

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Admissions & Programme Logistics – Blended Learning Programmes

MA in Education (Elementary - MAEE) & MA in Education & Technology (MAET)

School of Education, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

1. What is a blended programme? Are these programmes UGC recognised?

Blended programmes are regular academic programmes in which participants attend **in-person classes on campus for a short period during the semester**, while the remaining classes are conducted **online**.

Both **MAEE** and **MAET** are **UGC-recognised programmes** and are offered in accordance with the **NEP 2020 requirements** with respect to credits and course structures.

- **MAEE** has been running at TISS, Mumbai since **2006** and is a **80-credit, 2-year postgraduate (MA) programme**.
- **MAET** has been offered at TISS, Mumbai since **2023** and is a **42-credit, 1-year postgraduate (MA) programme**.

2. Can I continue to work while enrolled in the programme?

Yes. **MAEE** and **MAET** are designed to enable working professionals to study while continuing their employment.

Participants are required to take leave from work to attend **mandatory campus-based contact classes**, held at the beginning of each semester for 10-12 days. During the distance period, classes are conducted **online in the evenings**. Participants must maintain a **minimum of 75% attendance**.

3. Are these programmes meant only for working professionals?

No. These programmes are **not restricted to working professionals only**. Any candidate with an **undergraduate degree in any discipline from a recognised university** may apply, subject to the eligibility criteria.

4. What is the duration of the programmes?

- **MAEE** is a **2-year postgraduate degree programme of 80 credits**, spread over **four semesters** (20 credits per semester).

As per TISS rules, candidates may take **up to four years** to complete the programme by taking a pre-approved deferment or going in for a staggered course work.

- **MAET is a 42-credit postgraduate degree programme**, which may be completed:
 - In **one year** with full-time engagement, or over **two years** with part-time engagement.

5. What is the estimated fee for the programmes?

- Since our programs MAEE and MAET have been revised in accordance with NEP 2020. The fees structure is under revision. For further information please refer to our school page on TISS's official website. As soon as it's finalized, it will get reflected there.

6. What are the eligibility criteria for applying to these programmes?

Minimum essential eligibility

- MAEE

Any **3-year or 4-year undergraduate degree**, including B.El.Ed, BA/BSc-B.Ed, B.Tech, etc.

- MAET

Applicants from any academic discipline are eligible, subject to meeting **one** of the following:

- A **4-year undergraduate degree** in any discipline (e.g., B.Tech, MBBS, B.El.Ed, ITEP, BA/BSc with B.Ed), **OR**
- A **3-year undergraduate degree plus a Master's degree** in any discipline, **OR**
- A **3-year undergraduate degree plus a PG Diploma** (Level 6 or higher), with a minimum of **160 combined credits** across UG and PG levels.

- Desirable (not mandatory) for both programmes

At least **two years of work experience** in education, educational publishing, education technology, or the development sector.

7. Is prior work experience or experience in technology mandatory?

No. Prior experience in education or technology is **not mandatory** for either programme. Applicants from diverse academic and professional backgrounds are encouraged to apply. However, **relevant work experience is desirable**.

8. Does submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) guarantee admission?

No. Submission of an **Expression of Interest (EOI)** does not guarantee admission and does not replace the official **TISS application process**. The EOI is used only for **programme-related communication and outreach**.

9. Where can I find official and updated admissions information?

All official information related to admissions, eligibility, fees, timelines, and procedures is published through **official TISS communication channels**, including the **TISS website**. Applicants are advised to rely only on notifications issued by TISS.

Admissions and Selection

10. How will admissions to the blended learning programmes be conducted?

Admissions to the **M.A. in Education (Elementary) (MAEE)** and **M.A. in Education and Technology (MAET)** are conducted by the **School of Education (SoE), TISS**, in accordance with **TISS admissions policies**.

The admission process includes an **online entrance test**, conducted on a **pre-scheduled date and time**. For the 2026 admission cycle, the online entrance test will be conducted on **Saturday 28 March 2026**. Applicants must appear for the test using their **personal computer or laptop** from their respective locations. Detailed instructions will be shared through official TISS channels.

11. Will I need CUET exam scores to apply?

No. **MAEE and MAET admissions for the 2026 admission cycle are not conducted through CUET**. Admissions are conducted directly by the **School of Education, TISS Mumbai**.

12. What is the selection process and weightage?

Selection to both programmes is based **solely on performance in the online entrance test** conducted by the School of Education, TISS Mumbai. Final selection results are communicated **only through official TISS admissions channels**.

13. Do I need to decide which programme I am applying to at the time of application?

Yes. Applicants must indicate their **programme preference at the time of application**, as merit lists are prepared based on the stated preference.

Financial Support

14. Are any scholarships or fee support options available?

- **MAEE:** Fee subsidies may be available as per institutional norms and eligibility criteria.
- **MAET:** As a self-financed programme, institutional fee subsidies are generally not available.

All financial support is subject to TISS policies, eligibility conditions, and availability.

15. When and how is the programme fee to be paid?

Details regarding fee payment timelines, instalment options (if any), and payment procedures will be communicated to selected candidates through official TISS admissions communication at the time of admission.

16. Are scholarships or financial support provided before admission?

No. Scholarships and financial support, where applicable, are processed only after admission is confirmed and programme fees are paid, in accordance with institutional procedures.

17. When do I need to pay the programme fee?

Details regarding **fee payment timelines, payment windows, and instalment options** will be communicated to selected candidates through official admissions communication.

18. Can I avail an education loan for the programme fee?

Details regarding education loans will be shared as per **institutional norms and availability**.

19. Are there any scholarships or assistantships available?

- **MAEE:** Fee subsidies may be available as per institutional norms.
- **MAET:** This is a self-financed programme.

All financial support is subject to **TISS policies and availability** and is typically processed **after admission confirmation and fee payment**.

Programme Structure and Delivery

20. What is the mode of delivery for MAET and MAEE?

Both programmes follow a **flexible blended learning model**, which includes:

- Online synchronous sessions (evenings on weekdays and select weekends)
- Asynchronous learning activities
- Mandatory on-campus immersion sessions

21. What are the class timings?

Online classes are scheduled primarily **after 6:00 pm on weekdays** and may include **select weekend sessions**. Detailed schedules are shared at the beginning of each semester/term.

22. Is attendance mandatory for online sessions?

Yes. Attendance and active participation in scheduled online sessions are **mandatory** and governed by **TISS academic regulations**.

23. What does a typical weekly online session schedule look like in MAET?

Mode: Online (Synchronous)

Typical Timings: Weekday and Weekend Evenings (after 6:00 pm)

Attendance Requirement: Minimum 75%

The below schedule is illustrative in nature. Online session frequency, duration, and workload may vary depending on course design and academic requirements.

Indicative Weekly Online Schedule

Day	Time	Session Type	Nature of Engagement
Monday	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Core Lecture	Online class for a course offered in particular term

Wednesday	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Core Lecture	Online class for a course offered in particular term
Friday	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Seminar / Capstone	Interaction with a guest faculty (for seminar) Interaction with Capstone mentor (for capstone project)
Saturday	6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Student Support Call	Check-in connects
Saturday	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Core Lecture	Online class for a course offered in particular term

Expected Weekly Academic Engagement

Component	Approximate Time Commitment
Live Sessions	4–6 hours/week

Readings & Preparation	3–5 hours/week
Assignments / Project Work 3–6 hours/week	
Total Weekly Engagement 8–15 hours (approx.)	

On-Campus Immersion

24. Are on-campus immersion sessions compulsory?

Yes. On-campus immersion sessions are a **mandatory core component** of both programmes and support intensive academic engagement, peer learning, and community building.

25. How often are immersion sessions conducted, and how long do they last?

MAEE

- In-person contact classes (Immersion sessions) are conducted at the beginning of **each semester** for about 10-12 days. During this period, three to four lectures happen during the day with occasional evening sessions. These classes are held on TISS Mumbai campus.

MAET

- For full-time - Immersion sessions are conducted **three times a year**, including an on-campus **Capstone presentation**, each lasting **10 days to 2 weeks**.
- For part-time - immersion sessions are conducted three-four times across 2 years, including an on-campus **Capstone presentation**, each lasting **10 days to 2 weeks**.

26. What does a typical campus immersion schedule look like in MAET?

Mode: In-person (Mandatory)

Location: TISS Mumbai Campus

Duration: 10–14 consecutive days

Indicative Daily Immersion Schedule

Time	Session Type	Description
9:30 – 11:00 am	Core Session	Lectures and activities Conceptual lecture / Framework introduction

11:15 – 1:15 pm	Core + Applied Session	Lectures and activities Case discussion / Tool demonstration / Policy dialogue
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Lunch Break	—
2:30 – 5:00 pm	Core + Applied Session	Studio work / Group collaboration
5:00 – 5:15 pm	Day Closure	Consolidation / Updates/confirmations for next day (if any)

Capstone-Focused Immersion Days (where applicable will be added to the schedule based on student and faculty availability)

The above schedule is indicative in nature. Final immersion schedules are determined by academic requirements and may vary across semesters.

27. Will immersion dates be shared in advance?

Yes. Immersion schedules are communicated **well in advance**, enabling students to plan travel and professional commitments.

28. Can immersion sessions be attended online?

No. Immersion sessions (contact classes) require **physical presence on campus**. Requests for alternative arrangements are considered **only in exceptional circumstances**, on a **case-by-case basis**, and are **not the norm**.

Flexibility for Working Professionals

28. Can working professionals manage the programme alongside employment?

Yes. The programmes are designed with working professionals in mind. However, students must plan for:

- Regular participation in online sessions
- Dedicated time for readings, coursework, and assignments
- Taking leave from work to attend mandatory on-campus immersion sessions

29. When will on-campus classes begin?

Details regarding the commencement of on-campus classes will be communicated through **official TISS channels**.

30. Can I speak to the programme secretariat to clarify my doubts?

Yes. Applicants may reach out to the Programme Secretariat team for clarification.

Contact email: soe-admission2026@tiss.ac.in

Contact WhatsApp: +91 9136850199

The programme teams also schedule admissions webinars to clarify any questions or doubts. The dates and time are communicated on our social media channels and via email.

Please add your details and questions to the [Expression of Interest google form](#) to receive notifications about the Admissions Webinar

31. Can I speak to alumni about their experiences?

Yes, where feasible, the programme team may facilitate interactions with alumni to share experiences and insights on navigating through the programme alongside professional commitments.