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LUMBINI BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY
School of Development Studies & Applied Sciences

MASTER IN AGRO-FORESTRY (MAF)
MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MDS)
MASTER IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (MES)

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The School of Development Studies & Applied Sciences (SDSAS) was established in accordance to the Article 9D of the Lumbini Buddhist University (LBU) Act 2006 and by the decision of the LBU's XI Senate Meeting held on August 14, 2019 in Lumbini. It aims to promoting teaching and learning of development studies & applied sciences by integrating the conceptual and practical applications of Buddhist philosophy, knowledge and education for inspiring *Tapovana*, ethical society, sustainable development and nature conservation. The Senate also decided to offer three master level programs under the School, namely a) Master in Agroforestry (MAF), b) Master in Development Studies (MDS), and c) Master in Environmental Studies (MES).

1.2 Goals

MAF: focus on the development of economically viable *tapovana* (meditation grove) in line with Buddhist philosophy and the universal goals of sustainable development.

MDS: focus on sustainable development in line with the Buddhist concepts of *Sheela sampanna sangha* and shared prosperity with *maitri* (amity), *karuna* (compassion) and *mudita* (joy).

MES: focus on development and conservation of natural environment suitable for the birthplace of Shakyamuni Buddha and sustainable development.

1.3 Objective

An objective of all the three programs is to prepare the learner (student) equipped with knowledge, skill and attitude for independently conceptualizing, planning, implementing and evaluating the respective fields of agroforestry/development/environment programs/projects through integration of the Buddhist philosophy and the contemporary applied sciences along with innovative ideas for bringing positive changes in the livelihood of the people.

1.4 Approach

As outlined in the Preamble of its Act, LBU should "... operate high standard educational institutions on Buddhist Philosophy, Literature, Education, Culture and other subjects; to conduct study, teaching and research programs by promoting peace, fellowship, friendship or goodwill upon accepting the teachings of Lord Buddha as guiding principles of world peace..."

Similarly, a decision made in the 11th Senate held on August 14, 2019 stated that LBU should "... compulsorily incorporate Buddhist philosophy, literature, education and culture in every subject without compromising on the standards of pedagogy and evaluation system of the programs approved by the academic councils ..."

1.5 Outcome

The learners who would successfully complete the MAF/MDS/MES program would be competitively instrumental in the respective organizations at the government, nongovernment or community from the grass-root through the policy-making levels.

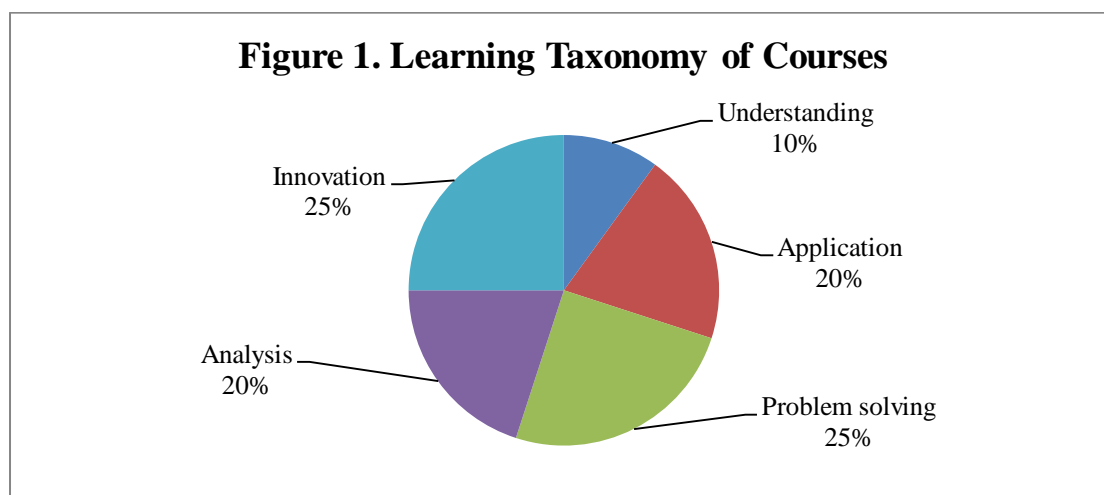
2. Courses

2.1 Credits

The MAF/MDS/MES program offers 60 credits in accordance to the qualification framework for master level programs as outlined by the University Grants Commission (UGC) (**Tables 1, 2 and 3**, HEQFDT, 2016:8). The thesis work carries 12 credits, and will be initiated in the third semester. The remaining 16 courses carry 3 credits each. In the case of experiential courses namely Monastic Experience, Farm Experience and Outreach Program, the 21 days of field experiences qualify for 3 credits on the basis of UGC's definitions of credit hours (HEQFDT, 2016:9) (**Annex 1**).

2.2 Learning Domains and Taxonomy

The course objectives will be formulated on the basis of the learning domains and taxonomy as well as classifications of the Buddhist pedagogy (**Figure 1**). There are three practical courses that expose the learners to the real life situations while studying the program.



2.3 Inter-Program Courses

In addition to the courses offered in the MAF program, a learner may opt for additional courses that are offered in LBU's other master programs. Upon the approval of a supervising professor, a learner may extend the timeframe for completing those course(s) by up to two additional semesters.

2.4 Course Structure

The course structures of the programs are given in the following tables:

2.4.1 Master in Agroforestry

Table 1. Course Structure by Semesters Master in Agroforestry

Semester	Course	Taxonomy
First	AGFR 510 Basics of Agroforestry	Understanding
	AGFR 511 Monastic Experiences	Problem solving
	AGFR 512 Agroforestry for Sustainable Development	Understanding
	AGFR 513 Buddhism and Natural Resource Management	Understanding
	AGFR 514 Home/School Gardening	Application
	AGFR 515 Research Methodology in Agroforestry	Problem solving
Second	AGFR 551 Agroforestry Farm Experience	Problem solving

Table 1. Course Structure by Semesters Master in Agroforestry

Semester	Course	Taxonomy
	AGFR 552 Geographical Information System	Problem solving
	AGFR 553 Agroforestry Plan and Policy	Analysis
	AGFR 554 Agroforestry Extension Education	Application
	AGFR 555 Urban Forestry	Application
Third	AGFR 611 Outreach Program	Problem solving
	AGFR 612 Integrated Pest Management	Analysis
	AGFR 613 Herbal Farming	Application
	AGFR 614 Agroforestry Products & Markets	Analysis
	AGFR 615 Agroforestry Cooperatives	Innovation
Fourth	AGFR 651 World Trade in Agroforestry	Analysis
	AGFR 652 Thesis	Innovation

2.4.2 Master in Development Studies

Table 2. Course Structure by Semesters Master in Development Studies

Semester	Course	Taxonomy
First	DEVS 510 Basics of Economics	Understanding
	DEVS 511 Monastic Experience	Problem solving
	DEVS 512 Buddhist Perspectives of Development	Understanding
	DEVS 513 Development Theories and Contemporary Issues	Understanding
	DEVS 514 Poverty and Inequality	Analysis
	DEVS 515 Research Methodology	Analysis
Second	DEVS 551 Development Field Experience	Problem solving
	DEVS 552 Development Communication	Application
	DEVS 553 Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)	Analysis
	DEVS 554 Conflict Management	Analysis
	DEVS 555 Development Project Management	Application
Third	DEVS 611 Outreach Program	Problem solving
	DEVS 612 Governance and Role of the State	Analysis
	DEVS 613 Globalization, Value Chains and Trade	Analysis
	DEVS 614 Entrepreneurship Development	Innovation
	DEVS 615 Development Planning	Application
Fourth	DEVS 651 International Cooperation	Analysis
	DEVS 652 Thesis	Innovation

2.4.3 Master in Environmental Studies

Table 3. Course Structure by Semesters Master in Environmental Studies

Semester	Title	Taxonomy
First	ENVT 510 Basics of Environmental Science	Understanding
	ENVT 511 Monastic Experience in Conservation	Problem solving
	ENVT 512 Buddhist Perspectives of Environment	Understanding
	ENVT 513 Ecosystem Services	Understanding
	ENVT 514 Environmental Perspectives of Sustainable Development	Understanding
	ENVT 515 Research Methodology in Environmental Fields	Problem solving

Table 3. Course Structure by Semesters Master in Environmental Studies

Semester	Title	Taxonomy
Second	ENVT 551 Environment Field Experience	Problem solving
	ENVT 552 Geographical Information System	Problem solving
	ENVT 553 Payment for Ecosystem Services	Analysis
	ENVT 554 Environment Education	Application
	ENVT 555 Natural Disasters	Application
Third	ENVT 611 Outreach Program	Problem solving
	ENVT 612 Environmental Policy	Analysis
	ENVT 613 Environmental Planning	Application
	ENVT 614 Environmental Assessment (EA)	Analysis
	ENVT 615 Green Technology	Innovation
Fourth	ENVT 651 Globalization and Environment	Analysis
	ENVT 652 Thesis	Innovation

Annex 1. Definitions of Credit Hour

Types of Study (One credit hour equivalent)	Engaged Learning Hours (minimum)	Independent Learning Hours of Students (minimum)	Total Hours
1. Lecture hour	15	30	45
2. Hours of lab studies	45	30	75
3. Hours of field studies	45	30	75
4. Hours of clinical studies	45	30	75
5. Hours of industrial training	90	30	120
6. Hours of self-study or online study or distance study	-	45	45

Source:

HEQFDT, 2016. Higher Education Qualification Framework Nepal. Bhaktapur: Higher Education Qualification Framework Drafting Taskforce (HEQFDT), University Grant Commission, Nepal (p 9)

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School of Development Studies & Applied Sciences
Procedure of Application and Admission 2022

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Background

Lumbini Buddhist University calls for application for admission in the Master Programs in School of Development Studies & Applied Sciences for the academic year 2022.

This document introduces the applicant about the details of application procedure, entrance test and admission thereafter.

An application form is available online and in pdf format in the university website (www.lbu.edu.np).

Before filling up the application form, it is advisable to refer to the [program information pack](#) for gathering basic information about the intended programs and make sure the requirements are fulfilled.

Fees Structure

Payable to University

(Amount in Nepalese Rupees)

SN	Particulars	1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester	
1	Entrance Fee	2,500	0	0	0	
2	LBU Registration	5,000	0	0	0	
3	Tuition fee per Month	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	
4	ID card	500	0	0	0	
5	Game and Sports	*	*	*	*	
6	Library fee	4,000	0	0	0	
7	Library Card	500	0	0	0	
8	Laboratory Fee	*	*	*	*	
9	Library Deposit	5,000	0	0	0	
10	Examination Mid Term	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
11	Examination Semester End	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
12	College Development Fund	1,000	0	0	0	
13	Student Welfare	5,000	0	0	0	
14	Security Deposit	5,000	0	0	0	
15	Thesis	0	0	0	15,000	
16	Seminar	*	*	*	*	
17	Field Visit	*	*	*	*	
18	Publication	*	*	*	*	
	Sub Total	44,500	16,000	16,000	31,000	
	Five Months Fee	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	
	Payment per Student at Semester End	107,000	78,500	78,500	93,500	
Installments of Payment						
	At the time of Admission	53,500	39,250	39,250	46,750	
	At the time of Final Examination	53,500	39,250	39,250	46,750	
Total Payment Students in 2 Years					357,500	
Fees for International Students						
	Fee for SAARC Students					536,250
	Fee for International Students					715,000

Note: * Will be decided later.

Other expenses (monthly)

The following information applies to the normal living conditions in and around Lumbini and Devdaha, and may vary according to the specific needs of the learners.

- Living expenses (per month)
 - Accommodation Rs5,000/-
 - Food Rs15,000/-

LBU suggests to buy Insurance policy by the learners that may be around Rs3,000/- in general.

Requirements:

Academics

1. Bachelor or equivalent with minimum CGPA 2.5 or 50% in aggregate
2. Background eligibility
 - a) For Master in Agroforestry (MAF): Agriculture or Forestry or Science
 - b) For Master in Development Studies (MDS): Humanities or Management or Science
 - c) For Master in Environmental Studies (MES): Law or Humanities or Science

Language

English language proficiency (especially for foreign students), either of the followings:

- Letter of recommendation on English as a medium of instruction at the Bachelor level
- Certificate of international English language proficiency tests.

Digital skills

Candidates are expected to have skills in general computer applications such as word-processing, spreadsheets, presentations and communications (e.g. email, online sessions etc).

Application

Filling up Application Form

[Application form](#) can be filled up as follows:

- A. pdf form
 - a. download pdf application form from the website
 - b. fill up personal and academic information completely
 - c. paste your photograph
 - d. scan and post as attachment to the university email
- B. online form
 - a. Fill the online application form available at **website**.
 - b. Register with your name, email and password
 - c. Confirmation link and confirmation code will be sent to the applicant by email.
 - d. Be sure to click on the confirmation link and enter the confirmation code for online application.
 - e. Use the login credentials provided to log into the online application system.
 - f. Follow the following step for online application:
 - Fill up the personal and academic information.
 - Select the program of your choice.
 - Upload your recent passport size photograph. Requirements for a valid photograph are explained in appendix A1.

- Upload required documents. Requirements for the document format are explained in appendix A2.
- g. Information filled in earlier sections be saved and edited later. However, once the candidate uploads the documents, the payment evidence and submits the form, he/she will not be able to make any changes. Forms will be submitted once information is filled and **declaration is checked**.
- h. In case of confusion or inability to complete online form, e-mail your queries to admission@lbu.edu.np . Note that it may take several hours and even days to get reply due to huge amount of queries we receive.

Be sure to submit the completed online application form along with necessary documents and fees before the deadline.

Application (Entrance) fee

Pay the required application processing (entrance) fee (**non-refundable**) of **NRs.2,500/-** (Nepalese Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundreds Only) within the specified time.

Application processing fee can be paid through following means:

- a. At the bank:
 - Bank Name:
 - Account Name: Lumbini Buddhist University
 - Account Number:

- b. digital payment (information to be included)

Documents to be submitted

1. Application Letter with Statement of Intent
2. Completed Application Form
3. Bank voucher / transaction code as evidence of application fee payment
4. Passport-size Photo (3 copies)
5. Attested copy of Mark Sheet/Transcript (Higher Secondary/Grade XII)
6. Attested copy of Character Certificate (Higher Secondary/Grade XII)
7. Attested copy of Mark Sheet /Transcript (Bachelor level)
8. Attested copy of Character Certificate (Bachelor level)
9. Language proficiency document
10. Attested copy of Citizenship (*Passport copy for foreign students*)

Application Deadline

2078 Magh 17 Monday (January 31, 2022)

After Application

Wait for your entrance test (interview) schedule to be available.

Entrance test

Upon submission of a completed application form, you will be notified of the entrance test (interview) schedule (date, time and mode).

Due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation, the entrance test will be conducted in a video interview by a panel of experts and university representatives.

Test schedule will be made available through email/phone message.

Appear in the entrance test (interview) in your scheduled date and time. Note that you must appear at the test in your scheduled date and time. There will be no rescheduling of the test date or time.

The interview questions will be **generally based on your** Statement of Intent, bachelor degrees, and work experience.

Admission

Upon completion of the entrance test (interview), admission offer list will be published on merit basis of 100 marks.

The list will be published in the university website and notice boards.

Merit list will be published on the following criteria:

Criteria	Score	Remarks
1. grades of bachelor program	50	CGPA2.5 to 2.9: 25 to 35 CGPA3.0 to 3.4: 36 to 40 CGPA3.5 and above: 41 and above
2. experience	15	@ score 2 per year (maximum 15 score)
3. entrance test (interview)	35	Clarity on the career goal: 15 Language: 10 Mindfulness: 10 Aggregate of scores given by the panelists

Admission will be offered to other students on merit basis through second and third merit lists if the seat remains unfilled from the first merit list.

Other details of admission process and schedules will be as decided by the committee.

Visa

For the international students, LBU will recommend for processing students visas application upon admission to the program.

Scholarship

There are provisions of scholarships in accordance to the policies of the Government of Nepal and the Lumbini Buddhist University.

More specifically the policies include:

- available for bonafide students (duly registered and all dues cleared)
- generally applicable to the Tuition Fees
- In the case of corporate scholarships, the terms & conditions will be as per the policies of the University and the respective donor.

By the courtesy of municipalities, scholarships are also available for the Nepalese students. Applicants may contact their respective municipality offices.

COVID-19 Pandemic Situation

Special consideration during COVID-19 situation, the sessions will be conducted online in the academic year 2022.

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Appendix:

A1. Photograph Requirements:

- Photograph must be in color.
- Photograph must be a recent photo of the candidate.
- Face must be clearly visible with plain background.
- At least 50-60 % of image must be covered with face.
- Size of the photo must not be larger than 500 KB.

NOTE: The entrance and admission committee reserves the right to reject any candidate in case the photo submitted is very old and/or does not resemble to the candidate's present appearance.

A2. Format of Documents to be uploaded:

- All the documents must be merged into a single document.
- The scanned document must be clear and readable.
- All portion of the document must be clearly visible.
- The size of each document must not be larger than 500 KB.
- Document must match with the details submitted during the filling of the admission form.
- The documents submitted with the application form must be produced in original during admission, if admission is offered.

NOTE: The entrance and admission committee reserves the right to reject any candidate in case the copy of document submitted and the original does not match. The candidate may also be rejected if a major discrepancy is identified between the details filled in the form and the documents submitted/original produced.



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APPLICATION FORM

Academic Year 2022

Serial Number:

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Name of Applicant:

First Name
Middle Name
Last Name

Number your priority as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Program	Priority
Master in Agroforestry (MAF)	
Master in Development Studies (MDS)	
Master in Environmental Studies (MES)	

General Instructions to the Applicant

1. Complete the application form as presented in the four pages.
2. Attach certified copies of original transcripts (high school onwards) along with the filled up application form.
3. Submit an application letter explaining the statement of intent why you want to join the program.
4. Submit this application with a non-refundable entrance fee of Rupees Two thousand and five hundred only (Rs. 2,500/-).

Correspondence

All correspondence relating to admissions should be addressed to:

Dean

School of Development Studies & Applied Sciences

Lumbini Buddhist University

Document Submission Checklist (To be submitted along with the form)

S.N.	Documents	Tick	Remarks
1	Application Letter with Statement of Intent		
2	Completed Application Form		
3	Bank voucher / transaction code as evidence of application fee payment		
4	Passport-size Photo (3 copies)		
5	Attested copy of Mark Sheet/Transcript (Higher Secondary/Grade XII)		
6	Attested copy of Character Certificate (Higher Secondary/Grade XII)		
7	Attested copy of Mark Sheet /Transcript (Bachelor level)		
8	Attested copy of Character Certificate (Bachelor level)		
9	Language proficiency document		
10	Attested copy of Citizenship (<i>Passport copy for foreign students</i>)		

LUMBINI BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES & APPLIED SCIENCES

Passport
size
Photograph

APPLICATION FORM

1. I hereby apply for admissions to the Master in
(Program Name)

offered by the LBU School of Development Studies & Applied Sciences, and shall comply with all regulations, conditions and rules of the University.

2. Personal Details (use BLOCK LETTERS)

2.1 Name of Applicant:

First Name	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Middle Name	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Last Name	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

2.2 Date of Birth:

AD	BS	Nationality
	date	month	year			date	month		Year								

2.3 Sex Male Female Others

2.4 Mobile No: Email:

2.5 Address:

Correspondence:	Permanent:
House Number	House Number
Street	Street
Ward	Ward
Municipality	Municipality
District	District
Province	Province
Country	Country

2.6 Contact person (in the case of emergency)

First Name:	Address:
Middle Name:	House Number
Last Name:	Street
Relation:	Ward
Phone Landline:	Municipality
Mobile:	District
Email:	Province
	Country

3. Education (in chronological order the schools/colleges attended)

School/College	Board	Major Subjects	Degree Earned	Percentage or CGPA	Dates Attended

4. References (Teacher or Supervisor)

Title (Dr/Mr/Ms):	Title (Dr/Mr/Ms):
First Name:	First Name:
Middle Name:	Middle Name:
Last Name:	Last Name:
Designation:	Designation:
Organization:	Organization:
Phone Landline:	Phone Landline:
Mobile:	Mobile:
Email:	Email:

5. Only for foreign students

Country of citizenship:	Type of visa:
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Local contact person:

First Name:	Address:
Middle Name:	House Number
Last Name:	Street
Relation:	Ward
Phone Landline:	Municipality
Mobile:	District
Email:	Province
	Country

I hereby certify that the information given above is complete and accurate.

... ..
Signature

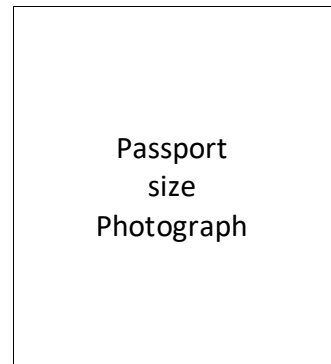
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SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES & APPLIED SCIENCES
LBU Graduate Entrance Test (LGET)
IDENTITY CARD



Program applied for Master in
(Program Name)

Name of Applicant:

First Name	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Middle Name	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Last Name	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

Date of Birth:

AD	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	BS	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	Nationality
	date	month	year			date	month	Year										

Sex Male Female Others

Mobile No: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] Email:

Applicant's signature:



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