Azim Premji University

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
Developing Leaders for Social Change
Why do we need professionals for Education?

Public Education is immensely important and foundational to the development of society and democracy.

There is a dire need for people who can understand the domain of education and take up a variety of responsibilities ranging from classroom teaching to policy formulation to programme management, to improve the public education system in India. The availability of trained professionals in education sector is grossly inadequate, given the scale, complexity of issues and the wide range of competencies required to work in these areas.

The Master of Arts in Education Programme at Azim Premji University aims to address the significant talent gap in the Education sector.

Master of Arts in Education

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Education is designed for students seeking a multifaceted liberal exposure to the disciplinary domain of education. This broad-based programme of study includes theory, practice, research, policy and planning in education. A graduate of the programme is expected to become a reflective practitioner having the perspective, social concerns and motivation to create a basis for action in the field of public education.
Programme Structure

This is designed as a 72 credit, two-year, full-time, postgraduate degree programme. It is organized in four semesters with field engagements throughout the two years. Each student is required to take the prescribed core courses and is given a choice of elective and open courses.

Core courses
- Philosophy of Education
- Sociology of Education
- Child Development and Learning
- Educational Policy and School Systems
- Curriculum Studies
- Introduction to Research
- Political Economy of Education
- Comparative History of Education

Electives
More than 50 electives are offered each year. Some are listed here:
- Advanced Social Research
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Managing Schools in India
- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- School Leadership and Management
- Conceptual Development among Young Children
- Contemporary Social Theory
- Educational Assessment
- Ethics in Education
- ICT and School Education
- Inclusive Education
- Programme Design and Evaluation in Education
- Quality Discourses in Education
- Teacher and Curriculum
Field Engagement

Engagement with field practice forms an integral part of M.A. Education Programme. It attempts to help students develop a deeper understanding of the implications of the theoretical and conceptual ideas being developed in the programme.

- **Weekly Practicums** (One day per week): Practicums are field experiences comprising an organized set of activities outside the classroom with the aim of embedding theoretical learning in practical experiences.

- **Field Immersion, Sem I** (Two Weeks): The key objective of the first semester field engagement is to provide students with exposure to different levels of the public education system and to offer first-hand experience.

- **Research Project, Sem II** (Two Weeks): The objective is to provide students a chance to work on an education research project.

- **Internship: Independent Field Project, Sem III and IV** (Six Weeks): This is aimed at providing students a focused independent opportunity to work on a specific issue/problem related to the practice of education.

- **Independent Study**: The independent study component is structured so as to allow students the freedom to go beyond the syllabus and explore a topic of their interest, in depth.

Assessment and Grading

Continuous assessment through multiple modes like tests, assignments, and presentations.

Student Life

Our diverse student population, clubs, student committees, sports and other initiatives have created a vibrant community life for our students.

Financial Aid

Azim Premji University has an explicit commitment towards supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We provide financial assistance for deserving students to pursue their education with us. We offer need based scholarships (both full and partial) and facilitate education loans for students.

50% tuition fee waiver given for those with at least 3 years of prior work experience.
Student Support
We invest time and resources to ensure overall student well-being, in many ways:
• High faculty-student ratio
• Tutoring and mentoring
• Career guidance
• Peer counseling

Academic Support
• English language support course
• Tutorial classes
• Basic computer skills

Faculty Members
Members of our faculty are accomplished academicians, researchers, teachers, and agents of social transformation. The faculty members provide a vibrant class room learning environment through a range of pedagogies that encourage dialogue and build critical thinking and self learning abilities. All faculty members provide academic mentoring support to the students beyond the class rooms.
Placement
Over 300 organizations have participated in our campus placements so far, and the number is increasing. These range from large philanthropic organizations, small grassroots organizations, research and advocacy institutions, CSR organisations, quasi-government institutions, schools, etc. 90% of our students are working in the social sector, reflecting their social commitment.

Career Opportunities
M.A. Education students can look forward to contributing to the education sector working with philanthropic organizations, in government and private school systems, in teacher education and also in various professional capacities as, program managers, curriculum designers, social entrepreneurs, policy specialists and researchers. Students may also work with the government on education specific projects.

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