



Indian Institute Of
Technology, Guwahati

Centre For Career Development

Department of
Humanities and
Social Sciences

Department Brochure



About the Institute

Since **1994**, when it was founded as the sixth Indian Institute of Technology, IIT Guwahati has become one of the world's most dynamic universities in technology, innovation, and research. The campus lies on a 285-hectare parcel of land on the northern bank of Brahmaputra 20km from the city centre. The curriculum and courses at IIT Guwahati are constantly changing to meet global needs and allow students to explore their interests.

The Institute offers **B.Tech, B.Des, MA, M.Des, M.Tech, MS(R), MBA, M.Sc, and Ph.D** programmes in 11 Departments, 9 Centres, and 5 Schools in all major engineering, science, and humanities areas. Our students can broaden their studies with a 'Minor' degree, open and interdepartmental electives, audit courses, and inter-disciplinary research.

The institute's state-of-the-art laboratories and **National Centres of Research** have made it a hub for research and technical education.

Apart from world-class research, the faculty prepares students for professional problems by teaching them their fields conceptually. It also helps students participate in worldwide projects, which helps them become pioneers and leaders.

IIT Guwahati has **MoUs (Memoranda of Understanding)** with top international institutes for semester-based student-exchange programmes and summer internships, boosting global integration and broadening our students' perspectives.

In their holidays, students intern in industrial, managerial, and research fields at top international corporations and research labs, contributing greatly. The institute provides excellent extracurricular opportunities to help students develop holistically.

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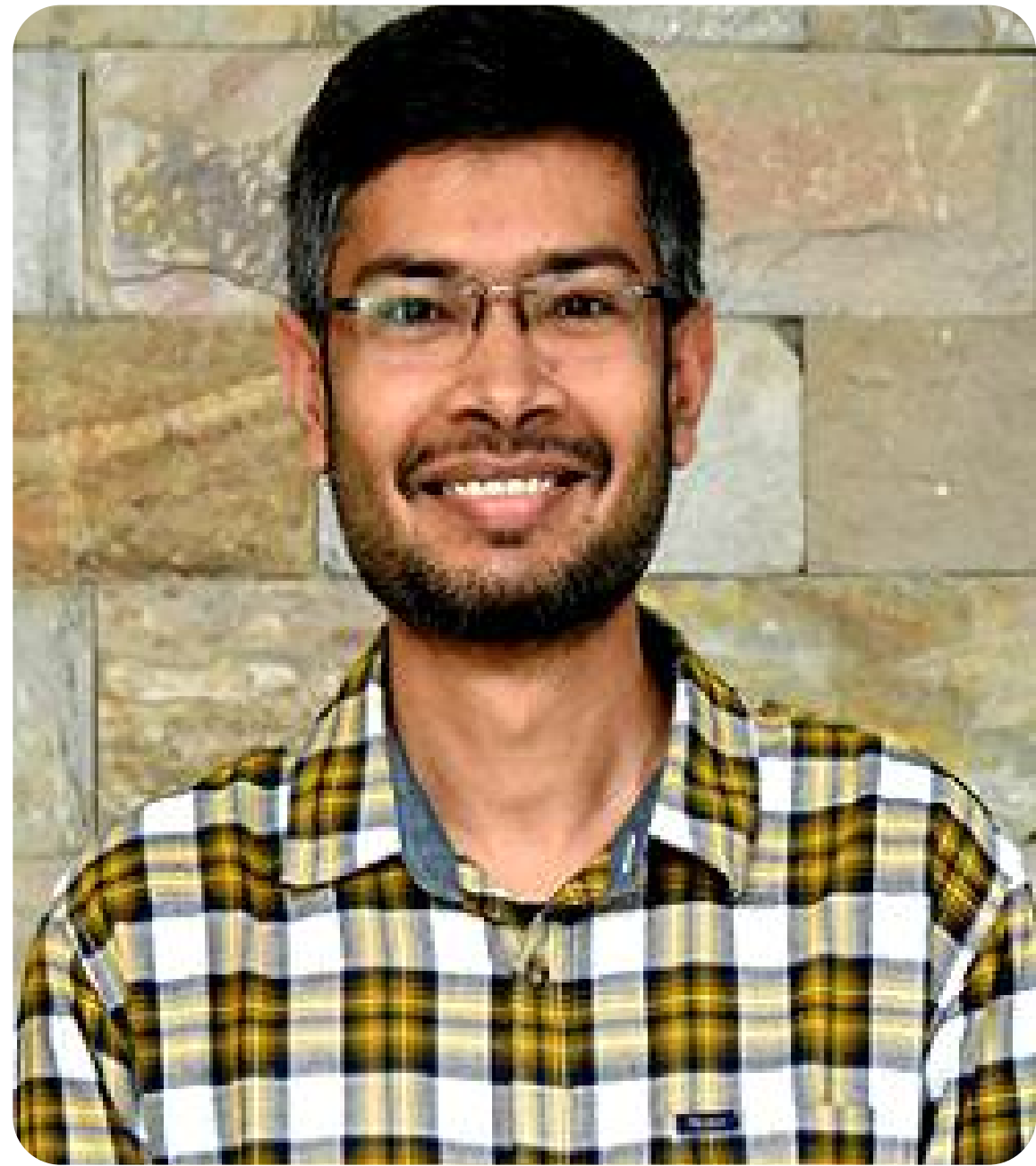
The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Guwahati is a centre for research and teaching composed of academics from eleven different disciplines: Economics, English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, History, Archaeology, Political Science, Geography, and Development Studies. With its varied range of research interests and expertise, the department promotes interdisciplinary work in humanities and social sciences, offering projects, supervision, and fellowships to allure students and researchers from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds. Apart from its undergraduate B.Tech taught courses that include uniquely designed content offered by faculty members, the department provides highly interdisciplinary areas of expertise and investigation in its MA and PhD programmes. The MA programmes is designed to provide an advanced understanding of the cultures, conflicts, and discourses in issues involving development in ideological and real social situations through innovative course work and supervised research. The department's PhD programme promotes dialogues across different disciplines in humanities and social sciences, offering expert supervision in eight other areas of study and funded fellowships to selected full-time researchers. The department collaborates with related Indian as well as international institutions in projects and workshops to promote and produce cutting-edge work in humanities and social sciences. Placing a high premium on research output and outreach, the department consistently publishes academic articles, project reports and monographs, which corroborate the quality of work undertaken by its faculty, fellows and researchers.

Message from HOD



**Prof. Priyankoo
Sarmah**

On behalf of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, I take pride in presenting the truly interdisciplinary courses and programs that the department offers. With the efforts of the faculty members from ten different streams, the department has tailored two interdisciplinary MA programs in the last few years, namely the Master of Arts in Development Studies and the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts. While the Master of Liberal Arts is a new program offered by the department, it has garnered nationwide attention and interest from students and academicians. At the same time, our Master of Development Studies program has evolved over the years. It has been able to train our students with the skills necessary for taking up the research and services sector challenges with an in-depth understanding of our societies and our nation in general. About 86% of our MA students are placed annually in various organizations internationally and nationwide. In recent years, they have contributed to their organizations as researchers, analysts, and fellows in multiple organizations. We have been keeping in touch with several of our past students, and their feedback from their workplaces has been able to help us in updating our MA programs. This year, 40 students from MA Development Studies and 10 from MA Liberal Arts have opted for placement through the placement cell. I am sure their profiles are suitable for several organizations that will visit our campus this year. I want to thank the organizations visiting our campus for giving their time and consideration to our graduating students.

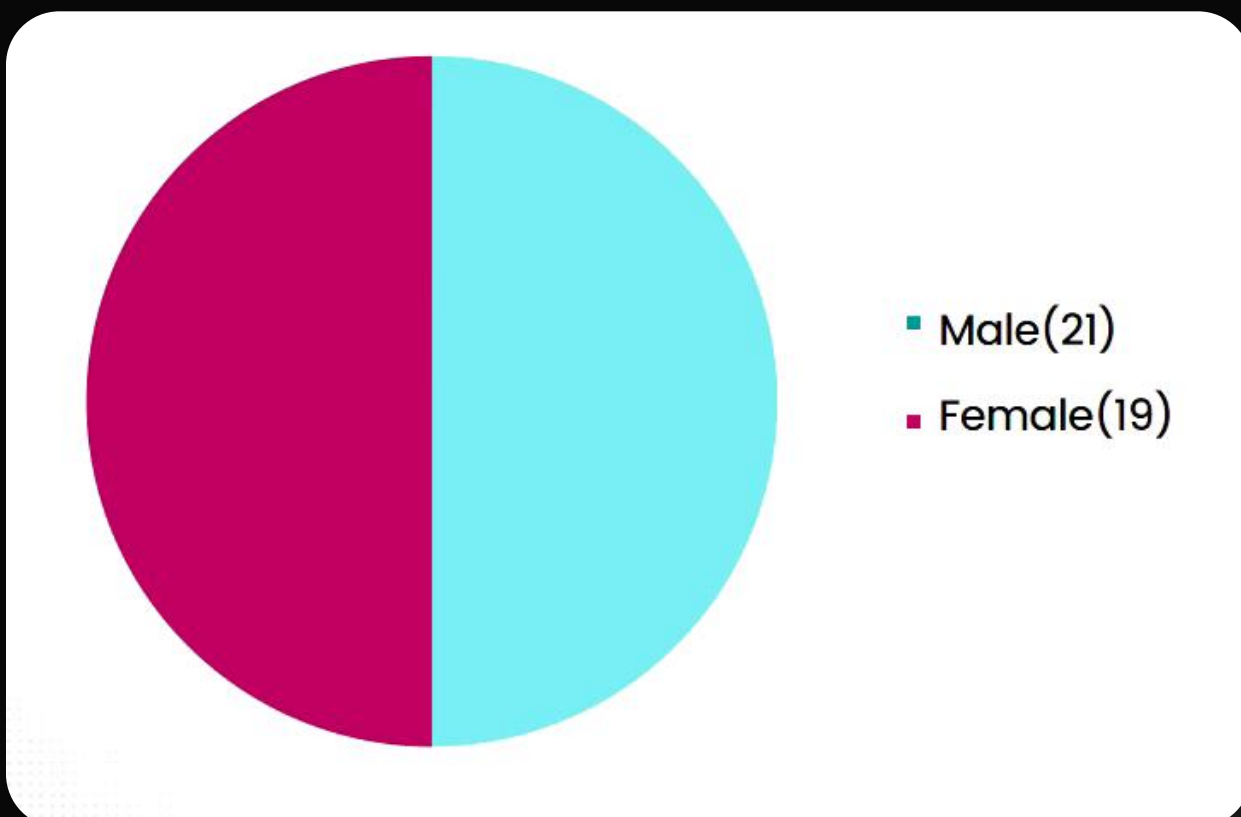
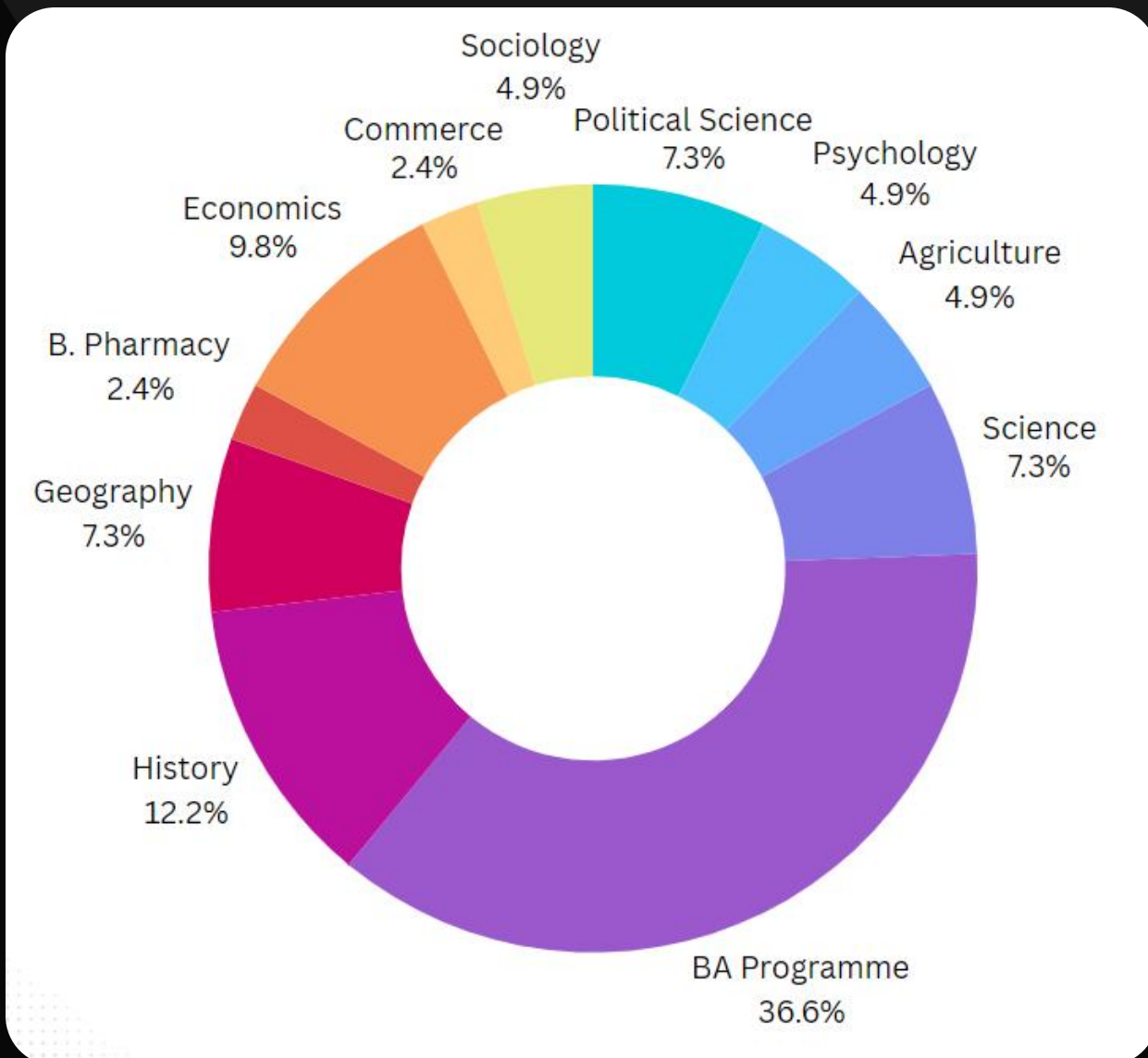


Asst. Prof.
Vipul Dutta

Message from Department Faculty Advisor

The HSS department's Placement coordination committee works to build and strengthen its partnerships with key organisations across many important sectors in India. Ranging from public policy organisations to think-tanks and top global universities, our brilliant students are making a mark as successful professionals and researchers across the world. Through a skills-based and technologically driven academic training, we inspire our postgraduate students to think about impactful answers to global challenges. I'm delighted to welcome all our existing and prospective valuable partners who share with us our vision to create a successful knowledge economy for India and the world.

Batch Statistics of Dev. Studies



MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

The M. A. Programme in Development Studies is a multi-disciplinary programme initiated in the year 2009. The programme is designed to provide an understanding of various perspectives around development issues. Through rigorous course work based on analyzing existing theoretical frameworks, scrutinizing data and guided research, it aims to equip students from several disciplines to understand, analyze and critique the developmental concerns of our nation. Its ultimate aim is to guide students to construct pathways and build solutions towards a more inclusive world. The coursework is regularly updated to keep the pressing needs of local and international issues at the forefront. Students are endowed first with comprehensive knowledge about political, sociological, economic theories to consolidate their understanding of diverse perspectives to approach a problem. They are introduced to issues concerning several sectors, from sustainability and globalization to rural development, from health and gender equality to land and displacement. The program is a blend of research and practice with a meticulously followed dissertation component. Regular term papers and group presentations assist them in building not only knowledge but also construct a work ethic that would help them work collaboratively with agencies and NGOs. Our goal is to forge an empathetic personality enabled with the public spirit to work towards a just society and evolve capacities for action. A degree in Development Studies inculcates skills in development research, critical evaluation of pivotal development issues, analytical skills and data interpretation, and a comprehensive understanding of different religions and cultures. This thorough understanding gives the students an edge over others in policy research and drafting solutions for crucial issues.

MA-DS

Course Curriculum

SEMESTER-1

- Essentials of Political Theory
- Introduction to Economic,
- Study of Society
- Economic History of Colonial India
- Quantitative Research Methods in Social Sciences

SEMESTER-2

- Essentials of Political Theory
- Introduction to Economic,
- Study of Society
- Economic History of Colonial India
- Quantitative Research Methods in
- Social Sciences

SEMESTER-3

- Elective I
- Elective II
- Elective III
- Elective IV
- Elective V
- Phase 1 of Dissertation

SEMESTER-4

- Elective VI
- Dissertation

ELECTIVES

ECONOMICS

- Agriculture & Rural Development
- Conflict & Financial Diplomacy
- Planning & Project Management
- International Trade & Development
- Globalisation & Sustainable Development
- Development & Human Rights
- Statistical Method for Social Sciences
Political Economy of Agrarian Dev.
- Water Economics

POLITICAL SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY

- Transnationalism & Migration: Issues of Development
- Peace & Conflict Resolution
Political Participation in Developing Asia
- Modern Political & Social Imaginaries
- Power, Politics & Urban Space

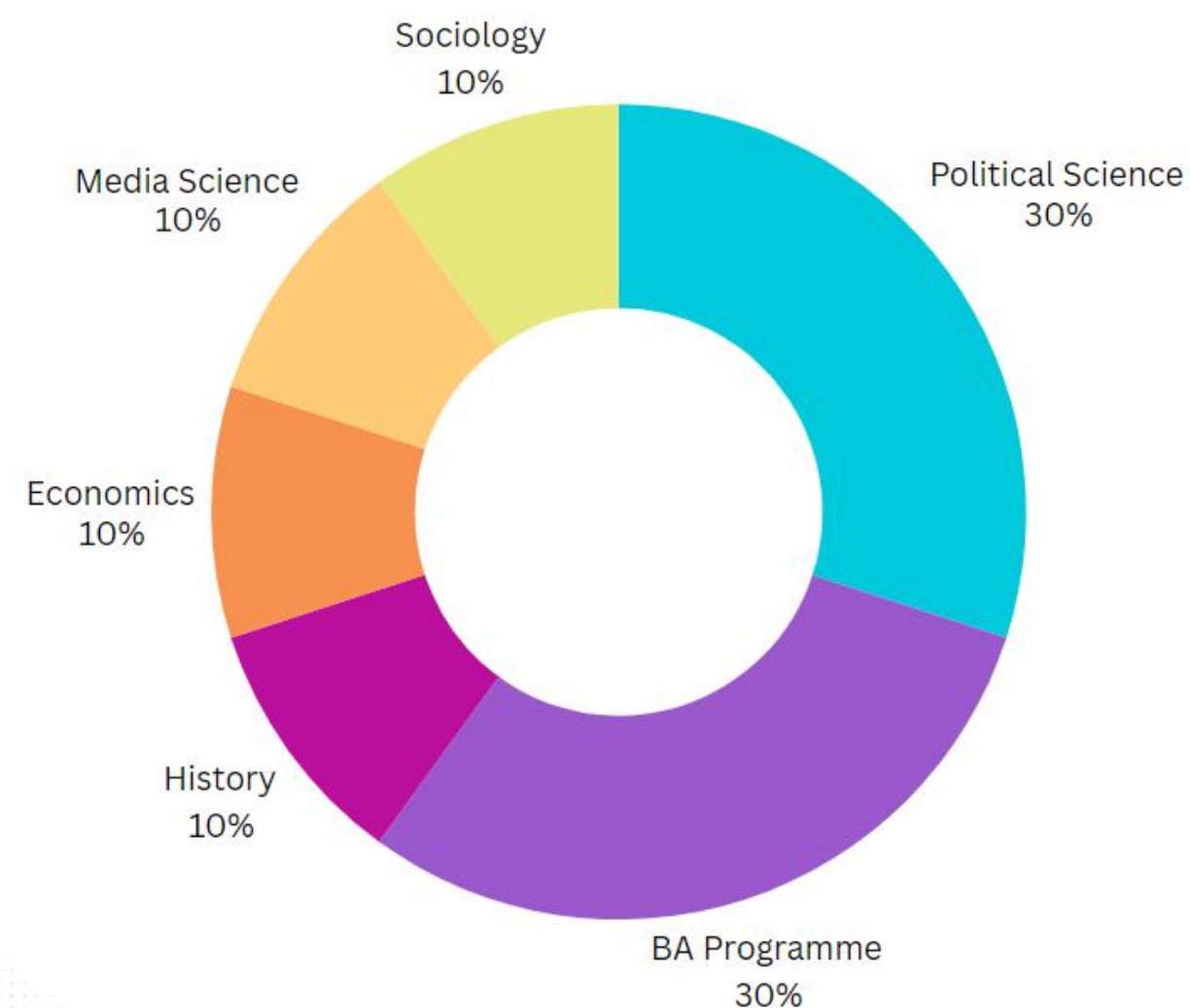
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

- Colonial Economics
- Politics of Development (India)
- Development Anthropology
- Gender & Development
- Critical Development Theory
- Human Development: Theory & Practice Social Discrimination
- Land, Dispossession & Dev.
Global Public Health

SOCIOLOGY & HISTORY

- Interrogating Modernity
- Caste & politics of development
- Environment & Development
- Sociology of Gender
- Science Technology & Society Region
- Nation and the Making of Post Colonial India
- Gandhi: The Man and His Ideas
The efficacy of Visual Images

Batch Statistics of Liberal Arts



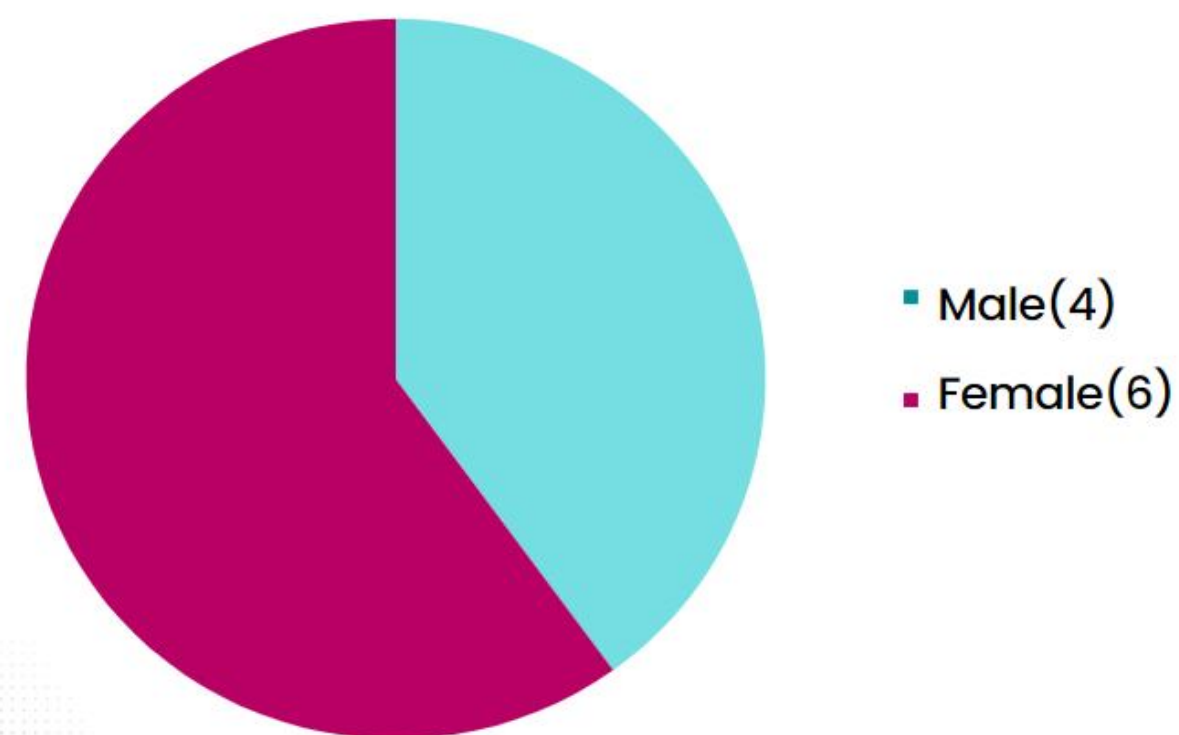
MASTER IN LIBERAL ARTS

The IIT Guwahati Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program unfolds over two years, meticulously designed to nurture an ongoing cycle of creativity, growth, and learning. Renowned faculty experts, deeply engaged in cutting-edge pedagogy and research across the humanities and social sciences, serve as guiding forces for students' intellectual explorations. The curriculum stands as a testament to this commitment, enriched by the diverse backgrounds and disciplines of both educators and participants. At the heart of this program lies the cultivation of critical thinking. Enrolled individuals empower themselves to forge an autonomous and open-minded approach toward the intricate issues shaping their realities. Inspired by international models, the MLA program uniquely emphasizes the rich tapestry of diversities and complexities intrinsic to India and the world.

Applicants to this program are those who have already undergone three years of rigorous, discipline-specific education in their chosen undergraduate fields. The MLA program aspires to provide a comprehensive grounding in liberal arts education, coupled with advanced abstract thought pertaining to disciplines and knowledge generation. This unique blend equips graduates with the acumen to navigate their future careers, making informed and groundbreaking choices. Ideal for Positions in:

NGOs and Development Sectors, Human Resources (HR) Positions, Public Relations (PR), Data Analyst, Media and Marketing, Management, Art Director, Research, Writing.

The IIT Guwahati MLA program empowers graduates to excel in these roles, arming them with a profound understanding of diverse viewpoints, honed critical thinking, and the ability to navigate the complexities of an ever-evolving world.



Course Curriculum

SEMESTER-1

- Introduction to Liberal Art
- Essentials of Political Theory
- Theories and Thinkers: The Concept of Culture

SEMESTER-2

- Introduction to Literary Studies
- Foundational Linguistic
- Historical Studies

SEMESTER-3

- Debates in Philosophy
- Digital Humanities: Theories in Practice
- Project 1

SEMESTER-4

- International Relations and Diplomacy
- Cultural Studies: Key Theories and Concept
- Project 2

Electives

Critical Reasoning

History and philosophy of science

Language, rhythm and prosody

Between History and Memory: Genres of Life Writing

Indian literary theory

Race and the Novel

Psychoanalysis and the social bond

Social meta-theory

Language, mind and thought

Paths to policymaking in India

Sounds of the world's languages: an experimental approach

Early Women Writing

Interrogating Modernity

Modern Political And Social Imaginaries

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA ATTENDED: NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

NAME OF FACULTY

NAME OF CONF./WORKSHOP

INSTITUTE

Prof.Sukanya Sharma

Annual Conference of the Indo-Pacific
Prehistoric Association

Indo-Pacific Prehistoric Association
(IPPA)

Asso. Prof.Ngamjahao Kipgen

Environmental Change and Socio-cultural
Transformations in India.

IIT Roorkee

Prof. Sambit Mallick

Joint Annual Meeting of the Agriculture,
Food, and Human Values Society and the
Association for the Study of Food and
Society on Cultivation

Athens, Georiga, USA

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA ATTENDED: NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL Contd.

<u>NAME OF FACULTY</u>	<u>NAME OF CONF./WORKSHOP</u>	<u>INSTITUTE</u>
Prof.Sambit Mallick	Social Shaping of Technology	Gauhati University
Prof.Sambit Mallick	Social Constructions of Technological Systems	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Asso. Prof.Ngamjahao Kipgen	Webinar on Environmental Sociology	Mirinda House, University of Delhi
Asso. Prof. Pahi Saikia	NE insurgencies and other challenges	Assam Rifles-USI of India Annual Seminar
Prof. Mrinal Kanti Dutta	Regional Disparity and the North East economy	Center for Dev.Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University

Visitors from other Institutes/Universities/Organizations/Invited Lectures

NAME OF FACULTY

NAME OF LECTURE.

INSTITUTE

Prof.Sambit Mallick

Analysing Land, Conjuring Identities: Lessons from NE

Institute of Dev.Studies, Kolkata

Prof.Sambit Mallick

Transformations of Tribal Hinterlannds into Urban spaces in India' s Fifth and Sixth Schedule Ares: Emerging issues and Contestations

IIT Gandhinagar

Prof. Kimi King and James Meernik

An examination of Factors Influencing Language Endangerment

The University of North Texas

Past Internships



Past Recruiters



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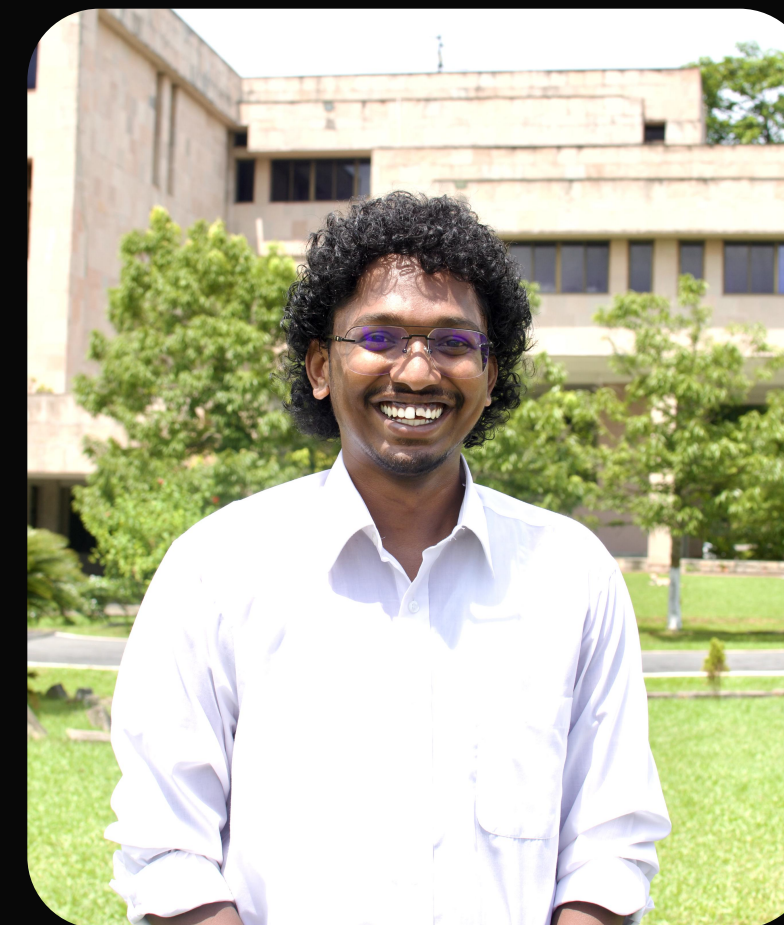
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