

Master of Arts (MA) POPULATION STUDIES

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Central Department of Population Studies (CDPS)

This is one of the Central Departments of Tribhuvan University that offers Master's Courses in Population Studies leading to MPhil and PhD. It was established in 1988 within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

From 1988 to 2021, some 2100 graduates have been produced as high-level human resources, who are working nationally and internationally at present.



The Department has been a focal institution for conducting training and research activities for the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in various Country Programmes. It has also been working with several sectoral ministries and policy making and planning agencies.

The Department has a good experience in collaborative work with various international organizations in carrying out research as well as performing training programmes and other academic activities. They are namely United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP),

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO), International Labour Organization (ILO), World Bank, Department of International Development (DFID), and US Agency for International Development (USAID). Currently, CDPS is working in collaboration with International Labour Organization (IOM), Asian University, Taichung Taiwan, and Mid-Western University, Sweden.



Department Faculties have been nationally and internationally involved in research and training activities. The Department has been conducting a number of research and training activities, in which students have opportunity to be involved.

DEPARTMENT FEATURES

- Experienced teachers with national and international exposure
- Seminar/Workshop presentation
- Computer based, Internet services
- Separate Department Library
- English as working language (but no barrier)
- Scholarship as per rule
- Opportunity of joining field study of research activities (depends upon research availability)

List of Faculties and Staff

Professors

Yogendra B Gurung, PhD (Head)
Mahendra Prasad Sharma, PhD
Keshab Prasad Adhikari, PhD

Associate Professors

Bhim Raj Suwal, PhD
Bal Krishna Mabuhang (PhD Scholar)
Dhanendra Veer Shakya, PhD
Padma Prasad Khatiwada, PhD
Uddhav Sigdel, PhD

Lecturers

Pawan Kanel (PhD Scholar)
Bijaya Mani Devkota, PhD
Bidhya Shrestha, PhD
Kamala Devi Lamichhane, PhD
Suma Sedain Mainali (PhD Scholar)

Former Faculty and Other Associates

Prof. Dr. Bal Kumar KC (Founder Head)
Prof. Dr. Prem Singh Bisht
Prof. Dr. Ram Sharan Pathak
Prof. Dr. Govind Subedi
Asso Prof. Bidhan Acharya
Dr. Prakash Dev Pant
Dr. Sunil Acharya
Dr. Sameer KC (Asian Demographic Res. Inst.)
Dr. Hom Nath Chalise (Gerontologist)
Dr. Pushpa Raj Pant (Health Scientist)

Library

Shanta Thapa

Accounts and Administration

Mr. Ramesh Khanal (Accounts Officer)
Mr. Giri Raj Dahal (Administration)

WHY TO STUDY POPULATION STUDIES?

To

know the evolution of global and national human populations trends;
have knowledge on the processes of population change and its social, cultural, economic, political, and other determinants;
be able to relate resources to population and development;
be able to develop and conduct scientific social science research; and
be able to develop and evaluate the plan, policies, and programs.

Syllabus for MA in Population Studies

Subjects and papers	Sem-ester	Cr. Hr.
A. Theories and concepts in demography		
1. Demographic concepts and theories	I	3.0
2. Social and economic theories	II	3.0
B. Dynamics of population and society		
3. World and regional population dynamics	I	3.0
4. Population dynamics and Nepali society	II	3.0
C. Demographic techniques (with demographic software packages)		
5. Basic demographic techniques	I	3.0
6. Methods and models for demographic estimation	II	3.0
7. Demographic estimation, projection and forecast	III	3.0
D. Population and development		
8. Population health	I	3.0
9. Migration, urbanization and entrepreneurship	II	3.0
10. Planning, monitoring and evaluation	III	3.0
11. Resources, population diversity and inequality	III	3.0

Subjects and papers	Sem-ester	Cr. Hr.
12. Poverty, gender and social inclusion	IV	3.0
13. Social protection in Nepal	IV	1.5
14. Demographic pluralism and contemporary population issues	IV	2.0
E. Research methodology		
15. Applied statistics for pop. studies	II	3.0
16. Research methodology in pop. studies	I	3.0
17. Survey research design in pop. studies	III	3.0
18. Field research-based profile writing	III	1.5
19. Survey data analysis, interpretation, report writing, and dissemination	IV	3.0
F. Computer application in population research		
20. Computer application for documentation and data management	III	3.0
21. Computer application for data analysis: STATA and ArcGIS	IV	3.0
G. MA Thesis	IV	6.0
Total Credit Hours		65.0

Computer software

Students will be trained in full package of the following major computer software.

1. Documentation, calculation and graphics: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint
2. Data management: KOBO tools, Google Form, and CSPro
3. Demographic estimation: MORTPAK and DemProj
4. Statistical package: STATA
5. GIS Mapping and analysis: ArcGIS

Evaluation Structure

Evaluation structure	Marks (%)
1. Attendance and class activities	10
2. Project paper/essay/report/etc. writing	10
3. Workshop/seminar/presentation	10
4. Internal Assessment	10
5. Semester-end final exam	60
Total	100

Note: For practical paper, field observation, data collection, data analysis, report writing and presentation would be preferred over essay writing and internal assessment.

WHAT LEVEL OF HUMAN RESOURCE IS PRODUCED?

- Knowledgeable on population diversity, inequality and development interrelationship;
- Familiar with federal and provincial policies, plans, and evaluation processes;
- Familiar with direct/indirect techniques for demographic estimation;
- Capable to conduct scientific social survey research;
- Capable of doing data analysis using various demographic, statistical and GIS software;
- Capable to monitor and evaluate the projects; and
- Capable of doing policy analysis and provide feedback to policy makers.

WHERE CAN THEY BE ABSORBED?

- Government services (federal, provincial, and local governments)
- Other agencies, like
 - UN, bi-lateral and multi-lateral organizations
 - National/international development organisations
 - National/international research organisations
 - Higher education in national/international Universities

WHO CAN APPLY?

- All who have completed Bachelor's Degree in any discipline (with good quantitative foundation) recognized by TU.
- Past trends show that Bachelors in Population, Public Health, Nursing, Statistics, Economics, Sociology, English, Science and Management are more attracted.



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