

# PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES SHAPING BANGLADESH'S FUTURE



## A glimpse into the vibrant university clubs in Bangladesh

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The Culture Club organizes several seasonal cultural programs such as "Boshonto Utsob", "Robindro Utsob", "Nazrul Utsob", & "Shorot Utsob", among others. Additionally, they organize photo exhibitions, stage drama, dance drama, pronunciation workshop, recitation festival, and more.

The members of the SUB Sports Club also organize Inter-University and Intra-University tournaments with both indoor and outdoor games every semester and participate in tournaments organized by other universities.

"At the State University Bangladesh Debate Club, our students have had the opportunity to participate in national-level debate competitions. Recently, the SUB Debate team won the "UCB Parliamentary Debate" against BRAC University, which was telecasted live through ATN Bangla," proudly shares Md. Abdul Kader Shohan, Senior Executive of Co-curricular Activities at State University Bangladesh.

**University of Asia Pacific (UAP)**  
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(UAP) provides a versatile learning environment for the students with its array of 15 diverse clubs, ranging from the Basketball Club to the History and Heritage Club.

The Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC) is one of the dynamic clubs of UAP that arranges programs aiming at developing and honing the corporate and entrepreneurial skills and mindset of the students. ECDC aims to give their students practical experience and knowledge of corporate practices and entrepreneurial skills by organizing events like "Meet the CEO", where students can learn from the corporate leaders and entrepreneurial seminars and workshops like "Entrepreneurs' Fest", "Road to Success", and "Passion to Action".

Mohammad Rakiv, Assistant Professor in the Department of Business Administration and Adviser, ECDC notes, "ECDC aims to bridge the industries' skill requirements with academic learning, developing and cultivating the skills and mindset that a graduate should possess while entering the technology driven future marketplace."

**University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)**

Known for its focus on interdisciplinary liberal arts subjects, ULAB nurtures critical thinking and creativity among its students. In addition to its rigorous curriculum, the university offers a diverse range of extracurricular clubs, from Adventure Club to History Club, and more. Notably, the ULAB Sustainable Development Club has been a source of inspiration for many students hoping to make a change. By organizing various engaging activities like yoga, pottery making, and tie-dye, they strive to raise awareness and promote sustainability in daily life.

"Each semester, we visit schools to educate young minds about the importance of sustainability. Using engaging stage dramas and activities, we strive to cultivate awareness and

enthusiasm for sustainable practices and environmental issues, foster volunteering, enhance networking skills, and promotes individual sustainability for a better tomorrow," shares Sanzida Alam, the club's president.

**Uttara University**

Uttara University believes in providing students with a well-rounded education that goes beyond the classroom, and extracurricular clubs play a vital role in achieving that goal. They encourage their students to participate in social activities that aid themselves and their community.

Notably, the Uttara University Social Services Club has arranged programs like Flood Relief, Winter Donation, and Iftar Distribution, as well as social awareness programs like Women's Safety, Thalassaemia Awareness seminar, free blood group detection and Uttara Clean Drive to help the city and community.

"We try to create a strong network and interaction with organisations who have interest to provide social services in Bangladesh. We also aid our students to gain or develop their professional skills in group dynamics, leadership, cooperation, coordinating activities, communication skills, and enhance the visibility and appreciation of social services among themselves," notes Anila Akter Nilima, Senior volunteer and Organizer of Uttara University Social Services Club.

In conclusion, university clubs in Bangladesh empower students to explore their passions, enhance skills, and make a positive impact. By catering to the diverse interests of students, these clubs create a vibrant learning environment that prepares students for the professional world through engaging activities, mentoring sessions, and participation in national and international competitions. Embracing the power of extracurricular engagement, these universities are nurturing well-rounded individuals who are ready to make a difference in their communities and beyond.

## Emerging Fields of Study

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Professor Farruque Masud who is the Chairman of this department has informed, "This department will open need based short course education for professionals working in apparel and fashion industries like diploma and certificate courses. Our intention is to make professionals by which nation can save our money taken by foreigners working in apparel and fashion industries."

**Data Analytics and Data Science**

With the extensive use of Artificial intelligence and advanced technology in the world today, many institutions have felt the need to prepare the youth of this country for such a technologically advanced world.

East Delta University Bangladesh has taken the initiative to offer a Masters of Science in Data Analytics and Design Thinking for Business program. With the right application of data science, this degree enables students to concentrate on data-driven business design with an emphasis on marketing and human resources management as their areas of specialization.

The MSc in Data Analytics and Design Thinking for Business program follows the guidelines set by the University Grants Commission (UGC). It is also to be noted that the university grants numerous scholarships for 'Master of Science in Data Analytics and Design Thinking for Business' students based on their academic performance and financial circumstances.

Additionally, the department of Computer Science and Engineering of United International University is offering the first ever undergraduate program in Data Science in Bangladesh. The admission will open in June for Fall 2023 semester and classes are expected to commence from September 2023.

Professor Dr. Swakkhar Shatabda is the director of this newly approved program. Professor Shatabda has a PhD degree in Artificial Intelligence and has been involved in university level active teaching, research, collaboration and industry consultancy for the last 15 years in home and abroad. With that experience in the department and its leadership, the program aims to train the graduates to enable them as critical problem solvers and independent learners which will set them to work effectively in

multi-disciplinary teams and situations adapting to broad technological changes.

**Management and Nursing programs**

The healthcare sector is rapidly changing and evolving into the most technically demanding field. To help students get a better understanding of this field, universities such as State University of Bangladesh and International University of Business Agriculture and Technology are offering degrees in Nursing and Healthcare Management. IUBAT's Nursing degree is one of a kind since it is one of the very few Nursing degrees offered in a non-governmental institution and is accredited by the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Students may also be interested in the prospects offered by degrees in Developmental Studies and Disaster Management both of which are being offered by BRAC University.


**Social Sciences programs and Legal Studies**

The "Master of Public Policy and Leadership" (MPPL) program, the first of its type in the entire world, was pioneered by East Delta University. Students in the MPPL program are guaranteed to receive a high-quality education and exposure to international best practices thanks to their invaluable faculty. The corporate sector, financial institutions, NGOs, academic institutions, the government service, and the business sector are just a few job pathways available to MPPL graduates.

Specialised Legal Studies programs are also slowly being integrated into the university curriculum in some universities. The Department of Law and Human Rights of the University of Asia Pacific has started providing such LLB and LLM courses for their students with the aim of making them competent in the Legal Fields both nationally and internationally.

Higher level educational Institutions in the country are definitely inching towards a more diversified and complex academic scene where there is a wider range of programs available for students to pick from. Given the development of this aspect in the past 15 years alone, it can be expected that this diversification will continue in the private university sector in Bangladesh and benefit those trying to make their mark in this rapidly changing world.





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