Dear Student,

Greetings from Univariety!

Good to know that you have identified Civil Services as the career you want to explore further. This is the first step on an important milestone in your college admission planning process.

Indian Administrative Service (I.A.S) is one of the All India Services. You need to appear for the Civil Services Examination and secure a top rank in order to get selected as an I.A.S officer.

Every year, around 3.5 to 4 lakh students take the Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for the 400 to 500 vacancies that may arise. The entry into the State Civil Services is through a competitive examination conducted by the respective State Public Service Commission.

Despite all the glamorous options available for the generation of today, IAS is still as attractive as ever. This is probably because of the sense of power that it gives to the officer as well as the respect that it has in our country. The perks of the services are also an added attraction.

You are eligible to appear for the civil services examination after pursuing your graduation from any stream.

Pursuing your undergraduate degree in Public Administration and Political Science will be an advantage as the questions are based on these subjects.

The civil services examination is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission every year.

The eligibility criteria for the civil services examination is as follows:

· Candidate must be a citizen of India.

· The candidate should not be more than 30 years of age as on 1st August of that year. The minimum age is 21 years.

· Graduation from a recognized university is mandatory. Candidates studying in the final year of graduation can apply for the initial test but needs to be a graduate while giving the main exam of the civil services examination.

Mere hard work and determination is required to be successful in these competitive examinations.

The civil services examination consists of a three stage selection process as listed below:

· Preliminary examination

· Main examination

· Interview

Securing a good rank in the civil services examination is not an easy task. You will have to start preparing for the examination while pursuing your graduation and appear for it during the final year of your graduation.

The notification with complete details for the civil services examination is announced on the Union Public Service Commission’s website (http://www.upsconline.nic.in/) and newspapers during the month of February.

The deadline for application submission is in the month of March every year.

To become an IAS officer, one has to appear for the Indian Civil Service Examinations. The primary requirement for this is that the aspirant should be holding a bachelor’s degree (any field). Even those with a professional degree like doctors and engineers can also appear for the exam.

The second criterion is that they should be in the age group of twenty one to thirty years. This is relaxed for those from the reserved category. The third criterion is that the person should be an Indian National. There is an underlying clause on the number of attempts allowed. The ones that belong to the general category can attempt the exams 4 times, OBCs 7 times and the SC/STs unlimited attempts.

Hence, as of now, focus on your bachelor's degree & aim to secure the highest so that it would pave the way for you to pursue your IAS studies.

Where to Study:

Most of those aspiring to join the IAS study vigorously, usually devoting their full time to it, many quit their jobs to study full time for this exam. There are no official or government approved institutes or colleges, which one can join for training for the exam. However, there are private coaching institutes, which claim to coach aspirants and have shown great results over the years.

For detail Information about Civil services and colleges and entrance exam please check the below mentioned link

https://www.univariety.com/app/Career/dept/Civil-Services-IAS/58e9a0cf

We hope the above information has helped you achieve clarity with regards to your query. Below, please rate your satisfaction level with this response. Also, feel free to write to us if you have any further queries.

Regards,

Team Univariety