

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY AND THE BA(HONS) PROGRAMME

### 1. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

**The Central University of Karnataka (CUK) was established in 2009 by an Act of the Parliament** as a Central University. It is one of the 15 new Central Universities established last year by the Government of India to address to the concerns of such States that do not have Central Universities and is a higher educational institution committed to reaching international levels of academic excellence with national competence.

**It is the only Central University in Karnataka** and is fully funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development through the University Grants Commission.

The jurisdiction of the University extends to the entire state of Karnataka and student enrolment is open for students from within the state and all parts of the country. **The degrees offered by the University have all-India recognition and international equivalence.**

The university is presently functioning from its temporary offices and classes situated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Karya Soudha, Gulbarga University Administrative Building, Gulbarga.

The work of construction of the 600 acre university campus is under way at Khadaganchki, Aland taluka, about 30 km from Gulbarga where state of the art classrooms, wi-fi enabled buildings, hostels, residential quarters, library and all amenities are expected to be in place by the end of 2011 when the university will shift from its present location to its permanent campus.

### ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS OF PROPOSED BUILDINGS



ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING



LIBRARY BUILDING



HOSTEL BLOCK



SCHOOL OF STUDY BUILDING



SPORTS COMPLEX

## 2. WHAT COURSES ARE OFFERED?

Sl.No.	Course	Subjects	INTAKE	Duration	Eligibility
1	Integrated B.A. (Hons.) and M.A.	History Economics Geography Psychology English	30 per subject.	Exit option after 3 years (six semesters) for B.A. (Hons.) degree  Or  5 years (10 semesters) for B.A. (Hons) and M.A. degree	Students aged up to 18 years and who have completed 12 <sup>th</sup> class / Intermediate education from a recognized Indian or foreign university / Board or equivalent (foreign recognition to be as per AIU list) with a minimum of 50% aggregate and who have qualified in the entrance test conducted by the University.
2	M.A.	English	30 per subject.	2 years (Four semesters)	Students aged between 20 - 24 years who have completed undergraduate education from a recognized Indian or foreign university (foreign recognition to be as per AIU list) in any discipline and secured a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (and having studied English as a subject at undergraduate level for admission to M.A. English /and having studied Kannada as a subject for admission to M.A. Kannada language and literature) and who have qualified in the entrance test conducted by the University.
3		Kannada Language and Literature			
4	M.Sc.	Geospatial Applications in Regional Development	30	2 years (Four semesters)	Students aged between 20 - 24 years who have completed undergraduate education and secured a minimum of 50% aggregate marks at undergraduate level from a recognized Indian or foreign university (foreign recognition to be as per AIU list) and who have qualified in the entrance test conducted by the University.
5	M.Com.	M.Com.	30	2 years (Four semesters)	Bachelors degree in any discipline from a recognized Indian or foreign university (foreign recognition to be as per AIU list) with at least 50% marks aggregate and who have qualified in the entrance test conducted by the University.
6	MBA	MBA	30	2 years (Four semesters)	Bachelors degree in any discipline from a recognized Indian or foreign university (foreign recognition to be as per AIU list) with at least 50% marks aggregate and who have qualified in the entrance test conducted by the University.
7	M.Phil.	History Geography Psychology Economics English	06 per subject	1 year (Two semesters)	Masters degree in the concerned subject or allied / relevant area from a recognized Indian or foreign university (foreign recognition to be as per AIU list) with at least 55% marks and who have qualified at an entrance test to be conducted by the University ( <u>UGC NET / SLET qualified candidates are exempted from entrance test and ill have to appear only for interview conducted by the university.</u> )

### 3. HOW ARE ADMISSIONS MADE?

Admissions are made on the basis of an all India entrance test.

The university had two rounds of entrance examinations, one on 19<sup>th</sup> June and the other on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 for admission to various courses.

The first round of entrance was conducted under the aegis of the Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET) where the university participated in an All-India test with six other newly established Central Universities (Central Universities of Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Kashmir and Rajasthan). In this round, the courses offered by CUK were offered to students all over India at 30 test centres all over India, including five centres in Karnataka (Gulbarga, Bangalore, Dharwar, Belgaum and Mysore).

The second round of entrance was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at Gulbarga, Bangalore, Dharwar, Belgaum and Mysore to especially facilitate the students of Karnataka.

The results of these tests will be available on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 at the university and on this website.

### 4. WHICH COURSES ARE STILL OPEN FOR ADMISSION?

Admissions are closed for all courses except B.A. (Hons) course.

The University had conducted counseling for admission to B.A. (Hons). Course on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010 for which the results will be declared on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

However since there are some vacant seats in B.A. (Hons) course (in English, Economics, Geography, Psychology and History) **a Special Counseling will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the university to fill up the vacant seats in these courses. PLEASE SEE RELEVANT LINK ON THIS WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.**

### **ABOUT THE B.A. (HONS) PROGRAMME**

### 5. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE B.A. (HONS) PROGRAMME?

- All students who have applied for admission through CUCET and CUK notifications.
- EVEN SUCH STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED AT ALL AND ARE NOW INTERESTED
- Such students who are below 18 years as on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and have passed their PUC / 12<sup>th</sup> class exam in any subject with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks. (10% relaxation in qualifying exam marks for SC/ST students).

### 6. WHAT IS THE B.A. (HONS) PROGRAMME AND WHAT ARE THE SUBJECTS OFFERED?

The B.A. (Hons) programme offered by the university is actually a five year integrated MA programme with exit option after three years with a B.A. (Hons.) degree. It is offered in English, Economics, Geography, Psychology and history subjects.

This means that students who take admission in this programme now can leave after successful completion of three years and will be awarded a B.A. (Hons.) degree.

Such students who are interested may stay and complete two more years of education and will be awarded with B.A. (Hons>) degree (after three years) and M.A. degree after five years.

This means that such students who complete the entire five year programme will get B.A. (Hons. ) and MA degree in the subject of their choice.

### 7. WHAT IS THE UNIQUENESS AND PATTERN OF THE B.A. (HONS) PROGRAMME.

**THE B.A. (HONS.) PROGRAMME IS OFFERED ONLY BY THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA IN THE WHOLE OF KARNATAKA.**

- i. It is a programme that trains and educates students in a rigorous way so that they have a strong grounding in the subject compared to other BA programmes offered.

- ii. The programme is multi component and includes Foundation Course, Core Course, Elective Course, Language Course, Allied Course, and Social Orientation Course.
- iii. The Central University system allows students to pick and construct their programme of B.A. Hons in the above components based on the **CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM**.
- iv. Students also get trained in computer use, communication skills and all-round personality development.

## 8. **WHAT IS CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM AND WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAMME**

The choice based credit system is based on cafeteria approach.

This means that, like in a cafeteria where a person can choose from menu of dishes, the students can pick and choose the subjects they want to study.

For example, the B.A. (Hons.) course has six components: Foundation Course, Core Course, Elective Course, Language Course, Allied Course, and Social Orientation Course.

These components allow choices as under:

### **Core Course**

**The main subject in which the B.A. (Hons.) degree will be awarded. Students to choose one subject from English, History, Economics, Psychology or Geography.**

### **Foundation course (Compulsory for all students)**

This course is designed to not only develop a student's understanding and grasp in his/her own subject of choice but also to enable them to develop capabilities of lateral thought, integrated understanding, holistic knowledge and a keen cognitive perception of their surroundings.

*Subjects of study:*

- 1) *English Communication and written Skills,*
- 2) *Indian Constitution,*
- 3) *Numeracy & Basic Computers,*
- 4) *Environmental Studies & Basics of Science*

### **Social Orientation Courses (Compulsory for all students)**

Planned to make the student into a responsible citizen wherein he/she will appreciate the country's working, laws, resources, culture and develop a spirit that is constructive, informed and positive.

*Subjects of study:*

- 1) *Nationalism, Secularism, Liberalism*
- 2) *Interfaith Harmony*
- 3) *Human Rights and Values*
- 4) *Comparative Indian Literature*

### **Elective course (Students to choose one subject)**

Courses chosen by the students as per their aptitude outside the parent Centre from other Centres of the parent school or from other Schools etc, which will help students to academically develop their areas of special interest and aptitude that are normally not possible within the traditional framework.

Students of English may choose to study basic Geography, or basic History, basic computers, basic management etc.

### **Language course (Students to choose one language)**

This course will develop the proficiency of a student in English (12 credits) and one Indian language to be chosen from either Hindi or Kannada.

### **Allied course (Students to choose one subject)**

Complementary courses to core courses which will enable students to study areas which are complementary to their basic subjects and will contribute to a more integrated and inter-disciplinary understanding to be chosen in consultation with the faculty.

**9. What is the fees payable?**

Students have to pay the following fees at the time of admission for B.A. (Hons.):

<b>Tuition Fees</b>	Rs. 500 / sem.
<b>Hostel Fees (if applicable)</b>	Rs. 300 p.m.
<b>Deposits*</b>	Rs. 1500/-
<b>Extra. Curricular fees</b>	Rs. 200 / year
<b>TOTAL (excluding hostel fees)</b>	Rs. 2,200/-
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**10. What are the teaching amenities available?**

- a. The university has an internet ready computer lab and furnished classrooms.
- b. There will be frequent power point presentations in the class rooms and also screening of educational and content related films.
- c. Further, there is also library facility with e-journal subscriptions to various leading journals, e-resources, libraries etc.
- d. Students will be taken for educational field trips during the course for exposure to other national level institutions.

**11. Is hostel facility available?**

There is hostel accommodation for a limited number of students. The university is making all efforts to secure hostel facility to students subject to availability and identification of suitable buildings in Gulbarga.

**12. Is mess facility available?**

Mess facility is available on a limited basis only. However the mess, as and if made available, will be run by students with the university supplying only cooking gas, utensils and staff. The ration and procurement etc. will be managed by the students.

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