Building (4th Floor), during office hours, 11 November – 20 December 2026, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 2,000 in cash.
2. **Complete it carefully.** Fill in the form and attach all required documents (listed below). Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will be rejected.
3. **Submit on time.** Return the completed form to the same office within the stipulated period. Applications sent by post must reach the office by the deadline.
4. **Collect your admit card.** Admit cards for the admission test must be collected in person from the Discipline office.

Documents to Submit with the Application Form

- Attested photocopies of the BDS/BSS degree certificate and mark sheets / grade sheets / academic transcripts.
- Attested photocopies of the master's degree certificate and mark sheets / grade sheets / transcripts *(for candidates holding a three-year bachelor's degree)*.
- Two recent passport-size photographs, duly attested and affixed in the designated spaces on the form.
- An attested certificate of appearance in the final examination *(if applicable)*.
- A Certificate issued by the Director of Student Affairs or the Proctor of the concerned University.

5 Important Dates

◇ **11 Nov 2026**	**Application forms available** — office hours, Room 3440 (until 20 December 2026)
◆ **20 Dec 2026**	**Last date** — for collection and submission of application forms
◇ **21 Dec 2026**	**List of eligible candidates** — published
◆ **5 Jan 2027, 12:00 noon**	**Written admission test**
◇ **6 Jan 2027**	**Admission test results** — published
◆ **7 Jan 2027, 10:00 AM**	**Merit-list candidates report** — to the Discipline office; admission 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
◇ **10 Jan 2027, 10:00 AM**	**Waiting-list candidates report** — (if seats remain); admission 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
◆ **11 Jan 2027**	**Course registration and classes begin** — or as per the KU Academic Calendar

6 Admission Process & Rules

Merit List Admission

Selected candidates must report to the Discipline office at **10:00 AM on 7 January 2027** and complete admission between **10:00 AM and 3:00 PM**. Candidates who fail to report and complete admission within this time will have their candidature **cancelled**, and no late admission will be allowed under any circumstances.

Waiting List Admission

If seats remain vacant, waiting-list candidates must report at **10:00 AM on 10 January 2027** in person. Only the required number of reported candidates will be admitted, in order of merit and subject to seat availability, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Documents Required at Admission

- One set of photocopies of the BDS/BSS certificate and mark sheets / grade sheets / transcripts.
- One set of photocopies of the relevant master's certificate and mark sheets / transcripts *(three-year bachelor's degree holders)*.
- Two recent passport-size color photographs.
- **Originals** of all certificates, mark sheets, grade sheets and transcripts, for verification on the day of admission.

Fees, Registration & Medical Examination

Item	details
Admission fees	The estimated amount payable at admission is **approximately Tk. 12,000** (Twelve Thousand Taka only). This is an approximate figure, not a fixed fee; the actual amount may vary.
Course registration	Must be completed within the time schedule as per the Masters Program Ordinance prescribed by the office. Failure results in cancellation of admission; vacant seats may be filled from the waiting list, in merit order, within the next five (05) working days.
Medical test	Doctors of the Khulna University Medical Center will examine selected candidates. A candidate found to have a physical and/or mental condition that prevents participation in the University's academic activities will be disqualified.

7 Special Guidelines

- Candidates must collect all information related to MDS admission from the **notice board of the Development Studies Discipline**, Room No. 3440, Third Academic Building (3rd Floor), Khulna University, Khulna.
- All applicants and admitted students are advised to maintain **regular contact** with the Office of the Development Studies Discipline for admission-related information and updates.
- The MDS Admission Committee reserves the right to change any rules and regulations related to admission.

8 Applicant's Checklist

Stage	Before you proceed, make sure you have...
Before applying	Confirmed eligibility (Option A or B) and your result or certificate status.
Application	Paid Tk. 2,000 in cash; attached attested photocopies, two attested photographs, and (if applicable) the attested certificate of appearance.
Admission test	Collected your admit card in person; arrive for the written test on 5 January 2027 at 12:00 noon.
Admission day	Original documents, one set of photocopies, two color photographs, and approximately Tk. 12,000 for admission fees (estimated, not fixed). Report on time: 7 January (merit list) or 10 January (waiting list).
After admission	Completed course registration within the prescribed time; attended the medical examination.

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