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Master of Development Economics



Postgraduate Studies Unit
Faculty of Commerce and Management
Eastern University, Sri Lanka

MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS (MDE)

Introduction

The Postgraduate Studies Unit of the Faculty of Commerce and Management, Eastern University, Sri Lanka offers one year programme leading to the internationally recognised degree of Master of Development Economics. There is growing need for policy makers, planners, and Managers for development. The changing trends in higher education, skill based employment opportunities and the movement towards knowledge-based economy indicate the need to provide higher learning opportunities to graduates and those who are already in employment. Considering the above, the master of development Economics program prepares graduates to fulfil their expectations by improving their theoretical, research skills for career advancement.

Aims of the Program

The Master of Development Economics aims to:

- (i) Provide an advanced level of training in the techniques of economic analysis.
- (ii) Develop a conceptual framework, skills necessary to analysis the issues of development.
- (iii) Produce experts in development Economics.

At the end of the program students should be able to present a critical overview of the major issues in regional development problems, debates, theories in the field of Development Economics, and to concentrate on the field of development of the region.

Programme of Study

The programme of study is offered by the Faculty of Commerce and Management, Eastern University, Sri Lanka leads to Master of Development Economics. The medium of instruction is Tamil/English and the duration of the programme is one year (12 Months). Lectures and seminars will be held on Saturdays and Sundays. Special seminars and workshop will be organised on weekdays. On successful completion of the program, the student will be awarded the degree of Master of development Economics (MDE).

Entry Criteria:

No person shall, be registered for the programme of study leading to the Master of Development Economics unless she/he

(i) has obtained a First Class or Second Class Honors in the Special Degree in Economics or a related field, from a recognized University in Sri Lanka or equivalent qualification so recognized by the Eastern University.
Or

(ii) has obtained a First Class or Second Class in the General Degree with Economics or related field as a major subject, from a recognized University in Sri Lanka or equivalent qualification so recognized by the Eastern University and one year of work experience in a related field.
Or

(iii) has obtained a Degree with Economics or Related field as a major subject, from a recognized University in Sri Lanka or equivalent qualification so recognized by the Eastern University and two years of work experience in a related field.
Or

- (iv) Postgraduate Diploma in Economics or related field awarded by a recognized University or an equivalent qualification so recognized by the Eastern University
Or
- (v) A Professional qualification that will be recognized on a case basis, by the Eastern University on the recommendation of the Faculty of Commerce and Management as equivalent to the qualifications stipulated above
And
- (vi) a sufficient working knowledge of English and Information Technology
and
- (vii) has been successful at a written entrance examination and or at an interview conducted by the Faculty of Commerce and Management.

(b) Notwithstanding anything mentioned in the preceding paragraphs of this by law, the Senate shall on the recommendation of the Faculty of Commerce and Management have power to vary the admission requirements in a given year.

Selection

The selection procedure includes three steps.

- (i) Screening of information provided in the application.
- (ii) A written examination to test the knowledge of Economics, Mathematics and Proficiency of English.
- (iii) An interview

Registration

Information pertaining to registration will be sent to selected candidates by post. Duly completed registration forms have to be returned before the stipulated date to Director/Postgraduate Studies, Faculty of Commerce and Management, EUSL. Selected candidates may register having paid the prescribed fees. The fees paid for the programme cannot be refunded. The candidature of a student will valid only for (5) academic years from the date of first registration with annual re-registration. No registration shall be renewed after the expiry of five academic years from the first registration. The effective date of registration will be the date of commencement of the course.

Postponement of Registration

Under circumstances acceptable to the Faculty Board of Commerce and Management; Higher Degrees Committee; and Senate, a candidate may, upon request, be granted postponement of studies by a maximum period of one academic year, given that the candidate makes the registration with the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Examination Structure

Credit Composition for Completing Master Degree

The programme will be offered through three Terms (See Appendix 2). The programme has total of 30 credits. 15 hours of lectures will be equal to one credit. To obtain a Master of Development economics, a student is expected to obtain a minimum of total credits of 30. These credits could be obtained with the following structure.

Credit Composition for Completing MDE

| | |
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| Compulsory Courses | 16 credits |
| Individual Research Project | 04 credits |
| Optional Courses | 10 credits |

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| Total | 30 Credits |
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Marks Composition for course

A course unit will be evaluated as follows.

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| Final Examination | = | 60 marks |
| Continuous Assessment | = | 40 marks |
| Total | | 100 marks |

Marks Composition for Continuous assessment

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| Take home assignment | = | 10 mark |
| Term Paper/ Presentation | = | 20 marks |
| Mid semester examination | = | 10 marks |
| Total | = | 40marks |

**Marks Composition for Individual Research project*

The project report will be evaluated as follows.

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| Report writing | = | 80marks |
| Presentation | = | 20 marks |
| Total | = | 100 marks |

*** Minimum requirement is 50% in each component**

Courses for the Programme

| <i>Compulsory Courses</i> | | <i>Credits</i> |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| MDE 600 | Theories of Economic Development | 02 |
| DE 601 | Research Methods | 02 |
| MDE 602 | Contemporary issues in Development | 02 |
| MDE 603 | Globalisation and Economic Development | 02 |
| MDE 604 | Economics of Sustainable Development | 02 |
| MDE 605 | Quantitative Methods for Development Planning | 02 |
| MDE 606 | Development Strategies | 02 |
| MDE 607 | Regional Spatial Development | 02 |
| MDE 608 | Individual Research Project | 04 |
| <i>Optional Courses *</i> | | |
| MDO 609 | Development Management | 02 |
| MDO 610 | Regional Enterprise Development | 02 |
| MDO 611 | Disaster Management | 02 |
| MDO 612 | Project Management | 02 |
| MDO 613 | International Finance and Development | 02 |
| MDO 614 | Global Institutions, Trade and Development | 02 |
| MDO 615 | Public finance and development | 02 |
| MDO 616 | Geographic Information System (GIS) in Development | 02 |

(15 hrs =1 credit)

**Offering Optional Courses is based on the minimum number of students who opt particular Course.*

Teaching Method

Teaching and learning employ an appropriate combination of methods of various department of the university. All staffs involved in the teaching program are available to supervise the individual research project.

Scheme for Grading and Computation of GPA

1. Percentage of marks obtained for each numbered course will be converted into a letter grade on the following basis.
- 2.

| Marks | Grade | Grade Point |
|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 75 - More | A+ | 4.00 |
| 70 - 74 | A | 4.00 |
| 65 - 69 | A- | 3.70 |
| 60 - 64 | B+ | 3.30 |
| 55 - 59 | B | 3.00 |
| 50 - 54 | B- | 2.70 |
| 45 - 49 | C+ | 2.30 |
| 40 - 44 | C | 2.00 |
| 35 - 39 | C- | 1.70 |
| 30 - 34 | D+ | 1.30 |
| 25 - 29 | D | 1.00 |
| 00 - 24 | E | 0.00 |

3. Grades obtained for courses will then be converted into "Grade Points" on the above basis.
4. The number of grade points allotted to a grade should be multiplied by the credit rating of the course for which it was given.
5. The number of grade points obtained for all the courses taken by a student will be divided by the number of credits due for the program as a whole to get the "Graded Point Average" (GPA).

$$GPA = \frac{\sum C_i g_i}{\sum C_i}$$

Determination of results

Pass in a course

To pass in a course the candidate should obtain minimum "B-" grade in each course.

Repeating the Course

A student who has obtained a grade less than **B-** in a course has to repeat the course at the first available opportunity. When awarding the degree, the maximum grade for an examination repeated would be **B-** grade. A student will be allowed only two opportunities to repeat the subject in which, he/she

has secured a grade less than **B-**. Those who fail to sit for an examination on medical ground, are required to submit medical report.

Award of Master degree

The MDE will be awarded to those who successfully completed all requirements of the program including submission of a research report and facing the viva-voce examination. A student who has fulfilled the above requirements is eligible to secure distinction or merit or an ordinary pass depending on his/her overall performance at the examination with in the course duration of one year.

Cut off level of GPA for awarding classes / Passes

| GPA | Award |
|---------------|--------------|
| 4.00 | Distinction |
| 3.30 - < 4.00 | Merit |
| 2.70 - < 3.30 | Pass |
| < 2.70 | Fail |

Effective date of the degree

The effective date of the degree shall be the date of Viva Voce examination of the individual research report.

For More information

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