



ASIAN UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

The Asian University for Women (AUW) seeks to educate a new generation of ethical leaders in Asia. The University welcomes talented young women from all backgrounds who have the courage and commitment to make a difference and provides financial aid to those who need assistance.

Undergraduate Program

- Four-year liberal arts undergraduate program, which consists of a “modes of thought” core curriculum, major, and elective studies. The core curriculum offers studies in: social analysis; literature, civilization studies and the arts; ethical reasoning; mathematics and the sciences. Majors are offered in Politics, Philosophy & Economics; Asian Studies; Biology; and Public Health Studies.
- Students have the opportunity to pursue summer internships; summer study abroad programs; and faculty-supervised summer undergraduate research projects in the students’ home countries.
- Students may participate in a full array of student clubs and activities (including student government, debate, creative writing, and photography).
- AUW offers a comprehensive athletic program consisting of physical education classes, intramural sports, and competitive team sports (including award-winning teams in karate and table tennis).
- Currently, we have 350 undergraduate students from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.



AUW students come from 12 different countries for the rigorous liberal arts education that AUW offers.

Access Academy

- One-year pre-collegiate program designed to prepare students for success at AUW. The curriculum focuses on developing skills in English and mathematics (pre-calculus and calculus), strengthening students’ critical thinking skills, and introducing students to world history and to computers. In addition, all students take a year-long course in karate.
- The Access Academy develops study skills and reinforces personal values of integrity, responsibility, compassion, and respect for diversity.
- Currently, we have 65 Access Academy students from 10 countries.



Access Academy students receive rigorous preparation for entry into the undergraduate program.





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Residential Life and Community

- A UW is located in Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- Students live on campus in residential houses named “Wisdom,” “Truth,” “Justice,” “Courage,” “Imagination,” and “Joy.” The houses serve as a framework for academic programming and intramural sports, and their names were chosen by AUW students as the qualities they hope will be identified with AUW graduates in the future.
- At AUW, no single culture or tradition is dominant among the faculty or students. Our students speak 19 different mother languages in addition to English. We have a truly international faculty who come from North American, Australia, Europe, and Asia, including seven of the countries represented among our student body.
- Students engage with the Chittagong community in a number of ways, including: participating in service projects; hosting regional Model United Nations events and international conferences; interacting with the local arts community; and observing the festivals of Chittagong’s many religious communities.

Collaborations

- Since 2009, Stanford University has funded two post-doctoral teaching fellows each year, and in 2011, the University offered a summer program for twenty-five AUW students.

History

- The Asian University for Women opened in 2008, with the launch of the Access Academy. The undergraduate program began enrolling students one year later.

University Leadership

- The Asian University for Women, while modeled on an American style liberal arts college, has a leadership structure that is common in South Asia, with an honorary Chancellor who presides at ceremonial events and a Vice Chancellor who has responsibility for running the University.
- Mrs. Cherie Blair, leading UK human rights lawyer, was appointed the first Chancellor of the Asian University for Women in January 2011.
- Mary J. Sansalone became Provost and Chief Academic Officer in July 2010. On July 1, 2011, she was named Vice Chancellor and CEO. She has an MPA from Harvard University and a PhD in Engineering from Cornell University.

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