

# M.A

Full form of MA is **Master of Arts**. Master of Arts is a post-graduation level course which is usually of two years duration. Candidates who possess a graduation degree can only pursue an MA course.

MA is a specialised course in which aspirants are offered in-depth knowledge of the discipline they have selected. Candidates can pursue MA as a full time course or even as a part time course. MA courses are also offered by many colleges in the correspondence or distance mode.

Here we will be talking about MA courses offered in Humanities stream. Aspirants can pursue an MA course under various specialisations such as:

Different languages (English, French, German, Hindi, Spanish, Chinese/ Mandarin, Greek, Latin)	Economics
Political Science	History
Sociology	Rural Studies
Psychology	Geography
Philosophy	Literature
Social Work	Anthropology
Religious Studies	Library and Information Science
Archaeology	Linguistics

Apart from the above-mentioned courses, many colleges also offer MA degree under various streams like [Design](#), [Hospitality](#), [Mass Communication](#) etc.

## Skills required for M.A

Candidates who look to pursue a course in Master of Arts, need to be dedicated and focused towards the subject opted. A master's course requires greater will power and strength as compared to a bachelor's course as a candidate has will have to do plenty of in-depth research.

Here are some of the key skills that an aspirant should possess in order to pursue an MA course as mentioned below.

Hard worker	Good writer
Organised	Logical
Fluent in language	Confident
Keen observer	Inquisitive
Self-motivated	Intellectually curious

## M.A Eligibility Criteria

Candidates applying for admission in MA course will need to fit the eligibility criteria before applying. Aspirants who are ineligible will be rejected at any time of the admission process and will not be entertained further. The following points are the eligibility criteria which is to be met by the candidate.

- Candidates should have successfully completed their Bachelor's degree (preferably arts) of a minimum 3 or 4-year duration with its equivalent (10+2+3 or 10+2+4). The bachelor's or

master's degree should be from a university which is recognized by the UGC (University Grants Commission) of India.

- The candidate needs to have a minimum of 55% aggregate at graduation level. The cut-off varies from college to college.
- Before applying, candidates studying three-year degree programme will have needed to pass all subjects from the 1st to 4th semester, while applicants who pursued a four-year course, should have passed in all subjects from the 1st to 6th semester.
- Candidates need to note that if the information provided on the application is incorrect or misleading at any point of the admission process, the candidate's admission will be cancelled. Universities, institutes also reserve the right to take any legal action as deemed fit.

## M.A admission process & Entrance Exams

- Candidates who wish to enroll themselves for admission in M.A courses, aspirants will have to appear and clear an entrance exam. Most universities and institutes conduct an entrance exam for M.A courses.
- In some universities, an entrance exam result can provide direct admission, some universities conduct further rounds of selection such as group discussions, personal interviews to select candidates for the final admission.
- Candidates will have to successfully clear the entrance exam conducted by the university/institute and on the basis of marks/ranks, candidates can move to the next round.

Some of the popular entrance tests conducted for M.A are as mentioned below:

<a href="#">TISSNET</a>	<a href="#">IPU CET</a>
<a href="#">PU CET</a>	<a href="#">CUCET</a>
<a href="#">TUEE</a>	<a href="#">MGU CAT</a>
<a href="#">AUCET</a>	<a href="#">ITM NEST</a>
<a href="#">JNUET</a>	<a href="#">CPGET</a>

## M.A Course Curriculum

The subjects taught in an MA course vary as per the discipline selected by the student. Apart from this, slight variation in the syllabus can also be witnessed from one college to the other. Candidates can view the subjects that they would need to study as part of an MA course below:

Introduction to Linguistics	Poetry III (Hopkins to Ted Hughes)
Poetry I (Chaucer to Blake)	Drama III (Twentieth Century Drama)
Drama I (Marlowe to Wilde excluding Shakespeare)	Literary Criticism & Theory 1
Prose	Indian Literature in English I/American Literature-II
Linguistics and English Language Teaching	Fiction II
Poetry II (Wordsworth to Arnold)	Literary Criticism & Theory II
Drama II (Shakespeare)	Indian Literature in English II/American Literature II
Fiction I (Defoe to Hardy)	Indian Literature in Translation/New

	Literatures in English/Women Writing
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