

M.A. (Sustainable Development Practice)

Internships and Final Placements of the Past Batches

- The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- WWF-India
- Population Services International (PSI)
- Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation
- Centre for Science and Environment
- UNESCO
- Planning Commission of India
- Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)
- The Environmental Policy Research Centre, Freie University Berlin
- KPMG
- CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development
- ITC Limited
- Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Project
- American India Foundation (AIF)
- Tata Trust
- Save the Children India
- HCL Foundation
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Concern India Foundation
- Ernst & Young
- SM Sehgal Foundation
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- MSME Clusters
- Centre for Ecology Development and Research (CEDAR)
- Ministry of Women Affairs (MoWA), Afghanistan
- Centre for Health and Social Justice, Afghanistan

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.

Who Should Apply?

- Development professionals seeking a complete understanding of sustainable development approaches and wanting to enhance their skills.
- Students and scholars with a passion to work in the field of development, seeking just and effective social change.

Career Prospects

- The course aims to prepare students for employment in varied development organizations, such as national and international NGOs, bilateral and multinational financial institutions, funding foundations and corporations, and social sector initiatives of companies. In addition, some of our alumni also have set startups and have become 'Entrepreneurs'.

Eligibility Criteria

- An undergraduate degree in any discipline, from a recognized institution/university.
- Candidates with prior experience in the development sector would be preferred.

Department of Policy and Management Studies

The primary challenge of the modern human race is to improve well-being across generations, an objective now widely recognized as Sustainable Development. This challenge necessitates numerous interventions concerning each of its components: environmental, social and economic. These interventions range from eradication of hunger and poverty to reduction in inequality; from the provision of quality education, good health, decent work environment, water, sanitation, affordable and clean energy to fostering gender equality; from economic growth to effective institutions; from responsible consumption and production to taking urgent actions to combat climate change.

The Department of Policy and Management Studies (DoPMS) at TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS) aims to contribute to theoretical and empirical enquiry towards informed prescriptions, implementable policies, sustainable

practices and management through research, teaching and training. The continued research in sustainability for the business is also one of the key concerns of the Department.

Faculty of the Department have disciplinary backgrounds in Anthropology, Economics, Population Studies, Sociology, Finance & Accounting, Corporate and Commercial Laws, Public Health, Strategy, Business Sustainability, Circular Economy Finance, Climate Finance, Development Studies and Public Policy. This diversity enables the promotion of multi-disciplinary research and learning at the economy-society-ecology interface. The faculties are engaged in active research in their disciplines as well as within the broad theme of sustainable development. This is reflected in their publications, sponsored projects, consultancies and training programmes and supervised research. The faculty regularly engage with the scientific community through seminars and conferences, participate in different forums as experts or resource persons, and engage with the general public through their lectures, print and digital media.

For getting the detailed insights about the Doctoral programme regulations of the TERI SAS, kindly refer to page no. 56-68 of the student handbook: <https://terisas.ac.in/pdf/student-handbook.pdf>

About TERI School of Advanced Studies

Academic programmes at the TERI SAS are focused around the challenges of providing the advanced studies 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 M.Sc. degree programmes in Environmental Studies and Resource Management, Environmental and Resource Economics, Geoinformatics, Water Science and Governance, Climate Science and Policy, and Biotechnology; MBA in Sustainability Management; and M.Tech. programmes in Renewable Energy Engineering and Management, Water Resources Engineering and Management and Urban Development Management.

The institute offers two M.A. programmes, one in Public Policy and Sustainable Development, and the other in Sustainable Development Practice. TERI SAS is one of a select group of 22 institutions chosen worldwide by the MacArthur Foundation, USA, to run the Sustainable Development Practice programme. The institute 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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Under Section 3 of the UGC Act  
Accredited with  
'A' grade by NAAC



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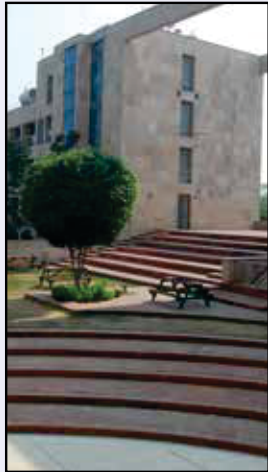
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Of late there has been a growing realization that India should emerge as an economy driven by knowledge. Given the rapid progress that intellectual enterprises are making worldwide, higher education must benefit from a continuous accretion of knowledge 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.



# M.A. (Sustainable Development Practice)

The Master's Programme in Sustainable Development Practice, i.e., M.A. (SDP) seeks to address the critical gap in sustainable development education in the developing regions where such capacity creation is required the most. The programme is designed based up on the recommendation of the global situation analysis of development training, capacity building programmes, undertaken by the International Commission on Education for Sustainable Development Practice.

## Programme Highlights

- Students are taught the latest practices in sustainable development by sector specialists and academicians.
- Pedagogy strongly focusses on problem-based learning, case studies, seminars, and field visits.
- The group practicum summer internship and final various courses, with real-life challenges and enable students to analyse developmental problems holistically.
- Flexibility to opt for electives across departments and programmes depending on the area of interest.
- Students also participate in the 'Global Classroom: Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Development Practice', an interactive course blending online and offline learning led by some of the top experts in the field, globally.

## Programme specific outcome

By the end of M.A. SDP programme, the students:-

- Gain in-depth knowledge of development, theories, approaches and practices
- Learn about the latest practices promoting sustainable development from national and international experts (academicians and practitioners), from partner universities, research institutes and development agencies
- Gain experience in real world problem analysis and problem solving through global classroom, minor and major project
- Develop skills for project design and management, development communication, social research, cross-cultural and intercultural adaptation, entrepreneurial and innovative business development
- Get substantive fieldwork experiences through group practicum for integrating knowledge and skills taught in the course

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### PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



\*All course titles are tentative and subject to approval by the Academic Council, TERI SAS

SEMESTER 1	
Course Title	Credits
Themes and Perspectives on Development	2
Global Classroom: Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Development	2
Current Advances in Environmental Science	3
Principles of Economics	3
Quantitative Approaches and Methods for Development Practice	3
Qualitative Methods for Development Practice	3
Law, Society and Sustainable Development	2

SEMESTER 2	
Integrated Impact Assessment	3
Development Economics	3
Populationand Health: Techniques of Analysis and Policy Perspective	3
Management of Development Organizations	3
Group Practicum: Community Needs Assessment	4
Gender and Development	2
ESG	2
Minor project	2

SEMESTER 3	
Project Design and Management for Sustainable Development Practice	4
Public Health and Development: Issues and Methods	3
Public Policy Processes and Institutions	3

# Programme Structure

M.A. (SDP) is a two-year degree programme that aims to provide graduate-level students with knowledge and skills to better identify and address sustainability challenges, such as poverty, disease, climate change, and ecosystem vulnerability at the local, regional and global levels. The programme has strong practice focus with cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral orientation.

## Electives (Three)

CourseTitle	Credits
Food Security and Agriculture	3
Governance and Management of Natural Resources	3
Urban Development Policies and Programmes	3
Environmental Law and Policy	3
Application of Quantitative Data Analysis in Development Practice	2
Law and Justice in Globalising World	3
Sustainability Reporting	2
Development Theories and Processes	3
Social Entrepreneurship	2
Health Finance	3
Governance and Climate Change	3
Urban Disaster Management and Climate Resilient Cities	2

This is an indicative list. Students can opt for electives, across programmes, based on their area of interest. The details are available on the TERISAS website.

## SEMESTER 4

Final project – 20 weeks	16
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## Global Network of Masters in Development Practice Programme (www.mdpglobal.org)

- BRACInstitute of Governance and Development, BRAC University (Bangladesh)
- Birla Institute of Management Technology (India)
- CATIE (Costa Rica)
- Columbia University (USA)
- Emory University (USA)
- James Cook University (Australia)
- Lund University (Sweden)
- Paris Institute of International Affairs (Sciences Po) France)
- Trinity College Dublinand University College Dublin (Ireland)
- TERISAS (India)
- Tsinghua University (China)
- Universidad de los Andes( Colombia)
- Universidade Federal Ruraldo Riode Janeiro (Brazil)
- Université of Cheikh Anta Diop (Senegal)
- Universiti Sains Malaysia (Malaysia)
- University of Arizona (USA)
- University of Botswana (Botswana)
- University of California, Berkeley (USA)
- University of Florida (USA)
- University of Ibadan (Nigeria)
- University of Minnesota (USA)
- University of Peradeniya (SriLanka)
- University of Waterloo (Canada)
- University of Winnipeg (Canada)

## Field Training Partners

- CARE India
- Foundation for Ecological Security (FES)
- Battighar Foundation
- Sevamandir
- Development Alternatives
- TATA Trust
- Syngenta Foundation
- Gramin Vikas Trust
- Tribal Research & Training Centre
- Selco Foundation
- Pradan
- TERI

