



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB, BATHINDA

CENTRE FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES

ADMISSIONS 2012-13

THE UNIVERSITY

The Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (CUPB), established vide an Act of Parliament in 2009, is one of the fastest growing next generation universities in the country. It is enabled with state of the art facilities and expertise for learning and research and offers some of the best and innovative academic programmes designed in tune with the challenges of present time. Its teaching and research pursue a non-conventional path in accordance with the new and emerging preferences and inclinations in the field of knowledge. Situated near the Bathinda city on a clean and lush green campus, its city campus is equipped with a modern library with a large number books and subscriptions to top international and national journals, state of the art class rooms, hostels, reading rooms, fitness centre, health centre, conferencing and video-conferencing infrastructure, and most modern equipments of computing. It also offers scholarships to all M.Phil. and Ph.D. students (Rs.3000 for M.Phil. and Rs.5000 for Ph.D.) per month and promotes a vibrant and open academic culture. CUPB's new campus is coming up in a vast 500 acres of land on the outskirts of Bathinda city with world class facilities.

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The evolving connotation of South and Central Asian region as a 'transformation driver' has irresistibly driven not only the big powers to reconsider their strategic and economic priorities but also a major realm of academia to review the previous drift of learning. Such a challenging task has been undertaken by CUPB in the form of establishing a specialized Centre for South and Central Asian Studies. The centre being the founding pillar among the four centres under School of Global Relations is unique and innovative in its focus and is committed to cutting edge research. The centre seeks to promote, conduct and disseminate interdisciplinary studies in the key areas of South and Central Asian history, polity, economy and society. The historical and contemporary connections between the two regions alongside multiple forms of exchange among them and the political and economic regimes governing such exchanges are among the centre's thrust areas of teaching and research. With a firm emphasis on research based learning and knowledge creation, all aspects of life in the region figure under the academic purview of the centre. The centre is on the process of expansion with internationally experienced faculty having commendable publication record and research experience. Being an interdisciplinary area study centre in tune with the latest academic trends, students belonging to any disciplines in Social Sciences and Humanities can enroll in the academic programmes of the centre in pursuit of successful careers in diverse fields including academics, media, administration and non-governmental organizations.

BATHINDA CITY

The city of Bathinda is located in the Malwa region of Punjab. Its history can be traced back to the days of Harappan civilization. A commercial hub of Punjab, the Bathinda city is now a bustling municipal corporation with excellent road and rail connectivity with other parts of the country.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES & ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The Centre for South and Central Asian Studies offers three academic programmes from current year. All these programmes follow credit-based semester system and are interdisciplinary in nature. All the programmes offered by the centre involve course work and external evaluation.

An all India entrance examination will be conducted on July 7, 2012 at select cities across the country. However, for direct admission to Ph.D. programme, entrance examination and personal interview will be held only at Central University of Punjab, City Campus, Mansa Road, Bathinda on a date to be announced later. Please visit the university website for details of application, entrance examination, admission process and syllabi for each programme. The eligibility criteria and number of seats available for each programme are given below:

Programme	No. of seats	Duration	Eligibility
Ph.D. in South and Central Asian Studies	05	Six Semesters	Master's degree in any field of Social Sciences and Humanities from a recognized Indian or foreign university with a minimum of 55% marks. The programme is open to only UGC-JRF or NET qualified candidates.
M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in South and Central Asian Studies	15	Eight Semesters	Master's degree in any branch of Social Sciences and Humanities from a recognized Indian or foreign university with a minimum of 55% marks.
M.A. in International Studies	25	Four semesters	Bachelor's degree in any branch of Social Sciences or Humanities from a recognized Indian or foreign university with a minimum of 55% marks.

IMPORTANT DATES

Online application open from : June 7, 2012
 Closing date of online application : June 22, 2012
 All India Entrance Examination : July 7, 2012
 Commencement of 2012-13 session : August 1, 2012

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