# School of Engineering & Physical Sciences (SEPS)

## 1. ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS) has been a school of NSU since its inception. The growth of SEPS parallels NSU's rise to the top. SEPS, the second-largest and fastest-growing school at NSU, provides a knowledge and skill-based learning environment to its students in the fields of engineering, architecture, and physical sciences. The school originally started its journey in 1993 as the "School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS)". Later, the SEAS was renamed the "School of Engineering and Physical Sciences" (SEPS) in 2014. At present, SEPS is the home of over 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students in its eight academic programs offered by four academic departments: the Department of Architecture (DoA), the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), and the Department of Mathematics and Physics (DMP). All the engineering programs under SEPS are accredited by the Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE), and the Architecture program is accredited by the Accreditation Standard of the Institute of Architects (ASIAB). NSU has been ranked the #1 university in Bangladesh for ENGINEERING by the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 (by Subject) with a Global Rank of 301-400. Furthermore, according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023, our Civil Engineering program is ranked #1 in Bangladesh (Global rank 301-400), the Electrical and Electronic Engineering program is ranked #1 in Bangladesh (Global rank 301-400), and the Computer Science program is ranked #2 in Bangladesh (Global rank 501-600, trailing the University of Dhaka).

## 2. VISION

The School of Engineering & Physical Sciences (SEPS) intends to be a center of excellence in innovation and technological entrepreneurship by building a knowledge and skill-based learning environment for students in the field of engineering, architecture, and physical sciences with adequate technical competency, social responsibility, communication skill, and ethical standard.

## 3. MISSION

Our missions are

M1. To maintain international standards in terms of program curricula, instruction style, laboratory and research facilities, faculty recruitment, and student intake.

- M2. To provide quality teaching and learning in engineering education that emphasizes innovation and creativity more than classroom teaching, along with better communication skills.
- M3. To enhance quality research emphasizing on the greater engagement of practical-oriented study, industry relations, collaboration with reputed universities and research institutes worldwide, etc.
- M4. To produce technically competent and socially responsible engineering graduates with the highest ethical standards and human values so that they can serve society holistically.
- M5. To gain national and global recognition, it will seek various accreditation and certification as required.

#### 4. DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

A summary of the programs currently offered and those planned for future offerings are shown in the following table.

Department	Currently Offered Programs	
	Program	Credit Hours / Duration
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)	Undergraduate Program:  Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (BS CSE)  Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (BS EEE)  Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering (BS ETE)	130 Credits / 4 Years
	Graduate Program:	33 Credits/

	Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (MS CSE)  Master of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (MS EEE)  Master of Science in Electronics and Telecommunication Eng. (MS ETE)	2 Years
	Minor:	30 Credits
	Minor in CSE	
	Minor in ETE	
Department of Civil and	Undergraduate Program:	149 Credits /
Environmental Engineering (CEE)	Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering (BSCEE)	4 Years
	Graduate Program:	-
	None.	
Department of Architecture (DA)	Undergraduate Program:	176 Credits /
	Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch)	5 Years
	Graduate Program:	-
	None	
Department of Mathematics and Physics (DMP)	Undergraduate Program:	
	None	
	Major:	-

None	
Minor:	
Minor in Mathematics	21 Credits
Minor in Physics	15 Credits

# 5. STUDENT GROWTH

Over the past five years, the undergraduate student intake steadily grew from 1100 to well over 2000, while the graduate student intake stayed stable.

## 6. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The existing and planned (2019 - 2023) laboratory facilities of various departments of the school are shown in the following table.

Department	Existing Laboratories:	Planned New Laboratories:
	Type, Numbers	Type, Numbers (by 2023)
ECE	Hardware = 9, Software = 14	Hardware = 8, Software = 4
CEE	Testing = 6, Drawing = 1	Testing Lab = 1, Design Lab = 1, High Performance Computing Lab = 1
DA	Design Studio = 14  Computer Lab = 1  Wood Workshop = 1  Building Material Lab = 1	Design Lab = 1, 3D Printing Lab = 1, Photography Lab = 1, Simulation Lab = 1
DMP	Physics Lab = 4	Physics Lab = 1
Total number:	52	New = 20, Total = 71 by 2023

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## **ACADEMICS**

## **D**EPARTMENTS

Architecture
Civil and Environment Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mathematics and Physics

#### **PROGRAMS**

School of Engineering and Physical Sciences at NSU offers the following undergraduate and graduate programs under its four departments.

## Undergraduate

BS in Architecture

BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering

BS in Computer Science and Engineering

BS in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

BS in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering

## Graduate

MS in Computer Science and Engineering
MS in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
MS in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering

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## Research and Collaboration

## 1. RESEARCH MISSION

## SEPS research missions are-

• The School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS) at North South University aims to be the center of excellence in innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship through

- cutting-edge research in the fields of engineering, computing, architecture, and physical sciences.
- The school aims at working in line with Bangladesh's national research strategy and fostering the achievement of national, regional, and global sustainable development goals.
- In order to achieve these goals, the school will pursue interdisciplinary research to find out practical, economical, and sustainable solutions to society's critical and unique challenges.
- SEPS will also foster inter-institutional and international cooperative and collaborative research opportunities, spur local science and technology innovation through international research collaboration, and promote and disseminate research outcomes benefitting the national, regional, and global community.
- The school will continue working on enhancing capacity building in research by developing field-specific research groups and centers, as well as university-wide research institutes.

SEPS Research Strategic Plan 2024-2028

## 2. RESEARCH PRIORITIES:

With a vision to foster the achievement of national, regional, and global sustainable development goals, North South University aspires-

- Cutting-edge research in engineering, computing, architecture, and physical sciences, especially in the fields of machine learning and data science, artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, communication and signal processing, cyber securities, advanced transportation, urban heritage & planning, biomedical physics, CFD, and computational and applied mathematics.
- Interdisciplinary research to address critical and unique challenges of society, such as Waste materials in concrete production, Biomedical Engineering, high-performance computing (HPC), etc.
- Extend collaboration among SEPS researchers beyond internal inter- and intradepartmental partnerships to include both local and international individuals as well as public and private agencies, such as MOUs with local and international universities and NGOs.
- Promote and disseminate research outcomes through peer-reviewed indexed journal publications and conference presentations for the benefit of the national, regional, and global community.

# 3. RESEARCH FACILITIES (INSTITUTES, CENTERS, GROUPS)

**SEPS Current Research Facilities:** 

- A High-Performance Computing (HPC) Facility.
- Center for Applied and Computational Science (CACS).
- Center for Infrastructure Research and Services (CIRS).
- 35 research groups.
- Apurba-NSU R&D Lab (Machine Learning & Al).
- Cyber-Physical System Lab.
- Design Inclusion and Access Lab.
- Mobile Application and Game Testing Lab.
- Optics Lab.
- Machine Intelligence Lab.
- Intelligent Robotics Lab.
- Building Research Lab.
- Architectural Model Making Workshop.
- Civil Engineering Design and Computing Lab.

#### Planned Research Facilities:

- Institute for Artificial Intelligence.
- Higher Performance Computing (HPC) Facility (2nd Unit).
- Urban Heritage and Planning Research Lab (Architecture)
- Energy and Systems Lab (Architecture)
- Fabrication lab (Architecture)

## 4. SEPS RESEARCH STRATEGY FOR 2024-2028

The core activities of SEPS research are performed by its four academic departments, namely, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), the Department of Mathematics and Physics (DMP), and the Department of Architecture. The core research areas are broadly categorized as Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Physical Sciences (Computer, Mathematics and Physics).

- **Enhance Quality Research:** Place a priority on interdisciplinary research that creates synergies among the expertise existing across the School while also building bridges to complementary research expertise elsewhere;
- Promote Research Facilities: Consolidate, integrate, and strategically expand the current research projects and develop new facilities for state-of-the-art research across the school.
   This strategy includes establishing new research labs and research centers; facilitate high-

- performance computing, internal and external research grants hunting, providing journal subscription fees and conference travel grants, etc.
- Recruit Research Active Staff: Recruit the most talented research-active faculty and
  graduate research assistants to contribute diverse and complementary abilities to the work
  of our School. This strategy includes research-active faculty recruitment, full-time graduate
  research assistant appointment, engage research active scholars at various academic
  programs, hire visiting research scholars for short-term period, etc.
- **Extend Collaborations:** Enhance mechanisms and channels for academic and industrial communication and collaboration. This strategy might include course planning in curricula, industry-based research, internship, invitation of guest lectures, industry visits,
- Incentivize Research: Recognize and reward achievement across all aspects of the research work of the School and maximize opportunities as recognition of disciplinary and/or inter-disciplinary research contributions from faculty, staff, and students. This strategy includes monetary and non-monetary incentives, such as special increment(s), prize money, course load release, benefits in academic promotion and additional credit in faculty performance evaluation system, etc.

The core research areas are broadly categorized as Engineering, Technology, Architecture, and Physical Sciences (Computer, Mathematics, and Physics). The full-time faculty members of SEPS make up the most research-active pool of faculty at North South University.

## **News & Events**

# **World University Rankings 2023**

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 (by Subject) has ranked NSU as the #1 university in Bangladesh for ENGINEERING. THE has further ranked our Civil Engineering program #1 in Bangladesh (Global rank 301-400), Electrical and Electronic Engineering program #1 in Bangladesh (Global rank 301-400).

# **World University Rankings 2024**

NSU has been designated as the top university in Bangladesh (Ranking 801-1000 globally) by Times Higher Education (THE) World
University Rankings 2024.
Our Engineering program and Computer Science program (Global rank 601-800) have again been recognized as #1 in Bangladesh
by THE.

# **World University Rankings 2025**

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025 has ranked NSU as the #1 university in Bangladesh. THE has ranked our Engineering program #4 in Bangladesh (Global rank 601-800), and Computer Science program #5 in Bangladesh (Global rank 601-800).

# **QS World University Rankings 2022 & 2023**

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2022 & 2023 (by Subject) has ranked NSU as the #1 Private University in Bangladesh for Computer Science and Information system (Global rank 601-650 for the year 2022 and 651-680 for the year 2023).

# **QS World University Rankings 2024 & 2025**

NSU has been designated as the top Private University in Bangladesh (Global rank 851-900 for the year 2024 and 901-950 for the year

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