



Resource Persons

Highly specialized and experienced faculties are pulled from a large pool of resource persons to teach the specialized courses in addition to the core faculty of the DPS.

Class Schedule

Classes are held during the weekends with the following schedule:

Friday: From 3:00 pm to 6:15 pm (2 classes, each of which is of 1.5 hours duration, with a 15 minutes break in between).

Saturday: From 9:30 am to 3:30 pm (3 classes, each of which is of 1.5 hours duration, with a 15 minutes break in between classes and 1.15 hours for lunch and prayer).

Evaluation

Performance of a student is evaluated through a combination of assignments, presentations and comprehensive assessment. The distribution of marks for the evaluation of individual courses is as under:

- Class Attendance - 30%
- Class Participation - 30%
- Written Assignment & Presentation - 40%

Written comprehensive assessment will be evaluated through a written examination on all courses.

Distinctions and Awards

Two distinctions are awarded to the best performance.

- One on the essay
- One of the comprehensive assessment

Top five students are awarded an admission test waiver to get admitted into the MPS Professional Degree Program.

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Diploma in Population Sciences



Department of Population Sciences
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Emergence of the Department of Population Sciences

The Department of Population Sciences (DPS) was established, in cooperation with UNFPA, at the University of Dhaka in 1998 under the Faculty of Social Sciences, with a view to create a cadre of trained person-power for the nation by developing skills and creative judgements in individuals for understanding and effective management of population issues through a multidisciplinary approach.

In the year 2000, the DPS introduced a multi-disciplinary two-year professional post-graduate degree program, called Master of Population Sciences (MPS) Professional Degree Program, divided into four semesters. The MPS is a modular Program which is designed on a credit-based semester system, the first of its kind in Bangladesh. Recently the MPS Program has been revised and the current duration of MPS Program is 18 months.

Demand for a Short Certificate Course

Since the MPS Program follows a rigorous and competitive selection procedure for students' intake and takes 1.5 years to complete, a large number of professional, especially from different ministries/divisions/departments/NGOs, have expressed their interests for a condensed course on population issues so that they can gain knowledge on their areas of concentration in a shorter period of time.

The demand for a short course in this area is growing and the existing response is inadequate. At the same time, it can not be sustained through reliance on the overseas training. To cater the need, the Department of Population Sciences, in cooperation with UNFPA, has introduced a certificate course on population, reproductive health, gender and other related areas for GO & NGO officials. One Diploma Program is offered every year.

Diploma in Population Sciences

The name of the short certificate course is "Diploma in Population Sciences". The program is designed to provide

- a basic understanding of the population dynamics and the interrelationship between population and different development issues
- a participatory & activity based teaching by national experts in the respective fields

A maximum of 35 students are enrolled in each batch

- 10 from Government Agencies, and
- 25 from NGOs, Corporate Sectors, Research Organizations, and Individuals

The duration of this Diploma Program is of 3 months, which includes

- 108 hours of class teaching spreading over 10 weeks time period, and
- 2 weeks for presentation, comprehensive assessment and graduation

Application Procedure

Applications are invited through newspaper advertisement and official circulation. Application forms are available at the office of the department.

Eligibility for Admission

Applicants must have a graduation degree from recognized universities/institutions. However, candidates with professional work experience in the area of population, reproductive health, gender, and other related areas will be given preference.

Selection of the Applicants

Applicants from the Government Agencies will be nominated by their offices. Applicants from the NGOs, Corporate Sectors, Research Organizations, and Individuals will be selected by the Academic Committee of the Department.

Admission Fees

Taka 35,000.00 (thirty five thousands) are charged as admission fees for the diploma program, payable to the Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka. The fees include registration, tuition, course materials, food, tea and other logistic support. Accommodation, travel, typing, Stationeries, and other personal expenses will be covered by the students.

Course of Study

The Diploma in Population Sciences includes

- 3 full unit courses (each of which is of 100 marks)
- a written comprehensive assessment of 100 marks

This total of 400 marks are translated into 12 credit hours, which are equally distributed among the following 4 courses

- DPS 101: Population: Basic Issues & Techniques
- DPS 102: Policies and Programs in Reproductive Health
- DPS 103: Population & Development: Issues and Challenges
- DPS 104: Written Comprehensive Assessment

Issues to be covered in different courses are presented below:

DPS 101: Population: Basic Issues & Techniques

- Trend and Patterns of Population Growth
- Sources of Demographic Data
- Demographic Transition
- Basic Demographic Concepts, Measures and Techniques
- Utilization of Health Data and Service Statistics
- Use of Data for Decision Making at Local Level

DPS 102: Policies and Programs in Reproductive Health

- Policies, Strategies & Management (Population & Health Policies, HPNSDP, PRS, MDGs, ARH, etc)
- Family Planning & Maternal Health
- Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights
- Adolescents & Youth
- Nutrition
- HIV/AIDS & STDs/STIs

DPS 103: Population & Development: Issues and Challenges

- Population, Poverty and Equity
- Gender and Women Empowerment
- Migration and Urbanization
- Population Aging and its Implications
- Population, Resources and Environment
- Population-Education Nexus

For each of the courses, except for the written comprehensive assessment, there will be a total of 36 hours learning time.

- 25 hours of class teaching
- 11 hours of home assignments and presentation, and
- an essay/report writing on a specific topic