

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY

ASHANK DESAI CENTRE FOR POLICY STUDIES



MASTERS IN PUBLIC POLICY

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1. The Institute

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay is one of the twenty-three national institutes of technology in the country set up with the objectives of making available the facilities for higher education, research and training in various fields of science and technology. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was established in 1958 with the co-operation and participation of the erstwhile Government of USSR under UNESCO's Technical Assistance Programme.

The Institute is located at Powai, a suburb of Mumbai, on a campus spread over about 480 acres amidst picturesque surroundings with Vihar and Powai lakes on its either side. At present, it has eleven science and technology departments including Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) and fifteen interdisciplinary groups/centres/schools which offer various undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes of studies.

2. Student Amenities

The Institute is mostly residential and has 17 hostels for students. Each hostel is an independent entity with its own mess and recreation facilities. The Students' Gymkhana is very well equipped to provide facilities for sports, cultural programmes, National Social Service (NSS) and other extra-curricular activities. The various clubs at the Gymkhana and the Student Activity Centre encourage students to develop their talents in painting, music, photography, modelling and fabrication. The Institute also has good swimming pools on the campus.

Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies is one of the more recent centres set up by the Institute. It has started its Ph.D. programme from the Autumn semester of 2017 and now has 45 doctoral students on its role. The Master's programme in Public Policy (MPP) began from the Autumn Semester of 2019.

3. The MPP Programme

The Ashank Centre for Policy Studies (ADCPS) at IIT Bombay is an independent academic centre of the Institute.

ADCPS envisions myriad ways in which its PhD and MPP programmes and graduates from these programmes can contribute to IIT Bombay's intellectual diversity as well as to India's polity and society. The aim is to produce professionals or academics who seek to serve the public interest. These academic programmes will reflect the changing dynamics in today's world and the need for policy to keep pace with technological advancements, process of globalization, and increasingly nuanced and complex public debates about governance. Policy can no longer be contained within the realm of government and bureaucracy; it has to draw upon the civil society, academic institutions, and the private sector. *Finally, ADCPS aims to capitalize on IIT Bombay's existing institutional strengths and build a centre that can be a hub for public policy research and expertise. ADCPS's academic programmes integrate public policy, social sciences, and technology.*

A. Minimum Eligibility Criteria

- (i) Any two-year Master's degree or a 4-year bachelor's degree (post 10+2) in Arts, Commerce or equivalent, or an LLB[#] with a minimum of 55% marks (50% marks for SC/ST/PwD) or /equivalent letter grade*/ GPA from a recognized institution or deemed university (as recognized by AICTE/UGC/AIU).
- (ii) A two-year M.Sc./M.S/M.Tech degree or a 4-year B.Sc/B.S/B.Tech/B.Arch degree (post 10+2) or equivalent with a minimum of 60% marks (55% marks for SC/ST/PwD) or equivalent letter grade*/ GPA from a recognized institution or deemed university (as recognized by AICTE/UGC/AIU).

* All equivalent degrees must be certified by their respective institution (s).

LLB should be completed after undergraduate degree and can be equivalent to a 4 yrs bachelor degree

Five year integrated LLB after (10+2) can be equivalent to a 4 yrs bachelor degree

B). Teaching Assistant category (TA):

ADCPS will offer about 10-12 TAships per academic year. Candidates applying for Institute's TAships will be required to submit **VALID GATE** scores to be considered for the same.

C). Teaching Assistantship through Project (TAP):

ADCPS will offer, depending upon project availability, teaching assistantships through project (TAP). Candidates applying for TAP positions (if available) will be required to submit **VALID GATE** scores to be considered for the same.

D) (i) Self-Finance (SF)

The MPP programme will also be open to all Self – Finance candidates with work experience and in-service candidates. In-service candidates working in government organizations or a Public Sector Undertaking, **must ensure** that their organization **will permit** them to undertake the requisite course work and project, for the duration of the MPP programme.

1. Candidates without any experience WILL NEED to submit a VALID GATE score.
2. SF candidates must have completed their undergraduate degree on a date which is at least 5 years prior to their possible admission to the MPP programme.

[Note: The 5 year duration mentioned above will be counted from the date of qualifying the UG degree till the date of joining the MPP programme of the Institute].

❖ GATE Qualified candidates are also eligible for the Self finance seats.

(ii) ADCPS will offer eligible candidates, at least 5 competitive Research Assistantship positions.

(iii) Sponsored (SW) category:

1. Candidates without any experience WILL NEED to submit a VALID GATE score.
2. SW candidates with 2 years plus work experience WILL NOT NEED to submit a VALID GATE score.

E) Fellowship Award Category (FA):

The MPP programme will also be open to all FA category candidates, receiving fellowships or scholarships from government or semi-government agencies.

The financial support under the FA category may be provided by various Govt./Semi Govt. schemes (CSIR, UGC, DAE, DST, DBT, NBHM, etc.) and some other organizations. **A valid Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) award letter** from the Govt. / Semi Govt. agency (e.g., CSIR/UGC/DAE/DST/DBT/NBHM/etc.) is required for the execution of this fellowship/scholarship.

F) Candidates of all categories, will be required, to have fulfilled the minimum eligibility criteria as mentioned above.

NOTE: No candidate will be exempt from appearing for ADCPS's entrance exam and interview in order to be considered for the MPP programme

G) Employment/Career Opportunities

Through its programmes, ADCPS aims to give its students tools which are applicable in diverse situations and teach students how to adapt to various fields, contexts, or situations.

Students of the programmes can then find themselves fitting into and contributing to the public or private sectors, working within the government, or in the not-for-profit/ NGO sector. They may choose to work for large corporations as analysts or lobbyists, or may do policy research in IOs, think tanks, or Universities

H) Programme Duration, Credits and Course Structure (Subject to revision)

List of Courses: Core Courses and Elective Courses

Core Courses

1. Public Policy Theory 1
2. Public Policy Theory 2
3. Social Science Perspectives in Public Policy
4. Public Policy in India: History, Institutions, and Practice
5. Research Methodology and Design
6. Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods
7. Communication Skills Course
8. **Writing Policy**

Elective Courses (offered by ADCPS)

As their Domain Electives, students will be required to choose 1 pair of courses from the following 5 pairs as depicted in the following table. For example, Water Policy I in Semester 1 under Domain Elective 1 and Water Policy II in Semester 2 under Domain Elective 2. In other words, for an elective chosen in Semester II, the corresponding elective from Semester I is a prerequisite.

| Domain Elective: Semester I | Domain Elective: Semester II |
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| Energy Policy I: Energy Resources, Economics and Environment | Energy policy II: Energy Policy Analysis |
| Water Policy I: Introduction to Water Science and Policy | Water Policy II: Advanced Themes in Water Policy |
| Science and Technology Policy I: Intersection of Science, Technology and Innovation with Public Policy | Science and Technology Policy II: Technology, Culture and Policy |
| Information Economy and Governance I & II | Information Economy, Data and Governance III & IV |
| Health Policy I: Health Policy: An Introduction | Health Policy II: Advanced Health Policy: Theory and Practice |
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In addition, students will choose one Institute Elective and one other Elective course from another Department within IIT Bombay.

| Department Elective | Institute Elective |
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| AI, Data and Policy | Environmental Governance and Development |
| Values in Public Policy: The Rhetoric of Political “Isms” | Technology and the Future of Workers |
| Information Economy, Platforms and Governance | Contemporary Issues in Data Policy and Management |
| | Economic Analysis for Public Policy |
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| | Technology, Culture and Policy |
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| | State, Business and Human Rights |

Semester-wise Break-up of the ADCPS MPP Programme

| SEMESTER I | | | |
|--------------|--|------------|------------|
| Number | Course Title | Type | Credits |
| PS 601 | Public Policy Theory - I | CORE | 6 |
| PS 605 | Social Science Perspectives in Public Policy | CORE | 6 |
| PS 606 | Public Policy in India: History, Institutions and Practice | CORE | 6 |
| PS 609 | Research Methodology and Design | CORE | 6 |
| | Institute Elective | IE | 6 |
| | PS Elective | DE | 6 |
| | TOTAL | | 36 |
| SEMESTER II | | | |
| Number | Course Title | Type | Credits |
| PS 607 | Public Policy Theory - II | CORE | 6 |
| PS 610 | Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods | CORE | 6 |
| PS 694 | Seminar | CORE | 4 |
| PS 899 | Compulsory Communication Skills Course | CORE | P/NP |
| PS 633 | Writing Policy | CORE | 6 |
| | Institute Elective ^{^^} | IE | 6 |
| | PS Elective | DE | 6 |
| | TOTAL | | 34 |
| SEMESTER III | | | |
| Number | Course Title | Type | Credits |
| PS 621 | 8-weeks internship (in the Summer between Semester II and III) and internship report (submitted in Semester III) | Internship | 20 |
| PS 797 | MPP Thesis / Project 1 | Thesis | 36 |
| | TOTAL | | 56 |
| SEMESTER IV | | | |
| Number | Course Title | Type | Credits |
| PS 798 | MPP Thesis / Project 2 | Thesis | 40 |
| | TOTAL | | 40 |
| | TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS | | 166 |

Note:

^{^^} - In this slot, any course designated as Institute Elective by the Senate can be taken by the student.

I. Fees and Deposits (subject to revision as per MHRD/BoG decision)

Various fees, deposits and Hostel Rent are listed in as available on the following webpage:-

<https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/FeesStructure.jsp>
under <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/PGNewEntranceFeeStructureAutumnSem202223.pdf> &
<https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/HostelFeeCircular.pdf>

I. General Instructions

- 1 Please read the instructions given in the brochure carefully before filling up the application form.
- 2 Online Application Form & Information Brochure (including the admission schedule along with the important dates) is available on the Institute website <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> You are required to submit the application ONLINE. No Downloadable Forms will be available. After filling the form, you are advised to take a print of your application and keep the same for the record.
- 3 The application fee is as follows, Women candidates : Rs. 150/- SC/ST/PwD category candidates: Rs. 150/- All other candidates: Rs. 300/- The fee is to be paid by SBI Internet Banking/ Online Payment System and you do not have to submit the hard copy of the application. Applications without online payment details will not be considered. APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.
- 4 Please refer to the Institute website <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> for filling ONLINE application form.
- 5 OBC candidates may note that the limit of annual income is Rs. 8 lakhs for determining the creamy layer among Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates. The OBC-NC certificate issued for the financial year 2022-23 by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format must be uploaded in the ONLINE application form and submitted at the time of admission. The OBC reservation update Information is available in the public domain <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> under OBC Reservation Update.
- 6 Economically Weaker Sections(EWS) candidates may note that the limit of annual income is Rs. 8 lakhs for determining the eligibility for benefit under Economically Weaker Sections(EWS) reservation. The EWS certificate issued by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format must be uploaded in the ONLINE application form and submitted at the time of admission. The EWS reservation update Information is available in the public domain <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> under EWS Reservation Update.
- 7 PwD candidates will be given extra time, as per GOI rules on request by the candidate. Such requests need to be addressed to Head of the concerned academic units through email/hard copy well in advance.
- 8 You should check the Institute website <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> for results/ important announcements.
- 9 You should check emails sent to the email address provided in your application, for all important communications and announcements.

- 10 Candidates called for written test/interview should bring with them (i) Photo ID Card (ii) Hard copy of the application submitted online (iii) Final year thesis / dissertation / report / publication / copy of certificates / Marksheets.
- 11 Candidates having degree from foreign universities should submit equivalence certificate from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi for qualifying Exam and proof of having First class or 60% (55% for SC/ST) marks or equivalent in qualifying examination.
- 12 Seats are reserved for Economically Weaker Sections(EWS)/ Other Backward Class Non-Creamy Layer (OBCNCL)/ Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Person with Benchmark Disability (PwD) Categories , as per Government of India rules.
- 13 Students must submit self-attested copies of his/her qualifying degree certificate & final transcripts on or before **31st August, 2023,** failing which admission will stand cancelled.