Master of Development Studies (MDS) Program

Admission Guidelines for 2025-2026 Session



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1. General Information

1.1 Development Studies Discipline under Social Science School of Khulna University invites application from qualified candidates for admission in its Master of Development Studies (MDS) Program, Session: 2025-2026. The duration of this program is one year (for Master's by course work) and one year and six months (for Master's by dissertation). The number of seat is 45.

1.2 Candidates seeking admission to MDS Program must have either at least 16 years of schooling or 15 years of schooling along with 2 years of work experience with at least a second class / division or a GPA of 2.50 in a scale of 4.0 from any recognized University/Institution.

1.3 Applicants having third class/division or GPA less than 3.0 in a scale of 5.0 are not eligible to apply. Candidate who has appeared for final examination may also apply, but he/she has to produce original certificate within two months of admission.

1.4 MDS admission test will be in written format.

2. Important Dates

2.1 Distribution of Admission Form: Application form for MDS program can be collected from the office of Development Studies Discipline, Room No. 3440, Third Academic Building, Khulna University, Khulna, during office hours dated on 21.10.2025 to 15.12.2025 on payment of Tk. 2,000/- (Two thousand taka) only by cash.

2.2 Submission of Admission Form: Duly filled in application form is to be submitted to the same office during office hours within the stipulated time as mentioned in section 2.1. Incomplete or erroneous form will be rejected. Application sent by post but reached after the deadline will not be granted. The candidate will have to collect his/her admit card for admission test by his/her own responsibility from the same office.

2.3 Publication of the List of Eligible Candidates: 17.12.2025

2.4 Date and time of Admission Test: 21.12.2025 (02.30 PM)

2.5 Publication of Admission Test Result: 22.12.2025

2.6 Admission from Merit List: 29.12.2025

2.7 Reporting from Waiting List: 30.12.2025

2.8 Publication of Waiting List Result: 30.12.2025

2.9 Admission from Waiting List (if applicable): 31.12.2025

2.10 Course Registration & Class Start: (According to Khulna University Academic Calendar)

N.B. The admitted students need to keep close contact to the Discipline office for any further information.

3. Required Documents

3.1 Photocopy of Bachelor certificate, mark sheet/grade sheet/academic transcript

3.2 Photocopy of documents proving 2 years of work experience, (for candidates having 3 years' Bachelor degree)

3.3 Two passport sized photographs pasted in the selected places of the application form

3.4 Appeared certificate (if applicable)

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4. Medical Test

Doctor(s) of Khulna University Medical Center will examine the health condition of the selected candidates. If any kind of physical and/or mental disorder is identified for which it is not possible for the candidate to participate in academic activities of this University, then he/she will be considered disqualified for admission.

5. Rules for Admission

5.1 The following documents are to be submitted during admission:

5.1.1 Photocopy of Bachelor certificate, mark sheet/grade sheet/academic transcript

5.1.2 Photocopy of documents proving 2 years of work experience, (for candidates having 3 years' Bachelor degree)

5.1.3 Two passport size color photographs.

5.2 Original copies of all certificate/mark sheet/grade sheet/academic transcript must be brought for verification on the day of admission.

5.3 Candidates in the merit list will be admitted on the scheduled date and time as mentioned in section 2.6. If any candidate fails to be present in the scheduled date and time, candidature of that applicant will be cancelled. That is, after the expiration of date and time of admission as mentioned in section 2.6, candidates of merit list shall not be allowed to take admission under any circumstances.

5.4 If any seat(s) remain vacant after admission from the merit list, then, candidate(s) from the waiting list will be admitted according to merit serial as per schedule mentioned in sections 2.7 and 2.8. Candidates of the waiting list must report on the scheduled date and time. Later, only the required number of candidates will be admitted according to merit serial from the reported candidates from the waiting list subject to availability of vacant seat(s).

5.5 Admitted students will have to complete their course registration as per time schedule prescribed by the office. Admission will be cancelled, if any student fails to register in due time; and within next five (05) working days, candidate(s) from the waiting list will be admitted in the vacant seat(s).

5.6 To accomplish the admission process, probable required amount of money is Tk. 12,000.00 (Twelve thousand) only.

6. Special Guidelines

6.1 MDS Admission Committee reserves all rights to change any rules and regulations related to admission.

6.2 Candidates need to collect all sorts of necessary information related to MDS admission from the notice board of Development Studies Discipline, Room No. 3440, Third Academic Building, Khulna University, Khulna.

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