



Private university clubs set the stage for a successful career



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University clubs are hotspots for student activities on campus. Even though the discourse surrounding clubs often gravitates towards friendship and socialising, they can also help students prepare to leap into corporate life. In recent years, top employers have increased their focus on recruiting from top university clubs, since many of these organisations are known for producing well-rounded graduates who excel in the workplace. This article will delve deeper into numerous clubs across top private Bangladeshi universities and how they equip their members for life beyond the campus.

International Standard University (ISU)

Situated in the bustling commercial hub of Mohakhali, ISU has a world of extracurricular opportunities. The university has student club organisations ranging from textiles to English to ensure all students have a place to thrive outside of academics.

International Standard University IT Club is focused on upskilling Computer Science and Engineering students to take the IT industry head-on. The club has hosted competitions such as the "ISU Intra University Programming Contest" and a workshop with Creative IT on "Industrial Revolution 4.0: Data and Blockchain".

"Beyond the syllabus, the ISU IT Club is architecting pathways, guiding

students from classrooms to the realisation of their ultimate dreams. Through seminars, workshops, and competitions, the club envisions a future where students not only secure jobs but also craft impactful careers," says Mujibur Rahman, Coordinator of ISU IT Club.

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) Standing tall as an institute offering multifaceted educational excellence in technology, business, and agriculture, IUBAT also offers students a host of extracurricular clubs to nurture talent and foster growth.

One such organisation is the Debating Forum of IUBAT (DFI). DFI is a club committed to enhancing members' confidence, research

proficiency, critical thinking, and communication skills. Additionally, engaging in the club's conducive and welcoming environment helps members with conflict resolution, teamwork, networking, and leadership qualities.

"DFI sharpens critical thinking, communication, and persuasion skills, preparing members for varied professions," states Md. Sadekul Islam, Coordinator, Debating Forum of IUBAT. "Club members learn to construct compelling arguments, effective information analysis, and quick thinking," he continues. "Additionally, the club fosters teamwork, confidence, and adaptability – essential skills for navigating future career complexities," he concludes.

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

One of the country's most prestigious private institutes, IUB, is regarded for its academic excellence, its inclusive learning environment, and outstanding extracurricular track record. IUB has one of the most unique sets of clubs in the country, with 47 active organisations on campus; from athletics and business to Korean clubs.

One of the most popular clubs at IUB, the IUB Art Club (IUBAC), uses art to bring about healing and change. Some major IUBAC events include the "On-Spot Art Competition," "Chalanta Canvas," and "KNART." Additionally, the club holds several skill-building sessions on graphic design, doodle art, and even IELTS to upskill its member base.

The club's president, Roshni Parvin, shares, "The members of my club, IUB Art Club, work really hard and develop numerous important managerial, leadership, and communication skills in the process, which help them stand out in their careers wherever they go."

North South University (NSU)

NSU has become one of the nation's best-known institutes, and a frontrunner in academic excellence in three short decades. To supplement its rigorous academic curriculum, NSU has a myriad of extracurricular opportunities available for students, with a host of vibrant student bodies ranging from life sciences to business as well as the arts.

North South University Social Services Club (NSUSSC) is one of the university's premier student organisations, founded in the noble pursuit of helping the less fortunate alongside transforming members into empathetic and upstanding citizens. NSUSSC's student body organises multiple events throughout the academic year, including

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