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About the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences is one of the oldest, largest, and most diverse academic units at the University of Dhaka. Since its foundation on 2 October 1970, the Faculty has expanded in size and importance to include a wide range of academic disciplines that study human culture, society and politics, and that are theoretically based and empirically well-founded. The Faculty has set its goal to impart interdisciplinary knowledge, skills, and values to students in order to contribute to their academic and professional development.

The Faculty of Social Sciences is organized into 16 academic Departments which offer undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The Departments which constitute the Faculty are: Department of Economics, Department of Political Science, Department of international Relations, Department of Sociology, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Department of Public Administration, Department of Anthropology, Department of Population Sciences, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Department of Women and, Gender Studies, Department of Development Studies, Department of Television, Film and Photography, Department of Criminology, Department of Communication Disorders, Department of Printing and Publication Studies, and Department of Japanese Studies.

These academic Departments in the Faculty provide an intellectually challenging learning and research experience within a supportive educational setting, ensuring that students can achieve their full academic potential and build successful career paths. In addition, the Faculty is committed to delivering innovative, inspirational, and effective teaching. Faculty members are as devoted to teaching as they are to research, bringing their knowledge and expertise into the classroom and motivating students to develop and flourish in stimulating academic and social environment. A wide spectrum of courses and programmes offered by different Departments under the Faculty helps students gain a strong grounding in critical thinking and research skills.

The Faculty of Social Sciences, in coordination with its constituent Departments, runs undergraduate and graduate programs and conducts advanced research across diverse fields of social sciences. The Faculty's collaborative and interdisciplinary research focuses on the most pressing issues and concerns of the society.

The Faculty is headed by the Dean who is elected for a term of two years. The Dean monitors the overall work of the Faculty and is responsible for general activities, admission, finances, and personnel administration in line with the university's policies and regulations.

The Faculty publishes two academic journals: Social Science Review (Dhaka University Studies, Part-D), a bi-annual journal and Samajik Biggyan Patrika, an annual journal.



Professor Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir
Adviser to the Prime Minister
(Status of Minister)
Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Planning



Message from the Chief Guest

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate the brilliant recipients of the Dean's Award of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Dhaka. Every awardee here represents the finest promise of our nation. I am very pleased to learn that, this year, alongside the Dean's Award for outstanding graduate students, the Faculty of Social Sciences is also introducing the Dean's Award for Best Books and Articles to recognise and honour faculty members for their outstanding research achievements and scholarly excellence. This is a commendable initiative that will acknowledge scholarly contributions, encourage high-quality research and publications, and inspire faculty members to pursue greater academic excellence.

The University of Dhaka has always been more than a university. Since 1921, it has stood at the centre of our national life. Its students led the Language Movement, inspired the Liberation War, fought autocracy in 1990 and stood at the forefront of the mass uprising of 2024 that restored democracy in Bangladesh. Few universities in the world can claim such a profound role in the making and shaping of a nation, and we honour that contribution with gratitude. However, it is now time to speak about the present and the future, because the next chapter of this university must be written in laboratories, libraries, field surveys and journals. The time has come to further strengthen the University of Dhaka as a truly world-class research university.

The University of Dhaka is currently the highest-ranked Bangladeshi institution in the QS World University Rankings, and its recent entry into the top 600 is an encouraging achievement. Yet these milestones also remind us how far we still have to travel. The important question, therefore, is: how can we achieve sustained excellence?

First, the University of Dhaka must become more self-sufficient and learn to build its own financial strength. It should attract research funding from both Bangladesh and abroad. It should also create long-term partnerships with industries, government agencies, development partners and private companies. The university can provide policy research services, turn patents and campus innovations into commercial products and create permanent endowment funds with support from its large alumni community. This can draw on philanthropic models used by leading universities around the world.

When companies fund laboratories, donors support professorships, and the university earns income from its own knowledge and inventions, it will become more financially independent. This independence will also strengthen academic freedom and improve the university's global reputation. Second, the recruitment and promotion of teachers should be closely connected to academic results and research performance. Publications, citations, research quality and academic contribution should play a major role, as they do in leading universities around the world. Third, the university should provide modern laboratories, digital archives and full access to international journals and research databases. Young researchers must receive proper training, supervision and institutional support. Fourth, research should address the pressing challenges facing Bangladesh. When research produces useful solutions, industries, investors, and public institutions will see clear value in working with the university. For the Faculty of Social Sciences, strong evidence-based research is especially important. As Bangladesh begins a new democratic journey, this connection between research and policymaking is more necessary than ever.



We are not beginning this journey from zero. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party, led by former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, created several important foundations for the development of higher education and research in Bangladesh. In 2002, a separate Ministry of Science and Technology was reorganised to coordinate national research activities, develop science policy and provide fellowships for young researchers. Her government worked with the University Grants Commission and development partners in 2005 and 2006 to prepare the country's first long-term Strategic Plan for Higher Education in Bangladesh, 2006-2026. For the first time, research, educational quality and institutional reform were placed at the centre of the national policy for higher education.

Today, this spirit continues with new energy. The honourable Prime Minister, Tarique Rahman, has placed research and innovation at the centre of the government's vision for higher education. In May 2026, he spoke at the national workshop titled, "Transforming Higher Education in Bangladesh", held at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the University of Dhaka. He stated that universities cannot compete globally through textbook education alone. They must also give serious attention to research and innovation. He encouraged academics to consider the number and quality of publications and citations as important measures of academic excellence.

The government has also announced seed funding and innovation grants to help turn ideas developed at universities into useful and commercially successful products. It has proposed the establishment of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Institutes and Science Parks at higher education institutions. It also plans to expand internships, apprenticeships and academic partnerships with industries. These initiatives can help students and researchers connect their knowledge with practical experience and national economic needs.

The government has further proposed a modern curriculum that includes artificial intelligence, cyber security, quantum computing and nanotechnology. These subjects are becoming increasingly important in the modern world and can prepare students and researchers for future challenges. Moreover, the Prime Minister has personally called upon successful alumni living both in Bangladesh and abroad to invest in the university's research and development. This appeal directly supports the goal of making the university more self-reliant. This is a hopeful and forward-looking vision. Its success will require the active and wholehearted cooperation of the government, the university, its teachers, researchers, students, alumni, industries and development partners.

Dear awardees, you are receiving this honour at a turning point in our history. Democracy has been restored, the state is committed to knowledge, and the world is watching Bangladesh with a rejuvenated interest. Your generation can be the one that makes the University of Dhaka a truly distinguished research oriented university, an institution whose discoveries shape policy, whose journals command global respect and whose name rises steadily in world rankings. Ask bold questions, publish fearlessly, collaborate widely and serve your people through knowledge. May the Almighty bless you all with wisdom, courage and success.

I wish every recipient of the Dean's Award a luminous future, and I wish the University of Dhaka an even brighter century of discovery ahead. My heartiest congratulations and warmest regards to you all.

Professor Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir
Adviser to the Prime Minister



Professor Dr. A B M Obaidul Islam
Vice-Chancellor
University of Dhaka



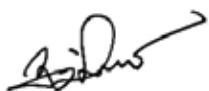
Message from the Guest of Honour

I am delighted to know that the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka, is going to celebrate the outstanding achievements of its students by handing them out the prestigious Dean's Award 2021-2023. Indeed, these awards testify to their unbreakable commitment, hard work, and unfathomable determination. Dean's Award Ceremony is certainly a joyous moment for the awardees, their parents, students, and faculty members of the University. The University of Dhaka has produced a lot of enlightened and educated individuals who work with utmost dedication for improving the socio-economic conditions of the country.

Bangladesh is now acclaimed by the international community as a developing country. Therefore, the last fifty-five years of Bangladesh's journey can be considered a dramatic transformation from a poverty-stricken country to a development miracle. After its Independence in 1971, the war-ravaged country badly needed socio-economic development. With this developmental goal in view, effective policies and action plans linking both public and private sectors have been designed by the successive governments. In the wake of the July Uprising 2024, it is now critically important for the alumni of this university to tap their creative potential to develop themselves as capable and humane workforces to meet the emerging challenges and needs of the nation to achieve these goals. I am hopeful that our graduates, equipped with Bangladeshi spirit and humanitarian values, will enhance the potential of globalization and effectively lead the technology-based fourth and fifth industrial revolutions in the country as well.

I congratulate the recipients of the Dean's Award on their remarkable achievement as well as their proud parents on this memorable occasion. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated teachers of the faculty who have relentlessly worked to bring out the best in their students.

Finally, I offer my thanks to everyone, including the Dean and the organizing committee, for their great efforts in making this ceremony a successful and memorable event of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Dhaka.



Professor Dr. A B M Obaidul Islam
Vice-Chancellor



Professor Dr. Abdullah-Al-Mamun
Member, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh



Message from the Special Guest

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to be a part of the Dean's Award Ceremony of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka. I extend my warmest congratulations to all the brilliant students receiving the Dean's Award. I also congratulate your parents, teachers and the Faculty of Social Sciences, whose guidance and support have contributed immensely to your success.

The University of Dhaka has always played a leading role in the intellectual, social and national development of Bangladesh. The Faculty of Social Sciences has made an important contribution by producing graduates who serve the country in education, research, public administration, development, business, civil society and many other fields. I hope today's award recipients will carry this proud tradition forward with knowledge, integrity and a strong sense of responsibility to society.

At the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC), we believe that higher education must prepare our young people not only for degrees but also for life, work, leadership and service to the nation. Our present priorities, therefore, include improving the quality of teaching and learning, strengthening research and innovation, promoting good governance and accountability, expanding digital facilities, improving graduate employability, strengthening links between universities and industry, and increasing international academic cooperation.

In May 2026, UGC organised the national workshop "Transformation of Higher Education in Bangladesh: Roadmap for Sustainable Excellence." The discussions highlighted several important directions for our universities, including research and innovation centres, career support, startup incubation, teaching capacity development, outcome-based education, internships, international collaboration, technology transfer and improved quality assurance. The commission is also implementing the Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) Project, a major initiative for the transformation of higher education. UGC has also taken steps to encourage universities to provide free Wi-Fi facilities to students, supporting wider access to digital learning and knowledge resources.

Research remains central to our vision. Through competitive research support, the Academic Transformation Fund and other initiatives, UGC is working to create an environment where universities can generate new knowledge and address real problems facing Bangladesh. At the same time, the commission continues to support the academic

development of university teachers through overseas Master's, MPhil and PhD scholarships and international joint research opportunities. In 2026, for example, UGC continued its overseas scholarship activities and invited proposals for a joint research programme with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

An award marks an achievement, but it should also mark the beginning of a greater journey. I encourage you to remain curious, humble and honest. Continue learning, develop your skills, value evidence and use your education to improve the lives of others. Wherever your future takes you, remember that the true value of education is reflected not only in personal success but also in the contribution we make to society and our country.

I once again congratulate all the Dean's Award recipients and wish you every success in your future academic, professional and personal lives. May your achievements inspire many more.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amun".

Professor Dr. Abdullah-Al-Mamun

Member, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh



Professor Dr. Abdus Salam
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)
University of Dhaka



Message from the Special Guest

It is my great pleasure to know that the outstanding students of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka will receive the Dean's Award 2021-2023, in a special ceremony to be organized by the Faculty. These students stood out from the rest of the students by securing highest marks in their bachelor's programmes. It is certainly a great delight to see that the Faculty is going to recognize the outstanding academic merit, imaginative ability, and the perseverance of these high-achievers by handing out the prestigious Dean's Award to them. I heartily congratulate the recipients of this award.

We are now witnessing various innovations and advancements in contemporary society which make our life easier and at the same time create newer challenges and complexities. Consequently, it is important to address such challenges efficiently by developing a critical understanding of the nuanced interplay between various social, cultural, economic, political and technological factors which confront us. This can solidify the desirable development of our great nation by combining heterogeneous actors, resources, and forces. Our country now demands creative and judicious individuals who can be relied upon to come to terms with the increasing complexities of the present-day society and who can offer innovative and rational ideas to make sustainable and visible impacts. The recipients of the Dean's Award have already demonstrated their dedication to duty and their commitment to the pursuit of knowledge. Their achievements are something to be very proud of and I sincerely hope that in the days to come these extremely bright and brilliant students will contribute very efficiently to the well-being of the community and the nation in various ways and at multiple levels. I am confident that our country will be immensely benefitted by their wisdom, knowledge and critical consciousness which they have acquired through their pursuits of academic excellence.

I would like to congratulate the teachers of the Faculty of Social Sciences who introduced the students to important social science related theories, praxis, concepts and ideas from multi-disciplinary perspectives and encouraged them to explore various avenues of knowledge and to prioritize creative expressions. I also want to take the opportunity to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the proud parents of these meritorious students. I know the sights of the students receiving this prestigious award will fill their parents and teachers with tremendous pride. I expect the students will always remember the intellectual guidance and emotional support they had received from their teachers and parents.

Once again, I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Dean's Award 2021-2023 winners on their academic accomplishments. I hope they continue to work hard in order to achieve many other impressive accolades to their names as well as further the reputation of the University of Dhaka and the advancement of the nation. They have my best wishes for their future endeavors.

Professor Dr. Abdus Salam
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)



Professor Dr. Mohammed Almujaadade Alfasane
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration)
University of Dhaka



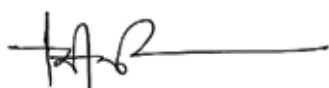
Message from the Special Guest

I am delighted to know that the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka, is organizing a special ceremony to celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of its brightest students by conferring the prestigious Dean's Award 2021-2023. This award is bestowed upon the most intelligent students of different Departments who have topped the merit list in their Bachelor's programmes. The dedication, commitment and intellectual creativity demonstrated by these students are duly recognized through this honorable distinction. Ultimately, this award serves as a testament to the extraordinary talent and academic brilliance of these radiant young individuals. I convey my heartfelt congratulations to all the recipients on their remarkable success.

I extend my profound gratitude to the faculty members who have mentored these students with the utmost sincerity, instilling in them a desire for intellectual depth and the pursuit of original ideas. I also take great pride in felicitating the proud parents and guardians. I hope the students will always cherish the eternal love and care they have received, as the emotional support from their families played a pivotal role in fostering the mental strength required to navigate rigorous academic challenges successfully.

I believe that the recipients of this much-coveted award will attain even greater success in their future endeavors. Hard work, accountability and integrity are the cornerstones of both professional success and public admiration. I encourage the Dean's Award winners to reflect deeply on the value of dedication, commitment and morality in our lives. I trust that these profound qualities will shape their worldviews positively. Society expects much from these high achievers and I am certain they will strive not only to achieve their individual goals but also to engage in noble deeds that contribute to the welfare of the people and the advancement of our motherland.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the 2021-2023 award winners and wish them continued success in the years to come.



Professor Dr. Mohammed Almujaadade Alfasane
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Administration)



Professor M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, PhD
Treasurer
University of Dhaka



Message from the Special Guest

It is my immense pleasure to know that the Faculty of Social Sciences will host a Dean's Award ceremony to honor the academic brilliance of highly driven, creative, and exceptionally talented students from various Departments within the Faculty. The occasion will not only celebrate their academic success but also serve as a lasting reminder of the day their long-cherished dream comes true.

Dear students, this prestigious award is presented to you in appreciation of the hard work you have put into your academic pursuits during your undergraduate studies at the university. I applaud your commitment to excellence and trust that success you have achieved thus far will become the foundation for even greater accomplishments in the future. I am confident that this award will motivate you to advance in your chosen fields with honesty and integrity, address societal challenges, and serve as an example to others. May you continue to grow from strength to strength and make your Faculty, University, and country proud in the years to come.

I also take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the faculty members who work tirelessly to help students reach their full potential. At the same time, the parents of these exceptionally talented students deserve special recognition for providing their children with constant and unwavering support throughout their challenging academic journeys. Allow me to thank each of you for everything you have selflessly done to help these students achieve their goals in life.

Finally, I appreciate all the assistance that everyone has provided in their respective capacities to organize this occasion successfully. I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the awardees.

Professor M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, PhD
Treasurer



Professor Kazi Mohammad Mahbobor Rahman
Dean (Acting), Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Dhaka



Message from the Dean

It is a profound privilege to extend my warmest commendations to the distinguished recipients of the Dean's Award and the Dean's Research Award for the academic years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Beyond honouring stellar scholastic achievements, these awards celebrate a rigorous commitment to intellectual inquiry, empirical excellence, and epistemic courage. Such virtues define the ethos of our Faculty. I share this moment of pride and joy with our scholars, their families, and the educators whose collective dedication has brought this occasion to fruition.

This year marks the inauguration of the Dean's Research Award for best books and articles, instituted to honour distinguished scholarly contributions by our Faculty members. The initiative reflects the Faculty's commitment to intellectual distinction, originality, creativity, and the advancement of knowledge. By recognising works that make substantive contributions to scholarship and enrich academic discourse, the award seeks to foster a lasting culture of excellence and further elevate the Faculty's intellectual stature both nationally and internationally.

The social sciences demand more than the passive acquisition of data; they require a critical interrogation of the ontological structures that shape our social reality and an epistemological commitment to unearthing justice, power, and human agency. Our awardees have distinguished themselves by embracing this challenge, whether through academic performance or pioneering empirical research, transforming abstract theories into meaningful frameworks for understanding complex human conditions. As you step into an increasingly complex global landscape, you carry the responsibility of applying this knowledge as a catalyst for societal transformation, equity, and human dignity.

Our scholars belong to a historic cohort – one whose academic journey was deeply intertwined with the transformative July Uprising of 2024 and the subsequent democratic transition marked by the national parliamentary elections of 12 February 2026. True to its legacy, the University of Dhaka served as the epicentre of this awakening and democratic renewal, reaffirming its pivotal role in shaping the socio-political consciousness of the nation. This historic epoch serves as an enduring reminder that scholarship cannot remain detached from praxis. Knowledge acquires its true vitality when mobilised in defence of justice, democratic values, and the public good.



The success of the Dean's Award and Dean's Research Award programme is the result of collective devotion. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Dean's Award Organising Committees, including the Central Committee with Chairpersons of 16 departments, for their visionary leadership. My heartfelt appreciation goes to the Dean's Award Preparatory Committee, all dedicated sub-committees with their conveners, member secretaries, and members, and the Dean's Office staff, whose tireless efforts made these grand celebrations possible. I extend my deepest gratitude to our faculty members, whose rigorous mentorship and transformative scholarship continue to nurture reflexive and critical thinkers. Equal gratitude belongs to the families whose steadfast support provided the foundation for our graduates' intellectual endurance.

The Faculty of Social Sciences is committed to nurturing an academic environment where methodological precision, intellectual freedom, epistemic justice, and social responsibility converge. The Dean's Award and Dean's Research Award honour your past achievements while affirming your dynamic potential to reshape the socio-political and economic paradigms of Bangladesh and the global community. May you carry this accolade with humility, intellectual curiosity, and an unwavering commitment to truth. I wish you lifelong success as you continue to interrogate, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to a more equitable, democratic, and dignified world.

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Professor Kazi Mohammad Mahbobor Rahman
Dean (Acting)

Departments in the Faculty of Social Sciences

Sl. No	Department	Year of Establishment
01	Economics	1921
02	Political Science	1921
03	International Relations	1947
04	Sociology	1957
05	Mass Communication and Journalism	1962
06	Public Administration	1972
07	Anthropology	1992
08	Population Sciences	1997
09	Peace and Conflict Studies	1999
10	Women and Gender Studies	2000
11	Development Studies	2000
12	Television, Film and Photography	2012
13	Criminology	2012
14	Communication Disorders	2013
15	Printing and Publication Studies	2015
16	Japanese Studies	2017





Department of Economics
Professor Firdousi Naher, PhD
Chairperson

Since its establishment in 1921, the Department of Economics has remained at the forefront of economic thought and intellectual debate in the subcontinent. Our fundamental objective is to impart sound theoretical foundation alongside the practical skills needed to apply economic theory to real-world problems. In keeping with a rapidly transforming and increasingly competitive global economic landscape, the Department strives to provide its undergraduate and graduate students with a rigorous curriculum that supports lifelong learning and lays the foundation for critical and strategic thinking. At the heart of our educational mission is a commitment to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become responsible citizens, competent professionals, and effective leaders.

The programmes offered by the Department of Economics include the Bachelor of Social Science (BSS), Master of Social Science (MSS), MPhil, and PhD in Economics. The Department is also actively involved in enhancing the capacities of professionals both within and beyond the government sector, offering a specialised programme (Professional Masters in Economics) designed for officials of the Bangladesh Bank. In addition, the Department provides comprehensive research training, funded by the Planning Commission, to interested students from various departments. The Bureau of Economic Research, a research organ of the University of Dhaka, operates under the auspices of the Department of Economics. It serves as an in-house platform through which faculty members conduct empirical research on a range of economic problems and policies, while also offering regular training in advanced research techniques to interested individuals.

Every year, competing among thousands of applicants, a little over a hundred students in the uppermost rungs of the merit list are admitted to the Department. These meritorious students come from a wide range of backgrounds, and those who require financial support are offered several scholarships to help ease their expenses and allow them to focus on their studies. The Department has three student clubs under its aegis: the Economics Study Centre (ESC), the Economics Career Alliance (ECA), and the Economics Cultural Club (ECC). The Bangladesh Economics Summit, an annual flagship event of the ESC, brings together distinguished economists, academics, policymakers, business leaders, and civil society members to interact with students. The ECA organises regular sessions on career planning and professional skill development, while the ECC offers students and teachers alike a welcome break through activities that celebrate our art and culture.

Today, more than a century since its founding, the Department of Economics continues to build on this rich legacy and remains firmly committed to upholding it.



Department of Political Science
Professor Dr. Nasima Khatun
 Chairperson

The Department of Political Science holds a deep historical legacy at the University of Dhaka. When the University commenced its academic journey in 1921 with twelve departments, the study of politics was housed within the Department of Economics and Politics. The Department of Political Science began its own independent journey in 1938. Today, it provides students with a comprehensive education spanning classical and modern political thought, comparative politics, public policy, and governance studies. The curriculum is carefully structured to develop students' critical thinking and research methodologies, equipping them to analyse complex national and global political affairs.

Since its inception, the Department has made an enormous contribution to the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent state, from the Language Movement through to the Liberation War. Faculty members of the Department were among the University teachers who developed the theory of the 'Two Economies', describing the economic disparity between the then East and West Pakistan, an idea that ultimately fed into the Six-Point Programme. After independence, the Department has continued to shape political thought in Bangladesh, with its students and academics contributing to new knowledge in political science and policymaking. Through the engagement of its faculty and students as civil society members, the Department also plays a catalytic role in encouraging pluralism and democratic values. The Department regularly publishes journals and books, and organises lectures and special seminars on issues of academic and political importance.

Each academic year, more than 150 students are enrolled in the undergraduate programme, and a further 150 in the Master's programme, with a good number of students also applying for the MPhil and PhD programmes across various fields of politics, governance and public policy. The Department also offers an eighteen-month Professional Master in Governance Studies for graduates and professionals across government, private, and non-profit sectors. Since its inception, it has maintained a congenial academic atmosphere for both students and faculty, supporting them in enhancing their knowledge and analytical skills. Students of the Department also excel in extracurricular pursuits, including organising and taking part in sports competitions, debating, cultural programmes, and voluntary work, alongside their academic studies.

Looking ahead, the Department aims to achieve a top-ranking position globally within the discipline of political science, by imparting concepts, ideas, and theories alongside empirical knowledge, and by continuing to nurture the critical, historically grounded perspective that has long defined its academic identity.



Department of International Relations

Professor Dr. A. S. M. Ali Ashraf

Chairperson

The Department of International Relations is one of the premier and top-ranking centres of academic excellence and research at the University of Dhaka. It was established in July 1947, when the Indian subcontinent was still part of the union of territories under the erstwhile British Commonwealth and Empire. This historical context gave the Department the unique distinction of being the first academic department in any South Asian university to offer degrees in International Relations (IR), a mantle it has carried with distinction through nearly eight decades of teaching and scholarship.

The Department's curriculum brings together courses across the diverse areas of International Relations, including diplomacy, foreign policy, globalisation, governance and development, international law, international migration, human rights, international political economy, gender, global environmental politics, and international security. It also includes a range of area and country studies, covering Africa, Europe, North America, South America, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and East Asia. This body of knowledge is constantly updated in line with the latest developments in global affairs and shifting theoretical paradigms. The Department's degree-awarding programmes include the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours), Master of Social Sciences (MSS), Master of Philosophy (MPhil), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

In 2003, the Department introduced a Certificate programme in International Relations, which evolved in 2008 into the more demanding Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations (PGDIR), designed for graduates from a range of academic and professional backgrounds seeking additional credentials in international affairs. This reflects the Department's broader commitment to reaching beyond its regular degree programmes, in response to growing demand for IR knowledge among non-IR graduates and professionals. In 2016, the Department introduced the Professional Masters in International Relations (PMIR) for professionals.

In recent years, the Department has focused on building collaborations with national and international institutions. Since 2019, it has partnered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to offer a Certificate Course in International Refugee Law and Protection of Refugees. Since 2022, the Department has collaborated with the Foreign Service Academy to run the Professional Masters in International Relations and Diplomacy (PMIRD), targeting career diplomats from Bangladesh and friendly nations. Through these diverse partnerships, rigorous curriculum, and historical legacy, the Department remains a leading centre for international studies in South Asia, preparing future diplomats, scholars, and policy practitioners to confidently navigate an increasingly complex world.



Department of Sociology
Professor Dr. Fatema Rezina Iqbal
Chairperson

Since its establishment in 1957, the Department of Sociology has made significant contributions to academic and societal development in Bangladesh. It began as a UNESCO-supported initiative, and the discipline gained momentum through the involvement of the renowned French anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss, who visited the Chittagong Hill Tracts and highlighted the need to study indigenous communities through sociological and anthropological frameworks. While Pierre Bessaignet served as the department's inaugural chair, Professor A. K. Nazmul Karim, its first Bengali head, played a foundational role in shaping the Department into the country's leading center for sociological education and research.

The Department currently offers a comprehensive range of programmes, including Bachelor's, Master's, MPhil, and PhD degrees, and a Professional Master's in Sociology and Social Policy. Each academic year, the Department admits over 150 undergraduate and 150 Master's students into its core programmes. The curriculum is designed to address diverse social dynamics by integrating theoretical frameworks with hands-on research methodologies and real-world applications. Through this rigorous training, our students develop the analytical skills necessary to decipher and address the complexities of a transitioning society. The Department is supported by a well-resourced seminar library holding several thousand books, a modern computer laboratory, a museum of valuable artefacts, and technologically equipped classrooms.

Committed to academic excellence, the faculty members hold advanced degrees from prestigious international universities, and many remain active in national and international research collaborations. The Department maintains strong alumni relations and actively promotes student engagement through co-curricular activities. Two active student clubs, the Sociology Research and Writing Club (SRWC) and the Sociology Games and Cultural Club (SGCC), foster an inclusive and dynamic learning environment, while the Sociology Colloquium organises seminars and scholarly discussions that bring together students and faculty around current research.

By regularly updating its curriculum in response to emerging social needs and challenges, the Department remains committed to knowledge production, human resource development, and public policy formulation. Its graduates go on to careers across academia, government, non-governmental organisations and international development organisations, carrying with them the analytical grounding the Department instils. Through its academic and intellectual efforts, the Department plays a critical role in promoting the sociological imagination necessary for addressing complex social issues in contemporary Bangladesh.



Department of Mass Communication and Journalism

Professor Kazi Mohammad Mahbobor Rahman

Chairperson (Acting)

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism began in 1962 as the Department of Journalism, offering a one-year postgraduate diploma programme. A graduate programme was introduced in 1967, followed by an undergraduate programme in 1977. The breadth and depth of the curricula necessitated a new nomenclature, leading to its renaming as the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism. It later transitioned from the Faculty of Arts to the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2002. Today, the Department offers four-year BSS (Honours) degree, one-year MSS degree, MPhil and PhD research programmes.

In justification of the nomenclature, equal emphasis is placed on both mass communication and journalism courses, ensuring complete complementarity within the curriculum. A strong grounding in communication theories, media history, societal interrelationships, media research, reporting, and editing enables students to excel across various professional fields. At the core of the curriculum is 'immersive learning' that blends content, practical skills, social needs, and student interests into a transformative experience. Growing from a hands-on, professionally oriented programme, the Department embodies a synergy between practical how-to skills and the critical theory, philosophy, and analytical thinking on which media studies are based.

Students learn in an environment that is unparalleled in journalism and communication education in the country. The Department currently has 23 full-time and 8 part-time faculty members. Part-time faculty members are primarily experienced practitioners from the media industry. It features a modern media centre equipped with three specialised laboratories for videography, photography, and computer-mediated communication. The Department encourages students to communicate with competence, cultivate strong ethical values, and develop a deep understanding of both historical and contemporary perspectives. Rooted in a rich tradition, it offers an innovative, student-centred curriculum that fosters active engagement in research at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Students secure internship opportunities in prestigious national daily newspapers, prominent broadcast networks, and leading non-governmental and international organisations. As a result, graduates enjoy broad professional prospects spanning the media industry, the development sector, public relations in government domains and communications roles in corporate sector. Furthermore, our alumni hold executive and senior positions across leading Bangladeshi media outlets and non-profit organisations, while distinguished scholars contribute to higher education and research at reputable universities both nationally and internationally.



Department of Public Administration
Professor Dr. Syeda Lasna Kabir
Chairperson

The Department of Public Administration is one of the leading institutions in Bangladesh for the study of governance, public policy, administration, and development. Since its establishment in 1972, the Department has played a pioneering role in producing civil servants, academics, researchers, policymakers, and development practitioners who have contributed significantly to national and international institutions. The BSS Honours programme was launched in the 1971-72 academic session, and an MSS in Public Administration had been running under the Department of Political Science since the 1969-70 session. This establishment in 1972 reflected the growing importance of administrative and governance studies in the newly independent Bangladesh. The Department flourished under the leadership of its founding chairman, Professor Nur Mohammad Mia, whose contributions, together with those of other faculty members, laid the foundation for its academic excellence and institutional growth.

The Department currently offers BSS (Honours), MSS, MPhil, and PhD programmes. Advanced graduate degrees (MPhil and PhD) were introduced in the 1980s to strengthen research in the field. In 2016, it launched the Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) programme for professionals, civil servants, and development practitioners seeking advanced administrative and policy-oriented education. The curriculum combines theoretical and empirical orientations, integrating administrative theories with contemporary issues such as governance, public policy, development administration, public sector management, human resource management, e-governance, and international administration. It also places strong emphasis on quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Each year, the Department admits around 90 students in the BSS programme, drawn in roughly equal numbers from Science, Humanities, and Business Studies backgrounds. At present, the Department accommodates around 600 students across different academic programmes. To ensure the practical application of academic knowledge, students participate in field visits, empirical research, and monograph writing. These activities provide students with real-world exposure to administrative systems, policy implementation, and governance challenges.

Beyond the classroom, the Department regularly organises seminars, workshops, and panel discussions featuring eminent academics, senior civil servants, and policymakers, while student organisations such as the Film and Photography Club, Earth Club, Debating Club, Cultural Society, and Research Club support students' holistic development. Today, more than five decades since its establishment, the Department of Public Administration continues to uphold its tradition of academic excellence and public service, supported by reputed faculty with qualifications and research experience from universities at home and abroad, and remains a leading centre for the study of governance and public administration in Bangladesh.



Department of Anthropology
Professor Dr. Md Rafiul Islam
Chairperson

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Dhaka, operating under the Faculty of Social Sciences, was established on 5 December 1992. As a distinct academic discipline, anthropology is dedicated to micro-level studies, employing established social theories alongside firsthand qualitative and ethnographic data to generate theoretical frameworks and deepen understanding of social phenomena. By integrating qualitative research with historical evidence, anthropology critically examines social heterogeneity and cultural diversity from a cross-cultural perspective. Since its inception, the Department has played a pivotal role in advancing anthropological scholarship in Bangladesh, producing graduates who contribute meaningfully to academia, policymaking, and social development.

To date, the Department has awarded the Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) degree to 1,540 students and the Master of Social Sciences (MSS) degree on 1,430 students. Additionally, it has awarded 26 MPhil degrees and 29 PhDs, reflecting its commitment to fostering advanced research. As the Department prepares to celebrate its 33rd anniversary on 5 December 2024, it takes pride in its vibrant academic community, comprising 19 full-time and two part-time faculty members, along with 275 current students and a growing network of distinguished alumni.

The Department is committed to advancing the study of human societies through rigorous research, theoretical innovation, and ethnographic inquiry. Our primary objectives include fostering a deep understanding of cultural diversity, social structures, and historical transformations while maintaining the highest academic standards. We emphasise critical thinking, ethical research practices, and interdisciplinary collaboration to prepare students for careers in academia, policymaking, and social practice. Through qualitative and cross-cultural approaches, we aim to generate new knowledge that addresses both local and global challenges. By cultivating a dynamic learning environment, we empower graduates to become thoughtful leaders and engaged scholars who can navigate and influence an increasingly interconnected world.

Over the past three decades, the Department of Anthropology has promoted global perspectives through comparative research and international collaborations, positioning itself as a leading centre for anthropological studies in South Asia. By upholding rigorous academic standards, fostering innovative research, and cultivating socially responsible leaders, the Department continues to play a vital role in shaping anthropological discourse and contributing to informed, equitable, and culturally sensitive policymaking. As it moves forward, the Department remains committed to expanding its intellectual horizons, engaging with global scholarly communities, and addressing pressing social challenges through the lens of anthropology.



Department of Population Sciences
Professor Abu Hasanat Md. Kishowar Hossain
Chairperson

The Department of Population Sciences was established in 1997 in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), following a decision by the Syndicate on 30 September 1997. Professor Dr A K M Nurun Nabi was the founder chairman of the Department. The Department's vision is to position itself as an exceptional, multidisciplinary national centre of excellence in teaching, research, training, and advocacy related to population research, policies, and actions. Its mission is to equip students with multidisciplinary knowledge and skills to address both national and international needs; enhance professional competencies for relevant stakeholders through tailored training; and generate evidence-based knowledge through research for advocacy in the formulation of policies and programmes.

Initially, the Department offered a two-year Master of Population Sciences Professional Degree Programme, which was revised to a one-and-a-half-year duration in 2013–2014. In addition, a Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) in Population Sciences was introduced in the 2011–2012 academic year, and the Department currently enrolls 40 students in the BSS programme. Beyond these programmes, the Department also offers MPhil, PhD, and various certificate courses on a range of topics, including both short-term and long-term courses. The Department has formed partnerships with national and international organisations and universities to enhance its educational, research, and knowledge management capacities. It conducts research funded by various agencies and organises conferences at both international and national levels. The Department celebrates significant days related to population, including World Population Day and the International Day of Older Persons, by hosting symposia, lectures, and workshops in conjunction with regular academic activities. The Department boasts a library containing over 5,500 books and journals, as well as a well-equipped computer laboratory.

The relevance of a multidisciplinary approach to Population Sciences is increasing globally. Bangladesh has garnered notable recognition for its achievements in population-related initiatives despite ongoing challenges. The changing landscape of population issues calls for professionals who are adept at critical analysis and programme management. To address contemporary demands, the Department is proud to lead a progressive academic programme encompassing various disciplines, including demographic analysis, population studies, development, sexual and reproductive health rights, population policy, food security, nutrition, gender and ageing issues, programme management, monitoring and evaluation, and climate change adaptation strategies.

Students and professionals from a wide array of fields, ranging from environmental studies to medicine, engineering to sociology, business to women's studies, economics to geography, and law to NGO management, both domestically and internationally, have shown significant interest in our programmes. In response to this diverse student body, the Department has assembled a pool of core and adjunct faculty who enrich our programmes with their extensive knowledge and experience.



Department of Peace and Conflict Studies

Professor Dr. Sazzad Siddiqui

Chairperson

The Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) is the first of its kind in the country and in South Asia. Its flagship motto is that peace is possible, even though the realist school of thought emphasizes the inevitability of conflict and violence. Acknowledging both the theoretical and practical dimensions of peace and conflict, PACS was established on 8 June 1999 under the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Dhaka. The Department is dedicated to peace education and to promoting a culture of peace in all spheres of society, within Bangladesh and beyond. In line with this vision, the Department prepares qualified peacemakers with rigorous interdisciplinary knowledge and the capacity to research the conditions of peace, the causes of war, and other forms of violence. The Department works with a threefold aim: first, to provide education on peace, conflict, human rights, and security; second, to generate knowledge through research on these core issues; and third, to disseminate knowledge and research findings to a wider audience.

Currently, the Department offers a range of academic programmes, including a four-year undergraduate degree, a one-year regular master's degree, and research-based degrees such as the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). These programmes are regularly updated to reflect emerging global trends, academic advancements, and evolving societal needs. The Department also offers a one-and-a-half-year Professional Master's in Peace, Conflict, and Human Rights (PMPCHR), and actively fosters partnerships with national and international organizations to conduct collaborative research, seminars, and workshops.

These endeavours help bridge the gap between practitioners and academics. Over the past two and a half decades, the Department has made significant progress by nurturing generations of peace scholars and practitioners who actively contribute to diverse sectors of society, both nationally and globally. Fostering a culture of peace through peace education lies at the heart of its academic mission.



Department of Women and Gender Studies

Dr. Sabiha Yeasmin Rosy

Chairperson

The Department of Women and Gender Studies (DWGS) is an interdisciplinary entity that fosters critical perspectives on women and gender issues in both intellectual and activist contexts. Understanding the importance of legalising women's studies in academia, and thanks to the efforts of some pioneering faculty members and feminists, the University of Dhaka agreed to establish the department in 2000. Since its inception, the department has progressed in its course offerings on contemporary gender issues, the quality of student intake, the intellectual diversity and capabilities of its faculty members, and its visibility on campus, achieving a commendable position within the Faculty of Social Sciences.

The goal of this department is to transform traditional ways of learning by challenging and deconstructing patriarchy, enabling students and teachers to understand how gender impacts their everyday lives as well as their roles in society, institutions, and practices. Over the years, the department has contributed to the capacity building of faculties and students, providing an environment that encourages respect, care, responsibility, and mutual cooperation.

Besides curricular activities, it is also prolifically engaged in various research projects, seminars, lecture series, conferences, and networking with partner organizations such as the Royal Netherlands Embassy, WHO, USAID, Plan International, MJF, and MOWCA. In addition, the Department has a library—'Najma Chowdhury Resource Centre'—equipped with 5,500 books and journals on gender-related issues, digitalised classrooms, broadband internet, and Wi-Fi facilities.



Department of Development Studies

Professor Dr. Nayeem Sultana

Chairperson

The Department of Development Studies has grown fast and established itself as an institution of excellence. The Department was established in 2000 as the first independent department in South Asia to provide teaching and conduct research in the field of development studies, a discipline defined by the people, economy, ecology and society. The teaching at the Department follows an outcome-based education curriculum. It provides an application-oriented form of advanced education that links theory to applied research. The Department offers four-year BSS (Honours), one-year MSS, one-and-a-half-year professional MDS, MPhil and PhD Programmes.

The Department has 24 full-time faculty members, one of the largest in the world, who are well-trained, experienced and committed with interdisciplinary academic and research backgrounds. They pursue an active career in teaching and research in four streams: Development Economics, Public Policy Analysis, Social Development, and Natural Resource Management. The Department fosters high-quality research on the problems of developing countries in general and Bangladesh in particular.

Development Studies is a challenging and exciting discipline in contemporary social sciences that helps learners understand how poverty is created, wealth is distributed, and social injustices are sustained across global and local contexts. The courses are designed to provide students with a solid foundation to understand the economic, political and social dimensions of development. The graduate receives academic training to build both qualitative and quantitative methodological skills and learn cutting-edge theories and their practical applications.

The Department has internship arrangements with renowned organisations, where our students get exposure to real-life problems faced by development practitioners and learn how to solve them. Moreover, the Department encourages the students to get involved in several co-curricular activities under different platforms and initiatives.

The extensive and rigorous academic training prepares the students for their future and helps them to succeed in professional life. Needless to say, the alumni reflect the Department's vision and mission. Our collective self is shaped by our relationship. Together, we serve as role models for our university, our country, and the wider society.



Department of Television, Film, and Photography

Saiyeed Shahjada Al Kareem

Chairperson

The Department of Television, Film, and Photography upholds a clear academic mission: to produce knowledge and nurture expertise in the creative and cultural industries, particularly film, television, and photographic practices. Our programs are designed to cultivate critical understanding, creative expression, and professional skill, enabling students to contribute meaningfully to the media landscape and to broader cultural discourse.

Established with the introduction of a two-year Master's program in Television and Film Studies in 2012, the Department began its academic journey with a commitment to advancing critical and creative engagement with screen media in Bangladesh. In 2013, the Department expanded its academic activities by introducing a four-year undergraduate program, further strengthening its role in developing skilled and critically informed media practitioners. In recognition of the expanding scope of contemporary visual media and creative practice, the Department formally adopted its present name, the Department of Television, Film and Photography, in 2017, incorporating photography as a distinct field of academic and creative inquiry.

The graduates of the Department have established a strong professional presence in leading television channels, the film industry, production houses, and broader media and creative sectors across Bangladesh. Student-produced films and documentaries have received recognition at both national and international platforms, reflecting the department's commitment to rigorous training and creative excellence.

The Department provides students with hands-on training in television journalism, program production, filmmaking, animation, photography, and visual storytelling through a state-of-the-art professional television studio, an audio-visual laboratory, and a technical resource centre. Moreover, students actively participate in the TFP Film Club, the TFP Photography Club, and BAHAS (TFP Debating Club), which regularly organise workshops, film screenings, discussions, and interactive sessions with distinguished professionals from the media, cultural, and creative sectors.

The faculty members bring specialised expertise across diverse areas of media studies and production. They regularly participate in the policy dialogues on the broadcast and film industries. Their contribution not only encourages our students to excel in their professions, but also inspires them to critically engage with evolving cultural and media landscapes of Bangladesh and beyond. We welcome them to shape the next chapter of Bangladesh's media and cultural imagination, and we remain committed to supporting every student who grows with us.



Department of Criminology

Md. Rezaul Karim Shohag

Chairperson

Established in 2012, the Department of Criminology is a dynamic academic unit dedicated to advanced research and teaching in the fields of crime, order, and security. The Department adopts a multidisciplinary approach, drawing on diverse theoretical perspectives from disciplines such as Sociology, History, Law, Psychology, Philosophy, Anthropology, Journalism, and Political Science. Faculty members are actively involved in both national and international research initiatives, contributing to the evolving body of criminological knowledge.

Since its inception, the Department has focused on the systematic study of crime, criminal behaviour, criminal justice systems, and crime prevention strategies. Currently, the Department has ten faculty members with academic and professional backgrounds in Sociology, Law, Criminology, and Mass Communication and Journalism. The Department offers a Bachelor of Social Science (BSS Honours) in Criminology with five active undergraduate cohorts, as well as a Master of Social Science (MSS) program in Criminology. Additionally, a professional MSS in Criminology and Criminal Justice is available, which attracts practitioners from various fields, including the Bangladesh Police, Army, Navy, Ansar VDP, legal professionals, and private security agencies.

In terms of international collaboration, the Department has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the National Forensic Sciences University (India), Gujarat National Law University (India), Bangladesh Police and the Department of Criminology and Police Science at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (Bangladesh). An international cooperation agreement is also in place with Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia. The Department actively organises academic events, including seminars, workshops, colloquiums, and international conferences. It has also conducted collaborative research projects with organisations such as the Bangladesh Police, the Asia Foundation, and the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

The Department promotes cultural engagement through annual celebrations of Bengali traditions. There are four clubs in the department, such as DU Criminology Cultural Society, Criminology Debating and Extempore Forum (CDEF), Criminology Sports Club and Crime Analysis and Research Club. Since its inception, the Department of Criminology has contributed to the University's global ranking and to society at large through academic excellence, rigorous research, and students' career development in the professional world.



Department of Communication Disorders

Sharmin Ahmed

Chairperson

The Department of Communication Disorders is a newly established academic unit within the Faculty of Social Sciences. Individuals afflicted with various communication disorders often encounter significant societal challenges, stemming from a pervasive lack of public awareness, entrenched stigma, and discriminatory attitudes. In response to these pressing issues, the Department is dedicated to the systematic identification, evidence-based treatment, and therapeutic rehabilitation of affected individuals, with the overarching goal of facilitating their successful reintegration into society. Furthermore, the Department is committed to developing highly skilled human capital and advancing scholarly research in this critical field.

The Department formally commenced its academic operations on the 1st April 2015, following the resolution of the Academic Council meeting held at the University of Dhaka on 12 December 2013. Currently, the departmental faculty comprises five full-time members, supplemented by a number of part-time specialist practitioners. The BSS (Hons.) program was inaugurated in the 2015–16 academic session, with a total intake capacity of 30 students. Of these seats, 15 are allocated to students from the Faculty of Arts and 15 to students from the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Since its inception, the Department has actively participated in and organised numerous social and national awareness initiatives, including the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Autism Awareness Month, and dedicated programs for Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy. Since 2016, the Department has provided complimentary diagnostic assessments for individuals with speech and language disorders as an integral component of its Autism Awareness Month activities.

To facilitate rigorous clinical training, the Department operates a Communication Clinic designed to develop advanced therapeutic competencies. The Department maintains active collaborations with a range of national and international organisations, thereby ensuring a multidisciplinary and contemporary approach to its research endeavours. Most recently, the Department has been providing critical support to the 'Kathabandhu' initiative, delivering Speech and Language Teletherapy services to individuals with special needs across the country throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.



Department of Printing and Publication Studies

Dr. Shilpy Begum
Chairperson

The Department of Printing and Publication Studies (PPS) was established on May 12, 2015. It is one of the latest disciplines under the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Dhaka. The Department initiated its academic activities by offering a master's program from the 2016–2017 session. From the 2017–2018 session, it offered regular BSS (Bachelor of Social Sciences) and MSS (Master of Social Sciences) programs.

In the age of remarkable technological advances in printing and publishing, the Department aims to connect and share existing knowledge and skills on these developments from a global perspective. The vision of the Department is to prepare graduates who will lead the future of the printing and publishing industries. Indeed, the Department offers students the most up-to-date courses: digital publishing and e-editing, textbook publishing: content and design, commercial printing and packaging, security printing and specialised publishing, thesis and publishing project.

In addition, the Department offers some core courses like history of printing and publishing, Bangla and English writing skills for printing and publication, publishing from global perspectives, professional and creative writing, colour, ink, and paper, graphic design, illustration, and make-up, academic writing, editing of academic writing, editing of non-academic writing, and professional writing, publishing house management, children's publishing, principles and process of printing, research methodology, internship, art of binding, ethics and laws of printing and publishing etc.

Our students are well-equipped to meet the growing transactional and transformation demands of relevant industries, research institutes, or academia. Three batches have already completed their BSS and MSS degrees in the department.



Department of Japanese Studies

Professor Dr. Md Jahangir Alam

Chairperson

The University of Dhaka transformed the Japan Study Centre (JSC) into the Department of Japanese Studies (DJS) in 2017. This decision had multiple objectives. First, it aimed to study and understand the reasons behind Japan's economic miracle. Second, it sought to examine Japanese culture and customs, which have significantly contributed to this phenomenal growth. Third, the department was created to facilitate future engagements with Japan in trade, aid, and investment. Finally, it was established to fulfil the increasing demand for Japanese Studies among students and researchers. The department now offers BSS (Hons), MSS, Professional Master's, MPhil, and PhD programs in Japanese Studies.

Students take introductory courses in political science, sociology, economics, and business studies, alongside subjects like Japanese culture, society, economy, politics, language, anthropology, archaeology, literature, management, history, international relations, media, and science and technology. This multidisciplinary approach prepares them for diverse career paths. The Japanese government and the Japan Foundation further support the program through scholarships, short courses, training, exchange programs, book donations, and visiting professors. Eleven department students have previously received MEXT scholarships, and four have been nominated for the 2027 MEXT Scholarship for master's and PhD studies in Japan.

The Department was initially supported by the Abul Barkat Peace and Progress Foundation, which provided infrastructure and learning materials. It now features state-of-the-art facilities, including the Kazuko Bhuiyan Language Lab, a virtual classroom (funded by Mitsubishi Corporation Dhaka Branch), two digital classrooms, and a computer lab (funded by TSI Limited). Faculty members hold PhDs from the UK, Japan, and Russia and bring international experience in education and research. Their foremost priority is quality teaching and individual student care.

The Department strongly emphasises extracurricular activities. To become a regional hub for Japanese Studies and enhance students' higher education, research, and employment prospects, it has forged close ties with academic and partner organisations. These include Sophia University, Shimane University, Ryukoku University, Nara Women's University, Kobe University, Kwansei Gakuin University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Binus University, the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, the Japan Foundation, JICA, JETRO, the Japan-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce (JBCCI), the Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA), Shapla Neer, Rotary Public, the Kazuko Bhuiyan Welfare Trust, Mitsubishi Corporation, and the Japanese University Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB).

Dean's Award Faculty of Social Sciences

Eligibility Criteria

- Dean's Award for academic excellence of the student was introduced in 2006 in order to recognize the highest merit of the students in the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- This award is highly competitive and meant for the students of the Department under the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- The Dean's Award ceremony will be an annual event. After the official announcement of the results of BSS (Honors) final examination, the deserving students are to apply through the Chairpersons of their Departments along with attested copies of mark sheets/academic transcripts.
- Students who have obtained first position in First Class in their BSS (Hons) final examinations or have scored the highest CGPA but not below 3.75 on a scale of 4.00 without having any break of study or record of taking improvement examination are eligible for the award. From 2020, the requirement for the award was changed to 3.65 and above on the same scale of CGPA.
- In the case of the Departments which do not offer BSS (Hons) program, the award will be conferred upon the students on the basis of the results of Master's final examinations.

Dean's Award Winners

Graduation Year: 2021

Sl. No	Name	Department	Result (out of 4.0)
1	Istiak Ahmed	Economics	3.92
2	Md. Hasan Al Azad	Political Science	3.87
3	Md. Himel Rahman	International Relations	3.86
4	Brototy Saha	Sociology	3.74
5	Nahian Mashiat Enayet	Public Administration	3.85
6	Farita Binte Hannan	Anthropology	3.87
7	Isna Haque Sheoti	Population Sciences	3.85
8	Rabeya Akter Sathi	Peace and Conflict Studies	3.66
9	Nawshin Jarin Prapti	Women and Gender Studies	3.85
10	Ludmila Sarah Khan	Development Studies	3.99
11	Fahin Rahman Aungkita	Criminology	3.73
12	Nisharggo Nijhum	Communication Disorders	3.86
13	Rahnuma Binte Malek	Printing and Publication Studies	3.89
14	Sheikh Rashid Bin Islam	Japanese Studies	3.85

Graduation Year: 2022

Sl. No	Name	Department	Result (out of 4.0)
1	Sarara Jafrin	Economics	3.89
2	Faisal Quaiyyum	Economics	3.89
3	Suraiya Zabin Papiya	Political Science	3.88
4	Khandakar Tahmid Rejwan	International Relations	3.79
5	Lingcon Das	Sociology	3.75
6	Farah Zahan Shuchy	Mass Communication & Journalism	3.87
7	Md. Mohiuddin Khan	Public Administration	3.93
8	Md. Asifur Rahman	Anthropology	3.77
9	Md. Shahadat	Population Sciences	3.72
10	Mehedi Hasan Rimon	Peace and Conflict Studies	3.67
11	Saraf Wamia Ahmed	Women and Gender Studies	3.77
12	Fariha Ahmed	Development Studies	3.99
13	Bikromaditto	Television, Film and Photography	3.74
14	Lamia Afzal	Criminology	3.87
15	Fahmida Matin Mim	Communication Disorders	3.92
16	Anika Afia Jahan	Printing and Publication Studies	3.89
17	Md. Efrat Jahan Bhuiyan Shafin	Japanese Studies	3.94

Graduation Year: 2023

Sl. No	Name	Department	Result (out of 4.0)
1	Lubaba Binth Halim	Economics	3.99
2	Md. Mazhar Uddin Bhuiyan	Political Science	3.98
3	Faria Islam	International Relations	3.81
4	Reshmi	Sociology	3.78
5	Azra Humayra	Mass Communication & Journalism	3.83
6	Mst. Sondha	Public Administration	3.90
7	Nur Nishat Anjum	Anthropology	3.82
8	Prapti Roy	Population Sciences	3.83
9	Tanjima Sabrin	Peace and Conflict Studies	3.83
10	Jarin Rafiza	Women and Gender Studies	3.89
11	A.R. Tahseen Jahan	Development Studies	3.95
12	Mohsina Binte Harun	Television, Film and Photography	3.80
13	S. S. Salah Uddin Akash	Criminology	3.84
14	Nusaiba Bintay Morshed	Communication Disorders	3.92
15	Afrin Zahan Ana Moni	Printing and Publication Studies	3.83
16	Sharmin Jahan Mim	Printing and Publication Studies	3.83
17	Md. Rabiul Islam Hridoy	Japanese Studies	3.92

Academic Year 2021

Name : Istiak Ahmed
Mother : Farida Yasmin
Father : Md. Mofazzel Hossain

Istia Ahmed secured CGPA 3.92 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Economics.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Ideal School and College, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Notre Dame College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022 (Jointly Awarded)

Name : Sarara Jafrin
Mother : Jinnatul Ferdous
Father : Md. Khaled Hossain

Sarara Jafrin secured CGPA 3.89 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Economics.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Viqarunnisa Noon School & College, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Holy Cross College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022 (Jointly Awarded)

Name : Faisal Quaiyyum
Mother : Ifazun Nahar
Father : Md. Abdul Quaiyyum

Faisal Quaiyyum secured CGPA 3.89 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Economics.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Udayan Uchcha Madhyamik Bidyalaya and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Dhaka College held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Lubaba Bintah Halim
Mother : Selina Akter
Father : Md. Abdul Halim

Lubaba Bintah Halim secured CGPA 3.99 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Economics.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Udayan Uchcha Madhyamik Bidyalaya and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Dhaka City College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Department of Political Science



Academic Year 2021

Name : Md. Hasan Al Azad
Mother : Mst. Samsunnahar Begum
Father : M G R Hakkani

Md. Hasan Al Azad secured CGPA 3.87 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Political Science.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Rangpur Cadet College and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Rangpur Cadet College held under Dinajpur Board



Academic Year 2022

Name : Suraiya Zabin Papiya
Mother : Saleha Begum
Father : Md. Shah Jahan

Suraiya Zabin Papiya secured CGPA 3.88 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Political Science.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Farid Ganj A.R. Pilot High School, Farid ganj, Chandpur held under Comilla Board and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Shaheed Bir Uttam Lt. Anwar Girls' College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Md. Mazhar Uddin Bhuiyan
Mother : Farida Akter
Father : Md. Masduzzaman Bhuiyan

Md. Mazhar Uddin Bhuiyan secured CGPA 3.98 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Political Science.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Ideal School & College, Motijheel, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Notre Dame College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : **Md. Himel Rahman**
Mother : Hasina Rahman
Father : Md. Mahbubur Rahman Masud

Md. Himel Rahman secured CGPA 3.86 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in International Relations.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from B.L. Government High School, Sirajganj Sadar, Sirajganj and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Sirajganj Government College, Sirajganj Sadar, Sirajganj, held under Rajshahi Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : **Khandakar Tahmid Rejwan**
Mother : Tahmina Khatun
Father : Khandakar Rejaul Haque

Khandakar Tahmid Rejwan secured CGPA 3.79 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in International Relations.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Faujdarhat Cadet College, Sitakunda, Chittagong held under Chittagong Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : **Faria Islam**
Mother : Shamima Yeasmin
Father : Kazi Farukul Islam

Faria Islam secured CGPA 3.81 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in International Relations.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Monipur High School, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Holy Cross College, Dhaka, held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : **Brototy Saha**
Mother : Beauty Saha
Father : Rana Saha

Brototy Saha secured CGPA 3.74 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Sociology.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Bangla Bazar Govt. Girls High School, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Dhaka Mohanagar Girls College, Dhaka, held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : **Lingcon Das**
Mother : Purnima Das
Father : Ranjit Das

Lingcon Das secured CGPA 3.75 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Sociology.

He obtained GPA 4.89 in SSC (2016) from Morakori High School, Lakhai, Habiganj and GPA 4.75 in HSC (2018) from Brindaban Govt. College, Habiganj held under Sylhet Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : **Reshmi**
Mother : Mina Khanom
Father : Md. Amal Box

Reshmi secured CGPA 3.78 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Sociology.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Baradi High School, Sonargaon, Narayanganj and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Shamsul Hoque Khan School & College, Demra, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Farah Zahan Shuchy
Mother : Zahanara Begum
Father : Md. Zasim Uddin



Farah Zahan Shuchy secured CGPA 3.87 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Mass Communication and Journalism.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Siddhirgonj Reboti Mohon Pilot School & College, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj held under Dhaka Board.

Academic Year 2023

Name : Azra Humayra
Mother : Hosnara Binte Shahadat
Father : Md. Amin Ullah Patwary



Azra Humayra secured CGPA 3.83 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Mass Communication and Journalism.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Holy Cross Girls' High School, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Holy Cross College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.

Academic Year 2021

Name : Nahian Mashiat Enayet
Mother : Naznin Nahar
Father : Md. Enayet Ullah

Nahian Mashiat Enayet secured CGPA 3.85 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Public Administration.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from College of Development Alternative (CODA), Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Holy Cross College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Md. Mohiuddin Khan
Mother : Masuda Khanom
Father : Md. Abdul Mabud Khan

Md. Mohiuddin Khan secured CGPA 3.93 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Public Administration.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in Dakhil (2016) and GPA 5.00 in Alim (2018) from Hanail Nomania Kamil Madrasah, Joypurhat, held under Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Mst. Sondha
Mother : Maleka
Father : Shukur Ali

Mst. Sondha secured CGPA 3.90 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Public Administration.

She obtained GPA 4.95 in SSC (2017) from Ujan Mollikpur High School, Sadar, Faridpur and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Govt. Sarda Sundari Mohila College, Faridpur held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : **Farita Binte Hannan**
Mother : Hosne Ara Hannan
Father : Md. Abdul Hannan

Farita Binte Hannan secured CGPA 3.87 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Anthropology.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Viqarunnisa Noon School, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Viqarunnisa Noon College, Dhaka, held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : **Md. Asifur Rahman**
Mother : Afroja Akhter
Father : Md. Abdur Rahim

Md. Asifur Rahman secured CGPA 3.77 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Anthropology.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Public College, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Dhaka College held under Dhaka Board



Academic Year 2023

Name : **Nur Nishat Anjum**
Mother : Rozina Khanam
Father : Md. Nur-E-Alam

Nur Nishat Anjum secured CGPA 3.82 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Anthropology.

She obtained GPA 4.91 in SSC (2017) from Sabed Ali Secondary High School, Jhenaidah held under Jessore Board and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Holy Cross College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : Isna Haque Sheoti
Mother : Masuma Aktar
Father : Md. Azizul Haque

Isna Haque Sheoti secured CGPA 3.85 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Population Sciences.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Govt. Girls' High School, Jashore and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Government M.M. College, Jashore, held under Jashore Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Md. Shahadat
Mother : Jahanara Begum
Father : Md. Safizal Islam

Md. Shahadat secured CGPA 3.72 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Population Sciences.

He obtained GPA 4.38 in Dakhil (2016) from Char Faijuddin Fakirhat Dakhil Madrasah, Bhola held under Bangladesh Madrasah Board and GPA 4.67 in HSC (2018) from Dewan Hat City Corporation College, Chittagong held under Chittagong Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Prapti Roy
Mother : Niva Rani Roy
Father : Shashanko Kumar Roy

Prapti Roy secured CGPA 3.83 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Population Sciences.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Tarali Secondary School, Satkhira and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Khulna Govt. Girls' College, Khulna held under Jessore Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : Rabeya Akter Sathi
Mother : Nurunnahar Romija
Father : Md. Abdur Razzak Gazi

Rabeya Akter Sathi secured CGPA 3.66 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Peace and Conflict Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Shaheed Bir Uttam Lt. Anwar Girls' College, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Adamjee Cantonment College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Mehedi Hasan Rimon
Mother : Lipi Begum
Father : Mozno Mia

Mehedi Hasan Rimon secured CGPA 3.67 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Peace and Conflict Studies.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Mahmudabad Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju High School, Raipura, Narsingdi and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Mission International College College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Tanjima Sabrin
Mother : Mst. Sabiha Haque
Father : Md. Tarik Kamal

Tanjima Sabrin secured CGPA 3.83 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Peace and Conflict Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Mohammadpur Preparatory School & College, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : Nawshin Jarin Prapti
Mother : Rumana Afroz Ruma
Father : Md. Nizam Uddin

Nawshin Jarin Prapti secured CGPA 3.85 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Women and Gender Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Saraf Wamia Ahmed
Mother : Nobera Akhter
Father : Reza Ahmed Tipu

Saraf Wamia Ahmed secured CGPA 3.77 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Women and Gender Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from College of Development Alternative (CODA), Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Jarin Rafiza
Mother : Rafaza Khanam
Father : Md. Asaduzzaman

Jarin Rafiza secured CGPA 3.89 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Women and Gender Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Rajuk Uttara Model College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : Ludmila Sarah Khan
Mother : Fahmida Sultana
Father : Md. Sirazul Islam

Ludmila Sarah Khan secured CGPA 3.99 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Development Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Mohammadpur Preparatory Higher Secondary School, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Viqarunnisa Noon College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Fariha Ahmed
Mother : Dilruba Begum
Father : Md. Firuzzaman

Fariha Ahmed secured CGPA 3.99 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Development Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Ideal School & College, Motijheel and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Holy Cross College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : A.R. Tahseen Jahan
Mother : Nadira Rahman
Father : Md. Abdur Rahman

A.R. Tahseen Jahan secured CGPA 3.95 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Development Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Viqarunnisa Noon School & College, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Viqarunnisa Noon School & College (English Version), Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : **Bikromaditto**
Mother : Khondoker Sharmin Akhter
Father : Kh. Ali Ar Raji

Bikromaditto secured CGPA 3.74 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Television, Film and Photography.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) and GPA 4.58 in HSC (2018) from St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : **Mohsina Binte Harun**
Mother : Nazmun Nahar
Father : A H M Abdullah Harun

Mohsina Binte Harun secured CGPA 3.80 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Television, Film and Photography.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) and GPA 4.58 in HSC (2019) from Ideal School & College, Motijheel, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : Fahin Rahman Aungkita
Mother : Shamsun Nahar Ayrin
Father : Md. Azizur Rahman

Fahin Rahman Aungkita secured CGPA 3.73 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Criminology.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in IGCSE, O-Level (2015) from Mastermind English Medium School, Dhaka and GPA 4.50 in IAL, A-Level (2017) from Mangrove School, Dhaka held under Pearson Edexcel.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Lamia Afzal
Mother : Rokeya Begum
Father : Md. Afzal Hossain

Lamia Afzal secured CGPA 3.87 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Criminology.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Viqarunnisa Noon School, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2018) from Viqarunnisa Noon College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : S.S. Salah Uddin Akash
Mother : Surmin Shakhawat
Father : Md. Shakhawat Hossain

S.S. Salah Uddin Akash secured CGPA 3.84 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Criminology.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from B.A.R.I High School, Gazipur and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Rajuk Uttara Model College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : Nisharggo Nijhum
Mother : Dilara Khan Yousoufzai
Father : Aminul Kabir

Nisharggo Nijhum secured CGPA 3.86 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Communication Disorders.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Govt. Laboratory High School, Dhaka and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Dhaka City College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Fahmida Matin Mim
Mother : Taslima Rahman
Father : Md. Abdul Matin

Fahmida Matin Mim secured CGPA 3.92 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Communication Disorders.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) and GPA 4.58 in HSC (2018) from Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Nusaiba Bintay Morshed
Mother : Mina Parvin
Father : Ahmed Maksud Morshed

Nusaiba Bintay Morshed secured CGPA 3.92 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Communication Disorders.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) and GPA 4.67 in HSC (2019) from Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2021

Name : Rahnuma Binte Malek
Mother : Rahena Malek
Father : Abdul Malek Joarder

Rahnuma Binte Malek secured CGPA 3.89 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Printing and Publication Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2015) from Chuadanga Govt. Girls High School, Chuadanga and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2017) from Chuadanga Govt. College, Chuadanga held under Jashore Board.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Anika Afia Jahan
Mother : Nazma Akter Munni
Father : Md. Khalilur Rahman Sajal

Anika Afia Jahan secured CGPA 3.89 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Printing and Publication Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from South Point School and GPA 4.83 in HSC (2018) from South Point College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Academic Year 2023 (Jointly Awarded)

Name : Afrin Zahan Ana Moni
Mother : Hosne Ara
Father : Md. Akbar Ali

Afrin Zahan Ana Moni secured CGPA 3.83 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Printing and Publication Studies.

She obtained GPA 4.95 in SSC (2017) from Mirzaganj B.L High School, Domar, Nilphamari and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Rangpur Govt. College, Rangpur held under Dinajpur Board.



Academic Year 2023 (Jointly Awarded)

Name : Sharmin Jahan Mim
Mother : Hasna Hena
Father : Md. Habibur Rahman

Sharmin Jahan Mim secured CGPA 3.83 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Printing and Publication Studies.

She obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) and GPA 5.00 in HSC (2019) from Ideal School & College, Motijheel, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



Department of Japanese Studies



Academic Year 2021

Name : Sheikh Rashid Bin Islam
Mother : Sayma Banu
Father : Shaikh Robiul Islam

Sheikh Rashid Bin Islam secured CGPA 3.85 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2021 in Japanese Studies.

He obtained GPA 4.00 in GCE, O-Level (2014) from BAF Shaheen English Medium School and GPA 3.83 in GCE, A-Level (2017) as a Private Candidate under Cambridge International Education.



Academic Year 2022

Name : Md. Efrat Jahan Bhuiyan Shafin
Mother : Nimni Shultana
Father : Md. Sharowar Jahan Bhuiyan

Md. Efrat Jahan Bhuiyan Shafin secured CGPA 3.94 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2022 in Japanese Studies.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2016) from Comilla Zilla School, Comilla and GPA 4.33 in HSC (2018) from Comilla Victoria Government College, Comilla held under Comilla Board.



Academic Year 2023

Name : Md. Rabiul Islam Hridoy
Mother : Khaleda Akter
Father : Md. Nur-A-Alam

Md. Rabiul Islam Hridoy secured CGPA 3.92 on a scale of 4.00 in BSS (Hons.) Examination-2023 in Japanese Studies.

He obtained GPA 5.00 in SSC (2017) from Monipur High School, Dhaka and GPA 4.75 in HSC (2019) from Government Science College, Dhaka held under Dhaka Board.



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13	Professor Harun-or-Rashid Department of Political Science	2003 - Jan, 2009
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15	Professor Shaikh Abdus Salam (Acting) Department of Mass Communication and Journalism	25.01.09 - 13.11.09
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24	Professor Kazi Mohammad Mahbobor Rahman (Acting) Department of Political Science	27.07.26 - Present

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Sl. No	Name and Department	Position
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9	Jillur Rahman Lecturer, Department of Development Studies	Member
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