

# The Undergraduate Programme

Bachelor of Arts (Hons.)

Bachelor of Sciences (Hons.)



# A multidisciplinary liberal education to build leaders of tomorrow

*Ashoka University is a pioneer in providing world-class liberal education in India. Our aim is to help students become well-rounded leaders who can think critically about issues from multiple perspectives.*

*An Ashoka education carries a strong emphasis on foundational knowledge, thorough academic research based on rigorous pedagogy, and hands-on experience with real-world challenges.*

## Learn from the best - Faculty from Harvard, Oxford, Yale and other eminent global universities

With over 100 permanent faculty, 30 visiting and 12 co-curricular faculty members from the most distinguished universities across the world, Ashoka University offers a global learning environment.

Some of our eminent faculty include Rudrangshu Mukherjee (D.Phil. Oxford University), Prof. of History, Gilles Verniers' (PhD. Sciences Po), Prof. of Political Science, Pulapre Balakrishnan (PhD. University of Cambridge), Prof. of Economics, Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (C.V. Raman University), Prof. of Physics, Jonathan Gil Harris (PhD. University of Sussex), Prof. of English, Prof. L S Shashidhara (University of Cambridge), Prof. of Biology, and many more.

## Founded by 100+ industry leaders and entrepreneurs

Ashoka University has been founded by some of the leading entrepreneurs and professionals of our time. Having been educated in premier educational institutions themselves, the founders have a sound understanding of the challenges and needs of higher education in India.



200+

Subject combinations  
in Major-Minor  
format

80+

Ongoing research  
projects conducted  
by students and  
faculty

51% \*

Undergraduate  
students studying on  
Financial Aid

\*Across all batches

# Explore before designing your own undergraduate programme

Ashoka University offers the opportunity to pick and explore different subjects across disciplines before narrowing down to a major.

To graduate with a Bachelor's degree, students have to pass courses that are broadly divided into 3 categories – Foundation Courses, Major Courses (including Interdisciplinary

Majors) and Co-Curricular Courses. In addition to this, students can choose a Minor course along with their Major subject to design their own combination of subjects.

Students must complete a minimum of 26 courses in 6 semesters to meet the credit requirements for B.A. (Hons) and B.Sc. (Hons) degrees.



## 200+ possible combinations of subjects to choose from

The University offers Pure Majors in 12 subjects and 9 Interdisciplinary Majors, thereby offering students a total of 21 options to Major in. A Major is the subject in which a student will earn a Bachelors' degree. An

Interdisciplinary Major goes beyond the traditional boundaries of disciplines to give students an opportunity to combine multiple academic interests into a single degree programme.

## Minors and co-curriculars

At Ashoka, you are encouraged to study a Minor in addition to the Major. We offer Minors in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Entrepreneurship, Creative Writing, Environmental Studies, International Relations and Media Studies. We also offer a Minor in all our 11 Major subjects.

Every semester, we offer several Co-curricular Courses in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Language. Students must take 2 of these courses as part of their graduation requirements.

## The fourth year - Ashoka Scholars Programme

Ashoka University offers a year-long Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Studies and Research (DipASR) to all its students graduating with Bachelor's Degrees at the end of their third year.

The DipASR offers students a defining liberal education experience that blends academic rigour with a wide range of elective options across a variety of subjects. These options include:

1. Advanced Major
2. Convert a Minor into an equivalent Major
3. Research and Thesis
4. Teaching Assistant
5. Pursue a new Minor

## Academic and research centres to enrich your learning

Ashoka University currently has 8 Academic Centres. These have been established to encourage research-oriented collaborations in order to create an exciting interdisciplinary environment on campus.

From entrepreneurship to writing and communication, you can acquire and hone a diverse range of skills with the aid of these departments.

Centre for Entrepreneurship

Trivedi Centre for Political Data

Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy

Centre for Studies in Gender and Sexuality

Centre for Writing and Communication

Ashoka's Centre for Wellbeing

Centre for Social and Behaviour Change

Centre for Economic Data and Analysis

## Generous financial aid programme

Admissions to Ashoka University is based purely on the merit and potential of the candidates, whereas the financial aid offered to students is dependent on their **need and affordability**. No student has ever been refused admission due to his or her personal financial constraints.

More than 50% of our students benefit from our financial aid. Fee waivers range from 25% on tuition to 100% on all expenses. The University also has tie-ups with financial institutions that provide education loans at affordable rates without any collateral.

We are committed to giving full financial aid to a minimum of 100 students every year!

## Guest lectures at Ashoka - A hub for renowned intellectuals

Ashoka invites renowned personalities from various walks of life to share their knowledge and expertise with its students. Scholars and thinkers such as Dalai Lama, Madeleine Albright, Shashi Tharoor, Sir Mark Tully, Sonam Wangchuk and other such eminent personalities have engaged with our students in the past. Ashoka continues to host workshops and talks that expose students to a range of ideas and perspectives.





## International student community representing over 15 countries

Ashoka has a growing and vibrant community of international students currently enrolled in the undergraduate programme. Some of the countries represented in our International

student body include Bangladesh, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Nepal, UAE, Brazil, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and more.

## Placements and higher education after Ashoka

Ashoka graduates have been placed in corporate houses such as McKinsey, BCG, American Express, Citibank, Genpact, Godrej, and TCS. Some of them are working in the nonprofit sector and are employed at the World Bank, WWF, Amnesty International, National Rural Livelihoods Mission and the UN.

Many students have been offered admission to and are studying at some of the world's leading universities such as Oxford University, LSE, Sciences Po, Central European University, Columbia University and the University of Chicago.

## Academic support and mentorship

On joining Ashoka, students work closely with a faculty member, who helps them design their academic pathway. Under the guidance of their Faculty Mentor, they are better prepared to handle the rigorous coursework, plan their schedule wisely and make informed choices. In the second year, students are assigned

Academic Advisors (AA). Based on their educational interests, their AA can help them decide between a Pure Major or an Interdisciplinary Major, choose courses that suit their schedule and work towards a fulfilling academic experience.

## Student support for well-being and learning disabilities

**The Ashoka Centre for Well Being (ACWB)** is our one-of-a-kind on-campus counselling centre dedicated to the care and well-being of the Ashoka fraternity. It comprises of trained psychotherapists and mental health counselors who offer a range of services from individual counselling sessions to group workshops.

An inclusive education framework that welcomes, nurtures and supports students with learning difficulties, the **Office of Learning Support (OLS)** is established at the University to design various activities and coordinate the entire process for students seeking help related to learning disabilities.

## Academic partnerships with over 17 leading international universities

Academic programmes at Ashoka are delivered in collaboration with world-class institutions that have partnered with us. HEC Paris, The University of Pennsylvania, King's College London, Sciences Po, UC Berkeley, Yale University and many more provide assistance in developing our unique curriculum and establishing academic departments.

Faculty from our partner institutions visit campus and teach courses for a semester, giving students access to professors at the top of their fields. Students also have the opportunity to travel abroad and experience new cultural and academic environments at these universities.

## Study abroad

### Semester abroad programmes

Ashoka students can spend a maximum of one semester abroad at an international institution. Students take courses in their major and/or minor and transfer them to their undergraduate degree.

Popular destinations for a semester include King's College London, Harvard, Sciences Po, HEC Paris, University of Melbourne and more.

### Summer abroad programmes

Ashoka's summer study abroad programme offers students a unique opportunity to extend their semester learning experience by taking courses taught at partner and other international institutions. These courses enrich the undergraduate learning experience and can be transferred to the total credits.

Favourite destinations of Ashoka students include University of California, Berkeley, Yale, King's College London, LSE, UBC Vancouver to name a few.

## Summer internships

The Ashoka Summer Internship Programme (ASIP) provides unique opportunities for undergraduate students to intern at corporations, research organizations, social impact groups (NGO's) or local schools. This adds valuable professional experience and continues to build leadership skills in the students.

## Summer sessions on campus

The Office of Summer Programmes offers a range of 6-week long courses across disciplines during the summer. This gives students the opportunity to take courses that helps to gain additional credits, accelerate in their academic pathway or simply explore other areas of interest.

The summer term also provides opportunity to study with students from partner institutions of Ashoka thus giving them an experience in global learning.



# A state-of-the art residential campus that feels like home

Ashoka University is located in the Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Sonapat, Haryana. The campus is fully equipped to cater to every need of the student.

- 25 acre state-of-the-art campus (expanding to 50 acres)
- 1000 Fully furnished, air-conditioned rooms
- 24X7 Open Library
- Separate hostels for boys and girls
- Multiple common lounges and reading rooms
- Facilities for laundry and fitness
- Round-the-clock access to first aid and medical assistance
- Shops for general provision such as grocery and stationary
- Dining hall with multi-cuisine menu
- Round-the-clock eateries

## World-class sports and fitness facilities

Ashoka University is dedicated to providing students plenty of activity outside the classroom. Ashoka students represent the University at various National, State and University level tournaments in football, basketball, volleyball, cricket, table tennis, lawn tennis, chess, badminton and more. A state-of-the-art indoor sports complex houses:

- A 25-metre Swimming Pool
- Multi-purpose courts for Basketball and Badminton
- Squash Courts
- Snooker and Billiards
- Comprehensive Gymnasium (with Yoga, Aerobics and Zumba sessions)
- A 10-metre Shooting Range

## Pursue your interests - 40+ clubs and societies

The campus is a vibrant hub of cultural and intellectual activities. Student-run Clubs and Societies create an array of rich and diverse opportunities making Ashoka an interactive space for a wide variety of artists and performers to express themselves.

Clubs and Societies are autonomous bodies which design their own leadership structure and modes of functioning. A few Clubs and Societies include:

- The Edict, Ashoka's Student Newspaper
- ABC, Ashoka's Broadway Club
- SLAM Poetry Club
- Abhinaya Dance Club
- Meri Dastan, The Storytelling Society
- Kirdaar, The Theatre Society
- The Mad Batter Club
- Caperture - The Photography Club
- Navrang Film Society

## Holistic admissions process

At Ashoka, we do not evaluate students based on cut-offs. We are looking for students from a variety of academic backgrounds who are committed, intellectually curious and eager to learn, both, in a classroom environment and outside. Ashoka follows a two-stage holistic assessment system to gauge every candidate's true potential.

### Stage 1: Application Form

- Academic scores (Class 10-12)
- Personal Essays
- Letter of Recommendation
- Extracurricular, Leadership and Social impact engagements
- SAT/ACT scores (optional)

### Stage 2: Interview

- In-person Interview (Mandatory)
- On the spot Essay (Mandatory)
- Ashoka Aptitude Test (Recommended)

### Stage 3: Decision and Fin Aid

- Admissions decision
- Financial Aid Application

# UG Programme Structure

(B.A. Hons. and B.Sc. Hons.)

## Foundation Courses

- Introduction to Critical Thinking
- Great Books
- Literature and the World
- Mind and Behavior
- Indian Civilization
- Environmental studies
- Economics and Society
- Quantitative Thinking
- Principles of Science

### Pure Majors

(You can also choose a Minor from Pure Majors)

Computer Science\*  
Economics\*  
English  
History  
Mathematics\*  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology & Anthropology  
Physics\*  
Biology  
Chemistry\*

### Interdisciplinary Majors

Computer Science & Entrepreneurial Leadership\*  
Computer Science & Mathematics\*  
Economics & Finance\*  
Economics & History\*  
English and Media Studies  
English & Creative Writing  
History & International Relations  
Politics, Philosophy & Economics  
Politics & Society

### Minors (optional)

Performing Arts  
Visual Arts  
Entrepreneurship  
Creative Writing  
Environmental Studies  
International Relations  
Media Studies

\* Students who wish to Major or Minor in these disciplines should have studied Mathematics in their high school.  
Economics / Economics and Finance / Economics and History / Mathematics / Computer Science / Computer Science and Entrepreneurship / Computer Science and Mathematics / Physics  
Physics is mandatory to pursue a Physics major or minor.  
Chemistry is mandatory to pursue a Chemistry major or minor.

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