

MA (Public Policy and Sustainable Development)

Selection Procedure

DoPT sponsored Government Candidates: Selection of potential participants from the civil services consists of two stages. In the first, applications will be screened by the Department of Personnel and Training based on appropriate eligibility criteria as defined by the department. In the second stage, a selection committee constituted according to the rules of the TERI University (including a nominee of the Department of Personnel and Training), will interview the short-listed candidates. The committee will select up to 30 candidates. The list of the selected candidates will then be forwarded to the Department for processing as necessary.

Other Candidates: Applications will be screened, and the shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the TERI University. The total number of candidates for the programme would not exceed 40 in any batch.

Pedagogy & Assessment

Class lectures are combined with discussions, workshops and seminars, field-projects and presentations. The primacy is emphasized on the importance of analytical skills across both oral and written communication. The PPSD Programme follows a system of continuous assessment in terms of the curricular content assessed through the autonomous course-structures. In addition, the other learning factors like the classroom participation etc. will be assessed.

Duration

- One year of coursework on campus (for the PG Diploma Programme)
- Two weeks at a foreign university
- Two weeks at a National/regional level NGOs
- One-year major project at a place of work (for obtaining Master degree)
- Those who opt to be on campus in the second year can attend additional courses

Department of Policy Studies (DoPS)

The Department aims to promote academic excellence and develop the expertise to influence and contribute to public policy and decision making through teaching, research and training. The department comprises of a multidisciplinary team of academicians and professionals drawn from fields from Economics, Management, Law, Sociology/Anthropology, Governance, Urban Management etc. The department offers M.A. in Public Policy and Sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Practices, M.Sc. in Economics (with specialization in Environmental and Resource Economics), and LLM (LLM programme with specialisation in Environment and Natural Resources Law and Infrastructure and Business in addition to doctoral and several other short-term programmes targeted for fresh graduates and mid-career professionals.

About TERI School of Advanced Studies

Academic programmes at the TERI SAS are focused around the challenges of providing the rising global population with a limited and degraded natural resource base. In moving towards sustainability, the implicit understanding is that there is no panacea or straight road, with recognized and established methodologies, tools or specializations leading to such development. The solutions therefore do not lie in a specific subject discipline, but must be appropriate and relevant to the context or the practical problem being addressed. Developing such an understanding among its students is best achieved through exposure to a variety of subjects, tools, and methodologies offered in interdisciplinary mode. This has been the guiding philosophy behind the programmes offered by the TERI SAS and is practised by building a theoretical understanding in courses covering a variety of traditional disciplines, such as ecology, natural and social sciences, governance, policy, law, and engineering.

Over a period of two years, students converge upon a few areas of focus based upon their interest, having been exposed to a new way of thinking that looks at problems not from the lens of a subject specialist, but from the perspective of one who recognizes the complex linkages between man and his environment.

Apart from doctoral research, the TERI SAS offers MSc degree programmes in Environmental Studies and Resource Management, Environmental and Resource Economics, Geoinformatics, Water Science and Governance, Climate Science and Policy, and Plant Biotechnology; MBA programmes in Infrastructure and in Business Sustainability; MTech programmes in Renewable Energy Engineering and Management, Water Science and Governance and Urban Development and Management; and LL.M. programmes in Environment & Natural Resources Law and in Infrastructure & Business Law.

The University offers two MA programmes, one in Public Policy and Sustainable Development, and the other in Sustainable Development Practice. The TERI SAS is one of the first institution chosen worldwide by the MacArthur Foundation, USA, to run the Sustainable Development Practice programme. The University uses modern pedagogical tools, richly supplemented by field visits, live industry projects, and hands-on applications. It provides the very best in equipment and instruments, which includes state-of-the-art computer facilities, well-equipped laboratories, video-conferencing facilities, and access to South Asia's most comprehensive library on energy and environment.

TERI SAS has established excellent partnerships and collaborative arrangements with a number of institutions overseas, including Yale University, USA; The Freie University of Germany, Utrecht University, The Netherlands; North Carolina State University, USA; and University of Technology, Australia.

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Of late there has been a growing realization that India should emerge as an economy driven by knowledge. Given the rapid progress that intellectual enterprises are making worldwide, higher education must benefit from a continuous accretion of knowledge through research. This is what TERI SAS is attempting to do through all its programmes, for the benefit of not only Indian citizens but people from other countries as well who would pass through the portals of this institution. This University offers education supported by rigorous research.

MA (Public Policy & Sustainable Development)

The MA in Public Policy and Sustainable Development is a two-year Master's programme being offered by TERI University, New Delhi since 2006. It is a uniquely designed programme aimed at participants entering the phase of policy-making in their careers. The MA (PPSD) builds a robust theoretical knowledge base in public policy supported by case studies from the Indian context. It is distinct in structure, objectives and pedagogy from other programmes in Public Administration. It is sponsored by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India.



Programme Structure

MA (PPSD) comprised 66 credits spread over two years (4 semesters)

- The first semester is of 17 credits carried out over 18 weeks of academic work including assessments and field projects. The second semester is of 18 credits carried out over 18 weeks of academic work including assessments and field projects.
- The 66 credits required for completion of the Programme are distributed between Core Courses, Elective Courses, NGO Attachment (2 credits), International immersion (2 credits) and a Major Project (27 credits)
- Two weeks at a foreign university
- Four weeks at a National/regional level NGOs
- The duration does not include mid and end-semester breaks and evaluation schedules (based on major and minor tests and assignments)

Programme Overview

The MA (Public Policy and Sustainable Development)-MA(PP&SD) - programme, offered by the TERI SAS encompasses a comprehensive and well-structured two-year curriculum on public policy formulation, analysis, evaluation, management, and links with development concerns.

Policy decisions by government officials at all levels are required to be increasingly multifaceted especially in the light of economic reforms and the need to ensure that decision-making contributes to sustainability in the development process. Private not-for-profit and for-profit business entities also have a bearing on development-related policy decisions. To respond effectively to these issues, civil servants and those engaged in the non-governmental sectors, need to (1) be trained in the politics and economics of public policy and in sophisticated methods and tools of analysis, and (2) refresh their knowledge of the substantive development issues at hand.

Programme Outline

SEMESTER 1	
Course Title	Course Title
Introduction to Sustainable Development	Industrial Development and Sustainability
Society and Development Policy	Energy Policy and Sustainable Development
Sustainable Consumption and Production	Governance and Law
India and the World	Challenges of a Digital Economy
Policy Lab-I	Art and Sustainability
SEMESTER 2	
Assessing Public Policy: Methods and Measurements	Communities and Conservation
Major policy issues : Education, health and infrastructure in India	Sustainable Urbanization
Policy Lab-II	Agriculture and Rural Development
Policy perspectives on water	Public management : Issues and challenges with special reference to India
Public policy processes and institutions	

SEMESTER 3	
International exposure	Summer Project
SEMESTER 4	
Major Project	

NGOs attachments of the past Batches

- ALIG Society, Jamshedpur
- Ankur Society for Alternatives in Education
- HAQ: Centre for Child Rights
- Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre (JAC) Society
- Centre for Women's Development Studies
- Creatnet Education
- Agewell Foundation
- Centre for Social Research
- Indian Institute of Public Administration
- ISKCON
- Indian Water Foundation
- National Institute of Women, Child and Youth Development (NIWCYD)
- Gulmeher Green Producer Company Ltd.
- Shikshit Rojgar Kendra Prabandhak Samiti (SRKPS)
- TERI IHC - Energy for Livelihood project

This is only an indicative list; the actual list is more comprehensive with credible organizations that have engaged our students in research, development and implementation profiles.

Eligibility

DoPT sponsored Government candidates: The programme is open to officers of All India Services, Central Services (organized & non-organized, technical & non-technical), faculty members of State Administrative Training Institutes and also officers of the State Civil Services (SCS) & Non-State Civil Services (Non-SCS) subject to the following eligibility conditions:

(i) Length of Service: Officers should have completed 5 years of Group 'A' service as on commencement of the programme

(ii) Age: The officers should have at least three years remaining service after completion of the programme

(iii) Earlier Training: The officers should not have undergone a training Programme of 12 weeks or more duration in India during 5 years preceding the date of commencement of this programme. Further, the officer should not have undergone a Programme of training abroad of more than 2-weeks in preceding 2-years, more than one month in preceding 3-years or more than six months in the preceding 5-years.

Other Candidates: Graduates with a minimum experience of five years in any of the following sectors: government, regulatory bodies, industry, research/academic institutions, NGOs and donor/consultant organizations.