

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

The performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce strongly believes in blending the wisdom of traditional education, with a practical knowhow, utilizing contemporary global best practices in education. Our students are equipped with a firm theoretical foundation and relevant skill sets to put theories into practice. The academic autonomy has given us the freedom to include the most relevant, contemporary and enriching curriculum ensuring that our students have an edge over others in the outside world. We have tried to implement the concept of 'Autonomy' in letter and spirit. Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce gives its students the advantage of belonging to both an internationally renowned institution and also to a multicultural, interdisciplinary, academic student community

Symbiosis, has embraced the power of technology to help its students learn in ways never possible before. Self-paced learning, online assessments, continuous evaluation processes, eLearning modules, technology enabled classrooms, virtual library etc. make for an unparalleled learning experience. The college offers Contemporary and relevant syllabi, Continuous evaluation, Semester system, Credit system and allowing transfer of credits, and Wide choices of courses for specialization in Commerce, Humanities and Social Sciences. The College has adapted a learner-centered paradigm of education, has introduced Interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary, industry-oriented, entrepreneurship, and skill-based courses, and is adopting new pedagogical techniques such as blended learning, flipped classroom and experiential learning.

Technology has become an integral part of everyone's life, the Indian education landscape has been quick to adopt Information and Communications Technology (ICT). This Transformation is taking the teaching-learning process at universities and colleges to the next level. Today, technology-based tools are gaining prominence to impart education to students. Infact information technology is the enabler in learning Environment. Symbiosis college of arts and commerce encourages Technology Assisted learning environments. Informative Technology has been a major driver toward excellence in all spheres. The emphasis on the ICT has brought a change as to what education looks now. Our esteemed college too has incorporated ICT with students enjoying the use of e-libraries, smart boards and various online forums only to name a few.

Symbiosis as a global village and therefore the motto of Symbiosis is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakkam, keeping that vision in mind, symbiosis college firmly believes in International Initiatives will give exposure to our faculty and students to look at education from a global perspective. It will expose them to international educational practices, methodology and pedagogy along with knowledge of varied courses. It will help international students and faculty to bring their own global experiences, to Symbiosis while enjoying the many benefits that Symbiosis Education has to offer. Autonomy gives us greater freedom in terms of designing curriculum from a global perspective, offering courses that appeal to foreign students, arrange for faculty and student exchange programs as also granting of credits.

According to NEP 2019 "All higher education will happen in multidisciplinary institutions with teaching programmes across disciplines and fields to ensure optimized resources, integration across disciplines and vibrant, large education communities". The College since 2006 is offering Liberal Arts Education. It helps to develop a strong sense of social responsibility as well as strong and transferable intellectual and practical skills such as analytical, problem solving abilities, communication and the ability to apply knowledge in a real world setting. It is typically broad based and exposes students to social sciences, humanities, language and literature and performing arts. This broad knowledge prepares the student to deal with complexity, diversity and change. The hallmark of liberal arts education is small class sizes, close access to professors and intern opportunities. The interdisciplinary approach of liberal arts courses help students, see the real-world relevance of the various academic disciplines, their comparative strengths and weaknesses, their power and their blind spots.

