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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADMISSION TO MASTERS' PROGRAMME YEAR: 2026-2028

**School of Liberal Studies - Constituent School of
Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU)
NAAC accreditation with 'A++' grade**

ADMISSION RULES FOR POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES AT SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES (SLS)

SEEK YOURSELF AT SLS

Brilliant Post Graduate students are a critical part of School of Liberal Studies

At **School of Liberal Studies**, we invite you to rediscover yourself and explore ideas that interest you. Our post graduate courses will give you an amazing university experience which is rooted in a rich academic rigour. You'll have opportunities within and outside of your course that will help you grow academically, personally and professionally. As Teaching and Research go hand in hand, so success is also interdependent on peer learning and experienced faculty mentors. Masters' courses offered at SLS with two years timeframe can be pursued after completing an undergraduate course. The SLS Master's programmes are designed for young under graduates from a wide range of academic and cultural backgrounds, with a clear interest in liberal studies. At SLS, we develop skills, knowledge and experiences that will stretch, challenge and inspire you, and stay with you for your whole life. It strengthens your profile in front of potential employer and gives you opportunity to complete funded research project or pursue your research interest by taking up Ph.D. SLS serves more than 2100+ students over wide range of under graduate and post graduate programmes. We are here to help you from the time you are done with your admission.

FIND THE RIGHT MASTER'S PROGRAMME FOR YOU

Master of Arts (M.A)

- a) Economics
- b) English
- c) Media and Communications
- d) Politics & International Relations
- e) Psychology
- f) Public Policy & Administration



1. About the Master of Arts (M.A.) Programme

M.A – Economics

Department of Economics offers two year Master's programme in Economics. The programme is exceptional for students seeking a full-fledged career in the field of Economics by providing a rich combination of academic and practical applications. For postgraduate economics students, there are several employment options available in the field of research, consulting, international agencies, government agencies, corporates, and non-profit organizations. The two-year Master of Economics programme is spread over four semesters which includes core courses, research dissertations, internships, research paper publication opportunities and elective courses. A student is required to complete a minimum of 80 credits.

The programme focuses on enriching the research and analytical aptitude of students by offering them papers such as Mathematical economics and Advance econometrics along with Statistical Software and databases. Students get acquainted with market and business decisions through courses in corporate finance, financial markets and institutions, entrepreneurship, and behavioural economics. The fundamental theoretical knowledge is intended to be strengthened by studying the papers like microeconomics, macroeconomics, international trade and finance, economics of industrial organization, game theory, geo- political economics, and public economics. Furthermore, the papers like Economics of the Informal Sector, Economics of the Social Sector, Urban Economics, Rural Economics, Environment and Resource Economics, and Economics of the Resource Sector aid in educating students about social and economic issues. In order to disseminate skills-based knowledge the department also regularly organizes seminars, workshops, and symposiums.

M.A – English

Department of Languages, Literature and Aesthetics offers a two-year master's degree programme in English. The programme introduces students to a wide variety of courses with a trans-disciplinary approach. The courses are drawn from a range of historical periods, diverse cultures, texts in translation, and across disciplines such as visual narratives, theatre art, gender, science, philosophy psychoanalysis, and linguistics. The students are required to acquire comprehensive research skills through independent research dissertations under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The programme aims to inculcate analytical and research skills, introduce students to critical approaches, understand the place of literature within local, national and global contexts.



M.A – Media and Communications

The two-year Master of Arts (M.A.) Programme in Media and Communication is a comprehensive course covering all facets of the media and entertainment industry. A learner pursuing the programme gets an exposure to a large bouquet of the discipline, namely, journalism, electronic media production, film-appreciation, public relations and corporate communication, advertising and media management, development communication, visual communication and design, and international communication, to name a few. The programme offers an eclectic mix of theoretical frameworks and industry practices, including those in the media lab on state-of-the-art equipment and software. The fundamental intent of the hands-on approach of the programme is to train enthusiastic media learners keeping in mind the contemporary demands of the M&E industry. The first two semesters aim to orient the learners to the basics of all disciplines that come under the broader purview of media while in the third and the fourth semesters, the learners select their projects and research topics keeping in mind the area(s) in which they plan to build their career. The department is equipped with a modern media lab with the latest gadgets that comprehensively cover videography, editing, sound recording and photography.

M.A – Politics and International Relations

The two-year Post Graduation degree in Politics and International Relations focuses on imparting comprehensive knowledge on International Relations while blending it with vital aspects of Political Science. The curriculum is prepared to train students with the fast-changing developments at the global level, nurture orientations in strategic affairs, and expose students to new horizons in the field of global affairs. The programme focuses on theory, diplomacy, national and global security, political economy, geopolitics, etc. With a custom-designed curriculum structure and internships and publication training, the course intends to prepare students to fit into the contemporary demands of the academic, administrative, corporate, and diplomacy domains.

M.A – Psychology

The two-year Master of Arts (MA) in Psychology at Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU) is designed to provide an application-oriented and future-ready education in psychology. The programme enables students to understand and apply psychological theories to real-life contexts across health, business, society, education, spirituality, and wellbeing.

Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the programme emphasizes flexibility, multidisciplinary learning, research orientation, skill development, and experiential education. Students are trained to critically evaluate contemporary local and global issues using an applied psychological perspective, promoting ethical, analytical, and socially responsible thinking.



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The curriculum focuses on developing professional competencies in areas such as psychological assessment, research methods, and intervention techniques, making students employment-ready at the individual, team, and societal levels. Special emphasis is placed on the construction and standardization of psychological tools, supporting evidence-based practice, sector-specific expertise and research skills.

Teaching pedagogy includes lectures, workshops, laboratory work, field projects, internships, guest lectures, and field visits, ensuring strong integration of theory with practice. In the third and fourth semesters, students complete two independent research dissertations, which are defended before a constituted board, providing in-depth exposure to research, analysis, and academic writing.

Student performance is evaluated through assignments, examinations, internships, and dissertations, ensuring a holistic assessment of knowledge, skills, and professional readiness. This comprehensive and applied approach prepares graduates to pursue careers in academia, healthcare, organizations, social sectors, and research, while contributing meaningfully to societal development in alignment with the vision of PDEU.

M.A - Public Policy & Administration

The relevance of Public Policy & Administration has grown immensely since the inception of human civilization; its role has increased and changed from doer/provider to regulator of services in the present times. With the present and future perspective on demand-driven administrative processes insight, a two-year master's degree Programme in Public Policy & Administration with a focus on Public Policy and Governance is being offered by the School of Liberal Studies, Pandit Deendayal Energy University.

The curriculum of this Master's Programme covers all contemporary and conventional areas of Public Policy & Administration, i.e., theories (traditional to contemporary), Indian administration, internal security, rural development, disaster management, social welfare & accountability, Economic & Financial administration, Public enterprises, Non-profit administration etc. The course is supportive for students aspiring to chart out careers in globally competitive public and private sectors, career planning for various social science research institutes and civil services. Those who desire to pursue higher studies may join research programmes in disciplines such as Public Administration, Local Self- government, Rural Development, Urban Governance & Management, Public Policy, Development Politics, Law & Governance, Sociology, Political Science, etc.

NOTE:

The M.A. Programme is of 90 credits. The 20 (Twenty) papers in four semesters carry 4 (Four) credits, each with 80 credits. In the Third semester, research dissertation carries 5 (Five) credits and in the Fourth semester, student has a choice to undertake dissertation/internship/publish paper in a Scopus-indexed/Web of Science journal and this also carries 5 (Five) credits. Research Dissertation will be defended before the constituted Board. The Dissertation/Internship report/Published Research paper are to be submitted in partial fulfilment of the Master's Degree requirement.

***The courses syllabus is subjected to upgrade based on the recommendations of Board of Studies and Academic Council from time to time.**



2. ADMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS

(2.1) The admission process for Masters programme for the batch of 2026-2028 will be conducted under the direction of the Post Graduation Admissions committee constituted by the University for School of Liberal Studies headed by the Director – SLS.

(2.2) Total Number of Seats for admission in each discipline is limited to **20** (Excluding 30 for Psychology).

(2.3) Statutory Reservation: For applicant from Indian States & UT's:

- Scheduled Tribe (ST) - 7.5%
- Scheduled Caste (SC) - 15 %
- Physically Challenged will be provided 3% reservation in each category

Seats will be filled on the basis of open merit if those reserved for the categories mentioned above remain vacant.

2. ADMISSION PROCESS – ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

(3.1) The Applicant should apply online on the School of Liberal Studies website.

(Please visit SLS website: <https://pdeu.ac.in/school-of-liberal-studies> for application procedure.)

(3.2) Applicants for Master's programmes may apply for maximum up to three programme choices (from the below mentioned), with a disclaimer that the final decision rests with the authorities in case of any discrepancy. If student is not found eligible for the first choice, then he/she may opt for the next. Once a student has taken admission in a programme, change of programme will not be permitted. Programme-wise admission strategy for all MA programmes will be managed centrally for consistency and efficient execution.

M.A – Economics/ M.A.-English/ M.A.-Media and Communications

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(3.3) For the purpose of registration, the applicant shall be required to pay a sum of Rs. 700.00 through Internet Banking/Debit Card/Credit Card towards the Registration Fee. (GPAY/EWALLET)

(3.4) The Application Fee is non-refundable, and no correspondence on this subject will be entertained.

(3.5) An applicant shall be required to upload the colored scan copies of requisite mark sheets, certificates, Letters of Recommendations and testimonials as specified in the Application Form.

(3.6) The application for SLS Post Graduate programme admission will be available online from 20th January 2026.

(3.7) The applicant is requested to produce their 'Admit Card' at the time of the hybrid personal interview, which will be informed timely.

(3.8) The applicants to all programmes under various reserved categories must submit along with the application form the self-attested photocopies of the certificate for verification of reserved category issued by the competent authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

(4.1) Applicant must have a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline recognized by UGC from any College/University in India

(Students from abroad may please contact Office of International Relations (OIR) for their eligibility).
Office of International Relations: 079-23275208/09/88

(4.2) The students expecting their qualifying degree result on/ before 30th September, 2026 can also apply.

(4.3) Students must have passed all relevant papers/examinations at the time of admission.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

(5.1) The applicant must submit a Statement of Purpose (SOP) of approximately 500 words detailing their intent to pursue the Master's Programme at SLS. Upload the word document /PDF of SOP and Letter of Recommendation (LOR) in the application form.



(5.2) Every applicant will have to submit their SOP before appearing for a personal interview (Hybrid), which will be scheduled by panel and admission office to evaluate the applicant's competence in the areas of General Studies, Awareness, Aptitude, and subject specific in Economics/ English / Media and Communications/ Politics and International Relations / Psychology/ Public Policy & Administration.

(5.3) Students awaiting their bachelor's degree mark sheets will be **offered Provisional admission** based on their SOP and performance in the personal interview and subject to their passing the bachelor's degree examination with minimum 50% marks.

(5.4) Personal Interview scheduled Phase wise: *

Phase	Dates	Days	Mode
1	5 th March, 2026	Thursday	Online
	6 th March, 2026	Friday	In Person
2	27 th March, 2026	Friday	Online/ In Person
3	27 th April, 2026	Monday	Online
	28 th April, 2026	Tuesday	In Person
4	13 th May, 2026	Wednesday	Online
	14 th May, 2026	Thursday	In Person
5	29 th June, 2026	Monday	Online
	30 th June, 2026	Tuesday	In Person

**** If all allocated seats are filled, no further rounds or phases of interviews will be conducted for the respective subject. Interview dates are subject to change. In case of any unavoidable circumstances, there may be changes in the Interview dates, days & mode of interview.***

Merit Marks:

Merit Marks shall be the summation of marks obtained in

- i) Graduation Marks
- ii) Statement of Purpose
- iii) Personal Interview
- iv) Letter of Recommendation (LoR) from Faculty/Head of the Department/Principal of College/University



(5.5) Merit List shall be prepared in the descending order of merit marks.

Criteria	Marks
Graduation (Grades/ Marks obtained)	40
Statement of Purpose and LoR	10
Personal Interview (Hybrid Mode)	50
Total	100

5. HYBRID PERSONAL INTERVIEW

(6.1) Hybrid Personal Interview allows applicant to choose between attending the interview in person on campus or participating remotely via video conferencing tools.

(6.2) Applicants are required to scan all their mark sheets, certificates, and letter of recommendations, caste/ any other certificate and submit it online in the application link.

(6.3) PDEU may demand Photostat set of all the original documents at the time of registration. (PDEU does not ask for any of your original documents).

6. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION

(7.1) Based on the aggregate marks secured in “Statement of Purpose and Letter of Recommendation”, “Personal Interview”, & “Graduation mark sheets” the merit list would be prepared and the admission status would be communicated to the applicants via email or the application dashboard online.

(7.2) The students offered admission are required to complete admission formalities within 07 days of the admission offered to secure admission.

(7.3) If a selected applicant fails to secure admission as mentioned above, the admission offer will stand cancelled and the seat falling vacant shall be offered to the next waitlisted applicant.



7. CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION / REFUND OF FEES

(8.1) If an applicant chooses to withdraw from the programme of study in which they have been offered provisional admission or are already enrolled, the concerned applicant must inform the school by sending an email to slsadmission@pdpu.ac.in regarding the cancellation or withdrawal request.

(8.2) Refunds for withdrawal of admission will be processed in accordance with UGC Circular No. F.2-71/2022 (CPP-II), dated 3rd July 2023.

(8.3) The refund of admission fees deposited by applicants shall be carried out strictly as per the UGC notification, as detailed in the table below.

Scenario	Refund Amount
Admission cancellation request received up to 30th September, 2026	Full refund of fees without any deduction
Admission cancellation request received after 30th September, 2026 and up to 31st October, 2026	Deduction of Rs. 1000/- as processing charges
Admission cancellation request received after 31st October, 2026	Only deposits will be refunded

(8.4) For withdrawal of admission and to request a refund, the applicant must submit the original fee receipt, admission letter, a handwritten cancellation application, and a withdrawal request letter duly signed by the applicant and countersigned by a parent or guardian. No other form of communication will be accepted except the hard copy of the cancellation form.

(8.5) If the applicant cancels admission after the commencement of the programme, a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) signed by the respective departmental and sectional heads of the University must also be submitted.



8. FEE STRUCTURE FOR MASTER'S PROGRAMME

(9.1) Fee Structure & Payment Schedule

Particulars	Fees for Student (In Rs.)
First Semester	
Tuition fees (Per semester)	50,000/-
Library deposit (One time-refundable)	3,000/-
Semester Enrolment & Examination fees	5,000/-
Caution money deposit (One time-refundable)	10,000/-
Total Fees (A)	68,000/-
Second Semester	
Tuition fees (Per semester)	50,000/-
Semester Enrolment & Examination fees	5,000/-
Total Fees (B)	55,000/-
Third Semester	
Tuition fees (Per semester)	50,000/-
Semester enrolment fees & Examination fees	5,000/-
Total Fees (C)	55,000/-
Four Semester	
Tuition fees (Per semester)	50,000/-
Semester enrolment fees & Examination fees	5,000/-
Total Fees (D)	55,000/-

Total - A+B+C+D = Rs. 2,33,000/-

* Each Academic Year is divided in two semesters.

*For details of scholarships/financial support available, please see point (10)

(9.2) Hostel and Mess Facilities: (charges will be subject to upward revision for current intake.)

a) Hostel accommodation is available on first come first serve basis, subject to its availability. Preference is given to girl students.

b) To secure the hostel accommodation, following fees are required to be paid. These fees are non-refundable & subject to revision from time to time.



Sr. No.	Occupancy/Sharing	AC Room Charges per Annum
1	Double / Triple	Rs. 1,10,000/-

Hostel Deposit (Refundable): 5,000/-

c) Mess Charges*: Rs. 60,000/- per year for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks as per canteen schedule. This is compulsory for applicants opting for the hostel facility of the University.

d) For day scholars: Rs. 35,500/- per year for breakfast, lunch and snacks as per the canteen schedule. (Monday to Friday)

*** The above-mentioned Hostel Fees / Mess Charges are to be paid through a Demand Draft drawn in favour of 'Pandit Deendayal Energy University', payable at Gandhinagar at the start of the academic year.**

Note:

For hostel facility, contact Mr. Ashutosh Vyas, Amenities building besides SBI bank, PDEU campus.

Email: ashutosh.vyas@spt.pdpu.ac.in

(9.3) Payment Schedule:

- **Payment for Securing Admission:** The applicants who are offered admission can secure the admission only upon payment of the full fees of the first semester.
- **Payment of the remaining charges:** The admitted students are required to pay the mess charges and electricity charges for the first semester before the prescribed date.
- **Semester-wise Payment:** The admitted students are required to pay the fees of every semester one week before the commencement of the respective semester. In case of delay, the penalty will be charged as per the prescribed rules of the school.

(9.4) Modes of Payment:

- **Payment by Demand Draft:** Fees may be paid by demand draft drawn in favour of "Pandit Deendayal Energy University," payable at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- **The said demand draft will be accepted by the Admission Office as per the stipulated schedule**



• **Payment through “Online Payment Gateway”** of which the information will be shared with every applicant offered admission for Master Programme at School of Liberal Studies, PDEU.

• **Branch: Gandhinagar.**

Students are required to send fee payment receipt slip of the bank in scan copy to slsadmission@pdpu.ac.in & student.accountsupport@pdpu.ac.in before the last date.

***Note:**

The University and its Schools do not accept any cash payment for securing admission.

9. SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES - MASTER'S PROGRAMME

SLS - 2026

(10.1) There are three Scholarship Schemes applicable for the students' securing admissions in Master's Programme for Academic Year 2026.

1. **The In-house Scholarship Scheme** for the graduate students from PDEU.
2. **The Merit cum Means Scholarship Scheme** for graduates from other institutions.
3. **Defence / CAPF Persons Scholarship**

(10.2) Eligibility criteria for the award of In-house scholarship scheme in First Semester: Available to all the graduates from PDEU in the first semester of Master's Programme.

Minimum CPI of 7.0 in under graduate course.

Performance of applicant in personal interview round.

(10.3) Eligibility criteria for In-House scholarship scheme from the second semester onwards:

To have earned **Minimum SPI of 7.0** in Second Semester (Master's Programme), and also of 7.0 SPI in every subsequent semester of Master's Programme.



(10.4) To have passed every semester examination at the first attempt besides regular attendance, disciplined and exemplary behaviour and compliance with all other norms, as prescribed by the University from time to time.

(10.5) In case of a **tie** between two students the amount of **scholarship will be equally divided**.

(10.6) An applicant once ineligible in any semester won't be eligible to re-apply for scholarships.

(10.7) The students availing the benefit of scholarship are required to work as Teaching Assistant for **10 hours per week** with the Department/Faculties during the period of scholarship.

(10.8) To continue availing the scholarship scheme in second and onward semesters' the student fresh applications will be invited from all students and then subject to their eligibility, the scholarship will be offered to the students in Merit subject to the norms.

(10.9) Merit cum Means Scholarship Scheme: The basic eligibility criteria is the Total Annual Income (from all Sources) of the student's parents should **not be exceeding Rs. 10.00 Lacs**.

(10.10) Two meritorious students from each stream/subject of Master's Programme are eligible for this scholarship per semester. An applicant once ineligible in any semester won't be eligible to re-apply for scholarships. No new applicant shall be allowed in between any of the program.

(10.11) Eligibility criteria for the award Merit cum Means Scholarship Scheme in First Semester:

Fifty (50%) of the marks secured in graduation examination and Eighty (80 %) of the marks obtained in entrance examination (Online/Offline). Subjected to minimum of 65% marks (overall) would be considered for the scholarship in the first semester.

(10.12) Eligibility criteria for the award of merit cum means scholarship scheme from the second semester onwards: To become eligible for the continuance of the scholarship in subsequent semesters, the students are requiring to have earned Minimum SPI of 7.0 in the 1st Semester, and also of 7.0 SPI in every subsequent semester.



(10.13) To have passed every semester examination at the first attempt besides regular attendance, disciplined and exemplary behaviour and compliance with all other norms, as prescribed by the University from time to time.

(10.14) In case of a **tie** between two students the amount of **scholarship will be equally divided**.

(10.15) An applicant once ineligible in any semester won't be eligible to re-apply for scholarships.

(10.16) No new applicant is eligible for the scholarship in between of the Master's Programme 2026 - 2028.

(10.17) The students availing the benefit of scholarship are required to work as Teaching Assistant for **10 hours per week** with the Department/Faculties during the period of scholarship.

(10.18) To continue availing the scholarship scheme in second and onward semesters' the student has to apply along with the result of the previous semester in a prescribed form wherein authentic information about the parents' income and other relevant information shall have to be furnished.

(10.19) Defence / CAPF Persons Scholarship: 50% of waiver of tuition fees to Defence / CAPF persons taking admission in Masters programme.

10. INTERPRETATIONS AND CHANGE OF ADMISSION RULES

In the matter of interpretation of Admission Policies and Procedures, grant and withdrawal of admission, the decision of the Admission Committee shall be final and binding on the applicants. The Admission Committee is authorized to resolve issues that are not covered in the Admission Policies and Procedures mentioned above, on the merit of the cases, and implement the same.



11. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

(12.1) All communications by the School of Liberal Studies for the admission process will be made through SLS website <https://pdeu.ac.in/school-of-liberal-studies>. Applicants are strongly recommended to access the school's website on regular basis for admission updates.

(12.2) The Admission Committee has the right to cancel any admission.

(12.3) The Admission Committee has the right to cancel any admission given to the student, if the information produced by applicant to be found incorrect/ insufficient.

(12.4) On admission, the applicant will have to produce his original documents for verification and a set of self-attested photocopies of the same.

(12.5) Syllabus is subject to change as per the university rules and regulation if any.

12. WARNING AGAINST RAGGING

Ragging is completely banned at the University. As directed by the UGC, under the Supreme Court's instructions, students are prohibited from indulging in any kind of ragging inside and outside the University campus. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the University is authorized to take very strict actions against the students indulging in Ragging; including expulsion from the University. The students shall have to submit an undertaking in the prescribed proforma along with the signature of their parent/guardian to the effect that they are aware of the severity of the offences related to the Ragging.

13. CONDITION PRECEDENT

The above procedure is subject to modification whenever found necessary by the University. If a dispute arises regarding any of the above provisions, the decision of the Director General of the University shall be final and binding to all.



14. JURISDICTION

The above-referred Admission Rules and Procedure are subject to the jurisdiction of the Hon'ble Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad

15. IMPORTANT DATES

Particulars	Timelines
Online admission forms available from	3 rd February 2026
1 st Phase of personal interviews for the applicants	5 th - 6 th March 2026
2 nd phase of personal interviews for the applicants	27 th March 2026
3 rd phase of personal interviews for the applicants	27 th - 28 th April 2026
4 th phase of personal interviews for the applicants	13 th -14 th May 2026
Last date to submit the admission forms	26 th June, 2026
5 th phase of personal interviews for the applicants	29 th - 30 th June 2026
Enrollment/ Document Verification/ Induction	20 th July 2026
Commencement of Academic Session	21 st July 2026 (Tentative)
<i>*Subject to change as per Academic Calendar</i>	

Note:

- Upon completion of the interview, results will be declared within two days (for each phase).
- Applicants who are offered provisional admission must secure their seat by making the full fee payment within seven days of the result declaration.