

STUDY ABROAD AT

ASHOKA



DISCOVER  
INDIA  
THROUGH  
ASHOKA

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## About Ashoka University

Celebrating a Decade of Transformative Education



**200+**  
Founders



**Model**  
of collective philanthropy



**Youngest university**  
in the NIRF Top 100 in 2022



Top Private University in  
**India in 2024**



## Stellar Faculty from Across the World



**240+**  
Faculty



**172**  
permanent &  
**70**  
visiting

**90%**  
of Ashoka faculty boast  
**Global Expertise**

**over 800**  
publications, books and articles in  
**Prestigious Journals**



With PhDs from top-tier institutions like Yale, Cornell, Cambridge, Oxford, Sciences Po and more!



**3000+**  
**Students**  
from 21 countries

**4% international scholars, 57% women**  
and over 50 specially abled students

**4,500**  
Ashoka students have received  
**INR 510 crores**  
in financial aid



**1800**  
of these  
have had a  
tuition-free  
education

**5000+ Alumni**



Prestigious  
**Scholarships**  
received by Ashoka's



Fulbright Scholarship, Rhodes Scholarship, Inlaks Scholarship, Charles Wallace Fellowship, Felix scholarship, Knight-Hennessy Scholarship, Schwarzman Scholarship, Quad Fellowship and McCall McBain Scholarship

**Ashoka's Global Footprint**

**50+** Partner  
Universities

Member of Global Humanities  
Initiative (GHI)

Global liberal  
arts pedagogy



Interdisciplinary  
Research at Ashoka



State-of-the-art Labs

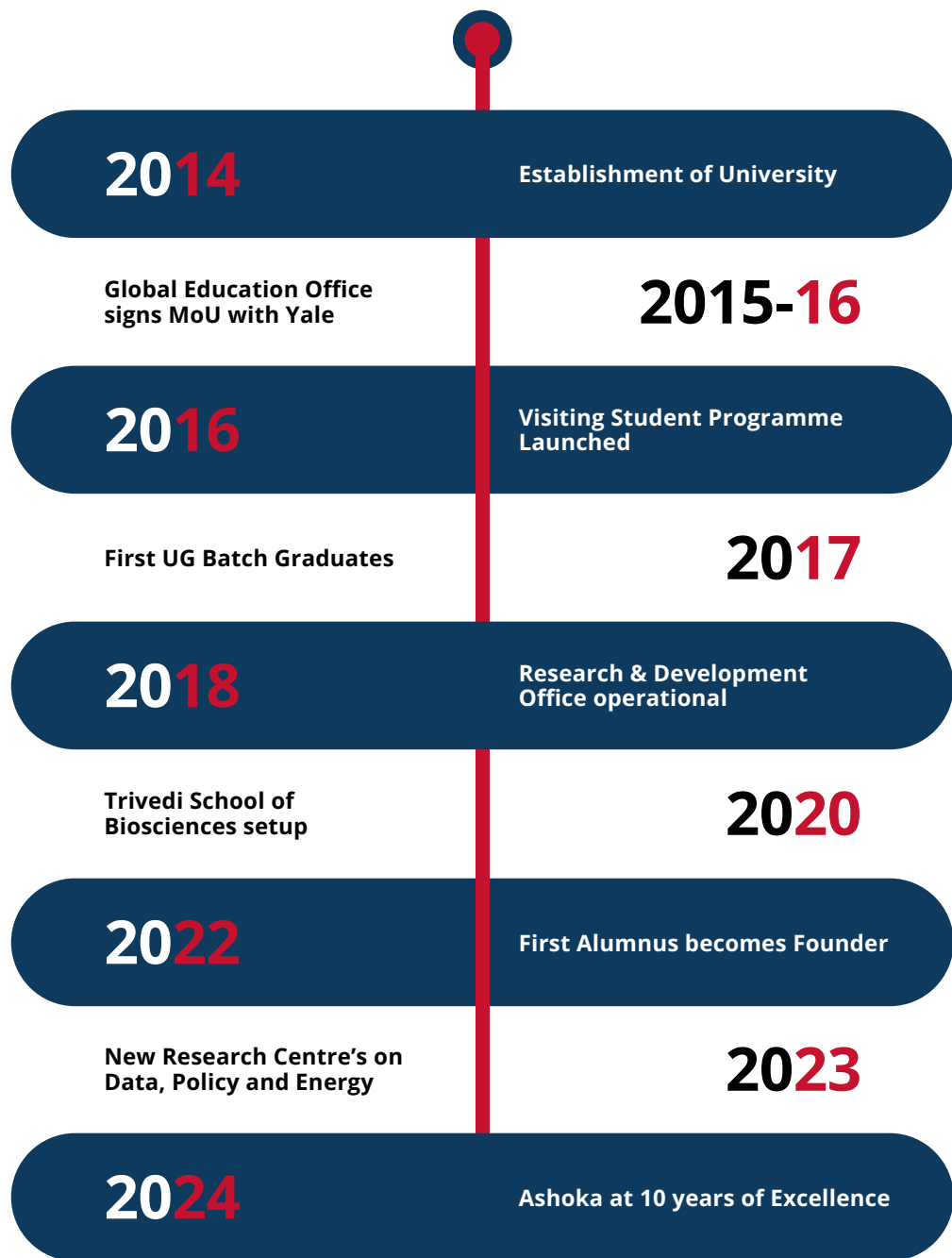


Marquee initiatives to  
scale sciences

**Ashoka Archives of Contemporary India**

Digital Archives can be accessed by scholars worldwide:  
<https://archives.ashoka.edu.in/>





## Visiting Student Programme

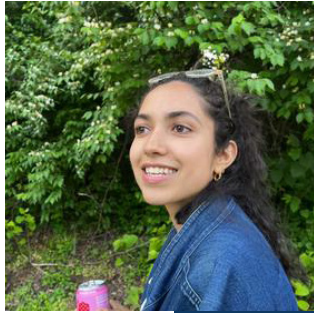
Ashoka University welcomes students from international institutions across the globe to experience the university's unique academic offerings through the **Visiting Student Programme (VSP)**. Under this programme, students can spend either a summer, semester or a full academic year at Ashoka.

### Students can spend

- Semester
- Research Internships
- Summer Courses
- Joint Programmes

- Vibrant Visiting Student Programme hosted
- 150+** Students
- 20+** Universities


# Ashoka Experience



**Pia Sarah Haykel**  
Princeton University

“ I learned about the formation of the modern Indian state and gained a deeper understanding of the mechanisms of a democracy from the Contemporary Indian Politics course. While we were taught India specific chronology and history, Professor Sitapati also introduced us to concepts of the State, Democracy, Ethnicity and Identity. All of these are relevant as I go forward in research. ”



**James Toogood**  
Monash University

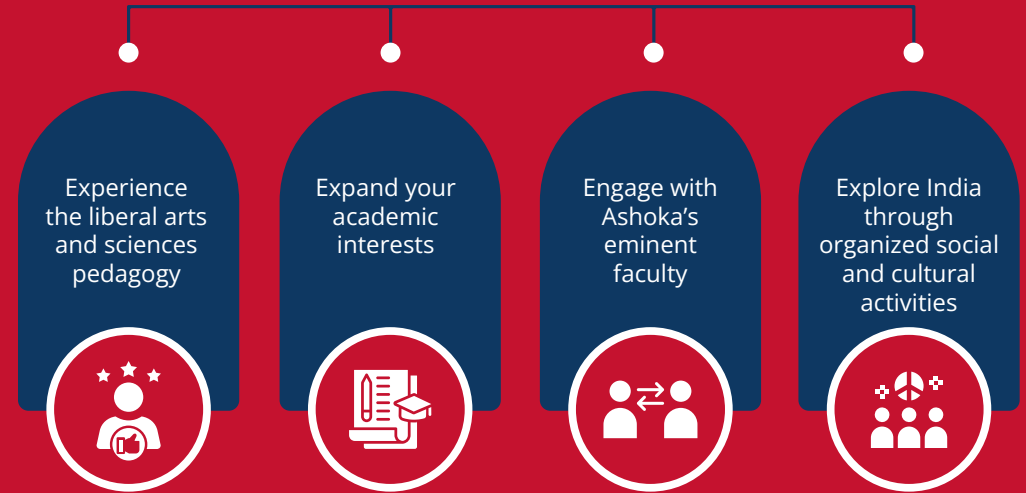
“ I have found the interdisciplinary nature of Ashoka education to be extremely rewarding, as I've been able to delve into history, environmental studies, and politics over the course of one semester. It's been great learning from some of India's best lecturers, who have made me critically analyze the way that I think. ”



**Maya Rabow**  
Northeastern University

“ The field course helped me in developing ethnography skills to conduct community-based research and it surprised me how easy it was to speak with people at the field site. ”

# Why Ashoka?



**Dewina Leuschner,**  
Leuphana University

My Ashoka experience so far

- A** dventure
- S** tuding
- H** ome
- O** pen
- K** een
- A** mbitious

## Academic information

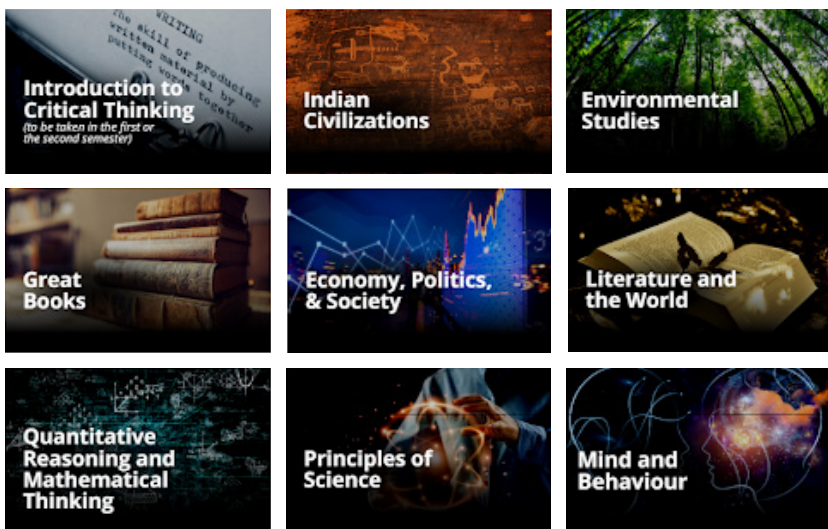
### Course Details

You can find course details on the Ashoka online course catalogue at [www.ashoka.edu.in/course-catalogue](http://www.ashoka.edu.in/course-catalogue). Visiting students have the option to study foundational courses, co-curricular courses, different level courses and advanced courses in some academic areas with academic approval.



### Foundation Courses (FCs)

FCs are a signature element of an Ashoka education. FCs introduce students to diverse styles of thinking and are frequently taught in an inter- and trans-disciplinary manner.



### Majors & Minors

#### Pure Major

- Biology
- Mathematics
- Computer science
- Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Economics
- Political Science
- English
- Psychology
- History
- Sociology/Anthropology

### Interdisciplinary Majors

- Computer Science and Entrepreneurial Leadership
- English and Media Studies
- Economics and Finance
- English and Performing Arts
- Economics and History
- History and International Relations
- English and Creative Writing
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Psychology and Philosophy
- Philosophy and Computer Science
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics



My semester in Ashoka has been beyond my expectations. I have thoroughly enjoyed the interdisciplinary approach to courses, allowing me to branch out, partaking in courses beyond my concentration in my home university.

**Helene Dansembourg** - Visiting Student to Ashoka, University College Maastricht

### Minor

- Creative Writing Media Studies
- Entrepreneurial Leadership and Strategy
- Performing Arts
- Environmental Studies Sanskrit Studies
- International Relations Visual Arts
- Astronomy China Studies

### Co-Curricular Courses

- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Languages



Studying at Ashoka was a great experience as I had the opportunity to study sanskrit which was a great challenge because I started from scratch. In addition, thanks to the great variety of available classes, I managed my timetable to have time to visit some places in India. I still have a lot to explore so I will definitely come back!

**Adele Quesnoit** \_HEC Paris

## Discover Fascinating India Through Ashoka



- › Explore courses in Sanskrit
- › Readings in Yogashastra
- › Indian History
- › Introduction to Mughal History
- › India in Asian Geopolitics
- › Indian State in a Comparative Perspective
- › Indian Macroeconomy and Financial Markets



“ Studying at Ashoka is an excellent way to discover the incredible diversity of India, both through courses and potential travel. This mid-semester break I traveled to the east of the country to Darjeeling and Kolkata with Elsa and Adèle! ”

**Jules Pomeroy**, Sciences Po

## Campus Life

At Ashoka, when not occupied with academics, students will find themselves immersed in pursuing their hobbies and interests through 50+ student run clubs and societies!



“ Studying at Ashoka is more than just academic improvement. The warmth of the campus and all its people make you feel welcome and safe, making this a very memorable semester in the best way possible! ”

**Desiree Corrijn**, University of Ghent



“ The biggest difference this year is undoubtedly the life on campus, which adds a very special flavour to the university experience, with exceptional contact with other students on a daily basis and the sharing of a common life. There are so many incredible memories born at Ashoka...but if I had to pick just one, it would be Garba Night. I'll never forget this mix of dancing, laughter and unconditional welcome. ”

**Blanche Deboschere**, Sciences Po



## Accommodation & Campus Facilities

**Guaranteed**  
on campus  
accommodation

**Fully furnished**  
residence halls with laundry service



Campus  
**shuttle**



## Application & fees

### Entry Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Must be  
enrolled as full-time student

The home university  
must accept Ashoka  
course transfer credits



Completed a minimum of 1  
year of university level study

**Grade:** A cumulative GPA  
of 3.0 or above on a 4.0  
scale; or its equivalent

### How to apply?

To apply,  
please write to  
[gloaleducation@  
ashoka.edu.in](mailto:gloaleducation@ashoka.edu.in)

Students will be  
guided to the [online  
application system](#)

For **Nominated /exchange students**,  
the home institution must send a list  
of nominated students to the Office  
of Global Education at Ashoka via  
[gloaleducation@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:gloaleducation@ashoka.edu.in).

### How to Support your application

You will be asked to provide

Transcript & CV

Statement of  
purpose (SoP)

LoR from faculty

Passport PDF

### Fees

#### Semester

USD 9000 for a semester, this included tuition, accommodation & meal plan (for 4 times) at Ashoka

#### Summer

USD 3000 for one in-person course (includes tuition fees, on-campus accommodation and meal plan). USD 1500 for an additional course.

## Important deadlines

### Fall (Monsoon) Semester or full academic year

- Nomination deadline: 15 April
- Application deadline: 15 May

### Spring Semester

- Nomination deadline: 1 October
- Application deadline: 1 November

### Summer Semester

- Nomination deadline: 1 April
- Application deadline: 1 May

## Programme delivery:

### Semester:

Fall semester starts at Ashoka in August and ends in December. Spring semester starts at the end of January and will last until May.

### Summer:

- Duration: 6 weeks (July – August)
- Each 4-credit course entails 40 contact hours.

### Credits:

#### Fall & Spring Semester:

4 courses (4 credits each) equivalent to 30 ECTS.

Each 4-credit course entails 40 contact hours.

1 optional (2 credits) co-curricular course in performing arts/visual arts/languages.

### Summer courses

- 1 or 2 courses (4 credits each). Each course is equivalent to 7.5 ECTS.

## Study Abroad Team

The Office of Global Education provides extensive support to applicants of the programme. The office supports visiting students for their academic planning, course selection, and supports them during their time at Ashoka.

### Meet the Team



**Ali Imran**  
VP, Ext. Engagements



**Gitanjali Rana**  
Director



**Anupama Gustav**  
Senior Manager



**Amrutha V S**  
Deputy Manager

For semester abroad related queries: [globaleducation@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:globaleducation@ashoka.edu.in)

All questions related to summer at Ashoka can be directed to [summer.vsp@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:summer.vsp@ashoka.edu.in)

### For More Information Visit



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**More Information Online:**  
[ashoka.edu.in/program/visiting-student-programme](https://ashoka.edu.in/program/visiting-student-programme)

