

**Detailed Advertisement**  
***Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)***

G B Pant Social Science Institute, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj is commencing the Master in Liberal Studies (MLS) in accordance with National Education Policy-2020 from the new academic session 2024-25. The MALS is a specialised two-year Post-graduate course. This course offers extensive opportunities for a diverse mix of subjects with an interdisciplinary academic approach to deal with change, diversity and complexity. It will produce new generation of innovative and critical thinkers with a proactive interventionist approach. This course is designed to help students to build strong theoretical grounding with an ability to deal with data sciences complemented by different dimensions of art and aesthetics, music and culture. This will help to develop a world view to interact with different clients of the world and for a range of creative jobs.

This Course offers students an innovative, flexible, and customizable path with multi-entry and multi-exit options. The aim of this two-year Master programme (multiple entries and exits) is to develop the career relevant skills with a strong theoretical perspective required for the ‘potential knowledge work force’ of the future, ready to be transferred to diverse professional context. The course also prepares students for further independent academic research in accordance with National Education Policy 2020.

**Highlights of the course**

- **Total No. of Seats:** 20
- **Eligibility:** A candidate shall be eligible for admission to the course if he/she had obtained the Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent with minimum 55% in any stream.
- **Duration** (Full Time): Two Year course/ Four Semester (For the Graduates of 3+2)  
: One Year course/ Two Semester (For the Graduates of 4+1)
- **Credits:** 80 credits for two years course and 40 credits for one year course.
- **Residential course:** It will be a fully residential course
- **Semester fee:** INR 16,570 (Excluding Hostel and Mess charges)

**Career Opportunities:**

1. Academic/Research in reputed National and International Universities/ Institutions
2. MLS students can appear in any Social Science disciplines for UGC NET Examination.

3. Public Policy advocacy
  4. Media houses (both print and visual)
  5. Corporate communications
  6. Consultants at Government and Non-government agencies
  7. International Organizations and Development Sector (UNESCO, World Bank, International Funding Agencies)
- **Admission:** Admission will be based on an online subjective test. Candidates will have to answer three questions (250-300 words each) related to the recent debates on Indian Polity, Indian Culture, Indian Economy, Social Ecology and Arts and Aesthetics.

**Admission timeline**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	News	May 20, 2024
2.	Date for commencement of Google Application Form	May 21, 2024
3.	Last date for the Submission of Application Form	July 05, 2024
4.	Online Admission Test	July 15, 2024
5.	Declaration of Selection List of Students	July 22, 2024
6.	Commencement of Classes	August 01, 2024

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- **COURSE STRUCTURE**

**SEMESTER I: Core Courses (4x5=20 Credits)**

This semester has four core papers which are as under (Each paper is compulsory)

MLS501: Introduction to Social Sciences/Liberal Studies

MLS502: Social Ecology and Ecological Economics

MLS503: Fundamentals of Sociology

MLS504: Indian Political System

**SEMESTER II: Creative Bucket (4x5=20 Credits)**

This semester has two core papers and two elective papers (out of four options) which are as under:

**GROUP – A (Core Papers: Each paper is compulsory)**

MLS505: Contemporary Social Theory

MLS506: Performance and Literary Theories

**GROUP – B (Elective Papers: Choose any one out of two papers)**

MLS551: Cultures and Migration

MLS552: Civil Society and Human Rights

**GROUP – C (Elective Papers: Choose any one out of two papers)**

MLS553: Gender: The Invisible Dynamics

MLS554: Introducing the Theories of Art and Aesthetics

**SEMESTER III: Research Methods in Liberal Studies (4x5=20 Credits)**

This semester has four core papers which are as under (Each paper is compulsory)

MLS507. Quantitative Research Techniques in Social Science Research

MLS508: Qualitative Research Methodology

MLS509: Soft Skills: Communication and Computer Skills

MLS510. Intervention in Social Settings: Participatory/Action Research

**SEMESTER IV: Specialization (4x5=20 Credits)**

This semester has one core paper termed 'Dissertation' which is equivalent to two papers i.e. 10 credits and two elective papers can be chosen out of six papers which are as under

**GROUP – A (Core Paper: Dissertation which is compulsory)**

MLS511: Dissertation (2x5=10 Credits)

**GROUP – B (Elective Papers: Choose any one out of three papers)**

MLS555: Economics of Development

MLS556: Public Health

MLS557: Anthropology of Indian Civilization

**GROUP –C (Elective Papers: Choose any one out of three papers)**

MLS558: Gender, Culture and Identity

MLS559: Fundamentals of Cultural Studies

MLS560: Democracy and Subaltern Politics