

## Unlocking Global Opportunities

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New postgraduate programmes are also on the horizon.

Next, we will explore the state-of-the-art collaborations between UCB and its partner institutions, including the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Monash University, and the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan).

### London School of Economics (LSE)

UCB has successfully partnered with the prestigious University of London. This partnership allows UCB to offer its students a full Bachelor of Science Honours degree under the academic supervision of the London School of Economics (LSE). This collaboration provides UCB students with a remarkable opportunity to pursue LSE curricula for three-year degrees in Accounting and Finance, Business and Management, Economics, and Finance.

In addition, UCB has introduced a unique course called the Certificate of Higher Education in Social Science (CHESS). This programme is specifically designed to integrate students who have completed their HSC in Bengali or English versions. Upon successfully completing CHESS, students can transition directly into the University of London degree programme and complete it in three years without the need for any additional qualifications.

Choosing to study under the London School of Economics (LSE) curriculum at UCB offers numerous advantages. Students can earn a University of London degree while benefiting from the academic rigour and prestige of LSE. Upon completion of their studies, they have the opportunity to attend the convocation ceremony in London, celebrating their achievements on a



global stage. The programme also provides a seamless pathway to pursue a Master's degree at LSE or other top-tier universities, further enhancing their academic and career prospects.

Exceptionally high-performing students may have the opportunity to transfer to LSE, allowing them to experience the vibrant academic environment of one of the world's leading institutions. Additionally, students can participate in the LSE Summer School, a three-week

programme that offers intensive courses and the opportunity to network with peers and professionals from around the world.

UCB students also gain access to valuable internship opportunities, helping them gain industry exposure and practical experience with top corporations. This hands-on experience, combined with the quality of education, positions graduates for successful career placement in leading companies

in Bangladesh and multinational corporations, ensuring they are well-prepared to excel in their chosen fields.

UCB launched its University of London degree programme with the gracious presence of Dr. James Abdey from LSE, and the first batch of UCB students began their international education in Gulshan last October. It is expected that this cohort will complete their international degrees by May 2026.

### University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

UCB launched its programme not long ago, and within a short period, it has shown remarkable progress in student recruitment. According to a UCB official, the number of students has doubled compared

to the previous year in existing programmes. Inspired by this recent success, UCB plans to upgrade and expand its offerings by establishing new partnerships with globally recognised universities. A recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) is a prime example.

UCB is already preparing to launch UCLan academic programmes, aiming to blend academic excellence with cultural diversity. Through this partnership, UCB is committed to producing a new generation of leaders and innovators, equipping Bangladeshi students with a global perspective and industry-relevant skills.

UCLan sent a team to inspect UCB last July. "I've already received

the official confirmation, and what I can tell you is that we've passed the accreditation validation and received 11 commendations for excellence—the highest number they've ever awarded to any institution, including their UK partners. So, they rated us better than their British partners, which I'm very pleased about. In the first year, the degree programmes will be in Business & Management and Software Engineering. The good news is these will also be direct entry programmes for HSC students, allowing them to complete a full three-year honours degree from the UK right here," said Prof. Hew Gill, President & Provost of UCB.

With training at UCB, students will be well-equipped to tackle challenges both globally and locally, thanks to their exposure to world-class education. UCB students can also easily secure placements and opportunities, such as joining the summer school at UCLan, where they can engage with real-world problems and industry challenges. In terms of access to online academic resources, UCB students will be able to take a virtual tour of UCLan, further enhancing their academic experience.

While UCLan programmes at UCB offer a globally consistent curriculum, this does not mean that the education is ahistorical or non-contextual with reference to Bangladesh. Instead, it will be aligned with local sensibilities and context-specific resources.

The assessment process will be uniform across all locations. UCB students can easily transfer between institutions if they wish, spending a year at UCB and then seamlessly continuing their studies in the UK.

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**UCB is not all about studies. They offer a wide range of facilities, including a library and various clubs, and each week is packed with different social and co-curricular activities. UCB's President shared that last month they successfully completed a Chess Championship and are also planning to celebrate World Photography Day and World Online Learning Day.**

