



Centre for Career Development,  
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Placement  
Brochure-2024

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**



## About The Institute

# Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

Established in **1994**, as an 'Institute of National Importance', IIT Guwahati has grown into being a preferred destination for people passionate about learning and innovation. IIT Guwahati has been ranked among the Top 100 Young Universities in the world by the Times Higher Education, one of the two Universities from BRICS nations. IIT Guwahati has several factors contributing to how in a short span of time it has established itself as one of the best institutes of its kind in the country. The programmes and courses that are offered at IIT Guwahati are perpetually evolving to adapt to the ever changing global requirements and along with the diversity of the fields of study, this has helped the institute become one of the nation's nerve centres for research and development, and technical education. The faculty ensure that the students of the campus are ready to face the challenges of the professional world by providing them with a sound conceptual understanding of their respective disciplines. The institute also offers a plethora of opportunities to students for their holistic development, through the excellent facilities that it has for sports and general extracurricular activities.

## About The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Guwahati is a centre for research and teaching composed of academics from eleven different disciplines: Economics, English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, History, Archaeology, Political Science, Geography, and Development Studies. With its varied range of research interests and expertise, the department promotes interdisciplinary work in humanities and social sciences, offering projects, supervision, and fellowships to allure students and researchers from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds. Apart from its undergraduate B.Tech taught courses that include uniquely designed content offered by faculty members, the department provides highly interdisciplinary areas of expertise and investigation in its MA and PhD programmes. The MA programmes is designed to provide an advanced understanding of the cultures, conflicts, and discourses in issues involving development in ideological and real social situations through innovative course work and supervised research. The department's PhD programme promotes dialogues across different disciplines in humanities and social sciences, offering expert supervision in eight other areas of study and funded fellowships to selected full-time researchers. The department collaborates with related Indian as well as international institutions in projects and workshops to promote and produce cutting-edge work in humanities and social sciences. Placing a high premium on research output and outreach, the department consistently publishes academic articles, project reports and monographs, which corroborate the quality of work undertaken by its faculty, fellows and researchers.

On behalf of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, I take pride in presenting the truly interdisciplinary courses and programs that the department offers. With the efforts of the faculty members from ten different streams, the department has tailored two interdisciplinary MA programs in the last few years, namely the Master of Arts in Development Studies and the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts. While the Master of Liberal Arts is a new program offered by the department, it has garnered nationwide attention and interest from students and academicians. At the same time, our Master of Development Studies program has evolved over the years. It has been able to train our students with the skills necessary for taking up the research and services sector challenges with an in-depth understanding of our societies and our nation in general. About 86% of our MA students are placed annually in various organizations internationally and nationwide. In recent years, they have contributed to their organizations as researchers, analysts, and fellows in multiple organizations. We have been keeping in touch with several of our past students, and their feedback from their workplaces has been able to help us in updating our MA programs. This year, 41 students from MA Development Studies and 15 from MA Liberal Arts have opted for placement through the placement cell. I am sure their profiles are suitable for several organizations that will visit our campus this year. I want to thank the organizations visiting our campus for giving their time and consideration to our graduating students.



**Prof. Priyankoo Sarmah**

**From the Head  
of the  
Department**

The HSS department's Placement coordination committee works to build and strengthen its partnerships with key organisations across many important sectors in India. Ranging from public policy organisations to think-tanks and top global universities, our brilliant students are making a mark as successful professionals and researchers across the world. Through a skills-based and technologically driven academic training, we inspire our postgraduate students to think about impactful answers to global challenges. I'm delighted to welcome all our existing and prospective valuable partners who share with us our vision to create a successful knowledge economy for India and the world.



**Asst.Prof.Vipul Dutta**

**Message from  
Faculty  
Placement  
Coordinator**

# MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

The M. A. Programme in Development Studies is a multi-disciplinary programme initiated in the year 2009. The programme is designed to provide an understanding of various perspectives around development issues. Through rigorous course work based on analyzing existing theoretical frameworks, scrutinizing data and guided research, it aims to equip students from several disciplines to understand, analyze and critique the developmental concerns of our nation. Its ultimate aim is to guide students to construct pathways and build solutions towards a more inclusive world. The coursework is regularly updated to keep the pressing needs of local and international issues at the forefront. Students are endowed first with comprehensive knowledge about political, sociological, economic theories to consolidate their understanding of diverse perspectives to approach a problem. They are introduced to issues concerning several sectors, from sustainability and globalization to rural development, from health and gender equality to land and displacement. The program is a blend of research and practice with a meticulously followed dissertation component. Regular term papers and group presentations assist them in building not only knowledge but also construct a work ethic that would help them work collaboratively with agencies and NGOs. Our goal is to forge an empathetic personality enabled with the public spirit to work towards a just society and evolve capacities for action. A degree in Development Studies inculcates skills in development research, critical evaluation of pivotal development issues, analytical skills and data interpretation, and a comprehensive understanding of different religions and cultures. This thorough understanding gives the students an edge over others in policy research and drafting solutions for crucial issues.

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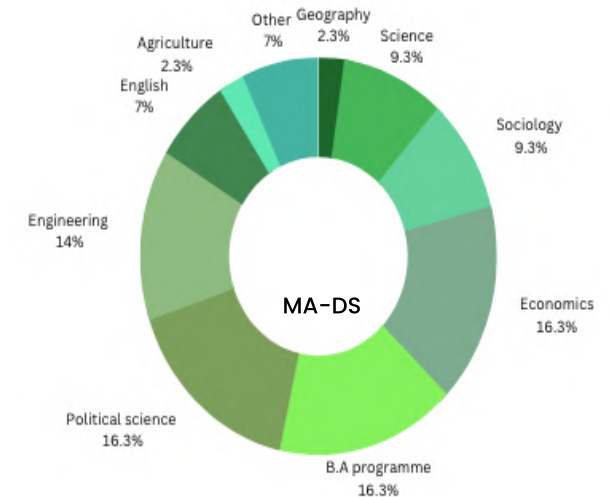
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# COURSE CURRICULUM

## SEMESTER-1

- Essentials of Political Theory
- Introduction to Economics
- Study of Society
- Economic History of Colonial India
- Quantitative Research Methods in Social Sciences

## SEMESTER-2

- Essentials of Political Theory
- Introduction to Economics
- Study of Society
- Economic History of Colonial India
- Quantitative Research Methods in Social Sciences

## SEMESTER-3

- Elective I
- Elective II
- Elective III
- Elective IV
- Elective V
- Phase 1 of Dissertation

## SEMESTER-4

- Elective IV
- Dissertation

# Electives

## ECONOMICS

- Agriculture & Rural Development
- Conflict & Financial Diplomacy
- Planning & Project Management
- International Trade & Development
- Globalisation & Sustainable Development
- Development & Human Rights
- Statistical Method for Social Sc.
- Political Economy of Agrarian Dev.
- Water Economics

## POLITICAL SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY

- Transnationalism & Migration: Issues of Development
- Peace & Conflict Resolution
- Political Participation in Developing Asia
- Modern Political & Social Imaginaries
- Power, Politics & Urban Space

## DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

- Colonial Economy
- Politics of Development (India)
- Development Anthropology
- Gender & Development
- Critical Development Theory
- Human Development: Theory & Practice
- Social Discrimination
- Land, Dispossession & Dev.
- Global Public Health

## SOCIOLOGY & HISTORY

- Interrogating Modernity
- Caste & politics of development
- Environment & Development
- Sociology of Gender Science
- Technology & Society Region
- Nation and the Making of Post Colonial India
- Gandhi: The Man and His Ideas
- The efficacy of Visual Images



# MASTER IN LIBERAL ARTS

The IIT Guwahati Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program unfolds over two years, meticulously designed to nurture an ongoing cycle of creativity, growth, and learning. Renowned faculty experts, deeply engaged in cutting-edge pedagogy and research across the humanities and social sciences, serve as guiding forces for students' intellectual explorations. The curriculum stands as a testament to this commitment, enriched by the diverse backgrounds and disciplines of both educators and participants. At the heart of this program lies the cultivation of critical thinking. Enrolled individuals empower themselves to forge an autonomous and open-minded approach toward the intricate issues shaping their realities. Inspired by international models, the MLA program uniquely emphasizes the rich tapestry of diversities and complexities intrinsic to India and the world.

Applicants to this program are those who have already undergone three years of rigorous, discipline-specific education in their chosen undergraduate fields. The MLA program aspires to provide a comprehensive grounding in liberal arts education, coupled with advanced abstract thought pertaining to disciplines and knowledge generation. This unique blend equips graduates with the acumen to navigate their future careers, making informed and groundbreaking choices. Ideal for Positions in:

NGOs and Development Sectors, Human Resources (HR) Positions, Public Relations (PR), Data Analyst, Media and Marketing, Management, Art Director, Research, Writing.

The IIT Guwahati MLA program empowers graduates to excel in these roles, arming them with a profound understanding of diverse viewpoints, honed critical thinking, and the ability to navigate the complexities of an ever-evolving world.



# COURSE CURRICULUM

## SEMESTER-1

- Introduction to Liberal Arts
- Essentials of Political Theory
- Theories and Thinkers: The Concept of Culture

## SEMESTER-2

- Introduction to Literary Studies
- Foundational Linguistics
- Historical Studies

## SEMESTER-3

- Debates in Philosophy
- Digital Humanities: Theories in Practice
- Project 1

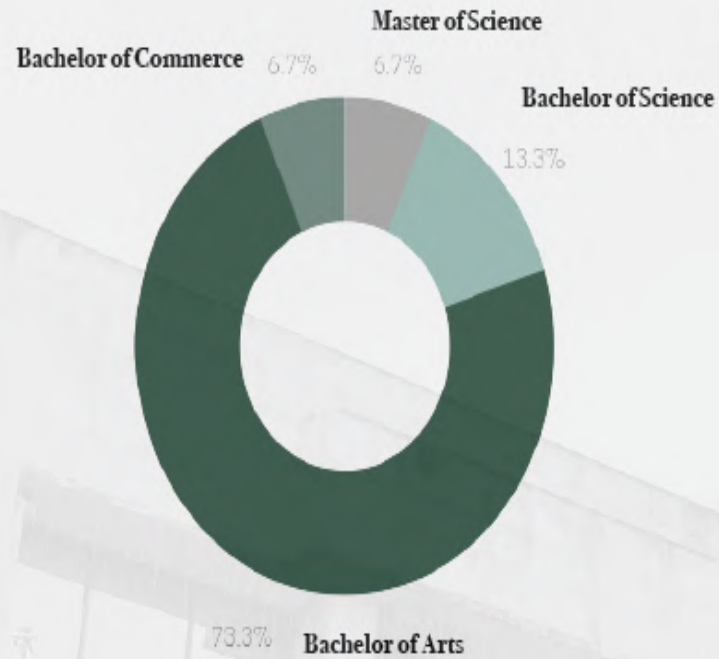
## SEMESTER-4

- International Relations and Diplomacy
- Cultural Studies: Key Theories and Concepts
- Project 2

## Electives

- Critical Reasoning
- History and philosophy of science
- Language, rhythm and prosody
- Between History and Memory: Genres of Life Writing
- Indian literary theory
- Race and the Novel
- Psychoanalysis and the social bond
- Social meta-theory
- Language, mind and thought
- Paths to policymaking in India
- Sounds of the world's languages: an experimental approach
- Early Women Writing
- Interrogating Modernity
- Modern Political And Social Imaginaries

# Class Statistics



40 % Male



60 % Female

## CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA ATTENDED: NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL

### NAME OF FACULTY

### NAME OF CONF./WORKSHOP

### INSTITUTE

**Prof.Sukanya Sharma**

**Annual conference of the Indo-Pacific Prehistoric Association (IPPA)**

**Indo-Pacific Prehistoric Association (IPPA)**

**Asso. Prof.Ngamjahao Kipgen**

**Environmental Change and Socio- cultural Transformations in India.**

**IIT Roorkee**

**Prof. Sambit Mallick**

**47th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)**

**Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla**

**Joint Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society on Cultivating**

**Athens, Georgia, USA**

## INVITED LECTURES OF FACULTY

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### INSTITUTE

**Prof. Sambit Mallick**

**Social Shaping of Technology**

**Gauhati University**

**Social Construction of  
Technological Systems**

**Tata Institute of Social Sciences,  
Guwahati Campus**

**Asso. Prof. Pahi Saikia**

**NE insurgencies & other  
challenges**

**Assam Rifles–USI of India Joint  
Annual Seminar**

**Prof. Mrinal Kanti Dutta**

**Regional Disparity and the North  
East Economy: The Way Forward**

**Centre for Development Studies,  
Dept. of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi  
University**

**Prof. Rajshree Bedamatta**

**Webinar on Functions of NSO  
and its Contributions to  
Independent India.**

**National Statistics Office, Field  
Office Division, North East**

**Asso. Prof. Ngamjahao Kipgen**

**Webinar on Environmental  
Sociology**

**Department of Sociology,  
Miranda House, University of  
Delhi**

## **VISITORS FROM OTHER INSTITUTES/ UNIVERSITIES/ ORGANISATIONS/ INVITED LECTURES**

### **NAME OF FACULTY**

### **NAME OF LECTURE**

### **INSTITUTE**

**Dr. Gorky Chakraborty**

**Analysing Land, Conjuring  
Identities: Lessons from  
Northeast India**

**Institute of Development  
Studies Kolkata**

**Dr. Aashish  
Xaxa**

**Transformations of Tribal  
Hinterlands into Urban Spaces in  
India's Fifth and Sixth Schedule  
Areas: Emerging issues and  
contestations**

**IIT Gandhinagar**

**Prof. Kimi King and James  
Meernik**

**An examination of factors  
Influencing Language  
Endangerment.**

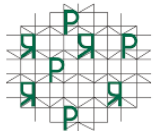
**The University of North Texas**

**Prof. Prasanta Bandyopadhyay**

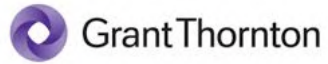
**Theseus' Ship, Buddhists'  
Vehicles, and Our Identity Crisis**

**Montana State University**

# Past Recruiters



# Internships





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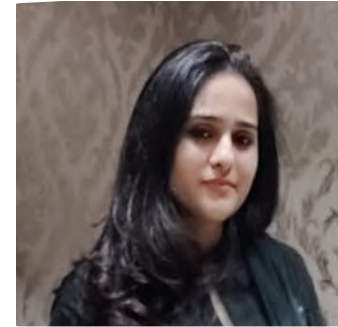


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