The declaration for establishing a Public University in the then **Barishal** division was made **by the Founder of Bangladesh, the Father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1973. Several** half-hearted attempts were made by the different political governments after 1980s but it was in 2009 that the establishment of the University got meaningfully underway by the Ministry of Education, and the **Honorable President** of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh **Md. Zillur Rahman** appointed Professor **Dr. Md. Harunor ~~Rashid Khan~~**~~of the Department of Soil, Water and Environment of the University of Dhaka on 18th February 2010 as the Project Director to establish the University of Barishal~~

University of barishal (bengali: বরিশাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, boriśhāl biśbôbidyālôẏ; also known as barishal university or simply bu) is a public university located in [barishal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barishal" \o "Barishal), a divisional city in southern [bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh" \o "Bangladesh).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Barishal#cite_note-ittefaq-2) it is the country's 33rd public university.

The university was established in 2011 and began academic activities at undergraduate level in six departments under four faculties on 24 january 2012. The university offers degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The university houses 25 academic departments under six faculties, where 24 departments are currently providing postgraduate degrees. Every year almost 1,500 students are admitted to undergraduate programs in the university. The university started its academic activities at the temporary campus at [barishal zilla school](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barishal_Zilla_School" \o "Barishal Zilla School) and then shifted to its permanent campus. The permanent suburban campus of 50 acres of the university is located in [barisal sadar upazila](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barisal_Sadar_Upazila" \o "Barisal Sadar Upazila) beside [dhaka-patuakhali highway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N8_(Bangladesh)" \o "N8 (Bangladesh)) on the bank of [kirtankhola](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirtankhola" \o "Kirtankhola) river.