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JESUIT WORLDWIDE LEARNING  
HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE MARGINS

# Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Development (BA-SD)



**Blended Learning**  
*for transforming communities*



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## INTRODUCTION

The environmental and social crises are affecting large populations on a global scale and in particular regions at the margins, in crisis, in conflict or in post-conflict zones. Environmental sustainability is key to the future of humanity. Xavier University Bhubaneswar (XUB) is committed to the mission of 'education for the margins,' and believes to make education more inclusive and affordable. Therefore, in order to fulfill this mission, XUB is partnering with JWL to offer an academic accredited Bachelor program for marginalized communities without distinction of creed with an emphasis on forcibly displaced populations. XUB and JWL jointly offer a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Development (BA-SD) to communities at the margins.

## THE PROGRAMME

### Programme Objectives

This programme consists of 40 courses of 126.75 credits. It aims at enabling the learners to:

- Develop a deeper understanding of the development landscape at local, regional & global levels.
- Acquire analytical and managerial skills to plan, implement, monitor & evaluate sustainable development programmes.
- Set up business and social enterprises leading to sustainable development.
- Act as stewards for protecting our common home.
- Become leaders of peace and voices to foster hope for creating a more just and humane world.

### Programme Structure

The BA programme requires the completion of all the courses listed below. Ideally, a full-time student can complete the programme in three years, but as we want to avail a flexible education, we expect the students to complete on average in four years.

### Mode of Delivery

The Bachelor program is organized in a blended-learning mode and is clearly structured around activities and graded assignments using the principles of Ignatian Pedagogy common in Jesuit Universities. Students will study online with laptops and smartphones with planned work, both individual as well as in groups, in a learning center near to them. Their learning journey is supported by experienced professors and onsite facilitators. Their learning experience will be enriched by

- Studying specially designed and collected study texts
- Watching documentary style video-clips
- Doing self-assessed quizzes
- Analyzing case-studies
- Discussing in peer-groups
- Engaging in fieldwork
- Learning in local organizations (internships).



### Programme Focus



Liberal Arts/  
Foundational Courses



Sustainability



Leadership for Peace  
Building



Business Enterprise &  
Management

### Special Features

- A. The programme is delivered in English, applicants should achieve at least B2 level of English proficiency in the admission process to be admitted, and need to make progress till the C1 level to be eligible for some courses offered in the second year and accredited by the Swedish Newman Institute.
- B. Fieldwork is composed of course-specific activities and assignments connecting the learning to the local context of the students.
- C. Internships - At the end of the third year, the students will be placed in different local organizations as interns and they will start individual projects. Details will depend on the local context in each learning center.
- D. Learning on XUB campus (6 weeks) - After the completion of all the courses, the students will ideally meet in XUB to finalize their individual projects. In case of challenges against travelling to XUB, alternative solutions will be considered.

## Admission Process

This is a University program and the admission process is purposefully lengthy in order to make sure the applicants are able to complete the program.

Applicants will need to come to the learning center at least three times to complete the admission process.

Sequence of the process:

- 1st: Online Application Form + screening online English test (required B1 or more)
- 2nd- Linguaskill Online Test (required B2 or above)
- 3rd: Essay writing (max. score 36 points)
- 4th: Oral online Interview (max. score 20 points)

Final decisions rest with XUB (required total of 46 points)

## Degree

This programme is a global one, courses are offered and accredited by two academic partners in addition to Xavier University Bhubaneswar: Newman Institute in Sweden and Hekima Institute in Kenya. XUB will award the BA in Sustainable Development degree to students who successfully complete all the courses in the programme.



**Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Development (40 Courses / 126.75 Credits)**

Course Title	Credit	Year of offering (Indicative)
<b>Liberal Arts/Foundational Courses</b>		
Bridge to learning	0	First
Academic Writing	3	First
Interpersonal Communication	3	First
Introduction to Physical Science	3	First
Ethics & Human Person	3	First
Religions of the World	3	First
Introduction to Political Thought	3	First
Introduction to Sociology	3	First
The Journey of Sustainable Development	3	First
Fundamentals of Environmental Science	3	First
<b>Sustainability Concentration</b>		
Sustainable Energy Systems	3	Second
Climate Change	3	Second
Humans and Environment	3.75	Second

Responding to Environmental Challenges	3.75	Second
Development and Global Poverty	3	Second
Food Security and Mitigation of Hunger	3	Second
Sustainable Consumption and Production	3	Second
Waste Management for Sustainable Livelihood	3	Second
Sustainable Agriculture	3.75	Second
Agroforestry	3.75	Second
Freedom, Human Rights and Women Rights	3	Third
Education for the Margins: Challenges and Choices	3	Third
Circular Economy	3	Third
Sustainable Water Management	3.75	Third
Institutions and Agencies for Sustainable Development	3	Third
Community Organization and Social Action for Sustainable Development	3	Third
Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Public Health Systems- I	3	Third
Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Public Health Systems- II	3	Third
Access to Clean and Affordable Cooking Technologies	3	Third
Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Response	3	Third
<b>Business Enterprise &amp; Management</b>		
Introduction to Business	3	Fourth
Organizational Behavior and Management	3	Fourth
Natural Resource Economics	3	Fourth
Environment and Social Impact Assessment	3	Fourth
International Marketing	3	Fourth
Sustainable Development Programmes: Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting	3	Fourth
Energy Based Enterprises	3	Fourth
Entrepreneurship for Ecotourism	3	Fourth
<b>Leadership for Peace Building</b>		
Global Conflict, Peace Building and Justice	3	Fourth
Discovering and Developing Leadership	3	Fourth
Self-Care and Conflict Coaching as a Peace Leader	3	Fourth
A Final Project	6	Third-Fourth

## THE MAIN PARTNERS

### Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL)

JWL committed to offering tertiary education in communities at the margins of societies – those societies that through poverty, location, lack of opportunity, conflict or forced displacement exist among the rural or urban poor, indigenous or isolated displaced people. JWL offers regionally and globally accredited, high-quality curricula through virtual, blended and on-site learning experiences. Within the world of digital learning, JWL provides a blended educational model as an effective instrument for learning and forming a global classroom, with a virtual community of learners. JWL accompanies and supports the students by providing university and college professors and vocational facilitators in conjunction with local community learning center tutors. Together JWL and its community learning centers form a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious global community of learners enabling all to contribute their knowledge and voices to foster hope to create a more peaceful and humane world.

*Mission:*

“ JWL provides equitable high-quality tertiary learning to people and communities at the margins of society – be it through poverty, location, lack of opportunity, conflict or forced displacement – so all can contribute their knowledge and voices to the global community of learners and together foster hope to create a more peaceful and humane world. ”

*Vision:*

“ Learning together to transform the world ”

## Xavier University Bhubaneswar (XUB)

XUB came into being with the Government of Odisha passing the Xavier University Act in June 2013. The identity of Xavier University is distinguished by its philosophy of being the first to respond to the needs of the society and enable building of sustainable communities. XUB stands tall in its mission of inspiring future generations of students aspiring for excellent quality higher education and become visionary, competent, committed, compassionate and value-based leaders and thus build a just and humane society.

XUB, being the first Jesuit University in India, is committed to the mission of 'education for the margins,' and caring for the environment as a path to bring about global peace and sustainability. This mission is being fulfilled by partnering with the Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) for offering online courses. XUB believes that education for the margins is possible only if it endeavors to make education more inclusive and affordable.

## Xavier School of Sustainability (XSoS)

Sustainability has become a guiding principle and a strategy for business growth and sustainable development. Business corporations, UN agencies, government departments, civil society, and other development actors are seeking human resources who can align profit with ecological and social mission. With the uncompromising spirit of connecting business and society, XUB has decided to respond to the global call to promote the cause of sustainability. The Xavier School of Sustainability is established in XUB to fulfill this indispensable mission, to create better leaders for a better world; better leaders for a sustainable world.

## Directorate of Open Learning (DOL)

Open Learning has gained significant importance globally. The World is increasingly moving towards becoming a knowledge society and is witnessing increased number of empowered individuals, thanks to the evolution of information and communication technology. Though millions of people in the world do not have access to information, mobile phones and the internet have made learning and sharing far easier and faster. The future of higher education is in the hands of Universities that have the courage to offer quality open and distance learning programmes. This is why the Directorate of Open Learning (DOL) in XUB is set up.

Mission: " Education in the spirit of Magis. "

Vision: " Enabling people to live extraordinary lives, and be the light for the world. "



Mission: " Sustainability Education in the Spirit of Magis "

Vision: " Enabling people to live extraordinary lives, and be the light for the world. "



Mission: " Inclusive, affordable and quality higher education for promoting knowledge societies and communities. "

Vision: " Enabling people to live extraordinary lives and be the light for the world. "



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