



Azim Premji
University

MASTER OF ARTS IN Development

📍 Bengaluru | 🎓 Full-time





Why Development?

At Azim Premji University, we envision a world that is equitable, just, humane and sustainable. We view 'development' as a process as much as an outcome. We realise that achieving such an aim requires engagement with the market, state, and community-based institutions to find inclusive pathways and overcome hurdles, especially for those whose voices are not heard.



Why study at Azim Premji University?



Combine learning from theory and practice



Collaborative learning environment



Vibrant campus life



Diverse and inclusive community



Student support systems at various levels



What is unique about M.A. Development programme?

The programme merges social work's field focus with Development Studies's interdisciplinary and theoretical approach towards understanding development realities. The courses in the programme provide a rigorous disciplinary grounding in the epistemologies and methods of social sciences, and the mandatory set of field practice components offers robust exposure to experiential learning on the ground.

The programme consciously adopts a normative compass in approaching the development question itself.



The programme enables students to:

- Develop a historically and socially grounded understanding of India's development journey through multiple lenses
- Analyse the different approaches and modalities of development action by various actors (state, market, civil society, community)
- Conceptualise possibilities for constructive action grounded in ethical sensibilities
- Apply relevant competencies to address current and emerging development challenges in India

Eligibility Criteria

A Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognised university in India or abroad. Bachelor's students appearing for final exams can apply if they complete their graduation before the commencement of the academic programme. The offer of provisional admission will be valid only on successful completion of undergraduate studies.

Selection Process

- National Entrance Test (assessing general reasoning, reading and writing capabilities)
- Personal Interview with programme faculty for shortlisted candidates

Fee and Financial Aid

Full or partial scholarships are available for students with an annual family income of less than ₹7 lakhs, covering tuition and accommodation. Candidates joining us with three years of work experience after graduation are eligible for a 50% waiver on tuition fees.



Programme Structure



Year 1 Mandatory Core Courses

- Economy and Development: The Indian Experience
- Sociology of Modern India
- State and Governance in India
- Evidence and Ethics for Development Action
- Methods for Social Research and Action
- Social Interventions
- Theories and Histories of Development
- Environmental Perspectives for Development
- Understanding Development Realities through Data
- Project Management for Development Interventions



Year 2 Electives

Students select from eight electives out of 50+ courses usually on offer in the following areas:

- Gender
- Livelihood
- Health and Nutrition
- Public Health
- Environment
- Sustainability

Field Practice

Field Practice is an integral part of the M.A. Development programme. It complements learning in the classroom and offers opportunities for experiencing diverse kinds of development action spaces as sites of knowledge, learning and experience. Field engagements help students gain practical experience, confidence, and the capacity to conceptualise new interventions based on their own ideas.



Careers and Placements

Many of our alumni hold senior and managerial positions in social sector organisations. Many have started their own social enterprises or non-profit organisations, and many have earned PhDs. Over 80 organisations participate in the campus placements annually. These range from large philanthropic foundations, small grassroots organisations, research and advocacy institutions, CSR organisations, and quasi-government bodies.

Where can you work after graduating?

- NGOs and voluntary organisations
- Social enterprises, producer collectives, FPOs
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and philanthropic foundations
- Research and Advocacy organisations, Think Tanks
- Government bodies

Alumni Speak:



"Specialisation in Livelihood was one of the best decisions I made while at Azim Premji University. The M.A. Development programme's wide variety of courses and motivation from faculty and peers helped me get clear insights about the social sector in terms of Concepts, Purpose and Practices."

Satendrasingh Lilhare,
Founder BastaR se BazaaR tak, Chhattisgarh
(M.A. Development | 2014-2016)



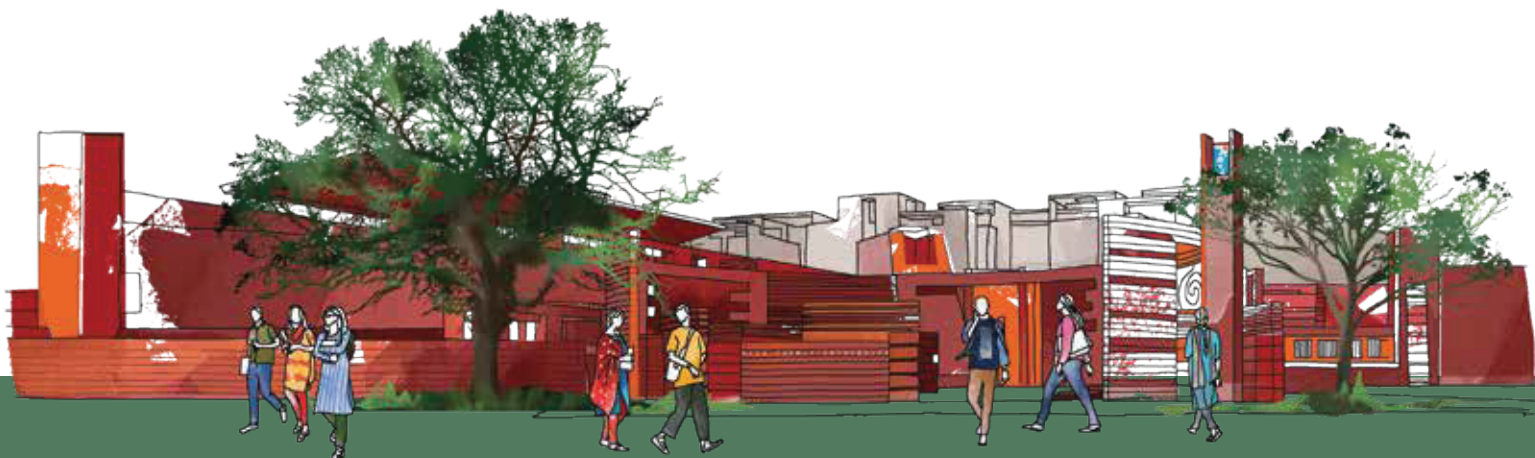
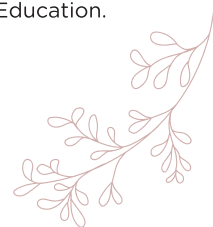


Since its establishment in 2010, Azim Premji University has focused on the highest quality of education, driven by excellence. Committed to contributing to a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society, Azim Premji University is a vibrant and inclusive space for every student.

The University offers postgraduate degrees in Education, Development, Economics and Public Health. It also offers undergraduate degrees in Social Science (Economics, Social Science), Science (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science & Sustainability, Physics and Mathematics) and Humanities (English, History and Philosophy); and a dual degree in Science and Teacher Education.

Azim Premji University Bhopal is now operational, from the academic year 2023-24.

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