



## **St. Xavier's University, Kolkata**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **1. When was St. Xavier's University, Kolkata set up?**

The foundation stone of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (SXUK) was laid by Smt. Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal on December 27, 2013 in the presence of Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., the then Principal of St. Xavier's College and many other distinguished guests and alumni members. It started its academic session from July 2017.

#### **2. Is this a UGC recognized university?**

Yes, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata is UGC recognized, as per the UGC letter dated April 28, 2017. It was established by the Act of State Government of West Bengal called St. Xavier's University Kolkata Act, 2016.

#### **3. What are the strengths of this university?**

It is a Jesuit University with 500-year-old rich history and legacy. It is one of the three Jesuit universities in India. The Jesuits also run 71 colleges like St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai; Loyola College, Chennai; and St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. It belongs to the International Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

#### **4. Who is the Vice-Chancellor of this university?**

Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J. is the first and present Vice-Chancellor of this university.

#### **5. How many courses are presently offered by the university?**

The university presently offers a total of seventeen (17) courses in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes under the Faculty of Arts and Social Studies, Faculty of Commerce and Management, Faculty of Science, Xavier Business School and Xavier Law School. To see the details of courses, kindly visit the university website [www.sxuk.edu.in](http://www.sxuk.edu.in)

#### **6. Does this university run any doctoral programme?**

Yes, the university presently runs eight (8) doctoral programmes in Commerce, English, Economics, Management, Mass Communication, Law, Psychology and Social Work.

#### **7. Is the MBA programme run by SXUK approved by competent body/authority?**

Yes, the 2-year MBA programme is AICTE approved.

**8. Are the Law programmes run by SXUK approved by competent body/authority?**

Yes, the 5-year B.A. LL.B (Hons.) and 5-year B.Com. LL.B (Hons.) integrated programmes are approved by the Bar Council of India (BCI).

**9. Is there any facility of hostel accommodation for the outstation students?**

Yes, there are two separate hostels – one for Boys and one for Girls within the campus. Each room is well ventilated with adequate supply of water and electricity. The hostel accommodation includes three meals every day.

**10. Does this university run 4-year UG programme as per the UGC guidelines?**

Yes, SXUK will commence the 4-year UG programme as per the UGC guidelines and National Education Policy 2020 from July 2023 onwards.

**11. Does the university have health centre for its students?**

SXUK has an infirmary for immediate needs for its hostel and day-scholar students. Besides, the university is well connected with multispecialty hospitals of the city.

**12. Does the university have its own ambulance service?**

Yes, the university has its own 24 x 7 ambulance service.

**13. Does the university have central library?**

Yes, SXUK has a well-maintained central library namely Fr. Aruppe Central Library which has a rich collection of textbooks and reference books. It also offers latest technological assistance to its students and faculty members. The reading room of the library is open from 7 A.M till 10 P.M from Monday to Saturday 9 A.M till 1 P.M on Sundays.

**14. Are there any facility of indoor and outdoor games in the university?**

Yes, SXUK has indoor games facilities. It also has its own football and cricket ground, basketball court and volleyball court. The university also has a well-equipped gym.

**15. Is there any banking facility available inside the university campus?**

Yes, there is a branch of Canara Bank located inside the campus. ATM facility is also available.

**16. Is there any canteen facility inside the campus?**

Yes, SXUK has a mess for hostelers. It also has a food court for students and staff canteen inside the campus.

**17. What is the difference between 3-year and 4-year course in the 4-year UG programme?**

A student completing 3-year Bachelor's degree course in the new system will be awarded with the Bachelor's degree and a student completing 4-year Bachelor's degree course in the new system will be awarded with the Bachelor's degree with honours.

**18. Can a student after completing 3-year in Bachelor's degree join the Master's degree programme?**

Yes, a student can join the two years Master's degree programme after completing 3-year Bachelor's degree or one year Master's degree after completing 4-year Bachelor's degree with honours.

### **19. Where is the university located?**

SXUK is located at Action Area III B, New Town, Kolkata – 700160. It is well connected to the nearest Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Sealdah and Howrah railway stations.

### **20. Does the university offer transport facilities to its students?**

The transport facility is provided to the students of the university by a third-party transport agency.

### **21. How can one contact the university?**

Anyone can contact at helpline numbers - 033-66249881 | +91-7044345040 or, send an e-mail to - [enquiry@sxuk.edu.in](mailto:enquiry@sxuk.edu.in)

## **ADVANTAGES OF IMPLEMENTING 4-YEAR UG PROGRAMME**

1. Academic flexibility: A student can receive Certificate after first year, Diploma after second year, Major after third year and Honours degree after four years. Students can exit after completing any stage with institutional recognition.
2. After four years of U.G., a student will require one year to complete their Master's Degree.
3. After 4-year Honours Degree with Research, a student may directly join the Ph.D. Programme.
4. Specially designed courses on Skill Development and Ability Enhancement to increase the employability of the students are included.
5. There is scope to upgrade the syllabus with interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary pedagogy.
6. Internship facilities at undergraduate level to help students in receiving hands-on training from professional fields are part of the programme.
7. There is availability of research options to orient students more on innovative practices.
8. The programme is beneficial for artisans and workers in MSME.
9. Institutions have opportunities to upgrade their courses and offer a competitive edge.
10. Companies will always prefer 4-year graduates to 3-year graduates.
11. Opportunity for admission in foreign universities without 1-year extra course
12. Academic Credit bank facility for re-entry within 7-years.
13. Maximum 40% of the courses can be done through online mode through SWAYAM platform.
14. There is an option to open integrated 5-year Master's degree.