

Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal

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As a result of idea born in the mother-womb of Rabindranath Tagore of establishing an open air University, Visva-Bharati University came into existence on 23rd December, 1921. Visva Bharati became a Central University in 1951 and now it has become a reputed University.

The institute senses and fulfills its official motto of 'Yatra Visvam Bhavatyekanidam' or 'where the world makes a home in a single nest' as it offers all courses under the various institutes for under-graduate, post-graduate and doctoral studies in its fold. The Visva Bharati University has 8 Institutes, 2 Kindergarten Schools, 1 Pre-degree School, 2 Schools and 15 centres of learning.

Institutes under Visva-Bharati University

- The Institute of Humanities also known as Vidya Bhavana
- The Institute of Sciences also known as Shiksha Bhavana
- The Institute of Agricultural Sciences or the Palli Shiksha Bhavana
- The Institute Education or the Binay Bhavana
- Institute of Fine Arts known as Kala Bhavana

The Institute of Tagore Studies and Research (populare as 'Rabindra Bhavan') is the main attraction as a library, a museum, a multimedia unit and a reprographic unit are a part of this institute.

Schools under Visva Bharati

- Patha Bhavana (Elementary School)
- Shiksha Satra (Secondary School)
- Uttar Shiksha Sadana (Higher Secondary School)

The following are the three most important administrative posts in Visva-Bharati:

- Chancellor (Acharya): Dr Manmohan Singh, The Prime Minister of India
- Pradhana (Rector): Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, The Governor of West Bengal
- Vice-Chancellor (Upacharya): Prof. Rajat Kanta Ray

The President of India holds the honorary post of Paridarsaka (Visitor) in Visva-Bharati University and the Governor of West Bengal is the Pradhana or Rector. It is the duty of

President of India to appoint its Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

Faculties

The Faculty of Studies in Visva-Bharati composed of

- 126 Professors
- 92 Readers
- 28 Senior Lecturers
- 115 Lecturers
- 140 Assistant Lecturers
- 2 Instructors
- 12 Accompanists

These faculties have a huge responsibility of educating, grooming and developing career prospects of 6500 students housed in 52 hostels. The institute houses a Central Library which has a collection of over 3 lakh books and also Sectional Libraries which the students avail benefit of:

Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

The following are the degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded by Visva-Bharati University:

- School Leaving Certificate
- Diplomas and Certificates in various disciplines
- Bachelor Degrees
- Master Degrees
- PH. D
- D. Litt/D. Sc
- Gagan-Aban Puraskar
- Rathindra Puraskar
- Honoris Causa (Desikottama)

Courses

Vidya-Bhavana

- (Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences) Two Year M A in Bengali, English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Functional Hindi (Translation), Oriya, Chinese, Philosophy, Comparative Religion,

Economics, History, Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology, Journalism & Mass Communication, Geography, Mathematics. Three Year BA (Honours) in Bengali, English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Oriya, Chinese, Philosophy, Comparative Religion, Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology

- Geography and Mathematics Four year BA (Honours) in Persian, Tibetan, Chinese and Japanese. The first year shall be preparatory for those who passed Higher Secondary or equivalent without the subject concerned with criteria set for the purpose, otherwise it will be of three years. Three year B. A. Course in Functional Hindi (Vocational)

Siksha-Bhavana (Institute of Science)

- Two Year MSc in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology, Botany, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Statistics Three year BSc (Honours) in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology (Life Science), Botany (Life Science), Computer Science, Statistics
- Sangeet-Bhavana (Institute of Music, Dance and Drama)
- Two year M. Mus. In Rabindra Sangit, Hindusthani Classical Music (Vocal), Sitar, Esraj, Tabla, Pakhawaj, Kathakali and Manipuri Dance.
- Three year B. Mus (Honours). in Rabindra Sangit, Hindusthani Classical Music (Vocal), Sitar, Esraj, Tabla, Pakhawaj, Kathakali and Manipuri Dance, Drama and Theatre arts.

Kala-Bhavana

- (Institute of Fine Arts) Two year M. Fine Arts/Advanced Diploma in Painting/Mural, Sculpture, Graphic Art (Print Making), Design (Textile/Ceramics), History of Art Five year B. Fine Arts (Honours)/Diploma in Fine Arts in Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Art (Print Making), Design (Textile/Ceramics), History of Art
- Two year Certificate Course in Design
- One Year Bridge Course in History of Art (leading to the existing two years M. F. A. Course in history of art) for students from other than Fine Arts discipline.

Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture)

- Two year MSc (Ag) in Agronomy, Plant Protection, Agricultural Extension, Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, Horticulture Four year BSc (Ag.) Honours

Palli Samgathana Vibhaga (Institute of Rural Reconstruction)

- Two year M A/MSc in Anthropology
- Two year M A in Rural Development
- Two year Master of Social Work

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- Three year Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
- Three year Diploma in Textile Technology (Handloom), Furniture Technology and Interior Design, Potter and Ceramic Technology
- Two year Certificate Course in Handmade Paper Making, Artistic Leather Craft, Batik Work, Book Binding and Handmade Packaging

Vinaya Bhavana (Institute of Education)

- Two year Master of Physical Education
- Three year Bachelor of Physical Education (Honours)

Uttara Siksha Sadhana (Institute of Higher Secondary Education)

- Two year Pre-Degree (10 + 2) in Humanities and Science Streams

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