

The Access Academy is inviting applicants for 2010-2011.

In order to apply for admission to the Access Academy, an applicant should:

- Be a female between the ages of 17-25 years
- Have completed 10+2, a total of 12 years' education
- Have secured marks of above 60% or equivalent grades in Secondary School Certificate (SSC)/equivalent and Higher Secondary School (HSC)/ equivalent examinations including a minimum score of 60% in English and at least 60% marks in the last Mathematics exam.
- Leadership potential, experience and commitment to work for positive societal change.

*Students who will appear for 2010 Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)/equivalent examinations are also eligible to apply.

- 75% of the students in the Access Academy will be awarded full scholarships that cover tuition, room and board.
- ONLY students with both parents who do not have any university-level qualification will be considered for full scholarship support
- 25% of the places in Access Academy will be for students who can pay the full or partial charges for tuition, room and board.
- Based on acceptable academic achievements, financial aid will be renewed annually until graduation from AUW.
- A student cannot apply for any change in her financial aid status AFTER she has started at AUW unless something drastic has occurred to change her family's financial situation, but this will be a rare occurrence.
- Travel grants may be awarded to international students who need them, but will be restricted to a one way ticket to Chittagong and a ticket home after graduation from AUW. Any other travel in between will be at the student's own expense.
- Students have to sit for a written admission test in English and Mathematics and an interview.
- Interested students should contact the Office of Admissions at the address given.

Other Related Information

Application form distribution: November 15, 2009
Application forms can be downloaded from our website
Application Deadline: January 15, 2010
Probable date for Admission Test: March 2010
(Exact date will be notified to shortlisted applicants)

For latest announcements on policies and curriculum, please check our website and/or contact your Country Coordinator, or the AUW Office of Admissions directly.

Undergraduate Program

- After successful completion of the Access Academy, students will be awarded a certificate.
- Successful students of the Access Academy will be eligible for admission into to the Undergraduate Program of AUW.
- Students accepted to the Access program with full scholarship and who are subsequently accepted into the undergraduate program will be supported throughout the course of their studies at AUW (both BA and MA) as long as they maintain acceptable academic performance.
- AUW will offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs, where English is the medium of instruction.
- Students may choose from the following:
 - o a five-year program that will culminate in the completion of both a bachelor's and master's degree, or
 - o a traditional four-year Liberal Arts Bachelor's degree program.
- The undergraduate program at AUW will have majors in humanities/arts, social sciences, natural sciences and ICT.
- AUW has partnered with Aalborg University of Denmark to develop curriculum for the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in ICT.
- AUW will run a 6-week summer program for 20 students annually at Stanford University, USA.
- Faculty teaching at AUW are internationally qualified and experienced professors from Asia, USA and UK.



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Asian University for Women (AUW) opens a new era in women's education:

Asian University for Women (AUW) is a leading new institution of higher learning for talented students from across Asia. Located in Chittagong, Bangladesh, AUW aims to empower women to assume leadership positions in their communities, as well as in the world. AUW will promote a more equitable, stable and prosperous future for societies in the Asian region and beyond.

The mission, program and long-term goals of AUW focus on being a catalyst for positive change in the developing world. AUW aspires to establish itself as a truly regional institution: a center of excellence, capturing the best practices in educational standards and institutional management.

AUW offers a unique academic program in liberal arts and sciences, exposure to a diverse international student body, with emphasis on critical thinking coupled with practical training and internship opportunities. The AUW curriculum focuses on community and global leadership with small classes taught by passionate professors. We invite you to join this exceptional university and if you need extra preparation for the rigors of AUW's unique curriculum, our Access Academy can prepare you.

The Access Academy

AUW is currently offering eligible students the option to enroll in the Access Academy: a year-long pre-collegiate bridge program to prepare students for university education. It provides the necessary foundation of English language, quantitative reasoning and computer skills, with emphasis on developing critical thinking skills. Students are housed in modern, secure residential buildings that include in-house primary health care facilities.

The first Access Academy class of 129 students welcomed students from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Cambodia and Sri Lanka, making the Academy an exciting blend of various cultures. The second batch includes students from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Vietnam, Myanmar, China and Palestine-who have started classes from August 2009.

Achievements of Access Academy Students (Class of 2008-2009)

Education Without Borders (EWB) Conference

Six students presented papers, projects and documentaries on different socio-economic issues in the EWB Conference in Dubai.



ICTD Conference in Doha, Qatar

Four students attended the International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development in Doha.



Students in Canada

Two students participated and were nominated as women journalists in a conference in Canada.

Internships in China

Esquel Group, a textile and apparel manufacturer with headquarters in Hong Kong and production facilities in China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka, offered two summer internships to Faiqa Zabeen and Shamima Nasreen Rima in Foshan City, China.



AA students in the World Bank Essay Contest

In the World Bank International Essay Competition 2009, Kaushalya Ruwanthika Ariyathilaka, Farhat Adil and Azmina Karim's essays have been listed in the top 200 essays from submissions from over 150 countries.

Sunita Basnet wins Global World Pulse Mentorship Contest

Sunita Basnet was referred to as a "young microfinance leader" by World Pulse, a media enterprise that broadcasts marginalized voices of women across the globe. She and over 500 applicants participated in an international, highly competitive elimination process resulting in the selection of 30 World Pulse "Correspondents".

AA student presents documentary on AUW in Japan

Azmina Karim presented a documentary on AUW in Japan.

Awards in District Karate Championship, 2008

12 Access Academy students joined the District Karate Championship, along with 120 competitors from 12 sport clubs of Chittagong, and brought home 3 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals.



UNIQUE FACILITIES OF THE Access Academy



Well equipped classroom facilities with audio-visual media. Classroom activities enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity.



Entertainment, recreational, and gym / exercise facilities.



A growing modern library with online resource access center, a music library, and over 7000 books.



Computer Labs with high-speed internet connection.

Extra Curricular Activities include clubs for:

- o Journalism
- o Debate
- o Art
- o Photography
- o Environmental sustainability
- o Community Service

Additional educational and entertainment events as well as field trips are arranged during term breaks.

Administration

Under the leadership of Ms. Kathy Schneider, Academic Director of the Access Academy, a team of dedicated teaching professionals prepare Access Academy students for the rigors of undergraduate education. Ms. Schneider has over 25 years of experience teaching ESL/EFL courses as well as health and physical education courses in the US, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Faculty

The Access Academy teaching staff consists of certified CELTA, TEFL, TESOL and ELT professionals from USA, UK, Ireland, and Bangladesh.

