

BA in Sustainable Urbanism (BA-SU)

Ambedkar University Delhi's Undergraduate Studies programmes at the Karampura Campus aim to offer its students a unique liberal arts education that acquaints them with diverse approaches to knowledge. The undergraduate programmes at AUD encourage students to think critically and creatively, to analyse and reason, to communicate effectively and to draw evidence-based conclusions. It aims to achieve a balance between the range and depth of the subjects studied.

The unique aspect of Undergraduate programmes at AUD is that there are common courses for foundational skills comprising language, writing skills, communication skills, analytical reasoning as well as introductory orientation to the social sciences. This is done through a blend of common foundational courses, languages, core courses and a wide range of elective courses. Students experience the flexibility of choosing courses from more than one interdisciplinary area in order to develop a broader perspective on social sciences and humanities. They also have the opportunity to transfer from one programme to another, provided they meet certain criteria.

The AUD Karampura Campus undergraduate programmes are delivered through a total of 96 credits over six semesters to be earned in the following manner:

Courses	Minimum Credits
Foundation Courses	24
Core Courses	48
Electives offered at Karampura Campus, AUD by the various undergraduate programmes.	24

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The progressive urbanisation of the world's population has multiple implications that range from the social to the ecological. Even as cities are widely seen as the embodiment of aspiration, infrastructures are severely under stress and ecological crisis, manifesting in many instances through disasters, awaits the urban future. South Asia is home to five of the ten largest megacities in the world, even as smaller urban centres are growing faster.

There is a clear need for a cadre of engaged practitioners to respond to the urban challenge. Existing undergraduate programmes in the area in India are positioned as professional and are more or less technical in nature. This is despite the fact that globally, there is a sustained effort in related disciplines towards strengthening humanistic perspectives and methodologies. Moreover, existing programmes require a background in the sciences in school, thus closing the field to a great number of school graduates.

The BA in Sustainable Urbanism is designed to prepare technically strong, analytical, and socially-engaged practitioners. Graduates should be in a position to evaluate existing urban technologies in terms of their design, social interests, and control including the potential for democratic governance. The programme draws on the broad fields of urban studies, sustainability and planning, while adapting them to the specific Indian urban context.

We realise that many of our graduates may not immediately seek higher education upon finishing their undergraduate degree. It is therefore our special emphasis to prepare them for the world of work in the field and beyond. Three elements of the programme follow from this: first, the strong skill component. Each graduate will undertake 16 credits of coursework in various analytical methods—quantitative, ethnographic, mapping, and visualisation—using tools like ArcGIS. Second, several courses are designed to offer a glimpse of the world of work through practice-oriented content and field engagement. These include courses in areas like waste and sanitation, housing, and ecology. Third, a practicum component based on group work includes 8 credits of studio projects.

BA-SU Programme Structure

Students admitted to Sustainable Urbanism will complete their discipline requirement by taking four courses each in the following three core areas: 1) Urbanism and Governance; 2) Technology and Environment; 3) Skills. Details of courses under each of these are as follows (precise titles and content may change over time):

Electives on offer will be of two kinds: those in areas within the two domains and related skills, and those collaboratively developed with other BA programmes at Karampura and with AUD’s Centres in crossover areas.

Studios: Two of the final year core courses will be transacted in studio mode. These courses will involve collaborative work around questions emerging from engagement with a specific site.

<i>Urbanism and Governance</i>	<i>Technology and Environment</i>	<i>Skills</i>
Ways of living and belonging in urban worlds, and their legal and administrative environments	Urban infrastructures and technologies, the biophysical context and materiality	Sharpening analytical skills to prepare for research and the world of work
Urban Worlds	Urban Environments	Working with Data
Governing the City	Housing and Mobility	Oral histories and Everyday Narratives
Right to the City	Waste and Sanitation	Basics of Mapping
Health and Well-being	Risk and Resilience	Advanced Mapping and Visualisation

This includes delineating the problem, breaking it down into different components, drawing on diverse material—especially local knowledges—to understand each part, and using domain knowledge to iteratively generate practical responses.

Additional Information

Total Seats: 50 seats at Karampura Campus

Medium of instruction: English

Eligibility: The candidate must have passed the class XII or an equivalent examination from a recognised Board and secured the minimum cut-off marks prescribed by the University.

Selection procedure: The selection will be based on merit on the basis of the marks obtained in class XII, which will not include any vocational subject. Reservations norms of Government of NCT of Delhi will apply.

Location: BA program in Sustainable Urbanism will be housed at AUD's Karampura campus.

Hostel: AUD has 45 seats for women students in its hostels at Kashmere Gate.

Fees: Tuition fee of Rs.1,44,000/- (@Rs. 1500/- per credit i.e. Rs. 24000/- per semester) + Rs.5000/- (one-time, refundable caution deposit) + Rs.500/- per semester for student welfare fund.

If a student opts for extra credits, an additional fee of Rs.1500/- per credit will have to be paid. Partial/Full fee waiver and scholarships are available. Full fee waiver of tuition fee will be extended to students belonging to SC/ST/PwD categories.

Application fees: Rs 390/- for general candidates and Rs. 150/- for SC/ST/PwD candidates

Open online (ERP-based) application to all the UG programmes offered at Kashmere Gate Campus

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