

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), KOLKATA

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4-YEAR CURRICULUM FOR ARTS AND SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

St. Xavier's offers a 4-year (8 semesters) UG degree (Honours/ Honours with Research) program.

Duration of Registration for a UG degree is 7 years.

There are 7 types of courses in the NEP curriculum:

Major

The Major Course is the subject in which the degree will be awarded {e.g., B.Sc. (Honours/ Honours with Research) in Physics}. The Major provides the student an in-depth study and training in a particular subject. The academic level develops progressively till it reaches advanced levels in the later semesters.

Minor

The Minor subjects are generally complementary to the Major subject and are designed to help the student obtain a broader understanding of subjects connected to or beyond the Major course {e.g., B.Sc. (Honours) in Economics with Maths and Stats}

The second minor will be chosen by the student at the end of the second semester.

Refer to Section 3 below for details.

Multi-Disciplinary (MDS)

Multi-Disciplinary courses are courses from other disciplines. All students are required to take 3 introductory-level courses, 1 in Semester 1, and 2 in Semester 2. These courses are intended to broaden the student's intellectual experience and they form part of a liberal arts and science education.

Refer to Section 4 below for details.

Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)

The AEC includes courses in

- a) Modern Indian Language (Hindi/ Bengali/ Alternative English)- Semester 1
- b) Compulsory English – Semester 3

The emphasis in these courses is on language, communication skills, critical reading, and academic writing skills to enable students to express their ideas and arguments coherently in written form and in discussion and debate.

Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

Skill Enhancement courses are designed to impart practical skills, hands-on training, soft-skills, etc.

Value-Added Courses (VAC)

Value-Added courses include courses in Environmental Science, Inter-religious studies, personality development. Other courses are on the future design anvil.

Internship

Internship is a novel aspect of the UG program to allow students to obtain experience in industry, research labs, business, community service, learning projects. Internship is a 2-credit course and will have to be completed by Semester 4. Details and modalities will be provided once you have joined the program.

In each semester you will study a combination of the above-mentioned courses with each course assigned a specific number of papers, credits. See the table below:

1. SEMESTER-WISE COURSE BREAK-UP OF THE HONOURS PROGRAM

TABLE 1:

Semester	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Papers
Major	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	3*	23
Minor	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		8
Multi-Disciplinary	1	2							3
Ability Enhancement	1		1						2
Skill Enhancement			1	2					3
Value-Added	1	1	1	1					4
Internship				**					
Total Credits (per semester)	21	20	21	22	20	20	32	18	

* In Semester 8, students not undertaking research will study 3 papers for 18 credits in lieu of a research project/ dissertation for 18 credits. (Refer to Section 5 below for eligibility for research project/ dissertation.)

**Internship of 2 credits to be completed by Semester 4

2. CREDIT STRUCTURE

TABLE 2:

COURSE	CREDIT PER PAPER	TOTAL NO. OF PAPERS (ALL SEMESTERS)	TOTAL CREDITS
Major Semesters 1-6	4	16	64
Major Semesters 7-8	6	7	42
Minor	4	8	32
Multi- Disciplinary	3	3	9
Ability Enhancement	4	2	8
Skill Enhancement	3	3	9
Value-Added	2	4	8
Internship			2*
			174

*Internship of 2 credits to be completed by Semester 4

Minor Courses and Choices

- Choice of Minor courses will be recorded at the time of enrolment.
- The Major subject cannot be chosen as a Minor.
- You will study 2 Minor subjects.
- In the Table given below, subjects in **BOLD** indicate the Honours department. Choice of Minor is listed column-wise for each Honours department.
- The combinations are offered so as to ensure that you take 1 minor in the subject relevant to your Major, and the other minor in a subject of your choice.
- **MINOR 1:** Select your Minor 1 from the choices given below. If your Choice A cannot be allotted due to seat limitation, you will be allotted your Choice B. Minor 1 will be studied from Semester 1 to 4.
- **MINOR 2:** You will choose Minor 2 after due consideration at the end of Semester 2. Minor 2 will be studied from Semester 5 to 7.

MINOR COMBINATIONS: FOR SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS (AND BIOTECHNOLOGY)

POOL 1 FOR MINOR 1. SEM 1 - 4

MATHS	PHYSICS	ECO	CHEM	STATS	COMP SC	MICROBIO	Data Sc.	BIOTECH	MASS COM.
		MATH	MATHS		MATHS	MATHS		MATHS	FILM STUDIES
CHEM	CHEM			CHEM	CHEM	CHEM		CHEM	SOCIOLOGY
COM SC	COM SC	COMP SC		COMP SC		COMP SC	COMP SC	COMP SC	COMPARATIVE BENGALI
									HISTORY
ECO	ECO			ECO	ECO		ECO		ECONOMICS

(MATHS IS MANDATORY CHOICE FOR CHEMISTRY HONOURS STUDENTS)

POOL 2 FOR MINOR 2. SEM 5 - 7

MATHS	PHYSICS	ECO	CHEM	STATS	COMP SC	MICROBIO	DATA SC.	BIOTECH	MASS COM.
PHYSICS			PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS		PHYSICS	JOURNALISM
	MATHS			MATHS			MATHS		ENGLISH
STATS	STATS	STATS			STATS				POLITICAL SCIENCE
MICROBIO				MICRO BIO				MICRO BIO	
			BIOTECH	BIOTECH	BIOTECH	BIOTECH			
AI	AI	AI	AI	AI		AI		AI	

MINOR COMBINATIONS: FOR ARTS (AND MASS COMMUNICATION)

POOL 1 FOR MINOR 1. SEM 1 - 4

ENGLISH	POL SCIENCE	SOCIOLOGY	BENGALI	MASS COM
FILM STUDIES	FILM STUDIES	FILM STUDIES	FILM STUDIES	FILM STUDIES
SOCIOLOGY	SOCIOLOGY		SOCIOLOGY	SOCIOLOGY
COMPARATIVE BENGALI	COMPARATIVE BENGALI	COMPARATIVE BENGALI	COMPARATIVE BENGALI	COMPARATIVE BENGALI
HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY
ECONOMICS	ECONOMICS	ECONOMICS	ECONOMICS	ECONOMICS

POOL 2 FOR MINOR 2. SEM 5 - 7

ENGLISH	POL SCIENCE	SOCIOLOGY	BENGALI	MASS COM
JOURNALISM	JOURNALISM	JOURNALISM	JOURNALISM	JOURNALISM
	ENGLISH	ENGLISH		ENGLISH
POLITICAL SCIENCE		POLITICAL SCIENCE	POLITICAL SCIENCE	POLITICAL SCIENCE
MASS COM	MASS COM	MASS COM	MASS COM	

Note: The Above options are tentative and subject to change.

3. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COURSES:

Details of the Multi-Disciplinary courses will be provided at the time of admission.

4. 4-YEAR UG DEGREE (HONOURS WITH RESEARCH/ HONOURS)

a) Students who secure 75% marks and above in the first 6 semesters will be eligible to undertake research in the 4th year. The research project/ dissertation will be under the guidance of a department faculty member.

The research project/ dissertation is for 18 credits. These students will be awarded an Honours with Research degree.

b) In Semester 8, students not undertaking research will complete three papers for 18 credits in lieu of the research project/ dissertation. These students will be awarded an Honours degree.

5. 3-YEAR UG DEGREE (Exit option)

A student who chooses the exit option after completion of the third year will be awarded a Bachelor's degree so long as the required minimum credits are obtained.



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