

Admission Open: Trimester Summer-2024 [May Intake]



Department of Economics Jahangirnagar University MSSDS Program

MA in Economics /

Master in Development Studies (MDS)

1. Date to Remember

Availability of Application Form	:	Up to May 1, 2024
Admission Test (Written @ Dept. of Economics, JU)	:	May 3, 2024 [Friday]
Publication of Result (Web & Notice Board)	:	May 3, 2024, 5:00 PM
Date of Admission	:	May 5, 2024 to May 9, 2024
Orientation and Class Start	:	May 10, 2024 [Friday], 9:00 AM

2. Key Features of the Program

Degree Awarded	:	Master of Arts in Economics / Master in Development Studies (MDS)
Course Duration	:	One to Two Years consisting of three trimesters in each year
Total Credit	:	36
Class Time	:	Friday and Saturday
Faculty Members	:	Highly qualified faculty members with strong teaching and research background
Environment	:	Fully furnished class rooms equipped with multimedia & Wi-Fi facilities. Most updated library with latest books and journals. Transport facility for students (Dhaka-Campus-Dhaka)

3. Admission Requirements

Applicants having at least a CGPA of **2.50** on a scale of **4** or **2nd** class equivalent in any one of the following may apply:

- ❖ 4-year Bachelor degree or 3-year Bachelor degree and 1-year Master degree in Economics or
- ❖ Graduates with 4-year Bachelor (Hons) Degree (or, 3-year Honors+ 1-year Masters) in any discipline from any recognized University are eligible for admission into the program.

A candidate satisfying the requirement for the admission as set forth by the program authority shall have to sit for a test & viva voce on a schedule date.

4. Admission Test

A one-hour admission test based on **Free hand writing: 20 Marks** [Contemporary issues] and **MCQ: 80 Marks** [English, Elementary Mathematics and General Knowledge] will be held. Selected candidates will have to appear on a viva-voce with all original certificates at the time of admission for final selection.

5. Application Procedure

Application can be done either Online or Offline. You can follow any one method.

Online Application Process

- ❖ First, visit the website economics.iitju.edu.bd and read the instruction carefully.
- ❖ Click **Online Application** and then fill up the online application form.

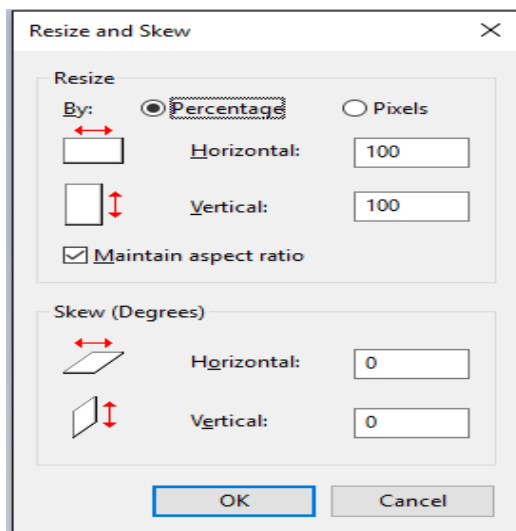
After successfully completing the application form, you will get a 6-digit **Bill No.** through SMS to your given mobile number. Please keep the Bill No. safely.

Now make a payment of **Tk. 1,000/-** as application fee from your/agent's **Dutch Bangla Mobile Banking** ROCKET account to **biller ID 527** The process is as follows:

- ❖ Using your/agent's Dutch Bangla Mobile Banking Account, dial ***322#**
 - ❖ From the menu appeared, select **Bill Pay**
 - If you want to make payment using your own ROCKET account, then select **Self**.
 - If you want to make payment using agent's ROCKET account, then select **Other** and then Enter Payer Mobile No.
 - ❖ Enter 0 (**Other**)
 - ❖ Enter 527 as **Biller ID**
 - ❖ Enter your **Bill No.** (which was sent to you via SMS)
 - ❖ Enter 1000 as **Amount**
 - ❖ Enter your/agent's ROCKET account's **PIN**
 - ❖ Collect Txnid (**TRANSACTION ID**) from the return SMS
 - ❖ To download **Admit Card**, visit the website economics.iitju.edu.bd again.
 - ❖ Click **Admit Card Download**.
 - ❖ Log in with your **Bill No.** and **Txnid (Transaction ID)**.
 - ❖ Upload your scanned signature (300 by 80 pixel) and passport size photograph (300 by 300 pixel).
 - ❖ After submission, download/print your admit card.
- Keep your Admit Card safely and bring it on the day of admission test.

Note:

- ❖ To correctly adjust the dimension of your scanned photograph (300 by 300 pixel) and signature (300 by 80 pixel), you can use MS Paint program in Windows. The processes are as follows:



- a) Open your photograph or signature using **MS Paint** program.
- b) Press **Ctrl + W** while MS Paint is running. A window (like the one shown here) will appear.
- c) Select **Pixels** and uncheck **Maintain aspect ratio**.
- d) Under **Resize**, enter 300 and 300 in the Horizontal and Vertical box respectively for your photograph, or enter 300 and 80 in the Horizontal and Vertical box respectively for your signature.

Offline Application Process

- ❖ Collect the prescribed application form from **Department of Economics Office** during office hours (or download it from **economics.iitju.edu.bd**).
- ❖ Submit the completed application form along with copies of all certificates/mark sheets, two recent passport size color photographs and an amount of Taka 1,000/- (in cash) to **Department of Economics Office** during office hour (including Friday) between 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- ❖ Collect your Admit Card and bring it on the day of admission test.

6. Degree Requirements

The minimum requirements for the MA in Economics/MDS (Weekend) degree are as follows:

- (1) A student must complete 36 credit points, with 3 credit points for Research Project/Internship with defense.
- (2) A student must earn a minimum grade point of 2.00 in each course on a 4.00 point scale, as per grading policy followed by Jahangirnagar University. To complete the program and to earn the degree, a student must obtain a minimum CGPA of 2.50 in a 4.00 point scale.
- (3) Distribution of credit points and marks for MA in Economics (Weekend) Program at a glance for all Students:

Particulars	Total No. of Courses	Marks in each Course	Total Marks	Credit Points in each Course & Viva-Voce	Total Credit Points
Courses Taught	11	100	1100	11×3 = 33	33
Research project/Internship with defense (50+50)			100	3	3
Grand Total			1200		36

7. Fee Structure of the Program

The Fee structure for each student of the program will be as follows:

SL	Head	Rate (BDT.)	Total amount Tk. 52,800/- [SL 1 to 4] may be paid in 4 equal installments [Tk. 13,200] before final examination of each semester.
1.	Admission Fee	Tk. 10,000	
2.	Development Fee	Tk. 10,000	
3.	Seminar Library Fee	Tk. 2,800	
4.	Semester Fee (10,000 × 3)	Tk. 30,000	
5.	Course Fee (2,700 per credit × 36)	Tk. 97,200	
	Total	Tk. 1,50,000	

8. Miscellaneous Fee

Description	Fees (BDT)
Delay Fee (after semester final exam)	1000/-
Re-take Exam Fee (per course)	5,000/-
Special Exam Fee (per course)	10,000/-

9. Examination Regulations

9.1 Semester Final Examination

At the end of each semester a student has to appear in the final examination for his/her registered courses. The duration of the final examination for each 3 credit courses will be 3 hours. A student who will absent for more than 25% of total class without any acceptable reason, he/she will not be allowed to sit for the semester final examination of the respective courses.

9.2 Course Assessment

Students' performances in a course will be evaluated in the following way:

Components	Weight [Marks]
Class Attendance	10
Mid-Term I Examinations	20
Mid-Term II Examinations	20
Case Study/Assignment/ Presentation/Quiz Test /Class Test	20
Final Examinations	30
Total	100

9.3 Research Project

After successful completion of all required courses, students shall have to submit a research project of 3 credits in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree. The student shall be required to present his/her research outcomes on a date set by the Coordination Committee. The student must satisfy the board of examiners that he/she is capable to implement a research project, to undertake independent work and also to demonstrate satisfactory knowledge related to the theory and techniques used in implementing the project work.

9.4 Nomination of Project Supervisor

Research work for a student shall be carried out under the supervision of a full-time faculty member of the program. After receiving an application (in a prescribed form) with a project proposal from each student at the beginning of the final semester, the Coordination Committee will nominate the supervisor to guide the student.

9.5 Research Project Evaluation

The Coordination Committee will set and appoint the examiners to evaluate the research projects. The supervisor will be the first examiner and the second examiner should be another faculty member of this program. For the purpose of assessment, 100 marks will be assigned to the project work of 3 credit hours.

9.6 Grading System

Students will be awarded with grades in each course as per the following grading policy, which is approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC):

Grade	Grade point	Marks
A+	4.00	80% & above
A	3.75	75% - 79%
A-	3.50	70% - 74%
B+	3.25	65% - 69%
B	3.00	60% - 64%
B-	2.75	55% - 59%
C+	2.50	50% - 54%
C	2.25	45% - 49%
D	2.00	40% - 44%
F	0.00	Below 40%
I	Incomplete*	

*Incomplete means 'not appearing at the final examination/discontinuation of a course'.

9.7 Calculation of GPA

Grade Point Average (GPA) is the weighted average of the grade points obtained in the courses passed by a student in a semester. For example, if a student passes four courses in a semester having credits of E1, E2, E3, E4 and his/her grade points in these courses are G1, G2, G3, G4 respectively then.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum E_i G_i}{\sum E_i}, \text{ where } i = 1 \text{ to } 4$$

An Example

Suppose a student has passed 4 courses in a semester and obtained the following grades.

Course	Credit	Grade	Grade Points
MAE 501	3	A+	4.00
MAE 502	3	B+	3.25
MAE 503	3	A	3.75
MAE 507	3	B	3.00

Then his/her GPA in that semester will be computed as follows:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{3(4.00) + 3(3.25) + 3(3.75) + 3(3.00)}{(3+3+3+3)} = 3.50$$

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be calculated considering all the grade points earned by a student in different semesters.

9.8 Earned Credit Marks

- a) Courses in which a student gets "F" grades shall not be counted towards credit requirements and for the calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA).
- b) If a student does not appear in the final examination, he/she will get "I (Incomplete)" grade. In that case, he/she may be allowed to sit for the Re-take examination arranged by the Coordination Committee within a shortest period of time after publishing the semester results.
- c) If a student get "F" grade in any course in a semester, he/she may be allowed to sit for the Re-take examination.
- d) If the student appear in the Re-take examination, he/she has to re-register (repeat) that course in the following available semester.
- e) If a student wants to improve the grade point obtained in a course, he/she may be allowed to appear at the Re-take examination provided that his earned grade point in that course is less than 2.50. A student will not be allowed to improve his/her grade in more than 2 (two) courses during the entire program.
- f) A student may be permitted to withdraw or change his/her registered course(s) within three working weeks of the commencement of the semester. If a student fails to withdraw the course and does not appear in the class tests/final examination his/her grade in that course shall be recorded as "I" (incomplete). In that case, he/she has to register (repeat) that course in the following available semester.

9.9 Special Examination

A student unable to complete the program within 6 (six) consecutive semesters from the date of admission may be allowed to sit for special examination with special recommendation of the Coordinating Committee. In that case, special examination fees will be charged.

9.10 Result Publication

The Coordinating Committee will prepare the final results and the office of the Controller of Examinations of this university. The Controller of Examinations will make arrangement to publish the results officially and issue the certificates as per the rules of the university.

9.11 Degree Award

A student will be awarded the degree of **Master of Arts in Economics/ Master in Development Studies (MDS)** after successful completion of all pre-requisite courses, required courses and a research project having an overall CGPA of 2.50 or above.

Courses of Master of Arts in Economics (MAE)

Basic Courses (3 x4 = 12 Cr.)	Module 1: Basic Courses	
Course Code	Course Title	Credit
MAE 501	Microeconomic Theory and Practices	3
MAE 502	Macroeconomic Theory and Practices	3
MAE 503	Mathematics for Economics	3
MAE 504	Statistics for Economics	3
Core Courses (3 x4 =12 Cr.)	Module 2: Core Courses	
MAE 505	Research Methodology Theory and Application	3
MAE 506	Advanced Development Economics	3
MAE 507	International Trade and Finance	3
MAE 508	Econometric Theory and Application	3
Elective Courses (3 x 3 = 9 Cr.)	Module 3: Elective/Optional Courses	
MAE 509	Poverty, Inequality and Gender	3
MAE 510	Agriculture and Rural Economics	3
MAE 511	Economics of Health and Health Care	3
MAE 512	Studies on Bangladesh Economy	3
MAE 513	Economic Thought in Perspective	3
MAE 514	Project Appraisal and Evaluation Technique	3
MAE 515	Labor Economics	3
MAE 516	Environmental and Resource Economics	3
MAE 517	Public Sector Economics	3
MAE 518	Money, Banking, and Financial Intermediation	
Research Work (3 x1 =3 Cr.)	Research Work/Internship	
MAE 599	Research Paper/Internship/Fieldwork	3

Courses of Master in Development Studies (MDS)

Basic Courses (3 x 3 = 09 Credits)	Module 1: Basic Courses	
Course Code	Course Title	Credit
MDS 501	Microeconomics	3
MDS 502	Macroeconomics	3
MDS 503	Mathematics and Statistics	3
Core Courses (3 x 5 =15 Credits)	Module 2: Core Courses	
MDS 504	Econometrics for Development Studies	3
MDS 505	Research Methodology and Tools for Development	3
MDS 506	Economics of Development	3
MDS 507	Development Institutions and Policies	3
MDS 508	Development Project Appraisal and Evaluation Technique	3
Elective Courses (3 x3 = 09 Credits)	Module 3: Elective/Optional Courses	
MDS 509	Poverty, Inequality and Gender	3
MDS 510	Micro Finance : Theory and Practices	3
MDS 511	Economics of Health and Health Care	3
MDS 512	Economics of Human Resource Development	3
MDS 513	Contemporary Issues on Development Studies	3
MDS 514	Government and Development Management	3
MDS 515	Management Decision Analysis	3
MDS 516	Environmental and Resource Economics	3
MDS 517	Public Sector Economics	3
MDS 518	Money, Banking, and Financial Intermediation	3
Research Work (3 x 1 =3 Cr.)	Research Work/Internship	
MDS 599	Research Paper/Internship/Fieldwork	3

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Please Visit the website and find all the relevant information regarding the programs (www.economics.iitju.edu.bd) **For Further Queries: 01716806624**