

International Student Admissions BITS, Pilani (Academic Year 2017-18)



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Important Dates

Activity	Date
Online application window	4 th January to 15 th March 2017
Editing of online applications by candidates	16 th -17 th March 2017
Last date to receive SAT Subject scores	15 th March 2017
Last date to receive SAT scores	25 th June 2017
Offer of Admissions	2 nd week of April 2017
First Semester Commences	1st August, 2017



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Message from the Vice-Chancellor, BITS Pilani

Come Study with us!

Dear Student:

Greetings and hearty congratulations for considering BITS Pilani as your desired destination for undergraduate studies. I hope you are as excited as I am to start the processes to make your stay here at BITS Pilani, BITS Goa and BITS Hyderabad campus a reality, to experience the magic called BITS Pilani experience. We will take this treasured journey together in the right earnest.



You have decided to study at one of the best academic institutes in this country -BITS Pilani is the only non-government institute in the top 10 Universities of India in the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) ranking of MHRD, Government of India. We are always ranked at the top among the engineering institutes in the country and the year 2016 is no exception. Rest assured that our academic standards are rock solid and are attaining newer heights every day. We offer a *like no other* industry immersive curriculum with high flexibility blending research exposure, novel pedagogic framework and a recognised innovation eco-system.

Let BITS Pilani empower you with the much sought-after cross-domain expertise to transform your life to newer heights. Realise your dreams to join the institute having one of the most eminent alumni.

Every effort is continually made to enhance the student life that you are going to be part of as soon as you arrive. I strongly urge you to rightly blend studies and play (and cultural activities), and use this opportunity to build a well-rounded personality by the time you graduate as a true blue BITSian. You will make lifelong friends here where you also pursue academic excellence. This is the place where you develop leadership and organizational skills, social skills, team spirit and camaraderie. Good education enables us how to think, and also teaches the principles by which to live. BITS Pilani has structured a pathway to attain these goals.

You are about to make one of the best decisions you have ever made to transform your life. You are about to embark on a special voyage that will present you with some of the best moments you ever lived through and which you will cherish for the rest of your life. All the three beautiful campuses – Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad - offer a lively and unique atmosphere with an eclectic mix of students from across India and abroad. I am sure you will enjoy it and make the best use of it.

Drop a line over email to say hello. We will feel connected.

Welcome aboard!

Souvik Bhattacharyya

Senior Professor and Vice-Chancellor, BITS Pilani



1. Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani

The Birla Institute of Technology and Science, BITS Pilani, is a deemed university under the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India. The University is a dream come true of its founder late Mr. G.D.Birla - an eminent industrialist, a participant in Indian freedom struggle and a close associate of the Father of Indian Nation late Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi).

The flagship campus of BITS, at Pilani (Rajasthan), had a strong technical collaboration with MIT (USA) during its inception, under the Ford Foundation Grant. BITS has been accredited with the highest grade 'A' by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council of India and ranked 6th among Engineering Institutes in India, which includes government funded Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

BITS Pilani's commitment to transparency and stress on equal opportunity has been a key contributing factor behind its emergence as an institute of national repute. The University's rigorous intake process rewards only merit and ensure that only truly motivated students join BITS.

In addition to academics, we also focus on providing students with opportunities for all round development. There is a culture of freedom coupled with a holistic environment for multidimensional growth. The students of the campus are truly ready to become the innovators of tomorrow.

More information about BITS: www.bits-pilani.ac.in

2. Why enroll at BITS?

Ranked No.1 among private universities & 3rd among all Engineering institutes in India

Top class research-focused faculty

Purely merit-based student admissions

Three Indian campuses at Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad and one international campus at Dubai

Over 12,000 on-campus students

Option for six-month industrial training for students through a unique programme called 'Practice School'

Record of impeccable placements in Indian & multinational companies

Alumni in leadership positions in industry and academia.



3. Eligibility

A student who satisfies all of the following criteria is eligible to apply:

Only citizens of a country other than India may apply.

Candidate should have passed qualifying examination (Grade 12) with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English conducted by the country's Board of Higher/ Senior Secondary Education, including those in India, or its equivalent examination such as the "A" levels (conducted by Cambridge International), the International Baccalaureate, etc.

Candidate should have obtained a minimum of 75% aggregate marks (or 7.5 grade on 10 point scale), in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics in the above examination.

Candidate should have scored at least 60% marks (or 6.0 grade on 10 point scale) in each of Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics in the above examination.

Candidate should have a minimum aggregate score of 1160 (out of maximum of 1600) in SAT (new format) and also a minimum aggregate score of 1600 (out of maximum of 2400) in SAT Subject Tests in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics Level 2.

Scores of candidates who had written SAT as per the old format will be mapped using concordance tables available from College Board (USA).

The candidate should have written the SAT and SAT subject tests not earlier than February 1, 2015.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Candidates who do not have any of the following marks/scores at the time of applying, can submit the application:
 - (i) SAT score (yet to take SAT)
 - (ii) Qualifying examination results (appearing in qualifying examination in 2017).

They MUST submit the SAT score/ qualifying examination result as early as possible, but NOT later than the dates given below:

- I. SAT score – June 25, 2017
 - II. Qualifying examination (Grade 12) results – September 15, 2017.
 - III. Qualifying examination (Grade 12) marks should be uploaded on the website by 25th June 2017 if results are announced.
2. If a candidate fails to furnish any of these by the specified date or fails to meet the eligibility criteria (i.e. secures less than specified minimum in Class 12 (only) and/ or



SAT test and thus becomes ineligible), his/her admission would stand cancelled. See Refund Policy for fees refunds.

3. Candidates for whom one or both of the above qualifying scores are not available at the time of making admission, would be considered and may be offered 'provisional admission' based on their SAT Subject test's score.
4. The 'provisional admission' would be confirmed after the missing score/s is/are received, found to meet the stipulated eligibility requirements, and all other stipulated admission requirements are complete.
5. Candidates who do not have SAT Subject Test scores (or yet to take the SAT Subject Tests) should provide SAT Subject Test scores by March 15, 2017 to be included in the merit list.

4. Admission Process

Candidates applying to the undergraduate programme at BITS-Pilani are required to:

1. Appear for Grade 12 (qualifying) examination, Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and SAT subject tests (in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics Level 2)
2. Request College Board to send SAT scores to BITS-Pilani (DI code: 7759 – BITS Pilani). The SAT Subject scores must be received by March 15, 2017 and the SAT scores must be received no later than June 25, 2017.
3. Fill the application form online before 15th March 2017.
4. Upload the required documents such as Grade 12 marks sheets, photograph, copies of passport, etc. (if transcripts are not available, submit by September 15, 2017).
5. Submit the application and pay the application fee.
6. On receipt of the completed application and application fee, an acknowledgement will be sent to the candidate via email. During processing of the form, additional or missing information may be requested. Please quote the application number in all your correspondences related to admissions.
7. The merit position of all eligible candidates will be prepared on the basis of their SAT subject test scores.
8. Candidates may also be interviewed before offering admission.

Offer letters will be sent to students in the 2nd week of April 2017 with details of reporting date, scholarship and other requirements. Students will be given ten days to accept the offer and pay the first semester fees.

Once the fee is paid, BITS would send admission letters and the student should then apply for VISA using the admission letter from BITS.



4.1 FAQs on Admission Process, Eligibility

What is SAT and where can I take the SAT and SAT Subject Tests?

SAT stands for Scholastic Assessment Test and is administered by College Board, USA. The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math - subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms.

What is the Designated Institution (DI) code of BITS Pilani for SAT?

Designated Institution (DI) code is 7759 – BITS Pilani.

When will I hear if I've been admitted?

You will be informed of our admission decision by 2nd week of April 2017.

Does BITS Pilani maintain admission wait-lists?

Yes, BITS Pilani maintains wait-lists.

What is the last SAT sitting that BITS Pilani will accept for applicants?

We suggest that applicants take all SAT tests by January of their Grade 12 year.

Is an interview part of the selection process?

You may be interviewed before the final decision on admission is made. You may appear for the interview remotely.

Does BITS Pilani provide scholarships?

Merit-based scholarships are available for all the admitted students in the form of tuition fee waivers which range from 20% to 80%. In the first semester, scholarships will be awarded based on the candidate's standing in the merit list. Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent semesters will depend on performance of the student at BITS Pilani.



What is the medium of instruction?

All lectures and official communications are in English.

What if my results are not available at the time of admission?

Without SAT Subject scores your application to BITS Pilani would be incomplete. In case your Grade 12 (qualifying examination) results are not available when you apply, you will be offered provisional admission based on other eligibility criteria. However, you would need to submit results by September 15th failing which your admission would be cancelled.

Are admissions open to all the four campuses?

For the academic year 2017-2018, admissions are open at the Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad campuses of BITS (Pilani).

Is it possible for a citizen of a country other than India to choose the admission via either of the intake processes, that is - BITSAT or International Student Admission?

A student who is a citizen of a country other than India can choose to appear for both the modes of admission, that is - BITSAT and International Student Admission (ISA), provided eligibility criteria for each of the modes are met. Through ISA, admissions are open to the Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad campuses of BITS Pilani. The timeline for the two modes of admission (BITSAT, and ISA) are different. For more details about BITSAT, may visit: www.bitsadmission.com

Where is Pilani?

Pilani is located 200 km west of Delhi and 220 km north of Jaipur in the State of Rajasthan and in northwestern part of India.

Where is Goa?

Goa is located in the western region of India; it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north, and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. It is India's smallest state by area and the fourth smallest by population.

Where is Hyderabad?

Hyderabad, the City of Pearls, is located in the north-western part of the State of Telangana in southeastern India.



What about Visa?

Most foreign nationals need a Student Visa to study in India. Admitted students would need to apply for a visa at the Indian Embassy/Consulate in the country that they reside in.

How do I reach the campus?

BITS Pilani would arrange for pick-ups from the airports at Delhi / Jaipur for Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad.

5. Orientation Week

Orientation week gives you an opportunity to:

- Acclimatize to the Indian environment
- Get familiar with the BITS Academic system
- Get to know your way around campus and to meet your peers
- Check out the city's main attractions, on a guided tour organized by BITS.



6. Undergraduate Programme Overview

BITS Pilani offers thirteen Engineering and Science programmes for international students in the academic year 2017-2018 at Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad campus.

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.)

These four year programmes in Engineering are a combination of Mathematics and Science based courses and incorporate up to date techniques of analysis and synthesis.

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering*

Computer Science

Electronics & Communication Engineering**

Electrical & Electronics Engineering

Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Manufacturing Engineering*

Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.)*

This four year programme trains students in all diverse fields of pharmacy orienting their applicability to industrial and research needs. The programme offers students additional courses which give the shape and flavor of engineering as well as fundamental sciences giving an added dimension to the student's academics.

Master of Science (M.Sc)

These are four year integrated degree programmes without any intermediate Bachelor of Science degree. While these programmes ensure the required science component in any comparable post-graduate science degrees of other Universities, they also incorporate many courses which have been notionally considered to be the preserves of Engineers.

Biological Sciences

Chemistry

Economics

Mathematics

Physics

General Studies***

* These programmes will be offered at Pilani & Hyderabad campuses only.

** These programmes will be offered at Hyderabad & Goa campuses only.

*** These programmes will be offered at Pilani campus only.



7. Programme Structure (B.E., B. Pharm. and M.Sc.)

Integrated Degree Programmes in Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Pharmacy and Master of Science have several common courses. These degrees are based on a modular structure and their academic requirements are spelt out in respect of the number of courses and units. All these programmes are structured in such a way that normally a student will be able to finish a programme in eight semesters. The flexibility of the institute allows a student to do his programme at a faster pace and finish it earlier than eight semesters or at a slower pace to finish later than eight semesters.

Category	Number of Credits/Units Required	Number of Courses Required
(I) General Institutional Requirement		
Humanities Electives	8	3
Science Foundation	12	6
Mathematics Foundation	12	4
Engineering Foundation	6	2
Technical Arts	10	4
General Awareness / Professional Courses	3 to 6	1 to 3
Sub-Total	51 to 54	20 to 22
(II) Discipline Requirement		
Core	33 to 48	10 to 16
Elective	12 to 27	4 to 9
Sub-Total	57 to 60	15 to 20
(III) Open Electives	15 to 27	5 to 9
Course work Sub-Total	126 (minimum)	40 (minimum)
(IV) PS-I and II OR Thesis	25 OR 9 to 16	2 OR 1
Total	141 (minimum)	41 (minimum)



7.1 FAQs on Programmes

- What is practice school?

During Practice School (PS), the classroom is shifted to a professional location where the students, under the supervision of the faculty are involved in applying the knowledge acquired in the classroom to finding solutions to real life problems. The PS programme consists of two components: PS-I of 2 months duration implemented during the summer following the second year and PS-II of 5 ½ months duration, implemented during either of the semesters of the final year.

- What is the Thesis option?

An integrated undergraduate degree programme student must opt for either Thesis or Practice School in their final year of study. In the Thesis option, students will be assigned a topic of research on which they are required to work either at BITS or at a collaborating organization for duration of five and a half months.



8. Fees

BITS Pilani Fee structure for Academic Year 2017-2018 for International Students (Each Academic Year consists of two semesters: First Semester is between August and December; Second Semester is between January and May. There is an optional Summer Term during May-July)

(All figures in USD)

	One Time	Semester 1	Semester 2
Application Fees (or INR 4000)	60		
One time Fees (Payable at the time of Admission)			
Admission fees	950		
Facilitation fee (covering charges for local travel, room and board during "orientation" in 1st month)	230		
Institute Caution Deposit (Refundable on graduation or leaving the Institute, after adjusting all dues).	500		
Annual Fees (Payable along with First Semester Fees)			
Students' Union, Student Aid Fund		60	
Semester Fees (Payable before the beginning of Semester)			
Tuition Fees		5420	5420
Hostel Fees and Internet Charges		470	470
Mess and Electricity Advance (this is adjusted against mess and electricity bills at the end of each semester).		300	300
Totals	1740	6250	6190
Tuition Fee Waiver (minimum 20%)		1084	1084
Net payable with minimum 20% Tuition Fee Waiver	1740	5166	5106
In addition to the above, students may be required to pay for food, electricity; Medical/Health and other insurance; Visa (Application Fees/Renewal Fees) etc.			
Scholarships - Tuition fee waiver is based on merit: 10% students will get 80% waiver, 20% will get 50% and the balance will get 20% Tuition fee waiver.			
The above semester fee is for foreign students admitted in academic year 2017-2018 for undergraduate programmes. 2018 onwards, fees will be revised upwards every year, but will not increase beyond 10% each year.			
Other Fees (based on options selected), payable as and when required:			
Summer Term Tuition Fees	35% of Semester Tuition Fees in Corresponding Academic Year		
Summer Term Hostel Fees	50% of Semester Hostel Fees in corresponding Academic Year		
Practice School I	35% of semester tuition fee in corresponding Academic Year		
Practice School II	35% of semester tuition fee in corresponding Academic Year		
Minor Certificate Fee	6% of semester tuition fee in corresponding Academic Year		
Placement Charges	3% of semester tuition fee in corresponding Academic Year		



Fees required to be paid at the time of Admission (in USD)

(All figures in USD)

Admission fees	950
Facilitation fee (covering charges for local travel, room and board during "orientation" in 1st month)	230
Institute Caution Deposit (Refundable on graduation or leaving the Institute, after adjusting all dues).	500
Students' Union, Student Aid Fund for AY 2017-18	60
First Semester Tuition Fees	5420
First Semester Hostel Fees and Internet Charges	470
First Semester Mess and Electricity Advance (this is adjusted against mess and electricity bills at the end of semester).	300
Total	7930
Less Merit Scholarship @20% (minimum) of Tuition Fees	1084
Net payment required at the time of Admission with minimum tuition fee waiver @ 20%	6846



8.1 Scholarship Policy

1. All international students admitted under the scheme will be provided merit scholarships in the form of tuition fee waiver as follows:

10% of the students will be granted 80% tuition fee waiver, the next 20% of the students will be granted 50% tuition fee waiver, the next 70% of the students will be granted 20% tuition fee waiver.

2. Subsequently all scholarships will be for a semester only.
3. The student must maintain minimum academic performance to be eligible to receive scholarships. The specific conditions are as follows:
 - a. To be eligible for merit scholarships for a semester the student should have obtained a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 4.5 at the end of the previous semester.
 - b. The student should not have obtained more than one E grade in the registered courses in the previous semester.
4. Merit scholarships will be provided only for the normal duration of the programme.

8.2 Rules for Payment of Fees and Refund Policy

For the International students the rules concerning payment of fees and refund thereof are as follows:

Candidates offered admission (or provisional admission) to any programme have to pay the required fee within the deadline mentioned in the offer letter. This includes the admission fees and first semester fees.

1. If a candidate does not report for admission on the specified date then his/her admission will be automatically cancelled and the candidate will forfeit the entire admission fees. The balance of the fees paid by the candidate will be refunded.
2. If the candidate joins the Institute and subsequently withdraws either before the registration for courses or after the registration for courses, he or she will forfeit the entire amount of fees paid by him or her.
3. Candidates placed on the waiting list will have to pay the admission fees of 950 USD and subsequently if admission is offered they should pay first semester fees mentioned in the offer letter within the stipulated time. If admission is not offered to a wait-listed candidate, the entire admission fees will be refunded.



4. If a candidate, who has been placed on the waiting list and has paid the admission fees and is subsequently offered admission, then chooses to withdraw his or her application, he or she cannot claim refund of admission fees.
5. If a candidate with provisional admission offer does not meet eligibility requirements and informs BITS Pilani (or withdraws his application) before date of reporting for admission, he/she will forfeit the admission fees.
6. If a candidate with provisional admission offer does not meet eligibility requirements and informs BITS Pilani after joining the institute, he/she will forfeit the fees as specified in 3 above.
7. While paying fees a candidate cannot stipulate any conditions such as changing order of preferences, addition or deletion of preferences etc. If any such condition is mentioned by the candidate while paying fees, the fee will not be accepted.

8.3 FAQs on Fees

- Does every admitted student get a tuition fee waiver in the first academic year?

Yes, every international student admitted to any undergraduate programme is entitled to a tuition fee waiver, ranging from 20% to 80%.

- At the time of admission, do I have to pay fees for the entire academic year?

At the time of admission, only first semester fees are to be paid

- Can I pay my fee in instalments?

Fee for any semester cannot be paid in instalments.

- Can I work on a student Visa?

Visa restrictions do not permit students to work in India.



9. Visa

India is known for its educational excellence, and it is a popular destination for many international students. International students should obtain a Student Visa valid for the full duration of the course from the Indian Consulates/Embassy situated in their own country.

A student would bear the responsibility to ensure that visa should be applied well in advance at the Indian embassy in his/her country. It takes at least three weeks for the Indian Embassy to issue a student visa.

BITS Pilani admission letter should be used to obtain student visa. International students taking admission at BITS, Pilani should make sure that the student visa is endorsed to BITS, Pilani by the visa issuing authority.

After entering India, within 14 days, international Students (other than PIO/OCI Card holders) are required to register themselves with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO)/Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO). Office of International Students (OIS), BITS Pilani, will facilitate the Registration.

9.1 FAQs on Visa

- What is the duration of a Student Visa?

Student Visas are issued for the duration of the academic course of study or for a period of five years whichever is less, on the basis of letters of admission from BITS, Pilani.

- Where should I apply for a student visa?

You should approach the Indian Embassy/Consulate in your home country to apply for a student visa.

- Can a foreign student change his/her Institute/University after coming to India on student Visa?

The name of the Institute/University is to be mentioned while applying for the visa, which is then mentioned on the visa. A request for the change of university or institution subsequently made cannot be considered. In this case a foreign student would need to go back to his/her home country and apply for a new visa.

- Can BITS Pilani assist in getting student visa?

Student would be responsible to get the student visa. BITS Pilani would issue a letter of admission (after all requirements are met), this letter is to be used for getting the student visa.



10. Life on Pilani Campus



BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus is located in the Vidya Vihar campus adjacent to Pilani town in Jhunjhunu district, in Rajasthan. Pilani is the home town of the Birla family and has a population of about 50,000. It is about 200 km west of Delhi and about 220 km north of Jaipur. The Institute buildings, hostels and residential quarters for staff with neatly laid out roads, lawns and gardens constitute the BITS Campus of about 240 acres.

CAMPUS AND ITS ADJOINING FACILITIES

Shiv Ganga and Saraswati Temple

Shiv Ganga is a central beauty spot of the Vidya Vihar Campus with 400 meters circular canal and the Sharda Peeth, a beautiful white marble temple dedicated to Goddess Saraswati.

Guest Accommodation

Limited facilities are available for board and lodging on payment at the VFAST Hostel (Visiting Faculty and Students Hostel), which is located near the entrance of the Campus. This apart in the campus, there are lodges and hotels in Pilani town.

Shopping Centres

AKSHAY, a Supermarket, located in the heart of the campus in an area of 7500 sq.ft. with an elegant modern building is a part of BITS I-5 Consumers' Cooperative Stores Ltd. (BITS Coop). Student volunteers of the Institute have worked with management of the BITS Coop in the establishment of the Supermarket.

Medical Centre

Pilani Campus has a Medical Centre, which caters to the medical needs of the students and staff. It has a full time Physician (MD) and a Gynecologist, who attend to the patients both in the morning and evening outdoor hours. A dental surgeon and a Pediatrician visit the centre once in every week. Similarly the centre also provides services of part time ENT,



homeopathy, and Ayurvedic specialists. The Centre has a good clinical laboratory for all major biochemical, hematological, urine, stool and other routine tests.

Birla Museum

The Birla Museum is located adjacent to the Institute Building. It is the first science and technology museum established in the country. Most of the exhibits and models incorporate stimulating animations and visual effects.

Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI)

Adjoining the Campus, there is the Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute. It is one of the National Laboratories under the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR).

Student Housing

The Institute is fully residential and hostel accommodation is provided to all students. There is a common kitchen cum mess unit for every set of two boys' hostels. Each unit of the mess serves vegetarian and non-vegetarian food and the unit operates under the management of different students' committees. The girls' hostel, however, has a separate mess of its own, situated within the boundary of the hostel.

Student Activities Centre

The Institute has a Student Activities Centre housed in a separate building where students have their union office and rooms for various activities. This building also has badminton courts, a squash court, a Table tennis room, a Health Club, an open air amphitheatre and a cafeteria.

Cultural and Recreational Activities

The Institute has following clubs and societies: Music, Dance, Hindi Drama, English Drama, Hindi Press, English Press, Creative Activities, and Mime clubs; English Language Activity and Hindi Activity societies. These are entirely managed by the students and have been nurturing the creative and cultural talents of the students. In addition, the Institute runs Recreational Activity Forum, Photography Club, Swimming Club, and Health Club whose membership is open to students and staff. The Institute also organizes Theatre and Dance workshops. A classical music group called 'Ragamalika' aims at encouraging budding talent among the students in music and dance. It also arranges performances by leading artists in the field of classical music and dance. In addition, there is also a BITS Pilani Chapter of SPIC-MACAY which organizes programmes to promote Indian classical music and culture amongst youth. Recreational Activity Forum (RAF) regularly organizes film shows and cultural programmes for the BITS community. BITS being an all-India Institute, students have also established regional associations representing almost all Indian States conducting several special programmes on festive occasions.

Physical Education

Physical Education of the Institute aims at providing a safe atmosphere to enable students and staff members to exercise to their potential whilst achieving their goals. It offers a variety of fitness, wellness, and recreation opportunities, and Fitness Programmes including Yoga and Martial Arts. The Physical Education has major facilities that include Health Club, Swimming Club and Sports Club. Health Club is equipped with single and multi-stationed machines and weight training facilities to provide students with an opportunity of doing



exercise for physical fitness. Swimming Club has a swimming pool of 25 m length while Sports Club has various indoor and outdoor facilities for students to take part in sports and games. The indoor facilities are Badminton, Table Tennis and Squash with synthetic flooring while outdoor facilities are Basketball, Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, Track & Field (400 m) etc. Sports and fitness activities are supervised by the qualified and experienced staff members of the Institute.

Festivals on Campus

Traditionally students organize three festivals during an academic year. BOSM (BITS Open Sports Meet) in September, a sports festival; OASIS, a cultural festival in October and APOGEE (A Professions-Oriented Gathering Over Educational Experience), an Academic Festival in February thus bringing about a beautiful blend of sports, cultural and academic milieu of the campus. All the three festivals are entirely managed by students in which a large number of students from all over India actively participate.

10.1 FAQs about Life in Pilani Campus

Where can my parents stay?

The list of nearby hotels is given on the following link:
Accommodation: www.bits-pilani.ac.in/bcggr/Accommodation.html

Would my electrical device work in India?

The power in India is 230volt and 50 Hz; you may need an adapter for your device.

Would my cell phone work in India?

Mobile phones in India operate using GSM technology and function within 900/1800 MHz ranges. If you already own a GSM phone and if your home country too operates within the same GSM range, you can use your phone in India.

What is the Indian currency and where can I get it?

Indian currency is called Rupee (INR). You could either bring Indian Rupee from your country or convert your currency into Indian Rupee at the airport or at the Bank on Campus.

Is there a Bank on Campus?

Within the Vidya Vihar Campus there is a branch of UCO Bank with ATM facility. In the adjoining CEERI Campus there is a branch of the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur, with ATM facility. Vidya Vihar Campus also have ATM facility of Axis & ICICI Bank. Pilani also have ICICI, Axis, SBI, PNB Banks. The Pilani Post office is located within the Campus, while a Telegraph office is situated in the CEERI Campus.



Are there any student clubs on campus?

There are many clubs and associations on campus. To list a few:

- *English Language Activities Society (ELAS)
- *BITS Embryo (Connecting BITS Alumni)
- *Music Club
- *Dance Club
- *Photography Club
- *Poetry Club
- *Nirman Club
- *Astro Club
- *MIME Club
- *Coding Club
- *NSS
- *DoT
- *Matrix
- *Gurukul
- *Raag Mlika
- *Debating Society

What is the weather like in Pilani?

The temperatures during the year go to extremes like 45°C in summer and 0°C in winter. The climate is generally dry and healthy. Annual rainfall is about 30 cms

11. Life on K K Birla Goa Campus



The idyllic and sylvan beauty of Goa sets the right ambience for BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus, an Institute of excellence in Technology and Science. Nestling in the lap of verdant hills, overlooking the Zuari River, the campus is spread over an area of 180 acres. The location of campus is unique in the respect of scenic beauty and panoramic



view of picturesque surrounding encompassing the river Zuari, hillocks, waterways, forests and landscape. The Campus is about 25 kms south of Panaji (capital of Goa), 10 kms east of Vasco-da-Gama, 22 kms north of Margao and 4.5 kms from the Goa airport, along National Highway 17B. The campus houses the main building, having academic and administrative offices, Visitor's Guest house, separate hostels for boys & girls, student activity centre (with indoor games, gymnasium), playgrounds (football, cricket, basketball, volleyball, tennis court), faculty & staff quarters, medical centre, and shopping complex.

Spacious well equipped laboratories, state of art and air-conditioned classrooms with sound proof acoustics, modern furniture, computer labs with high performance computing facility, Internet with Wi-Fi facility, CISCO telepresence classroom & conference and library define the infrastructural pillars of the campus.

Hostel rooms are equipped with modern furniture, internet connectivity and round the clock security. Common room facilities such as cable TV, magazines, newspapers are provided along with recreational facilities such as table tennis, chess and carom boards.

Campus life at BITS-Pilani, Goa campus is vibrant and stimulating. Student calendars are filled with a healthy mix of academics as well as extracurricular activities through various clubs and departments. All clubs, festivals and activities are managed by a student-elected body called the Council for Student Affairs (CSA). A wide variety of technical, cultural and sports related campus events give students an opportunity not only to excel professionally and develop their personality but also to have a healthy dose of fun, which helps make the campus ambience a home away from home.

11.1 FAQs about Life in K K Birla Goa Campus

Where can my parents stay?

The list of nearby hotels is given on <http://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/goa/goaHotels>

Would my electrical device work in India?

The power in India is 230 volt and 50 Hz, you may need an adapter for your device.

Would my cell phone work in India?

Mobile phones in India operate using GSM technology and function within 900/1800 MHz ranges. If you already own a GSM phone and if your home country too operates within the same GSM range, you can use your phone in India.



What is the Indian currency and where can I get it?

Indian currency is called Rupee (INR). You could either bring Indian Rupee from your country or convert your currency into Indian Rupee at the airport or at the Bank on Campus.

Is there a Bank on Campus?

The campus has a branch of State Bank of India (SBI), where you can open an account. The same bank provides ATM facility to withdraw money. There is one more ATM provided by Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank.

Are there any student clubs on campus?

There are many clubs and associations on campus. To list a few:

- * English Language Activities Society (ELAS)
- * BITS Embryo (Connecting BITS Alumni)
- * Music Club
- * Dance Club
- * Photography Club
- * Dramatics club
- * Automation and Robotics Club
- * Department of Journalism and Media Affairs (DojMA)
- * Backstage club
- * Lights and Sounds Department

What is the weather like in Goa?

Being in the tropical zone and near the Arabian Sea, the climate of Goa is warm and humid for most of the year. May is the hottest month in Goa with an average temperature of **30°C (86°F)** and the coldest is January at **25°C (77°F)**. The wettest month is July with an average of 995mm of rain.



12. Life on Hyderabad Campus



BITS Pilani, Hyderabad is a fully residential campus, spread over a lush-green area of over 200 acres. Surrounded by natural beauty, the campus is about 70 kms from the Rajiv Gandhi international airport and 27 kms from the cosmopolitan city, Hyderabad.

Spacious labs, well-furnished and air-conditioned classrooms, technology-enabled lecture theatres and network infrastructure, all come together to make BITS Pilani, Hyderabad an extremely well equipped campus. Apart from the academic block containing classrooms, laboratories, computer terminal rooms and the library, the campus houses separate hostels for boys and girls, a Student Activity Centre (SAC), residential quarters for faculty and staff, a medical centre, shopping complex, football ground, cricket ground, basketball, volley ball and tennis courts and playgrounds for children.

Each student hostel room is equipped with modern furniture, internet connectivity, and round the clock security. Floor-wise common room facilities such as cable TV, magazines, newspapers and recreational facilities such as Table Tennis, Chess and Carom boards are also available.

Campus life at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad is vibrant and stimulating. Student calendars are filled with a healthy mix of academics as well as extracurricular activities through various clubs and departments. All clubs, fests and activities are managed by a student-elected body called the Students' Union (SU). A wide variety of technical, cultural and sports related campus events give students an opportunity not only to excel professionally and develop their personality but also to have a healthy dose of fun! With this comes a strong feeling of community, which helps make the campus a home away from home.



12.1 FAQs about Life in Hyderabad Campus

Where can my parents stay?

The admission packet sent to you, would contain a list of hotels where you could make your arrangements.

Would my electrical device work in India?

The power in India is 230 volt and 50 Hz, you may need an adapter for your device.

Would my cell phone work in India?

Mobile phones in India operate using GSM technology and function within 900/1800 MHz ranges. If you already own a GSM phone and if your home country too operates within the same GSM range, you can use your phone in India.

What is the Indian currency and where can I get it?

Indian currency is called Rupee (INR). You could either bring Indian Rupee from your country or convert your currency into Indian Rupee at the airport or at the Bank on Campus.

Is there a Bank on Campus?

Cannought Place, the shopping complex on campus has a branch of State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH), where you can open an account.

Are there any student clubs on campus?

There are many clubs and associations on campus. To list a few:

- * Lights and Sounds Department
- * English Language Activities Society (ELAS)
- * BITS Embryo
- * Music Club
- * Dance Club



- * Photography Club
- * VFX Club
- * Shades - The art club
- * Quiz Club
- * Dramatics club
- * Ad-Astra - The Astronomy club
- * Crux - the coding society
- * Centre for Entrepreneurial Leadership
- * The Society Involved In Re-Inventing India (SIRI)
- * SAE (Society for Automotive Engineers) India - BPHC Chapter
- * Design For Change (DFC) - BPHC Chapter
- * Center for Innovation, Ideation and Entrepreneurship
- * Linux User Group
- * BPHC Android Group
- * Student Mentorship Programme
- * Automation and Robotics Club
- * Hindi Club

How is the weather in Hyderabad?

Hyderabad has a tropical wet and dry climate bordering on a hot semi-arid climate. Summer, between March to June are hot and humid, with average highs in the mid

30s Celsius; maximum temperatures often exceed 40°C (104°F) between April and June. Winter lasts for only about 2 1/2 months, during which the lowest temperature occasionally dips to 10°C (50°F) in December and January. May is the hottest month and January, the coldest.

