

Degrees Available

BA (Bachelor of Arts)

- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Subjects:**
 - o Core: Political Science, History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Public Administration, Philosophy
 - Language Studies: Hindi, English, Sanskrit, French, German, Spanish
- **Specializations:**
 - o Applied Psychology, Journalism, Social Work, Economics, Archaeology, Museology
- **Eligibility:** 10+2 in any stream (Arts/Science/Commerce)
- **Top Colleges:**
 - o Government: Lady Shri Ram College (Delhi), St. Stephen's College (Delhi), Loyola College (Chennai)
 - o Private: Ashoka University, FLAME University Pune, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts
- **Admission:** Merit-based (CUET for most), some private entrance exams and interviews
- Career Roles: Journalist, Social Worker, Historian, Public Relations Officer, Educator, Research Analyst
- **Salary Range:** ₹3–8 LPA (Freshers)
- **Skills Required:** Critical thinking, communication, analytical skills, empathy, research aptitude

BA (Hons.)

- **Duration:** 3 years
- Subjects: Specialization in Political Science, Psychology, Economics, English Literature, Sociology
- Eligibility: High percentage in 12th (90%+), CUET mandatory for many central universities
- **Top Colleges:**
 - o Government: Miranda House (Delhi), Hindu College (Delhi), Presidency University (Kolkata)
 - o Private: Shiv Nadar University, OP Jindal Global University
- **Admission:** CUET or merit-based
- Career Roles: Economist, Policy Analyst, Psychologist, Writer, Diplomat
- Salary Range: ₹4–9 LPA
- **Skills Required:** Research aptitude, communication, writing proficiency

BRS (Bachelor of Rural Studies)

• **Duration:** 3 years

- Subjects: Rural Development, Agricultural Science, Village Management, **Environmental Studies**
- **Eligibility:** 10+2 (preferably Arts/Commerce)
- **Top Colleges:**
 - o Government: Gujarat Vidyapith (Ahmedabad), Rural Institute of Higher Studies (Odisha)
- **Admission:** Direct or merit-based
- Career Roles: Rural Development Officer, NGO Manager, CSR Manager
- Salary Range: ₹3–6 LPA
- Skills Required: Community engagement, project management



Career Prospects After Arts /

Humanities Degrees

- **Higher Studies:** MA, MBA, MSW, Mass Communication, Public Policy, Law (LLB)
- Civil Services: UPSC CSE (IAS/IPS/IFS), State PSCs, SSC, Banking Services
- Corporate Sector: HR Executive, Communications Manager, CSR Specialist
- **Consulting:** Public Policy Consultant, Educational Consultant
- Entrepreneurship: NGOs, Digital Media Firms, Rural Development Enterprises
- Academics & Research: Lectureship (NET exam), Think Tanks, Policy Research



L Specializations Explained

- **Applied Psychology:** Solving real-world psychological problems
- **Political Science:** Governance, international relations
- **Philosophy:** Ethics, logic, analytical thinking
- **History:** Study of civilizations and cultures
- Journalism: News reporting, media production
- Social Work: Welfare and NGO sector
- **Sociology:** Study of society and institutions
- **Psychology:** Human behavior, clinical psychology
- **Public Administration:** Governance and public service
- **Economics:** Financial systems, markets, development economics
- Geography: Human-environment interaction
- Archaeology & Museology: Artifact preservation, museum curation
- **Languages:** Translation, cultural studies



Emerging Trends (2024–2025)

- Liberal Arts Education (Ashoka Model)
- Digital Humanities
- Public Policy & Governance Studies
- Behavioral Economics
- Digital Media & Content Careers

? FAQs (Arts / Humanities Field)

Q1. Is it a good decision to pursue Humanities after 12th?

 Answer: Absolutely! Especially if interested in civil services, media, academics, law, or the social sector.

Q2. What entrance exams are available after 12th Humanities?

• Answer: CUET, CLAT (Law), TISS BAT (Social Work), NID (Design), NIFT (Fashion), IPU CET (Mass Communication).

Q3. Can I prepare for UPSC along with BA?

• Answer: Yes, many IAS toppers begin during their BA.

Q4. Best degrees for civil services preparation?

• **Answer:** BA in Political Science, History, Sociology, Public Administration, or Economics.

Q5. Can Humanities students work in the private sector?

• **Answer:** Definitely! HR, CSR, Journalism, Public Relations, Content Writing roles are growing.

Q6. Scope of Psychology after BA?

• Answer: Clinical Counseling, Organizational Psychology, Research, M.Phil, Ph.D.

Q7. Are there top colleges offering BA without CUET?

• **Answer:** Yes! Private universities like Ashoka, OP Jindal Global University conduct their own exams/interviews.

Q8. What are the top government colleges for Humanities in India?

• **Answer:** Lady Shri Ram College, St. Stephen's College, Hindu College, Miranda House, Presidency University.

Q9. Average starting salary after BA?

• **Answer:** Between ₹3–8 LPA depending on specialization.

Q10. Can Humanities students pursue MBA?

• **Answer:** Yes! Through CAT, XAT, NMAT and other exams.

Q11. What careers are emerging for Humanities students?

• **Answer:** Digital journalism, Public Policy, CSR, Behavioral Economics.

Q12. What are career options after BRS?

• **Answer:** Rural Development Officer, NGO Manager, Social Entrepreneur, CSR Manager.

Q13. Is BRS a good course?

• **Answer:** Yes, especially if passionate about rural development and social work.

Q14. Can a BA student work abroad?

• **Answer:** Yes, with higher studies or direct jobs in Journalism, Public Policy, Social Research.

Q15. Top entrance exams for BA Journalism?

• Answer: CUET, IPU CET, Symbiosis SET, St. Xavier's Mumbai Entrance Test.

Q16. Is it mandatory to take English Honours for Journalism career?

• **Answer:** Not mandatory, but helps. Any specialization + Journalism diploma also works.

Q17. Does Humanities have a scope in the IT industry?

• **Answer:** Yes, content writing, digital marketing, UX research are open to Humanities students.

Q18. Difference between BA and BA Hons?

• **Answer:** BA Hons. focuses deeper into a single subject, BA is broader with multiple disciplines.

Q19. Should I pursue BA or Law after 12th?

• **Answer:** Depends on interest. If law-specific career goal — go for integrated law degrees. Else BA + LLB after.

Q20. What are public policy careers after Humanities?

• Answer: Think Tanks, Government Policy Units, CSR, International NGOs.

Major Exams for Humanities Students (India)

- CUET (Common University Entrance Test)
- CLAT (Common Law Admission Test)
- IPU CET (Indraprastha University Common Entrance Test)
- TISS BAT (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)
- NID DAT (Design Aptitude Test)
- NIFT Entrance (Fashion Technology)
- SET (Symbiosis Entrance Test)
- JNU Entrance Exam
- DU Entrance Test (for few specializations)