



Azim Premji  
University



# **EXPLORE XPERIENCE XCEL**

**3 year full time Bachelor's Programme  
commencing in July, 2015**



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Azim Premji University was established in Karnataka by the Azim Premji University Act, 2010 as a not-for-profit University and is recognized under Section 22F of the University Grants Commission Act 1956. We offer Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Continuing Education programmes. Our programmes aim to prepare students with great competence, integrity and social commitment.

The beginnings of the University are in the learning and experience of a decade of work in elementary education by the Azim Premji Foundation. The University was founded as one of the key responses to the constraints and challenges that the Foundation encountered both within and in the environment, and as part of a larger strategy to contribute to the Education and Development sectors in the country.

Two key principles guide the process of the University's evolution.

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**As an institution, Azim Premji University exists to make significant contributions through education towards the building of a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society.**

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Firstly, the University has an explicit social purpose. As an institution, it exists to make significant contributions to education in a manner consistent with social justice, equity, humane values and sustainability within the framework of a secular and democratic Indian polity. This is an explicit commitment to the idea that knowledge and learning have human and social consequences and that their pursuit cannot be separated from these consequences. At the same time, this commitment to a specific value orientation is not to be interpreted as a narrowly utilitarian view of the University. We believe that the commitment to these values is not in any way inconsistent with academic and institutional autonomy and excellence.

Secondly, the University is part of the Foundation and integral to its vision. The synergy from the close working of the students and faculty with the Foundation's field units will inform and enrich the programmes at the University and the field alike.

It should be clear from the above that Azim Premji University is unusual in the way it is conceived and organized. We profess liberal and 'humanistic' values but at the same time define our intent unambiguously in the context of India's social and political development. We consider independence and excellence in research to be critical, but do not see the possibility of sharply separating knowledge from its purposes and consequences. We are not narrowly utilitarian in our orientation, but at the same time are deeply mindful of the consequences of our work.

## Vision

**Education for Social Change**  
**To contribute to the realisation of a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society**

A man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is shown from the chest up. He is looking towards the right and pointing his right index finger at a whiteboard. The background is a warm, orange-toned wall.

## Mission

- Prepare graduates with great competence, integrity and social commitment
- Expand the frontiers of knowledge in education, development and allied fields through research
- Support and enhance the work of the education and development sectors in the country through continuing education
- Contribute to change in policy and practice in the Indian education and development sectors through advocacy and public communication

## Educational Philosophy

### Understanding and action

Students will be helped to achieve the capacity for understanding and action appropriate to their potential. The learning programmes of the University will therefore focus on building knowledge, critical reflection, values and skills that underpin such capacity. It is in questioning established understandings and developing new perspectives based on rigorous research and dialogue that this intent is brought to fruition. We recognise that academic freedom and integrity are indispensable for this. Faculty and students will be part of a community that actualises this vision in the light of the University's values and goals.

### A social purpose

The above emphasis is complemented by the University's awareness of its social purpose. The University will strive to develop a deep understanding of the role of education in creating awareness of moral and ethical issues in debates on development and social policy. This awareness will be reflected in the design of the University's curriculum and research priorities. The University will explore and locate its learning and research programmes squarely in a deep and nuanced understanding of India's political and cultural contexts and tremendous diversity.

### The learning individual

The third and equally central concern of the University's educational philosophy is with the learning individual. Faculty and students are part of this community of learners. One of the central preoccupations of Education is its own impact on attitudes, values and the capacity for self-understanding. This capacity is not a product only of intellectual learning. It is a result also of the development of sensitivity and emotional maturity that sparks a lifelong process of inquiry. Seen this way, education is a journey of awakening that enhances and supports the individual's ability to discover well-being and to contribute to society. An environment that values learning in this manner has to be designed to explore the nature of 'learning for life' and actively promote caring relationships that reach beyond the academic curriculum.



In 2015, the following programmes will be offered at Azim Premji University:

## Undergraduate Programme

The Undergraduate Programme is a 3 year, full time, residential programme awarding the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)  
with specializations in the Sciences,  
Social Sciences and Humanities
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Honours
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Honours  
with specializations in the Sciences,  
Social Sciences and Humanities

## Postgraduate Programmes

The Postgraduate Programmes are 2 year, full time programmes awarding the following degrees:

- Master of Arts in Education
- Master of Arts in Development
- Master of Arts in Public Policy and  
Governance



## An Introduction

What should good University education do for you? Is it only about becoming an expert in a subject and getting a good job? What about learning to think clearly and living responsibly? Shouldn't it also be about understanding our society, and about good citizenship?

These are some of the questions that we thought deeply about while developing Azim Premji University's undergraduate programme. They have inspired us to conceive an educational experience that prepares our students to think and navigate through complex professional, personal and social challenges that young people face today.

A 3 year, full time, residential programme where students are mentored by faculty committed to their learning and well-being

## THINK BROADLY, DEEPLY AND DIFFERENTLY

- Build critical thinking and analytical capabilities
- Understand Indian society and its challenges
- Explore diverse academic fields through specializations in the Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities
- Take advantage of a flexible structure that allows students to discover and follow their interests

## Eligibility

Class 12 / Pre-University certificate from any recognized Indian Board or any valid International certificate equivalent to the Class 12.

Applicants appearing for their final examinations by June 2015 are eligible to apply.

Applicants who have completed their Class 12 / Pre-University board examination in or after 2012 are also eligible to apply. The offer of admission is provisional till proof of successful completion of Class 12 / Pre-University study is provided.

The Undergraduate Programme is

- a 3 year, full time and 6 semesters programme
- a residential programme where all students are required to stay in accommodation provided by the University
- credit based, requiring 90 credits for completion of a B.A. / B.Sc. or requiring 96 credits for completion of a B.A. / B.Sc. (Hons.)

The programme has two components – Common Curriculum and Specializations, each containing courses that carry a specified number of credits. On successful completion of the course, students get the associated credits.

## Common Curriculum

The **Common Curriculum** brings all students in the programme together to study areas and themes that we believe are necessary to make learning effective, rich and satisfying.

### Foundations

Critical thinking, reasoning and effective communication

### Creative Expressions

Art, music, craft, theatre, sports and other creative pursuits

### Understanding India

India's history, language, culture and society through interdisciplinary study

## Specializations

The **Specializations**, through Majors and Minors, help build disciplinary knowledge and appreciate the excitement of a subject and its applications. Emphasis is on active and participative learning. Discussions, research projects and field visits are an important part of the curriculum.

Students are required to choose one Major area of disciplinary study. Students who select Majors from the Sciences or the Social Sciences also need to study a disciplinary Minor or study an interesting mix of courses from many disciplines.

### Majors

#### Sciences

Build a deeper understanding of the natural world and an appreciation of how this understanding created today's technology. Majors are offered in **Physics and Biology**.

#### Social Sciences

Explore the nature of collective life, its impact on individuals and the ways in which societies are organized and structured. Majors are offered in **Economics and Politics**.

#### Humanities

Explore the diversity and richness of human history, thought and experience. This combined Major comprises courses in **History, Language & Literature and Philosophy**.

### Minors

#### Minors

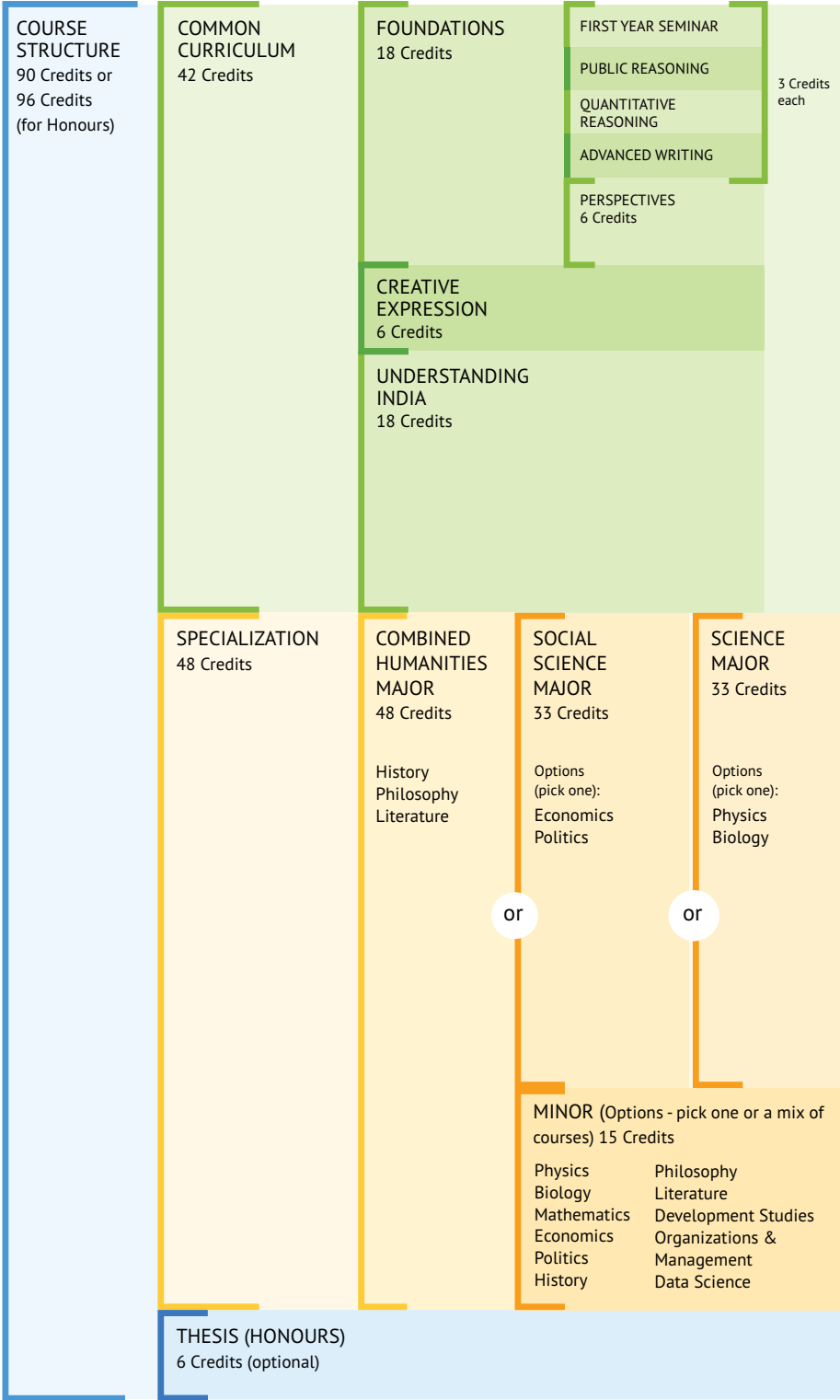
Physics, Biology, Economics, Politics, History, Literature, Philosophy, Mathematics, Development Studies, Organizations & Management and Data Science.

# CREDITS



Azim Premji University uses a system of academic credits to recognize learning achievements of students in all courses. On successful completion of the requirements of a course, a student in the Undergraduate Programme gains the corresponding credits assigned to that course. For example, upon successful completion of the first year seminar course requirements, student would obtain 3 credits. In general, a 3-credit taught course involves 3 hours of teaching in a week.

All students in the programme need to obtain a minimum total of 90 credits over three years to graduate. Students choosing the Honours stream must obtain 6 additional credits through independent studies/research to obtain a total of 96 credits.



\*Each course is normally of 3 credits





## Common Curriculum

The Common Curriculum brings all students in the programme together to study areas and themes that we believe are necessary to make learning effective, rich and satisfying. All students will be required to complete a total of 42 credits as part of the common curriculum.

Students will be introduced to ways and modes of thought through the study of themes that emphasize and build critical and analytical abilities, and sensibilities for dialogue, reflection and cooperative learning. The common curriculum has three components to it – Foundations, Understanding India and Creative Expressions.

## Foundations

The 'Foundations' courses focus on strengthening the fundamental capacities students need to become active, self-directed lifelong learners. The students will engage with and develop critical reading and analytical ability. Effective writing and oral communication will be encouraged. The Foundations will also have courses that emphasize critical thinking, logic, argument and quantitative reasoning.

Two courses in the Foundations group are designed to provide students with exposure to subjects and fields other than the major of their choice. These will be introduced in ways that familiarize the students with the nature of questions the discipline asks and the methods they employ.

## Understanding India

Who are we? Where have we come from and what does the future hold? These questions about personal and collective identities and about the context in which we live are addressed by a series of courses which explore the exceptional cultural and ecological diversity of India. The focus will be on understanding challenges and opportunities, and developing practical skills through self-reflection and dialogue about historical, political, social and environmental contexts in India.

Courses and fieldwork will offer both theoretical and practical exposure to the reality of the diversity of life in India and help understand these through conceptual and experiential engagements.

## Creative Expressions

Engagement with and instruction in art, craft, music, and other forms of creative expression will be a key dimension of the common curriculum. Introducing students to the dimensions of multimodal understanding through work and play in activities seemingly as diverse as sport, games, dance, pottery and theatre will be a key part of this.



## Specializations

The Specializations, through Majors and Minors, help build disciplinary knowledge, excitement of a subject and its applications. Emphasis will be on active and participative learning. Discussions, research projects and field visits are an important part of the curriculum.

- Students are required to choose one Major area of disciplinary study.
- In addition to this, students choosing to take up Sciences or Social Sciences specialization are required to select a disciplinary minor or instead study an interesting mix of courses from several disciplines.
- Students who choose the Humanities specialization will take up a combined Major of History, Literature and Philosophy. Therefore, they do not require taking a disciplinary minor.

All students will obtain 48 credits in disciplinary study. In addition, students who wish to obtain the degree with Honours are required to obtain 6 more credits through a process of extended independent study that results in an essay or thesis of acceptable quality.

## Sciences

Over the last century, science and its technological manifestations have altered every aspect of how we live, work and attempt to understand our world. Science and technology continue to shape our societies with governments, cultures and individuals either pursuing them actively or using their products regularly. We seek to prepare students for a life of critical thought with the ability to question scientific ideas, communicate them to a broader culture, pursue science and contribute to science education. These principles have guided the design of Azim Premji University’s Sciences specialization in the Undergraduate Programme.

Majors and Minors offered will be Physics and Biology. Strong supporting courses in important areas of chemical and mathematical sciences will also be offered to students. Laboratory and fieldwork are important elements of the programme. Following are the number of courses that students need to complete in order to get a Major or a Minor in Physics and Biology.

TYPE OF COURSE		MAJOR (No. of courses required)	MINOR (No. of courses required)
PHYSICS	Core course	8	4
	Elective course	3	1
BIOLOGY	Core course	8	4
	Elective course	3	1

In addition, students who wish to obtain an Honours degree in the Sciences are required to obtain 6 more credits through a process of extended independent study.

## Course Listing

COURSE TYPE	PHYSICS	BIOLOGY
CORE COURSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physicists Toolkit</li><li>• Mechanics</li><li>• Electricity and Magnetism</li><li>• Waves</li><li>• Modern Physics</li><li>• Mathematical Methods</li><li>• Thermal Physics</li><li>• Quantum Mechanics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductory Biology: From Molecules to Ecosystems</li><li>• Introduction to Biological Data and Programming</li><li>• Molecular Biology and Biochemistry</li><li>• Evolution and Ecology</li><li>• Introduction to Bio-Statistics</li><li>• Plants and their Interactions</li><li>• Cell and Developmental Biology</li><li>• Introduction to Genetics</li></ul>
*ELECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electronics</li><li>• Dynamic Systems with simulations</li><li>• Biophysics</li><li>• Advanced Mechanics</li><li>• Optics</li><li>• Astronomy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Field Biology</li><li>• Animal Behaviour</li><li>• Neurobiology</li><li>• Cancer</li><li>• Advanced Bio-Statistics</li></ul>

*\*This is an indicative listing of courses. Final list may vary.*





## Social Sciences

How do societies, economies and governments influence the way we live, relate to others, and evolve as a society? Social Science makes it possible for us to think, understand, analyze, and answer these questions systematically in a variety of ways. It enables us to uncover and clarify the ways in which the large human community we call society functions, changes and affects us. At Azim Premji University, students pursuing Social Sciences specialization can opt for Majors and Minors in Economics and Politics.

Following are the number of courses that students need to complete in order to get a Major or a Minor in Economics and Politics.

TYPE OF COURSE		MAJOR (No. of courses required)	MINOR (No. of courses required)
ECONOMICS	Core course	6	2
	Elective course	5	3
POLITICS	Core course	8	4
	Elective course	3	1

## Course Listing

COURSE TYPE	ECONOMICS	POLITICS
CORE COURSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Economics I</li><li>• Introduction to Economics II</li><li>• Intermediate Microeconomics</li><li>• Intermediate Macroeconomics</li><li>• Mathematical and Statistical Methods</li><li>• Economic History or Indian Economic History</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Politics</li><li>• Theories of Politics</li><li>• Indian Constitution</li><li>• Intellectual Foundations of Indian Political Thought</li><li>• Representation and Redistribution in Indian Politics</li><li>• Sub National Politics</li><li>• Data and Interpretation in Political Science</li><li>• International Relations</li></ul>
*ELECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History of Economic Thought</li><li>• Economic Development</li><li>• Money and Financial Institutions</li><li>• Political Economy of India</li><li>• Economic Approaches to Environmental Problems</li><li>• Economics of Education</li><li>• Economic History or Indian Economic History</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Theory</li><li>• International Relations</li><li>• Comparative Politics</li><li>• Public Administration</li></ul>

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## Humanities

Humanities serve as a mirror to societies, to help them recognize their locations and trajectories and to continue the struggle for peace, justice and security. The study of Humanities has the ability to trigger and nurture a dimension of personal reflection, understanding and growth that help young adult learners to engage with their own experience and connect it to their social and cultural contexts. Our combined Humanities Major engages through three disciplinary domains – the Historical, the Literary, and the Philosophical.

Students who take up the combined Humanities Major need not opt for any minors. They are required to take up the first 5 courses from these disciplines - History, Literature and Philosophy, as listed below.

Students then are required to choose a 6th course from any one of these three disciplines. The student in the Honours stream may choose to do independent study from any of the subjects.

### Course Listing

HISTORY	LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	PHILOSOPHY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ideas of India, c.1857 - 1991</li><li>• Imperialisms and the British Empire c.1600 - 1950</li><li>• The making of the modern world: Economies, Societies, Politics</li><li>• The intellectual and cultural aspects of modernity</li><li>• How is History done?</li><li>• ‘Professional Histories’, ‘Popular Histories’ and Ourselves</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Literature</li><li>• Texts and Contexts</li><li>• Literature of the Modern: The 20th Century</li><li>• Literature and the Popular : The Word and the Image</li><li>• Literatures in English Translation</li><li>• Doing Literature - Critical approaches to Literature</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Historical Introduction to Philosophy</li><li>• Logic and Epistemology</li><li>• Introduction to Indian Philosophy</li><li>• Issues in Moral and Political Philosophy</li><li>• Language and Mind in Philosophy</li><li>• Doing Philosophy</li></ul>



The University has a team of over 100 faculty with rich and diverse experience in teaching, research and field practice in India and abroad.

A large number of faculty from this group are involved in developing the curriculum and courses of the Undergraduate Programme. Some of the Faculty involved are:



### Usha Rajaram

Usha Rajaram has taught English for 27 years in Chennai, Bengaluru, and Pune, and is deeply interested in mentoring young people both inside and outside the classroom. Before joining the University, she taught for 12 years at the Mahindra United World College of India (MUWCI), and earlier at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru for almost a decade, teaching language and literature at both places.

### Sharmadip Basu

Sharmadip has a doctorate from the Social Science Program at Syracuse University. He also has a M.Phil. in American Studies from JNU. Prior to joining the University, he taught in various capacities at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Syracuse University. Sharmadip's interest lies at the disciplinary intersection of History, Cultural Studies, and Cultural Anthropology.



### Richard Fernandes

Richard is a physicist who is passionate about engaging students in instrument-building projects. He enjoys building experimental apparatus from scrapyard material and discarded instruments. He has an undergraduate and masters degree in Physics from IIT, Karagpur and a doctoral research from RRI, Bangalore. Richard subsequently worked at IISc, Bangalore till 1990, before co-founding Centre For Learning, an alternative school.



### Divya Uma

Divya is a biologist and is deeply interested in how animals sense, perceive, and interact with each other and their surroundings. She is passionate about teaching undergraduate students and has mentored students in their research thesis at Georgetown, University where she received a PhD in Biology, University of Maryland and IISER, Thiruvananthapuram where she held postdoctoral positions.

### Rajaram Nityananda

Rajaram has a B.Sc. in Physics from Vivekananda College, a MSc. Physics from IIT, Madras and a PhD from Bangalore University based on work carried out at the National Aerospace Laboratory. This was followed by 24 years working at the Raman Research Institute on optics and astrophysics.

Rajaram then worked at the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics in Pune for 12 years, in academic and administrative roles. He is keenly interested in working with the teaching community on improving math and science curricula and teaching.



### Arjun Jayadev

Arjun Jayadev is an Adjunct Faculty member at Azim Premji University and an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He holds a PhD from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. At Azim Premji University, he has helped design the undergraduate Economics curriculum. He also leads a collaboration between the University and INET, New York.

To know more about other faculty who would teach in the Undergraduate Programme, visit <http://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/SitePages/faculty.aspx>

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| • Anindita Bhattacharya | • Kripa Gowrishankar | • Ramchandar K.   |
| • Aparna Sundar         | • Nigam Nuggehalli   | • Shantha Bhushan |
| • Ajit Sinha            | • Pallavi Phatak     | • Shashank Kumar  |
| • Balmurli Natrajan     | • Radhika Mahadevan  | • Srinivas S.V.   |
|                         | • Rahul De           | • Venu Narayan    |



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## Admissions Window

Admissions for the programme will be in two windows - Early Admissions and Regular Admissions.

### Early Admissions

Applicants who would like to apply early to this programme and benefit from an early decision on their application, can apply through this window. All admission offers are subject to completion of Class 12 / Pre-University Certificate and submission of mark sheets.

**Final date for submission of application form for Early Admissions is January 12, 2015.**

### Regular Admissions

For applicants who would like to be considered for Regular Admissions, the application form must be submitted by May 25, 2015. The written test and interview dates will be communicated later.

All admission offers are subject to completion of Class 12 / Pre-University Certificate and submission of mark sheets. Students from boards whose results are announced only after June 2015 can still apply along with predicted grades provided by their schools.

**Application forms will be available on the University website [azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/ug](http://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/ug) from December 2, 2014 onwards.**

## Selection Process

Applicants will go through a written test that will assess their English language and quantitative capacities (Class 10), followed by a personal interview. School records of the applicant would be considered during the selection process.



# Application Process

## Online

Applicants have to login to <http://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in> and register online with their e-mail ID and other details, as required. On successful registration, an email will be sent to the registered e-mail ID with a link to access the form and complete it online. Payment of application fees can be made online using a credit/debit card or via net banking account.

## Offline

Applicants can download the application form and fee payment challan from the University website. The details on the form can be hand written and sent to Admissions Cell along with the fee paid challan and photographs.

The completed application form should be mailed to:  
Admissions Cell, Azim Premji University, PES-IT Campus, Pixel Park, B Block, Electronics City, Hosur Road, Bengaluru - 560100

## Application Fee

An application fee of Rs.200 to be remitted in favour of **Azim Premji University - Fees a/c.** either through bank challan or net banking.

BANK	UNION BANK OF INDIA	STATE BANK OF INDIA
Bank challan	A/c No. 554301010050039 Branch code 555436 (no bank charges apply)	A/c no. 31645699196 Branch code 14125 (bank charges of Rs. 25/- extra)
Net banking (direct transfer to account)	A/c no. 554301010050039, IFSC Code: UBIN0555436, MICR Code: 560026027 (No bank charges apply)	Not available
Online payment	Account details as above (2.25% transaction charges extra)	Not available

All applicants need to submit the following enclosures with their application forms. In case of online submissions, these can be scanned and uploaded:

- Two recent passport size colour photographs
- Original Application fee payment challan (Azim Premji University copy) / Proof of application fee payment via net banking

## Important Dates

Applications available online	2nd December, 2014 onwards
<b>Early Admissions</b>	
Last date for submission of applications	12th January, 2015
Date and location of test and interview	Delhi and Pune: 17th & 18th January, 2015 Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai: 24th – 26th January, 2015
Decisions on admissions will be communicated to students	February, 2015
<b>Regular Admissions</b>	
Last date for submission of applications	May 25, 2015
Call for test and interview	June, 2015
Date and location of test and interview	Will be announced on the University website
Decisions on admissions will be communicated to students	June, 2015





## Fee Structure: 2015 – 18

CATEGORY OF FEE (IN RUPEES)	PER YEAR (2 SEMESTERS)
Tuition	Rs.1,00,000
Accommodation charges	Rs.72,000
Food charges	Estimated at Rs.45,000*

*\*Charges for food may undergo revision on quarterly basis.*

- This fee is applicable for the Undergraduate Programme at the University.
- There is no other fee or deposit charged for library, laboratory, IT facilities, examinations, books, etc.
- Accommodation charges include charges for transport between the University and the accommodation, internet connectivity, other facilities provided at the accommodation.
- Accommodation and food facilities are provided only during the semester and will not be available during the breaks and vacations.
- Students are covered under the student insurance scheme at no additional cost.
- Fee excludes out-of-pocket personal expenses students may incur.

## Fee Payment Schedule

**Semester I Fee:** Tuition fee to be paid within 15 days from the date of receipt of admission offer, in order to confirm acceptance. The first semester fee paid towards the acceptance of offer is non-refundable. Accommodation charges will be payable by July 31, 2015.

**Other Semesters:** The tuition fee, accommodation and food charges are to be paid within 15 days of the beginning of the Semester in July and January. Actual dates will be communicated by the beginning of each semester.

## Student Insurance

The University offers group insurance facility covering life, hospitalization and accident insurance. There is no additional charge for this.

## Other Expenses

Students may incur expenses on stationery, photocopy of reading materials, other recreational expenses, personal expenses etc. and these will have to borne by them.



# Financial Assistance

The University has an explicit commitment to build an inclusive and diverse student body. We offer extensive need-based scholarships (full and partial) to cover the Tuition Fee, Accommodation and Food charges.

Family income bands of up to Rs.12 lakhs per annum will be considered for various categories of scholarship. While family income is an important criterion in deciding the quantum of scholarship, other socio-economic factors and circumstances will also be considered in scholarship decisions. Students requesting financial assistance should provide all the information requested in the Financial Assistance form.

The University reserves the right to award or reject financial assistance and its decision will be final and binding.

The financial assistance provided is in the following categories-

## Types of Scholarship

- Full waiver of Tuition fee, Accommodation and Food charges in exceptional circumstances
- Full or Partial waiver of Tuition fee and Accommodation charge
- Partial waiver of Tuition fee

## Education Loans

- The University will facilitate Education loans, through tie-ups with banks. Students getting scholarship have the option of availing loans for the balance amount not covered by scholarships.
- Non-scholarship students also can avail bank loans. These are open to all family income bands.
- Students can apply for loan to cover tuition, accommodation and food charges. The actual loan amount to avail can be decided by students, parents/ guardians.
- In the case of students availing education loans, all documentation required by the bank should be provided by the students / parents / guardians. While University will assist the student in the loan process, University does not take responsibility for the sanction / disbursement of the loan. The final decision on the loan rests with the bank.
- However, students are responsible to pay the tuition fees, student accommodation or any other amounts to the University on such due dates as communicated by the University.

# Process of application for financial assistance

- **Scholarship application:** Candidates applying for Financial Assistance should fill in the Financial Assistance application form in full. The consent of the parent / guardian is required on the application form.
- **Financial counselling:** The University will conduct financial counselling during the interview process, to further understand and assess student needs. Parent or Guardians should be present for this.
- Candidates applying for financial assistance should furnish the supporting documents required **at the time of interview**. Applications from candidates who delay submission / do not provide required supporting documentation will not be considered. Hence, candidates are advised to start collecting the documentation required, as soon as they apply for admissions.
- Financial support applications after joining the programme will **not** be considered.

## Documentation

The University will require documentation to support the application for scholarship. The following **mandatory documents** required pertain to the applicant’s parents / guardian:

INCOME TAX PAYERS (SALARIED OR SELF EMPLOYED)	NON INCOME TAX PAYERS
Three year IT returns (Current + past two years – FY 2013-14, 2012-13 and 2011-12)	Income certificate issued by the appropriate Government authority (Issued not earlier than October, 2014)
Bank Passbook showing transactions from April 2014 to date	Bank pass book showing transactions from April 2014 to date
Receipt of School Fees paid for the past two years	Receipt of School Fees paid for the past two years

**Other optional documents** (These documents would help the verification process):

- BPL Card where applicable
- If opened an account under Jan-Dhan Yojana, please provide the pass book
- Latest salary slip of salaried members of family (parents / guardian)
- Form 16 issued by employer of salaried members of family (parents / guardian).
- Form 16A issued by any entity providing details of income from profession
- Certificate from school with respect to school fee
- Proof of scholarship awarded for prior study (Certificate, letter, etc.)

Based on an initial verification of these documents, the University may ask for other documentation on a case to case basis. The University will do an independent validation and conduct background verification to ensure that the scholarships are provided to deserving candidates. Its decision in this regard will be final. In case the documentation provided to the University is found to be incorrect / falsified in any manner, any time during the programme, the University reserves the right to withdraw scholarship / admission offer and recover financial support provided.



The University is committed to investing time and resources to ensure overall well-being of our students. We do this in many ways: high faculty- student ratio, opportunities for research, mentoring, tutorials, a writing center, student clubs, counselling, medical and insurance facilities, and career and placement guidance. As a residential programme we bring together students, faculty and mentors to create a vibrant community life that is inclusive, rewarding and enjoyable for all.

The following student support services are available, helping create an environment where students are helped in realizing their full potential.

## Mentorship

Every student is closely linked with a faculty mentor, who periodically meets and guides them. To support classroom teaching and learning processes, students in smaller groups have academic tutorials.

## Students' Council

The Students' Council of Azim Premji University is envisaged as a constructive body, to enable students to work towards their growth and to build a vibrant educational culture anchored in the purposes and ethos of the University. Students, as key stakeholders, are actively represented in all relevant bodies within the University through the Students' Council.

## Students' Clubs

In order to create a vibrant student community, students create, participate in, and join clubs which are of interest to them. Currently, the active clubs on campus are the Sports club, Culture club, Celluloid club, Poetry club, Drama club and Media and Editorial club that works on the newsletter. These clubs are supported by faculty mentors.

## Counselling Centre

The emotional well-being of students is supported by a Counselling Centre at the University which has qualified counsellors who are professionally trained to listen and understand student concerns and advise them accordingly, while maintaining complete confidentiality.

## Medical and Insurance

These facilities are provided with the help of external tie-ups. The Student Helpdesk serves as a point of contact to assist students with all their queries / issues.





The University's interim campus is located within the premises of the PES-IT on Hosur Road, Bengaluru. The campus is spread over 12 acres and offers facilities and amenities that enable a comfortable and vibrant student experience. The facilities offered to students include:

- Classrooms
- Library
- Seminar halls
- Cafeteria
- Banking services and ATM
- Sports facilities

## Accommodation

The Undergraduate Programme is conceived as a residential programme where all students would be staying in accommodation provided by the University on leased premises located reasonably close to the current University campus.

We see the residential life of students as an integral part of this programme. We believe that for our students, experiences at their residences are a significant part of their learning; to belong to a community and see how the space given to them is used to live and learn together.

Transportation facility between the University and place of accommodation will be provided at pre-determined timings. Accommodation will be provided on sharing basis, in different configurations.

## Permanent University Campus

A residential University campus is being constructed on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The campus is being designed by one of India's leading architectural firms and the architecture will reflect the spirit of openness, collaboration and communication to foster an exemplary learning environment.



The Undergraduate Programme at Azim Premji University emphasizes and nurtures fundamental capabilities of critical thinking, analytical reasoning and communication. These abilities along with disciplinary understanding in the students' chosen area of interest will provide a strong foundation that can open up variety of opportunities for our students.

It is well-recognized that success and effectiveness in a job, profession or future study depend on the ability to work cooperatively in organizations and groups. These require interpersonal, ethical and social abilities and that is what our Undergraduate Programme aims to do - help young adults learn with understanding, and be reflective individuals capable of engaged citizenship.

We anticipate that our graduates will have several opportunities for employment and higher education. This may range from working in the business sector or social sectors like development and education, or even entrepreneurship. We also foresee some of our students continuing to pursue higher studies either at Azim Premji University or elsewhere.





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