

13 public universities: 72,608 students enrolled

- 9 general universities (Arts, Social Science, Science, Law, Business Studies)
- 4 technical universities (Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology - BUET, Bangladesh Agricultural University - BAU, Bangabandhu Medical University - BSMMU, Bangabandhu Agricultural University - BSMRAU)

2 special universities: 880,845 students enrolled

- National University (NU)
645,095 students enrolled.
Confers degree (2 year Pass degree) to the college students and looks after 1200 colleges.
- Bangladesh Open University
235,750 students enrolled.
The medium of teaching is distance learning in classrooms around Bangladesh. Two thirds are at the secondary level.

21 private universities: 19,043 students enrolled

In order to improve enrolment in universities, the private sector was encouraged to get involved. The Private Universities of the country started functioning in 1992.

12 Science and Technological Universities

With a view to boost science and technical education the government has decided to establish: 12 Science and Technology Universities. Six have already started functioning and the remaining six will start soon. They will be small

niche institutions scattered around Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh Government is also giving emphasis to Information Technology training. Outside the major universities (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and Dhaka University), there are 413 training centres in the country. There are 21,000 learners and 1300 teachers (25% female trainees).

By 2020, a revitalized and strengthened University Grants Commission (UGC) will generate strategic information on the system and play a key role in allocating public resources to higher education on the basis of performance. The National University (NU) will have raised the quality of degree colleges substantially through rationalization, development of a rigorous accreditation system and widespread use of information technology. Information technology will make independent study much more the norm: the general population will have ready access to continuing education or alternative degree programs through the auspices of the Bangladesh Open University.

Tuition fees:

Private universities offer BBA Degree (124 credit hours according to the US system - which the student completes between 3 and 4 years). Annual tuition fees are about CAD 4000.

Public universities monthly tuition is 50 Canadian cents. Tuition in future is to be income based.