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SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR

Yashwantrao Chavan School of Rural Development

Mission: Empowering the Youth for Rural Development

Master of Rural Studies

Admissions 2025-26



About Course:

Master of Rural Studies program is a post-graduate degree program initiated in the academic year 2013-14, dedicated to addressing the transformation of rural areas into agriculturally productive zones and enhancing the health and nutrition of their communities. Drawing on principles from Economics, Statistics, Environment, Management, and Rural Development, this interdisciplinary field of study aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of rural development.

In accordance with the National Education Policy of 2020 (NEP-2020), the program's curriculum encompasses a multidisciplinary approach, providing students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills related to rural development. The coursework integrates hands-on field experiences to expose students to the realities of rural life, inspiring them to contribute to rural development through careers in teaching, research, entrepreneurship, and as practitioners in organizations and institutions engaged in the rural area transformation process.

Features:

- Demand driven and well-designed curriculum to nurture an expertise among the youth.
- Syllabus of this course is supplementary for competitive examinations.
- Intensive field work and in-plant training to the students.
- Course provides Apprenticeship/Internship in reputed companies.
- Scholarship as per the Govt. of Maharashtra rules and regulations
- Placements cell caters the needs of the students to face competitive job market.

Objectives:

1. To create entrepreneur for rural transformation.
2. To identify various problems and suggest solutions for rural development.

3. To prepare students for planning and implementation of rural development programmes.
4. To strengthen the capacity of stakeholders in policy analysis through teaching and research.
5. To develop the personality and character of student.

Career Opportunities:

1. Career opportunities through comparative exams
2. To become Agripreneurship or Copreneurship.
3. Work with NGO's or to form NGO.
4. Jobs in Microcredit, NABARD and RBI etc.
5. As a project officer, project coordinator in various government project.
6. Working in agro based industries.

Eligibility Criteria:

Any Graduate with minimum 50% for Open category and 45 % for reserved category.

Fees & Intake:

Fee: ₹10916/- = Tuition Fee ₹8100/- + ₹2816/- Per Year (Only SC/ST: ₹2816), Intake: 40

- Government scholarships/Freeships, etc. are available for this course
- Border area students' scheme is eligible for this course

Duration of Course:

Duration of the course is TWO years, divided into four semesters.

Admission Procedure:

There is No Entrance Exam for Admission. Admissions will be given on Bachelor's Degree level performance and admission form fill ONLY Online. For more information kindly visit University website and also fill registration form through below QR code, or <https://www.unishivaji.ac.in/mscadmission/For-Student-Information>

Course Structure [NEP2020 CBCS]

Semester I - 550 marks	Semester II - 550 marks
MM 1: Microeconomic Analysis	MM 5: Macroeconomic Analysis
MM 2: Quantitative Techniques for Rural Studies	MM 6: Public Budget and Budgetary Process
MM 3: Cooperatives and Rural Development	MM 7: Rural Development Programmes
MM 4: Fundamentals of Rural Development	MM 8: Information Technology and Rural Development
ME 1: Agriculture and Rural Development	ME 5: Optimization Techniques
ME 2: Public Policy	ME 6: Gender Issues in Rural Development
ME 3: Natural Resource Economics	ME 7: Statistical Quality Control and Design of Experiments
ME 4: Rural Insurance	ME 8: Introduction to Rural Industries
RM 1: Research Methodology	OJT/FP1: Apprenticeship/Internship/Training/ Field Project
	} Opt. 1 Out of 4 ME
Semester III - 550 marks	Semester IV - 550 marks
MM 9: Social Welfare Administration	MM 13: NGO Management and CSR
MM 10: Banking and Rural Finance	MM 14: Global Business Environment
MM 11: Economy of Maharashtra	MM 15: Indian Rural Livelihoods
MM 12: Microfinance	
ME 9: Agribusiness and FPOs	ME 13: Environment and Sustainable Development
ME 10: Agro-processing and Allied Industries	ME 14: Rural Innovations and Startup
ME 11: Entrepreneurship Development	ME 15: Tourism for Rural Development
ME 12: Rural Project Management	ME 16: Rural Marketing
RP 1: Research Project	RP 2: Research Project
	} Opt. 1 Out of 4 ME

Total Marks-2200



For Detail information visit website:

<https://www.unishivaji.ac.in/admission/admission-links>

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