

THE MONASH WAY TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

In the highly competitive world that we live in today, international education certainly gives students an edge in building successful careers. However, many students in Bangladesh find the path to pursuing higher education abroad full of challenges. Visa limitations, language barriers, and higher costs are just some of the many hindrances they face.

But if you choose globally renowned institutions like Monash University, Universal College Bangladesh (UCBD), the country's first transnational education hub, provides unmatched opportunities by offering seamless pathway programs to help students with diverse academic qualifications to live their dream of international education.

Located in Australia and Malaysia, Monash University has established pathway programs for higher education, delivered through more than 30 partners worldwide, including Universal College Bangladesh. Through these pathway programs, they aim to create cultural diversity and build global talent by allowing students to begin their international education in their home countries.

This transforms how students access global education. Instead of going overseas right away, students can start their Monash degree from right here in Bangladesh from the very first year, making a smoother transition towards international study.



Tram Nguyen, Director of Marketing, Monash College addressing UCBD students.

UCBD mainly offers two pathway programs that provide direct entry to Monash University:

Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY)

MUFY is an international pre-university program specifically designed for international students intending to pursue studies at Monash University. It guarantees entry into the first-year undergraduate program in any of the 10 faculties at Monash University. The curriculum includes subjects like Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, English,



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Mathematics, Physics, and Global Studies.

Monash College Diploma (MCD)

MCD is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree at Monash University and ensures entry into the second year of selected undergraduate programs across seven disciplines. The program duration ranges from 9 to 12 months, depending on the discipline (Business, Engineering, and Information Technology).

What is particularly valuable about these programs is that they are founded upon the same curriculum and assessment requirements as Monash University. The annual teaching plan, semester breakdown, learning objectives, curriculum, testing, and evaluation process for the UCBD Monash programs are directed and monitored by Monash itself, ensuring academic quality and rigour. With accessible teachers and resources, it is taught in a supportive college environment.

Moreover, students who go through the UCBD pathway programs are not limited to the traditional field of studies. Bangladeshi students have pursued non-traditional disciplines like Culinary Arts, Dentistry, Architecture, Fashion Design, and more. This flexibility allows students to follow their interests rather than being limited to traditional educational routes.

These pathway programs are also much more advantageous than the regular pathway to international education. Securing a student visa has to be one of the most challenging aspects of international education. Students who follow the regular pathway often get rejected for a visa. However, as a part of UCBD's MUFY/MCD programs, students are Monash students from day one, which significantly eases the visa procurement process and reduces the possibility of rejection.

The financial aspect of it is also advantageous for the students. They receive a bursary of AUD 10,000 in their first year at Monash (second year of bachelor's studies). Additionally, by starting their studies at UCBD, students save approximately 70 percent of the cost of studying the first year abroad.

Notably, Monash University ranks at 54 in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings, which indicates that graduates have excellent career prospects. The university's global reputation (37th in the QS World University Rankings 2025) also makes the degree valuable in the international job market.

Starting the Monash experience at UCBD provides students with the time to adapt to international academic standards while remaining in a familiar cultural environment. This transition helps reduce shock and prepares students more effectively for the international experience. Through this highly successful approach, eight batches of students from Bangladesh have already benefited from skills and knowledge before transitioning to the Monash University campus in Australia or Malaysia.

UCBD and Monash University's partnership is not merely an academic connection but a bridge between Bangladeshi talent and global opportunities. For students wishing to acquire a world-class education, UCBD pathway programs offer a guided, affordable, and guaranteed means of achieving their academic and professional goals through one of the world's most prestigious universities.

The upcoming MUFY intakes are July, August 2025 and January 2026; and MCD intakes are June, October 2025, and February 2026.

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