



## Unlocking Global Opportunities

**Obtaining an international qualification from the comfort of your home country not only makes international education affordable but also increases the chances of securing scholarships for fully funded Master's or PhD programmes in the future.**

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**Monash University**  
UCB's exclusive partnership with Monash University enables it to offer the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) and Monash College Diploma (MCD) programmes in Bangladesh. With these programmes, students benefit from a curriculum designed to meet international standards, preparing them for seamless entry into one of the world's leading universities. Additionally, studying at UCB offers a cost-effective alternative while maintaining the same academic rigour and support available at Monash University.

**Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY)**  
MUFY is a pre-university comprehensive programme that provides students with a solid foundation, allowing for a smooth transition to their bachelor's degree. It qualifies students to enter all 10 Monash faculties with a wide range of subject choices, including business, engineering, architecture, law, medicine, and information technology. Successful completion of MUFY allows students guaranteed entry into the first year of their chosen undergraduate degree at Monash University in

Australia or Malaysia. The foundation programme has three intake sessions in January, July, and August. It has a duration of 10 months and is taught over two semesters. Each semester consists of at least four units, and completing the programme requires passing a minimum of eight units. However, students can also choose to complete bonus units each semester to increase their final score. This university pathway programme enables HSC, O, AS, or A level students to gear up and step into their guaranteed first-year entry at Monash University.

**Monash MCD Programmes**  
The Monash College Diploma (MCD) is equivalent to the first year of a degree programme at Monash University in Australia and Malaysia, providing students with direct entry into the second year of degrees in data science, business, IT, and engineering. Monash College fully oversees and directs everything related to the annual teaching plan, semester structure, learning objectives, curriculum, testing, and evaluation process for UCB's MCD programmes. "Everything that we do under Monash is exactly similar to them and is marked by Monash. So, the marks we're getting, the exams we're taking, the way we're teaching students

are identical to what students would get if they went directly to Melbourne," remarked Professor Hew Gill, Provost & President at UCB.

The MCD programmes are offered in three fields of study: business, engineering, and IT, and they are divided into two parts. The first part teaches students basic maths and science theories, while the second part covers the same subjects offered in the first year at Monash University, helping students gain specialised knowledge in engineering, IT, or business. The MCD in Business is a 9-month long programme, and students are free to choose from two main streams. The business stream is for students who want to pursue a business degree majoring in banking, finance, marketing, or accounting. Students can also opt for a specialised degree, such as a Bachelor of International Business, where they will develop the expertise to operate in global business environments and acquire the skills necessary to conduct business across various countries and settings. The commerce stream is for those looking to major in economics, finance, actuarial studies, or accounting and requires a higher level of mathematics.

The MCD in Engineering requires 12 months, while the IT programme requires 9 months to complete. After completing the Engineering MCD, students are eligible to transfer to the second year of various engineering degrees, including software engineering, robotics, aerospace, chemical, and biomedical engineering. Conversely, the IT MCD equips students to pursue a range of majors, from computer science to cybersecurity to game design or IT for business. Both of these programmes help students enter the most competitive and high-demand subjects in the world. Additionally, UCB students are eligible for special fee waivers when they enrol at Monash University.

One significant advantage of the MCD programmes is that they make world-class

degrees affordable by reducing the cost of the first year. If students were to pursue the first year in Australia, it would require at least 60 to 70 lakh BDT, whereas the amount would be around 35 to 40 lakh BDT if they completed the first year at the Monash Malaysia campus. However, S M Risalat Rahman, Assistant Manager at UCB, highlights that with the MCD programmes, students can complete the same first year for 8 to 9 lakh BDT, which makes a substantial difference to the overall spending for the Monash degree.

**Unlock global opportunities with UIFY**

UCB's International Foundation Year (UIFY) programme can give students a head start if they intend to pursue a degree with global prestige. The Level 3 UCB International Foundation Year (UIFY) for Higher Education Studies offers a unique opportunity for students to follow their desired career paths in more than 70 universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, or Ireland. It is a one-year pre-university qualification exclusively crafted to enhance students' English language skills and provide a practical introduction to their chosen field of study, while also honing their research and study skills. Completing the foundation year gives Bangladeshi students, especially those from HSC backgrounds, the edge to excel in their undergraduate studies abroad.

Students can choose from fields such as business, engineering, computing, chemical engineering, higher finance, and health sciences through the UIFY programme. Eight universities in the UK, Australia, and Ireland offer guaranteed access to graduates of the NCC Educational Level 3 International Foundation Programme for Higher Studies. To gain entry into the UIFY

programme, students must have completed either their GCSE/IGCSE 'O' levels or HSC with at least a GPA of 3.0 or above. HSC students are required to achieve an average of 50% with passes in four or more subjects, including Maths and English. Alternatively, they can gain admission with a valid score of 4.5 or above in the IELTS or by taking the free NCC Education Standard English Placement Test.

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. Their highly equipped labs are accessible to non-STEM students as well, provided they are members of the science club. There are also regular online sessions and physical visits from partner universities, offering students opportunities to engage directly and build connections that enhance their academic experience.

UCB offers a unique blend of opportunities for growth both academically and personally while ensuring a bright future in terms of employability and further higher education. Obtaining an international qualification from the comfort of your home country not only makes international education affordable but also increases the chances of securing scholarships for fully funded Master's or PhD programmes in the future. "I'd say now is a very exciting time for Bangladesh for many reasons. What Bangladesh needs now is a lot of bright, internationally educated people to take the country's economy to the next stage. So, don't think about going abroad; now is the time to serve the nation, and we can give you that international experience without having to go abroad," shared Professor Gill.

