EDUCATION

Public university units: Explained

CAMPUS DESK

Most public universities in Bangladesh admit undergraduates through unit-based tests, where related faculties are grouped under a single exam. Here is how six of them organise their units.

DHAKA UNIVERSITY

Dhaka University (DU) holds its undergraduate admission tests under five units, each tied to a stream of faculties or an institute.

Unit A (Ka) — Science
Built mainly for science students, this unit covers the Faculty of Science (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics and others) and the Faculty of Biological Sciences (Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Psychology and others). It also includes the Faculty of Pharmacy (Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and others), the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (Geography and Environment, Geology, Oceanography, Disaster Science and Management, Meteorology) and the Faculty of Engineering and Technology (Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering and others).

Unit B (Kha) — Arts, Law and Social Sciences
This unit brings the humanities, social sciences and law together. The Faculty of Arts contributes Bangla, English, History, Philosophy, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Islamic History and Culture, Linguistics, Theatre and Performance Studies, Music, World Religions and Culture, Dance and more. The Faculty of Law adds the Department of Law. The Faculty of Social Sciences covers Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, Mass Communication and Journalism, Public Administration, Anthropology, Population Sciences, Peace and Conflict Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Development Studies, Criminology and others.

Unit C (Ga) — Business Studies
Aimed at students from a business or commerce background, though eligibility can vary with each year's admission circular. It covers the Faculty of Business Studies: Accounting and Information Systems, Finance, Marketing, Management, Banking and Insurance, Management Information Systems, Tourism and Hospitality Management, International Business, and Organization Strategy and Leadership.

Fine Arts Unit
Focused on creative and visual arts, this unit covers only the Faculty of Fine Art: Drawing and Painting, Graphic Design, Oriental Art, Sculpture, Printmaking, Ceramic, Crafts and History of Art.

Institute of Business Administration (IBA) – DU
The Institute of Business Administration (IBA) admits students through its own unit. Like the Fine Arts unit, its test is held in Dhaka only.

JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY

Jahangirnagar University (JU) runs its admission tests under seven units: A, B, C, C1, D, E and IBA-JU.

Unit A — Mathematical and Physical Sciences
Designed mainly for science students, this unit covers the Faculty of Mathematical and Physical Sciences (Computer Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Statistics and Data Science, Geological Sciences and Environmental Sciences) and the Institute of Information Technology (IIT).

Unit B — Social Sciences
Focused on the social sciences and regional planning, this unit covers the Faculty of Social Sciences: Economics, Government and Politics, Public Administration, Anthropology, Geography and Environment, and Urban and Regional Planning.



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Unit C — Arts, Humanities and Law
This unit combines the humanities, law and communication disciplines. It covers the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Bangla, English, History, Philosophy, Archaeology, International Relations, Journalism and Media Studies), the Faculty of Law (Law and Justice) and the Institute of Comparative Literature and Culture.

Unit C1 — Drama and Fine Arts
A specialised unit for the performing and visual arts, covering only Drama and Dramatics and Fine Arts under the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

Unit D — Biological Sciences
Tailored for the life sciences, health and medical research, this unit covers the Faculty of Biological Sciences: Pharmacy, Microbiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, Botany, Zoology, and Public Health and Informatics.

Unit E — Business Studies
For students pursuing core business disciplines, this unit covers the Faculty of Business Studies: Accounting and Information Systems, Finance and Banking, Marketing, and Management Studies.

IBA-JU
The Institute of Business Administration at JU admits its BBA students through a separate unit.

JAGANNATH UNIVERSITY

Jagannath University (JnU) organises its admission tests under five units.

Unit A — Science and Life and Earth Sciences
Tailored for science students, this unit covers the Faculty of Science (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics, CSE) and the Faculty of Life and Earth Sciences (Pharmacy, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Botany, Zoology, Geography and Psychology).

Unit B — Arts and Law
Focused on the humanities, languages and law, this unit covers the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law.

Unit C — Business Studies
Designed for business administration disciplines, this unit covers the Faculty of Business Studies: Accounting, Finance, Marketing and Management.

Unit D — Social Sciences
Covering the behavioural, political and social sciences, this unit takes in the Faculty of Social Sciences: Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Social Work, Mass Communication, Public Administration and Anthropology.

Unit E — Fine Arts
Dedicated to the visual, creative and performing arts, this unit covers the Faculty of Fine Arts, including its Music and Drama departments.

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY

The University of Rajshahi (RU) organises its admission tests under three broad units.

Unit A — Humanities, Arts, Law and Social Sciences
This unit covers the Faculties of Arts, Law, Social Sciences and Fine Arts, along with the Institute of Education and Research.

Unit B — Business Studies
Tailored for commerce and business disciplines, this unit covers the Faculty of Business Studies and the Institute of Business Administration (IBA-RU).

Unit C — Science
Designed for science students, this unit brings together the Faculties of Science, Engineering, Biological Sciences, Agriculture, Geosciences, Fisheries, and Veterinary and Animal Sciences.

KHULNA UNIVERSITY

Khulna University (KU) admits students through four units, each corresponding to one or more of its schools.

Unit A — Science, Engineering and Technology
For engineering, the pure sciences and planning, this unit covers the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, including CSE, Architecture, Urban and Rural Planning, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Statistics.

Unit B — Life Science
Focused on agricultural, biological and pharmaceutical sciences, this unit covers the Life Science School, including Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, Agrotechnology, Environmental Science, Fisheries and Marine Resource Technology, Forestry and Wood Technology, and Soil, Water and Environment.

U**nit C — Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Education and Fine Arts**
A multidisciplinary track covering the Schools of Arts and Humanities, Social Science, Law, Education and Fine Arts.

Unit D — Management and Business Administration
Dedicated to commerce and corporate leadership, this unit covers the School of Management and Business Administration.

BARISHAL UNIVERSITY

The Barishal University (BU) admits students through three units under the GST (General, Science and Technology) cluster system.

Unit A — Science and Bio-Sciences
Designed mainly for science students, this unit covers the Faculty of Science and Engineering (Computer Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology and Mining, Statistics and Data Science) and the Faculty of Bio-Sciences (Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Botany, Soil and Environmental Sciences, Coastal Studies and Disaster Management).

Unit B — Humanities, Social Sciences and Law
This unit combines humanistic, social and legal disciplines. It covers the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Bangla, English, Philosophy, History), the Faculty of Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Mass Communication and Journalism) and the Faculty of Law.

Unit C — Business Studies
For students pursuing core business disciplines, this unit covers the Faculty of Business Studies: Accounting and Information Systems, Finance and Banking, Marketing, and Management Studies.