



HOW TO APPLY

**MSc Environmental Studies
(Conservation Practice)**

The MSc in Environmental Studies (Conservation Practice) programme is designed to develop young environmental leaders with interdisciplinary skills that can be applied in varied sectors. The degree is awarded by TDU, a Karnataka Government and UGC-recognised university, designated as a National Centre of Excellence by the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (Government of India).

Students need to write an entrance exam and attend a personal interview before the Admissions Committee if shortlisted.

Admissions

The Conservation Practice course is open to students from diverse backgrounds. ATREE-TDU has an affirmative policy that encourages women and persons from underprivileged groups to apply. We use this affirmative action policy in concert with the Government of Karnataka's reservation policy when considering student applications. We also accept applications from international students. TDU is registered with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) and will facilitate the registration of international students with the FRRO.

Eligibility

To be eligible to do the Conservation Practice programme, you must fulfil the below-mentioned criteria:

- For Indian applicants: bachelor's degree from a UGC-recognised university including but not limited to Traditional Health Sciences, Biomedicine, Life Science, Environmental Science, Design, Architecture, Performing and Fine Arts, Visual Communication, Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Social Work, Political Science, Mass Communication, Engineering and Management. Applicants with a master's degree in a related field are also welcome to apply.
- For international applicants: bachelor's degree from a reputed university in any branch of the humanities, sciences, engineering or traditional health sciences and a score of 6.5 or higher in IELTS / 90 or higher in TOEFL or an equivalent qualifying test for English language and proven writing skills.
- At least 55% in their previous degree (either bachelor's or master's)
- Applicants must have a fellowship, sponsorship for fees and research expenses or self-finance their studies. A limited number of need-based merit scholarships are available for students.

Application Requirements

If you are satisfied that you fulfil the required criteria, we encourage you to apply! Your application must include the following:

- A self-attested copy of the following certificates: class X mark sheet, class XII/ higher secondary transcripts
- Bachelor's degree certificate
- Self-attested copy of your bachelor's degree transcripts in PDF format. Students who have also completed a master's degree must include the transcripts for that degree as well
- Statement of Purpose (SoP)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- PDF of any other diplomas or certificates you wish to share.
- Digital copy of a recent passport-size photo (JPEG/PDF/TIFF of size <1Mb)
- **Application form (online)**. Ensure your application is submitted by 5 April 2025. Account details for payment of application fees of Rs 500 are mentioned in the application form.

The Statement of Purpose (SoP) entails the student's interests and motivations, the relevance of recent and current activities to the programme and academic interests and background. The SoP will be assessed for (a) relevance, (b) originality and (c) clarity of understanding. The SoP assesses an applicant's environmental interests, enthusiasm and analytical and practical inclinations in engaging with conservation and sustainability questions and challenges. The SoP can be submitted in the form of an essay (750–1000 words).

The SoP must answer these questions

- Why do you want to enrol in the Conservation Practice programme?
- What are your concerns, interests and aspirations around environmental conservation?
- Which of your experiences and interests matter for consideration and qualification to the programme?
- Does your degree and its prospects align with your career and life interests? How?
- Have you been involved in any campus and off-campus activities relating to conservation and sustainability? Please describe. These could include climate change activism, organic farming practice or consumption, wildlife watching or campaigning, or engaging with indigenous or local cultures.
- Finally, explain why interdisciplinarity appeals to you as a research or practice approach.

Submission of Application

If your application clears all eligibility criteria, you will automatically be registered for an online entrance exam. The multiple-choice exam will consist of the following broad themes/ sections:

- Quantitative-analytical thinking
- Ecology, environmental science and social science
- Conservation and sustainability
- Environment and development

Selection Process

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a personal interview after the Admissions Committee assesses the applications. Personal interviews will take place between 26 May and 28 May 2025.

Total fee: Rs.4,73,500 {Payable to The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU)}

Important Dates and Deadlines

- **Feb 24:** Application Open for Admission
- **April 4:** Application Submission Deadline
- **May 6 & 7:** Online Entrance Exam
- **May 26 to May 28:** Interviews
- **May 30:** List Announced; Communicated to Students
- **June 2:** Admissions
- **July 1:** Course Work Begins

Do you have any questions?

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