



KVASU CENTRE FOR WILDLIFE STUDIES

POOKODE, WAYANAD, KERALA

Applications are invited **Master of Science (Wildlife Studies) Programme**

**Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University,
KVASU Centre for Wildlife Studies,
Pookode, Wayanad, Kerala**

The MS (Wildlife Studies) programme of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU) provides a wildlife specialization to bioscience graduates from a variety of backgrounds keen to commit their lives to a career in the wildlife sector. This novel programme of KVASU provides a common platform for scientists and experts from various fields related with wildlife and animal sciences as well as students seeking advanced training in wildlife studies to work together for the benefit of wildlife. The programme is offered by KVASU in technical collaboration with the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi.

Duration:
Eligibility:

Two Years (four semesters)
Bachelor's degree in biosciences
(Zoology, Botany, Veterinary Science,
Forestry etc.)

Mode of selection:

Written entrance examination and interview conducted exclusively for the course by Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (see notification for admissions in the KVASU website www.kvasu.ac.in, <http://application.kvasu.ac.in/>)

Last date for online application: 18.6.2013

Content/Highlights of the MS (Wildlife Studies) Programme:

- Course offered in technical collaboration with Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi
- Subjects: anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, genetics, forensics, taxonomy, biodiversity, management of captive and free-ranging wildlife, forest and wildlife laws etc.
- Hands on exposure in application of advanced molecular techniques in wildlife studies
- Training modules at KFRI, Peechi, during the first two semesters
- Regular field trips/study tours (various state level/national level forest/ ecosystems of importance)
- Training in zoos and wildlife rehabilitation centres
- Guest lectures by state/national/international experts
- International training component in captive and free-ranging wildlife
- Student research of six months to one year duration in an area selected by student
- Co-guides of national/international reputation from KFRI, Zoological Survey of India etc.
- Physical training: Multi-gymnasium, horse riding, trekking etc.

Reflections of Vivek Philip Cyriac (Student of first batch, presently studying ecology of Prashad's Gecko (*Hemidactylus prashadi*) in Kerala):

"As a student of the MS (Wildlife Studies) programme, I have been provided several opportunities to learn and better understand the natural world. The classes and teaching are unlike any other normal courses and our teachers believe in learning by self experience and observations in the field. The course has also allowed me to meet several eminent people who are in the forefront of research and wildlife conservation. We have also had the opportunity to meet several international veterinarians working in the field of wildlife and were able to absorb their concepts of Conservation Medicine. In all, the course has been a great learning experience for me and I wish that the KVASU Centre for Wildlife Studies will be a stepping stone for many students in the future to work for conservation."

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