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Centre for Liberal Arts (SCLA)
(An initiative of Symbiosis Society's College of Arts & Commerce)

Evolving Perspectives

open your mind

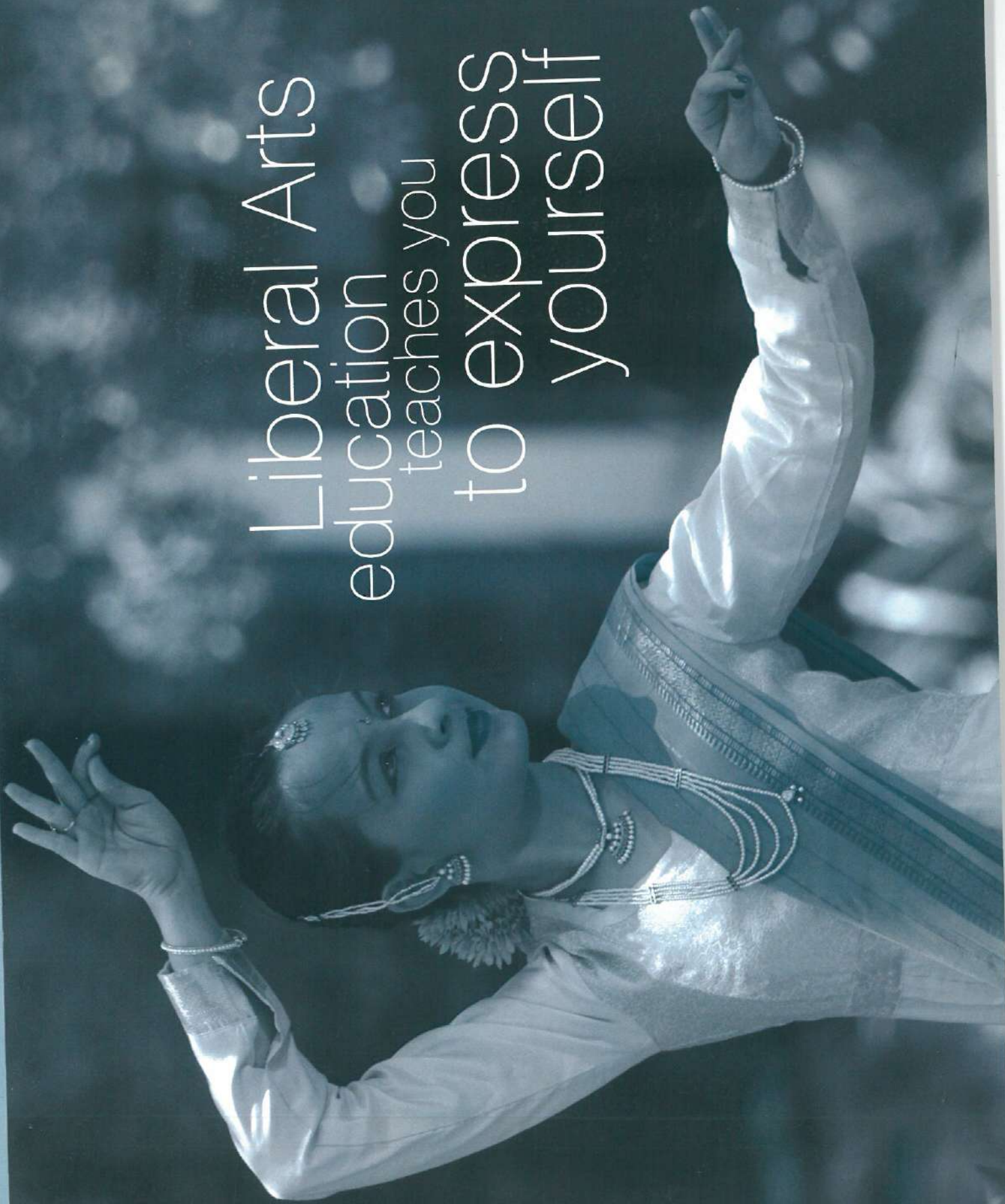
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Energy



Liberal Arts
education
teaches you
to express
yourself



Beauty



A man with dark hair, wearing a light-colored striped button-down shirt, is looking out a window. The window has horizontal blinds, and the light coming through creates a pattern of horizontal lines across the scene. The man's expression is thoughtful, with his hand near his face. The overall color palette is muted, with various shades of blue and grey.

Liberal Arts
education
helps you live life
to the fullest

Life



Liberal Arts
education

helps you

walk towards a
brighter future



Direction





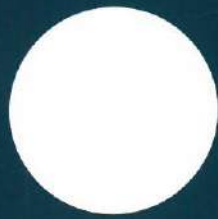
Liberal Arts
education
teaches you to look
at life
holistically

Vision





Understand our multi-hued
world through a
Liberal Arts
education



One form



Many perspectives

A Different Perspective

Different ideas and thoughts are the core of a different perspective.

A perspective that is potentially present in all of us and only needs to be unshackled.

Evolving a fresh perspective involves more than just the mind. It involves feelings, experiences and lots more. It dreams. It seeks. It pursues ideas freely and passionately. It questions and is unafraid of venturing into uncharted territory.

It is an insight into our true beliefs and is a quest to discover and then express ourselves.

It is a way to envisage the larger and truer picture of life.

Like a crustacean breaking free of its confining shell to grow, a different perspective can help you emerge liberated and free to be the person you were meant to be. Free to passionately view the world with eyes that see beyond dogmas and traditional doctrines.

The Symbiosis Centre for Liberal Arts welcomes you.

To explore a new way of learning.

To evolve a different perspective.





Dr. S. B. Mujumdar - President & Founder Director, Symbiosis

Founder Director's Message

"Why should I study history, literature, music, environment, communication skills when I want to do a B.Com. or a B.A. and then qualify for an MBA or a CA?"

"Why should I study these subjects when what I want is a good placement or practice after MBA, M.B.B.S. or B.E.?"

"These subjects have nothing directly to do with my job or career."

All these are reasonable questions.

But let's look at some of the benefits of a Liberal Arts education and the accompanying knowledge and wisdom it gives you. Subjects like history, politics, environmental science, communication, art and literature, music, dance and film appreciation fall under what we call 'Liberal Arts'.

Liberal Arts education teaches you how to think rather than what to think. It empowers you to develop your own opinions, attitudes and values not based upon the authority of parents or professors, or upon beliefs and prejudices. It will enable you to know how to learn and how to organize ideas. Liberal Arts will enhance your creativity, originality and emotional intelligence.

It will certainly not generate 'jobs' for you, but will surely make you a leader in your chosen field of specialization.

Most importantly, Liberal Arts will liberate your mind from prejudices, blind beliefs and superstitions and enable you to appreciate classical music and dance, beauty and diversity of nature and imbibe courage, confidence and compassion in you.

It is to help you to reap the benefits of a Liberal Arts education that we are starting the 'Symbiosis Centre for Liberal Arts'.

Joint Director's Message

I believe that the right education can help transform the destinies of communities. You students will play leadership roles in the future and guiding you to become compassionate and critically conscious citizens is our goal.

Welcome to our newly founded Symbiosis Centre for Liberal Arts where I am sure you will not only learn a lot, but will also enjoy an intellectually stimulating environment replete with debate, unhampered discussion and free inquiry.

I am sure that each one of you will be tremendously benefited from this innovative programme that will help you take your rightful place as effective and responsible leaders in organizations and society.

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar - Joint Director, Symbiosis Society



Principal's Message

"The whole object of education is or should be to develop the mind. The mind should be a thing that works."

So aptly stated by Sherwood Anderson and so unfortunately ignored by our present education system which believes in confusing education with cramming and reproducing knowledge without thinking...

Our new Liberal Arts programme attempts to break free from the shackles of our rigid and traditional educational system. It will provide an opportunity to students to develop opinions, attitudes, values and beliefs based on their own perceptions and understanding of issues as they see them. This unique programme will expose students to a learning system quite different from their regular classroom teaching. The essence of a Liberal Arts education is to impart education in the true sense where we believe that "More is experienced in one day in the life of a 'learned' man than in the whole lifetime of an ignorant one."

It is with this mission of developing critically analytical minds that we are proud to launch our new Symbiosis Centre for Liberal Arts.

Dr. Sunayini Parchure - Principal, Symbiosis Society's College of Arts & Commerce



Valuable Guidance

Over more than 40 years of my experience as a faculty member and an administrator at Stanford University and an advisor to various educational institutions of higher learning around the world, has led me to the opinion that the future leaders of societies are created when they are "educated" rather than "trained". The global competitive forces require that our students know the hard and the soft sciences and that they understand the value of communication and value creation.

I know that this new Center for Liberal Arts at Symbiosis is based on such principles. The program and its philosophy will separate a great university from a good university. The eventual beneficiaries will of course be the students and the societies and the organizations to which they will go after graduation.

I congratulate Dr. Mujumdar and the academic leadership that conceived this program and wish them and their faculty and students great success.



Haresh C. Shah - Obayashi Professor of Engineering, Emeritus Stanford University, CA USA



Our Mentor - Our Inspiration

Sam Pitroda - Chairman, National Knowledge Commission



Mission

To create innovative multi-disciplinary educational programmes which inspire students to develop creative thinking and become effective and responsible leaders in society.

Liberal Arts

Liberal education, in our view, is less rooted in specific disciplines than in certain practices of teaching, learning and thinking.

A Liberal Arts education:

- Involves focused study in the liberal arts disciplines and aims at developing the ability to question and think critically.
- Emphasises different ways of thinking and develops the skills of analysis, as well as written and oral communication.
- Cultivates development of an individual's values and attitudes.

Liberal Arts mean studies that provide knowledge and intellectual skills rather than the more specialised professional/vocational education.



Benefits of a Liberal Arts Education:

Effective leaders display the following attributes that we believe can be the direct result of a Liberal Arts Education.

- Ability to think critically and develop innovative solutions to problems.
- Capacity for cross-cultural understanding and communication.
- Skills in problem solving in an increasingly complex, dynamic and often ambiguous environment.
- Ability to work in teams and bring about a consensus.

A head start to your career

This unique one-of-a-kind combination of a University of Pune degree with our Symbiosis Diploma in Liberal Arts will unarguably endow our students with an extra competitive edge.

Not only will it be easier to gain admission in prestigious higher educational institutes in India and abroad, but will also open up significant career opportunities.

The Symbiosis Centre for Liberal Arts

The first Arts and Commerce College in India to introduce a Liberal Arts Programme.

Today we realize that teaching people how to think, not what to think, is more important than ever.

The Symbiosis Centre for Liberal Arts will help create critically conscious citizens capable of making a real difference. Our goal is to inculcate in them a passion for learning throughout their lives. Our multi disciplinary and integrated learning approach begins with them exercising their freedom to choose courses that suit them perfectly.



Streams

Our Liberal Arts programme aims at exposing students to an exciting range of courses from Music to Literature, Foreign languages to Cinema, World Economics to Culture and so on. Students will be clubbed in small groups to interact with the faculty and experts teaching the liberal arts courses leading to a critically appreciative perspective on life and society.

Case studies, discussions, film screenings, visits, study tours, projects and presentations will make the courses more lively and interesting. The completion of the coursework will award the students a Diploma in Liberal Arts, which will open new educational and corporate opportunities.

Courses offered in

- Humanities & Social Sciences (H&SS)
- Literature & Language (L&L)
- Sciences (Sc)

Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS)

An eternal question as an individual...WHO AM I? This query has probably tormented mankind since the dawn of civilization, and remains one of the most vexing of all human questions. What is my role as a friend, as a family member, as a member of my local community or as a colleague and employee? Are my little concerns regarding health, shopping, leisure, savings, etc. connected to big business issues, world politics and cultural changes?

The study of humanities and social sciences helps you to unravel these connections, to understand people and communities, and their roles in the world. You will understand the world we live in better, be able to analyse national and world events confidently and learn to take decisions independently and imaginatively.



Literature and Language (L&L)

The life of any nation is interwoven with its language. The essence and spirit of its people is captured in its literature. Learning languages and reading literature helps to understand people and also to inherit or share in their culture. To study and appreciate them is to understand societies, their histories and their future better.

Globalisation and booming Asian economies have increased the demand for languages such as Chinese, Spanish, French and Hindi. This has led to a tenfold increase in the marketability and placement prospects for students with these languages skills. You will learn to communicate more effectively and enjoy enriched relationships at work, at home and in communities. Enjoy cross-cultural interactions and fit in comfortably anywhere in the world.



Sciences (Sc)

Existence is bewildering in its scope and man is relentless in his search for truth. This search for truth is science. Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Geography, to name just a few, are specializations which have accumulated a vast amount of knowledge, which is accurate as far as it goes, but incomplete as regards the totality of things.

The Sciences attempt to blur the boundaries between these various specializations, opening your mind to the fullness of existence. The Taj Mahal wouldn't have been half as beautiful if there had not been any geometry in its architecture! You will learn to evaluate the scientific developments that have made our lives more comfortable over the years. Also assess the price we have paid for these in terms of ecological degradation, political power equations, etc and what we can do now to ensure that our children inherit a safer, healthier planet.



Learning Methodology

American colleges and universities have long argued that a liberal arts education provides the best preparation for life. The argument is that, no matter what their chosen career, this will serve students well and, in the final analysis, benefit society too.

A liberal arts education involves a focused study in the liberal arts disciplines (humanities & social sciences, language & literature and sciences) with the aim of developing the ability to question and think critically. An emphasis on different ways of thinking and the development of skills of analysis, written and oral communication is paramount as is the development of an individual's values and attitudes. It aims at encouraging creativity and the ability to think outside the box as well as cultivating the confidence to question issues from multiple points of view. An important element, therefore, would be the experience with the contrasting thoughts represented by the arts and the sciences merging harmoniously with business studies/traditional subjects.

Faculty responsible for devising the courses will design the curriculum and update it annually. It will include the following components (and others as per the individual needs of the course):

- Interactive learning: seminars, group discussions, etc.
- Team learning: projects, assignments, etc.
- Self-learning: Library reference, apprenticeships / internships.
- Audio-visuals.
- Lectures and guest speakers / experts.
- Visits.
- Workshops.



Programme Details

A choice of electives from the 3 streams of Humanities & Social Sciences, Literature & Language and Sciences is available for the students. The students must pass in at least one course per stream to graduate successfully. A total of 6 major courses must be taken to qualify for the diploma. The students must pass each course with a minimum of 50% to qualify and earn the corresponding credits.

Certain courses may have an entry requirement or criterion which will be communicated to students in advance.

The Centre reserves the right to change academic rules / policies as and when necessary.

This unique Diploma in Liberal Arts is offered to all our B.A./ B.Com students with a flexibility of completing it at their own convenience and pace. Students on the FAST TRACK could complete this 3-year diploma within 2 years too. Contact the Counselors to find out the details and schedule your courses accordingly.

Fast Track

Students in a hurry may complete their Diploma in less than 3 years. Please schedule your courses with the Counselors in such a manner that you are able to complete all 6 courses in 4/5 semesters.

This is ideal for students who would like to concentrate on their final year exams and other competitive exams in the 3rd year.

All 6 courses can easily be completed within 2 years.



The option of a Certificate in Liberal Arts

- A Certificate will be awarded to the students for successfully completing a part of the programme if not the entire programme.
- A Certificate can be opted by students right in the beginning, instead of a full-fledged Diploma, keeping in mind their other commitments.
- Students who have chosen a Certificate Programme can also opt for a Diploma later, by paying additional fees.



Semester Courses

Semester 1 Electives:

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| H&SS | Understanding Music |
| H&SS | International Cooperation |
| Sc | Society and Science |
| L&L | Enhancing Communication 1 |
| L&L | Literature and Gender: The Politics |
| L&L | Chinese / Spanish / French |

Semester 2 Electives:

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| H&SS | Cinema & Ideology |
| H&SS | Dance Appreciation |
| H&SS | Economic Thought & BRIC |
| H&SS | India & Politics |
| L&L | Enhancing Communication 2 |
| L&L | Chinese / Spanish / French |

Courses to be offered in the coming semesters include:

- Sports Psychology
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Inventions thru' the ages
- Technology and Changing Values
- Film Appreciation
- Understanding Poetry
- Reading select classics
- Advertising & Contemporary Culture
- Advanced Writing Skills
- Computer Art
- Creative Writing
- Investments thru' the ages
- International Law
- Geo-Politics
- Cyber Law
- International Relations

Faculty

The entire Liberal Arts programme rests on a foundation of healthy debate and free inquiry. The guidance and motivation students receive will determine the extent to which they are able to creatively and independently think. Teaching students **WHAT** to think is comparatively easy. Helping them to learn **HOW** to think is quite another matter.

Our faculty therefore plays a critical role. Creating innovative and challenging course contents and equally creative assessments provides students with that extra edge they will bank on in their future.

We are lucky to have a vastly experienced and competent faculty. Their varied educational, corporate and social expertise will give students a 360% perspective on life.



Full time Faculty

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| Sunayini Parchure M.A., PhD | Anita Patankar M.Com., DHE PGDPC |
| Shirish Limaye M.Com., PhD | Hrishikesh Soman M.Com., PhD |
| Bandana Ghosh M.A., M.Phil, PhD | Aarti Wani M.A., M.Phil. |
| Jyoti Chandiramani M.A., DHE | Manjushree Sharma M.A., PhD |
| Jasmina Kumar M.Com., MBA | |

Visiting Faculty

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| Dr. Rajas Parchure Professor, National Insurance Academy Visiting Faculty, IIM Ahmedabad & Indore Consultant, World Bank | Dr. Kamalakar Parchure Professor, Economics Author 'Jagacha Itihas' |
| Pt. Satyadev Dubey Theatre personality | Kishor Darak Maharashtra State Education Coordinator, Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samuday |
| Suresh Chhabria Professor, Film Appreciation, FTII | Vinish Gupta Researcher, Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi |
| Kiran Moghe Independent Researcher, Women & Development | Beena Menon Head, ELTIS |

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| Dr. Aniket Javare HOD English, University of Pune | Suchitra Date Bharat Natyam Guru Psychological Counselor |
| Dr. Pradeep Apte Professor, Dept of Economics Fergusson College | Sucharit Rajadhyaksha Professor, Economics |
| Dr. Shrikant Paranjpe Dept of Strategic Defense Studies, University of Pune | Dr. Prashant Sinha Former Professor and Head, Dept. of English, University of Pune. |
| Vimla Menon Professor, History Corporate Trainer-Public Speaking & Personality Development | |

Admission Procedure

- Purchase of the prospectus and submission of the application form
- Selection Interview
- Payment of Fees
- Meeting with the Counselor for course selection

Eligibility

Admission is purely on Merit.

Min Xlth standard / ICSE / CBSE / any equivalent examination from a recognized University / Board and pursuing BCom / BA at SCAC

Important Dates to Remember

Filled applications to be submitted on or before

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| 10th July 2006 | |
| Declaration of interview schedule | 12th July 2006 |
| Interviews from | 13th July 2006 |
| Declaration of merit list | 17th July 2006 |
| Meeting with Counselors | 18th July 2006 |
| Payment of Fees latest by | 22th July 2006 |
| Course Commencement | 24th July 2006 |



Evaluation System

Students will be evaluated on a continuous basis. Faculty responsible for the courses will devise their own creative methodology (which may differ for each course) which may include papers, projects, weekly activities/assignments, presentations, class participation & case studies.

The traditional (final) examination that tends to test their rote learning will be avoided as far as possible.

Credit System

Credit points measure the total learning workload of a student. One credit point is equivalent to approximately 20-25 learning hours. A student may spend these hours in:

- Reading
- Attending classes, guest lectures, etc.
- Preparing projects, assignments, presentations, etc.
- Viewing films, plays, music performances, etc.
- Visiting NGOs, factories, schools, exhibitions, etc.
- Participating in / organizing workshops and seminars
- Any other activity designed as part of the course.

A wide variety of courses will be offered to students. Some may be comprehensive, having a longer duration and offering 9 credit points. Others may be of a shorter duration / less complex and offering only 4.5 credit points each. Overall students must choose courses that offer them a total of 54 credit points. Students may enroll for 6 major courses that offer them 9 credits each, or 5 major courses with 2 minor courses of 4.5 credits each. One course from each stream is mandatory.

Create your own Schedule

You can choose from the wide arena of courses available under the 3 streams of Humanities & Social Sciences, Literature & Language, and Sciences. In consultation with your counselor, choose the right combination that fits your interests and career requirements. This of course would be subject to various factors being feasible. For example, the course being operational i.e. minimum of 15 students who apply for the course.

Fee Structure

This unique Diploma in Liberal Arts is designed to be completed at an easy and comfortable pace over a maximum of 3 years (with an extended validity period of 18 months), along with your regular B.A./ B.Com degree. Students completing their Diploma at the regular pace or on the Fast Track will pay fees as follows:

Diploma Fees Rs.30,000 To be paid in one single installment

Installments Rs.7,000 per course

Individual Courses Rs.7,000 per course (leading to a certificate)

Refund of Fees

- All fees paid by a student at the time of admission shall be refunded, subject to a deduction of 10% towards administrative charges, if admission is cancelled before the opening day of the programme.
- If a student applies for refund within 10 days from the commencement of the programme, 25% of the total fees paid shall be deducted towards administrative charges.
- A student shall not claim any refund of fees after the 10th day of the programme.

Rules and Guidelines

General Rules

- Due regard must be shown for the property of the Centre.
- Students found indulging in ragging of any form shall be expelled immediately from the programme as per the Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999.
- Students are to be punctual for classes and also deadlines of various office and academic procedures have to be adhered to.
- The students are bound by all rules and regulations made by the Centre from time to time which shall be notified to them on the notice board and / or the website.

Attendance Criteria

Each student must attend at least 80 % of the sessions conducted. The student may remain absent from sessions, with prior permission, only if he is engaged in relevant activities such as an internship in a related organization. This permission would be granted only for an absence of a maximum of 15 to 20% of the sessions. Each course may have an attendance criterion for grading. These would be informed by the faculty at the commencement of each course. Students will have to fulfill these and keep in touch with their faculty / counselor regarding problems / exemptions in this area. In case of students not fulfilling the criteria, lower grades may be awarded. Diplomas also may be withheld.



Managing Committee of Symbiosis Society

Dr. S. B. Mujumdar

(President & Principal Director)

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Director)

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Symbiosis

A saga of excellence

Symbiosis was established in 1971, primarily to promote world understanding between Indian and foreign students through education. Symbiosis runs thirty-four academic institutions in various disciplines such as Management, Law, Computers, Mass Communication, Arts, Commerce, Telecommunication and even kindergarten, primary and secondary schools. The student strength in Symbiosis is over 1 Lakh and students from over 40 different countries and from all states of India are presently pursuing education in various institutes of Symbiosis. We at Symbiosis believe that the 'World is one family'. At Symbiosis, excellence is our passion.



“ vasudhaiva kutumbakam
-the world is one family”

About Symbiosis Society's College of Arts & Commerce

We are a NAAC accredited Grade 'A' college committed to quality education for the past 24 years.

The University of Pune degrees (B.Com / B.A. / B.Sc) offered by us are enriched by the varied curricular and extra-curricular activities our students are involved in.

The India Today (June 5, 2006) AC Nielson ORG-MARG Survey on the 'Best Colleges in India' ranked us 6th in the Commerce stream and 11th in the Arts stream.

We believe this is a reflection of the student centric learning environment we have tried to create. Students from over 32 countries and all the Indian states 'live' on this campus, which in true Symbiosis style is

actually a home away from home.

We offer 20 associations ranging from a Film Club to an Environment & Trekking Club, from Drama Circles to Book Clubs and from Eco / Banking activities to the

NSS which enrich your student life. Enjoy an equally interesting time in class with group activities, case studies, presentations, exhibitions, group discussions, etc.

Join us on this exciting new journey, as we become the first Arts and Commerce College in India to introduce a Liberal Arts Programme.

Liberal studies offer you an opportunity to think scientifically, explore holistically, evaluate critically & respond sensitively.



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