BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI

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International Students Admission (ISA) Scheme

Integrated First Degree Programmes of BITS Pilani at Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa, & Hyderabad Campuses

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Academic Year 2026-27

Message from the Vice-Chancellor, BITS Pilani

Build the foundation of a great career at an Institution of Eminence

Dear Student,

Having pioneered credit based semester system in technical education in the country, BITS Pilani has been a leader in 'do engineering' education like no other with semester long immersive industry internship for all students, and with a unique opportunity for industry professionals through work integrated learning processes in the novel pedagogic framework. The curricular flexibility empowers an individual with the cross-domain expertise being emphasized today. Being consistently ranked among the top level institutions of the country, we strive hard to attain greater heights.

Leveraging on the best in class communication systems in place, the multi campus synergy is exemplified leading to exposure of students in one campus to be exposed to the very best from the other three campuses.

The future is expected to exhibit more trans-disciplinary learning and research anchored in a convergence construct. We will see more of joining hands with the leading institutions in the world and research laboratories, and a greater focus on national grand challenge research.

With a population of nearly 35,000, our students are the emerging leaders who will help shape tomorrow's world, employing game changing skills with a strong integrity and societal values leading to an all-round winner.

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Important Dates

Online application window	December 12, 2025 – April 05, 2026
Provision for editing of online applications by candidates	April 13 – April 15, 2026
Last date to receive SAT scores through CollegeBoard	April 15, 2026
Release of 1st list of Admission Offers	April 24, 2026
First semester commences	1st or 2nd Week of August, 2026

The Birla Institute of Technology and Science, BITS Pilani, is a deemed to be university under the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India. The University is a dream come true of its founder late Mr. G. D. Birla - an eminent industrialist, a participant in Indian freedom struggle and a close associate of the Father of Indian Nation late Mr. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi).

The parent campus of BITS, at Pilani (Rajasthan), had a strong technical collaboration with MIT (USA) during its inception, under the Ford Foundation Grant. BITS have been accredited with the grade 'A++' by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India.

Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani, which has been conferred the status of an Institution of Eminence by the Ministry of Education, GoI, is India's leading Institute of Higher Education with an illustrious legacy, modern campuses, legendary placement, and eminent alumni in leadership positions across the world. The Institute's commitment to excellence, adherence to merit, transparency, innovation, and enterprise have characterized its steady march to eminence. It is the only Private University that DST, GoI has identified to establish a Technology Innovation Hub under the Bio-CPS vertical with a grant of Rs 125 Crore.

BITS Pilani's commitment to transparency and stress on equal opportunity has been a key contributing factor behind its emergence as an institute of national repute. The University's rigorous intake process reward only merit and ensures that only truly motivated students join BITS.

In addition to academics, we also focus on providing students with opportunities for all round development. There is a culture of freedom coupled with a holistic environment for multidimensional growth. The students of the campuses are truly ready to become the innovators of tomorrow.

More information about BITS Pilani and its campuses can be found at: www.bits-pilani.ac.in.

2. Why enroll at BITS Pilani?

- Recognized as an Institution of Eminence (IoE) by Govt. of India.
- No. 1 Technical Institute in non-Govt. category by India Today.
- 2nd in Pharmacy Category by the NIRF India Ranking-2025 (MHRD, Govt. of India)
- 60 Years completing in the service of nation.
- In top 8 University Graduate by QS India Employability Ranking 2023
- 6400+ startups: 14 Unicorn & 1 Decacorn
- Minimum 15% of scholarship on tuition fee for the first semester 2026-27 to every admitted student
- Top class research-focused faculty.
- Purely merit-based student admissions.
- Over 16,500 on-campus students.
- Option for six-month industrial training for students through a unique programme called 'Practice School'.
- Record of impeccable placements in Indian & multinational companies. More than 90% average placement success rate at three Indian campuses (Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa, & Hyderabad).
- Alumni in leadership positions in industry and academia.

A student who satisfies all of the following criteria is eligible to apply to Integrated First Degree programmes through International Students Admissions' scheme:

- Only citizens (candidates holding foreign passports) of a country other than India can apply.

- For admission to all the integrated First Degree programmes, candidates should have passed the 12th grade examination of the 10+2 system from a recognized board or its equivalent with adequate proficiency in English. Except for admission to B.Pharm. and B.E. Environmental and Sustainability Engineering with PCB input, the candidates should have Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects along with one of Chemistry/Biotechnology/Biology/Technical Vocational Subjects.

- For admission to B.Pharm. and B.E. Environmental and Sustainability Engineering (with PCB input) programmes, candidates should have Physics, & Biology/Mathematics as compulsory subjects along with one of Chemistry/Biotechnology/Technical Vocational Subjects.

- In addition, the candidate under ISA scheme should have obtained a minimum aggregate of 75% marks in Physics, Mathematics, & Chemistry/Biology/Biotechnology/Technical Vocational subjects with at least 60% marks in each of these subjects in the 12th grade examination for **B.E. and M.Sc. programmes.**

- **For B.Pharm. and B.E. Environmental and Sustainability Engineering (with PCB input) programmes**, a minimum aggregate of 75% marks in Physics, Biology/Mathematics, and Chemistry/Biology/Biotechnology/Technical Vocational subjects with at least 60% marks in each of these subjects in the 12th grade examination. Those who choose Biology as an alternate to Mathematics for applying to B.Pharm. programme must choose from Chemistry/Biotechnology/Technical Vocational subjects as the third subject.

- Candidates who have not taken Chemistry in 10+2 curricula will be required to complete bridge course in Chemistry in their first semester.

- Candidate should have a minimum aggregate score of 1160 (out of maximum of 1600) in SAT (new format) which includes a Reading & Writing and Mathematics test.

- Scores of candidates who had written SAT as per the old format will be mapped using concordance tables available from CollegeBoard (USA).

- The candidate should have written the SAT not earlier than February 1, 2024.

- Only Students who are appearing for the 12th examination in 2026 or who have passed the 12th Examination in 2025 are eligible. If a candidate has taken more than one attempt in the 12th class or its equivalent, only his/her latest performance is considered. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

  - Students must appear for their 12th-grade examination for the first time in 2025 or 2026, with Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics/Biology as compulsory subjects.

    OR

  - Students who completed their 12th-grade examination in 2025 may reappear for improvement exams in specific subject(s). The results of these improvements must be available by the prescribed submission deadline as specified on the admissions portal.

    OR

  - Students who retake the full set of 12th-grade subjects are also eligible, provided their results are available by the submission deadline, as specified on the admissions portal.

1. Candidates who do not have any of the following marks/ scores at the time of applying can submit the application:

   i. SAT score (yet to take SAT)

   ii. Qualifying examination results (only students who are appearing for 12th examination in 2026 or who have passed 12th Examination in 2025 are eligible).

   However, candidates MUST submit the SAT score and qualifying examination result as early as possible, but NOT later than the dates given below:

   i. SAT Score – **April 15, 2026**

   ii. Qualifying Examination (Grade 12) results – **April 15, 2026**

   Qualifying examination (Grade 12) marks should be uploaded on the website by April 15, 2026, **if results are announced by then.**

2. **CAIE and IB Board Students**:

   Candidates from the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) board must have completed the required subjects at the A Level. Similarly, students from the International Baccalaureate (IB) board must have completed the required subjects at the Higher Level (HL) to satisfy the eligibility criteria.

3. If a candidate fails to furnish any of these by the specified date or fails to meet the eligibility criteria (i.e. secures less than specified minimum in Class 12 (only) and/ or SAT test and thus becomes ineligible), his/ her admission would stand cancelled. Details of the Refund Policy will be announced at the time of making admission offers.

4. Candidates for whom the above qualifying score (Grade 12th Marks) is not available at the time of making admission, would be considered and may be offered 'provisional admission' based on their SAT score.

5. The 'provisional admission' would be confirmed after the missing score/s is/are received, found to meet the stipulated eligibility requirements, and all other stipulated admission requirements are complete.

6. First list of the admission offers to selected candidates will be released on April 24, 2026.

7. Those who are appearing for SAT in May/June 2026 or the candidates who could not apply during the first application window can apply from **June 03-June 22, 2026** through the website (**https://admissions.bits-pilani.ac.in/ISA/ISA.html**) under the International Students Admissions (ISA) Scheme. However, they will be considered for admission only to those degree programmes in which seats are remaining/vacant under International Students Admission (ISA) Scheme at that time. Such admission offers, for remaining seats if any, may be announced on **July 01, 2026**.

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Candidates applying to the undergraduate programmes at BITS Pilani are required to:

- Appear for Grade 12 (qualifying examination) and Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), which includes a Reading & Writing and Mathematics test.

- Request CollegeBoard to send SAT scores to BITS Pilani (DI code: 7759–BITS Pilani).

- Fill the Application Form online latest by April 05, 2026. The SAT score should be available to the candidates at the time of their application. Candidates should also ensure that their SAT scores must be received by BITS Pilani through CollegeBoard officially latest by April 15, 2026.

- Upload required documents such as Grade 12 marks sheets, photographs, copies of passport, etc. If the transcripts of Grade 12 are not available during the first application window, a separate online window to provide Grade 12 marks will be opened and the timeline of the same will be published through admissions website. The passport should be valid for a minimum of six months from the date of joining the institute.

- Submit the application and pay the application fee of INR 7000/- online only.

- Upon completing the application form online and payment of the application fee online, an acknowledgment will be generated, and candidates should keep this copy of the submitted form and payment details (acknowledgment) with themselves for any future use. Additional or missing information, if any, may be asked by BITS Pilani through email from the candidates. Please quote the application number in all your correspondences related to admissions.

- The merit position of all eligible candidates will be prepared based on their SAT scores which include a Reading & Writing and Mathematics test. If there is a tie, it would be eliminated using the following criteria:
  i.   First, the number of years/months of education spent by the candidate in a foreign country (outside India) shall be considered for resolving the tied scores.
  ii. If the tie still exists, their Mathematics score (out of 800) of SAT exam shall be considered for separating them.
  iii. If the tie still exists, their Physics, Mathematics, & Chemistry/Biology/Biotechnology/Technical Vocational subjects' total marks in the 10+2 examination shall be considered for separating them.
  iv. If the tie still exists, their scores obtained in Mathematics/Biology (Applicable for B.Pharm. programme only) subject in the 12th-grade examination shall be considered for separating them.
  v.   If the tie still exists, their Physics subject scores in the 12th-grade examination shall be considered.
  vi. If the ties still exist, their Chemistry/Biotechnology/Biology/Technical Vocational subject scores in the 12th-grade examination shall be considered to break the tie.
  vii. If the tie still exists, preference shall be given to female candidates for separating them.

  The admission committee reserves the right to impose any further or additional criteria such as conducting the online test, interview of the student, evaluation of extra-curricular activities and exceptional talent, etc., in case of any further tie, which shall be announced if the situation warrants.

- Candidates may also be interviewed before offering admission. The related information will be shared with the candidate through email.

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- Admission offers for those students who submit the SAT score on or before April 15, 2026, will be announced through the website (https://admissions.bits-pilani.ac.in/ISA/ISA.html) on April 24, 2026 with details of reporting date, scholarships and other requirements and relevant information. Candidates will be given adequate time or 5-10 days to accept the offer by paying the requisite fee. Once the fee is paid, BITS Pilani may then send the printed copy of admission letters to the students requiring applying for VISA.

- All information and communication regarding the International Student Admission (ISA) Scheme-2026 admission will be made available to the candidates through the ISA website https://admissions.bits-pilani.ac.in/ISA/ISA.html. Candidates are advised to view this website regularly for up-to-date announcements and all related information for admissions under this scheme.

4.1 FAQs on Admission Process and Eligibility

1) **What is SAT and where can I take the SAT Test?**

- SAT stands for Scholastic Assessment Test and is administered by CollegeBoard, USA. You may refer this link https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/whats-on-the-test for more details.

2) **Is the SAT Subject score required for admission?**

- No, SAT subject score will not be required for admission. As mentioned above, merit position of all eligible candidates will be decided based on their SAT score (new format) and other criteria mentioned above.

3) **What is the last SAT sitting that BITS Pilani will accept for applicants?**

- We suggest that applicants should take SAT tests latest by March 2026.

4) **The admission offer will be made based on the latest SAT score or the best of the SAT Scores?**

- Applicants are suggested to submit their best SAT score by the specified deadline, which will be considered to prepare the merit list for admission.

5) **Does BITS Pilani consider SAT superscores?**

- Yes, the applicants can mention their SAT superscores while filling out the application form and the same may be considered for the admission process.

6) **What is the Designated Institution (DI) code of BITS Pilani for SAT?**

- Designated Institution (DI) code is 7759 – BITS Pilani.

7) **When will I hear if I've been admitted?**

- You will be informed about our admission decision (first list of admission offers) on April 24, 2026 through the International admission website (https://admissions.bits-pilani.ac.in/ISA/ISA.html). Please make sure to check the website regularly for the latest updates.

- Yes, BITS Pilani maintains wait-lists. Wait listed students will be also informed through the website.

9) **Is an interview part of the selection process?**

- You may be interviewed before the final decision on admission is made. This interview will not change any merit order of the candidate. However, if the candidate fails to show up for the interview, his/her admission will automatically be canceled.

10) **Does BITS Pilani provide scholarships?**

- Merit-based scholarships are available for all the admitted students in the form of tuition fee waivers which range from 15% to 80%. In the first semester, scholarships will be awarded based on the candidate's standing in the merit list. Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent semesters will depend on performance of the student at BITS Pilani.

11) **What is the medium of instruction at BITS?**

- All lectures and official communications are in English.

12) **What if my results are not available at the time of admission?**

- Without SAT score your application to BITS Pilani would be incomplete. In case your Grade 12 (qualifying examination) results are not available when you apply, you will be offered provisional admission based on other eligibility criteria. However, you would need to submit the results during the window to submit Grade 12 marks, failing which your admission would be cancelled.

13) **Are admissions open to all the four campuses of BITS?**

- For the academic year 2026-2027, admissions are open at the Pilani, K.K. Birla Goa, and Hyderabad campuses of BITS Pilani.

14) **Is it possible for a citizen of a country other than India to choose the admission via either of the intake processes, that is - BITSAT or International Student Admission?**

- A student who is a citizen of a country other than India can choose to appear for both the modes of admission, that is - BITSAT and International Student Admission (ISA), provided eligibility criteria for each of the modes are met. Through ISA, admissions are open to the Pilani, K.K. Birla Goa, and Hyderabad campuses of BITS Pilani. The timeline for the two modes of admission (BITSAT and ISA) are different. For more details about BITSAT, you may visit: https://admissions.bits-pilani.ac.in.

15) **Where is Pilani?**

- Pilani is located 200 km west of Delhi and 220 km north of Jaipur in the State of Rajasthan and in northwestern part of India.

- Goa is located in the western region of India; it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north, and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. It is India's smallest state by area and the fourth smallest by population.

17) **Where is Hyderabad?**

- Hyderabad, the City of Pearls, is located in the north-western part of the State of Telangana in southeastern India.

18) **What about Visa?**

- Most foreign nationals need a Student Visa to study in India. Admitted students would need to apply for a visa at the Indian Embassy/Consulate in the country that they reside in.

5. Orientation Week

Orientation week gives you an opportunity to:

- Acclimatize to the Indian environment
- Get familiar with the BITS Academic system
- Get to know your way around campus and to meet your peers
- Check out the city's main attractions, on a guided tour organized by BITS Pilani

6. Undergraduate Programme Overview

BITS Pilani offers Engineering and Science programmes for international students in the academic year 2026- 2027 at Pilani, K.K. Birla Goa, and Hyderabad campuses.

➢ **Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.)**

These four-year programmes in Engineering are a combination of Mathematics and Science-based courses and incorporate up-to-date techniques of analysis and synthesis.

Prog. Code	Programme Name	Prog. Code	Programme Name
A1	Chemical Engineering	AA	Electronics & Communication Engineering
A2	Civil Engineering*	AB	Manufacturing Engineering**
A3	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	AC	Electronics and Computer Engineering#
A4	Mechanical Engineering	AD	Mathematics and Computing
A7	Computer Science	AJ	Environmental and Sustainability Engg.
A8	Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering	-	-

* This programme will be offered at Pilani & Hyderabad campuses only.

**This programme will be offered at the Pilani Campus only.

 # This programme will be offered at K.K. Birla Goa Campus only.

> **Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.)**

This four-year programme trains students in all diverse fields of pharmacy, orienting their applicability to industrial and research needs. The programme offers students additional courses which give the shape and flavor of engineering as well as fundamental sciences, giving an added dimension to the students' academics. **This programme will be offered at the Pilani & Hyderabad campuses only.**

> **Master of Science (M.Sc.)**

These are four-year integrated degree programmes without any intermediate Bachelor of Science degree. While these programmes ensure the required science component in any comparable post-graduate science degrees of other Universities, they also incorporate many courses which have been notionally considered to be the preserves of Engineers.

Prog. Code	Programme Name
B1	Biological Sciences
B2	Chemistry
B3	Economics
B4	Mathematics
B5	Physics
B7	Semiconductor and Nanoscience

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7. Programme Structure (B.E., B. Pharm. and M.Sc.)

Integrated Degree Programmes in Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Pharmacy, and Master of Science have several common courses. These degrees are based on a modular structure, and their academic requirements are spelt out in respect of the number of courses and units. All these programmes are structured in such a way that normally a student will be able to finish a programme in eight semesters. The flexibility of the institute allows a student to do their programme at a faster pace and finish it earlier than eight semesters or at a slower pace to finish later than eight semesters.

Category	Number of Credits/ Units Required	Number of Courses Required
(I) General Institutional Requirement		
Humanities Electives	8	3
Science Foundation	12	6
Mathematics Foundation	12	4
Engineering Foundation	6	2
Technical Arts	10	4
General Awareness / Professional Courses	3 to 6	1 to 3

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(II) Discipline Requirement		
Core	33 to 48	10 to 16
Elective	12 to 27	4 to 9
Sub-Total	57 to 60	15 to 20
(III) Open Electives	15 to 27	5 to 9
Course work Sub-Total	**129 (minimum)**	**41 (minimum)**
(IV) PS-I and II	25	2
OR	OR	OR
Thesis	9 to 16	1
Total	**144 (minimum)**	7 **(minimum)**

7.1 FAQs on Programmes

1) What is Practice School?

During Practice School (PS), the classroom is shifted to a professional location where the students, under the supervision of the faculty, are involved in applying the knowledge acquired in the classroom for finding solutions to real-life problems. The PS programme consists of two components: PS-I of 2 months' duration implemented during the summer following the second year and PS-II of 5 ½ months duration, implemented during either of the semesters of the final year.

2) What is the Thesis option?

An integrated undergraduate degree programme student must opt for either Thesis or Practice School in their final year of study. In the Thesis option, students will be assigned a topic of research on which they are required to work either at BITS Pilani or at a collaborating organization for duration of five and a half months.

8. Fee Structure

Following fee structure is of previous academic year 2025-26. **The Fee structure for 2026-27 will be updated on the website** https://admissions.bits-pilani.ac.in/ISA/ISA.html. BITS Pilani Fee structure for AY 2025-26 for International Students (Each Academic Year consists of two semesters: The First Semester is between August and December; the Second Semester is between January and May. There is an optional Summer Term from May-July)

Fee Structure for AY 2025-2026 (All figures are in INR)						
	Non-SAARC Students			**SAARC students**		
	One Time	Semester 1	Semester 2	One Time	Semester 1	Semester 2
Application Fee	6,900	-	-	6,900	-	-
One Time Fees (Payable at the time of Admission)						
Admission fees	1,47,300	-	-	1,47,300	-	-
Facilitation fee (covering charges for local travel, room and board during "orientation" in 1st month)	16,130	-	-	16,130	-	-

graduation or leaving the Institute, after adjusting all dues).	32,000	-	-	32,000	-	-
Annual Fees (Payable along with First Semester Fees)						
Students' Union, Student Aid Fund	-	4,160	-	-	4,160	-
Semester Fees (Payable before the beginning of the Semester)						
Tuition Fees	-	7,00,500	7,00,500	-	4,12,500	4,12,500
Hostel Fees and Internet Charges	-	74,750	74,750	-	74,750	74,750
Mess and Electricity Advance (this is adjusted against mess and electricity bills at the end of each semester).	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Other Advances	-	12,000	12,000	-	12,000	12,000
Totals	**2,02,330**	**8,01,410**	**7,97,250**	**2,02,330**	**5,13,410**	**5,09,250**

In addition to the above, students may be required to pay for Food, Electricity; Medical/Health Insurance and Other advances; Visa (Application/ Renewal Fees) etc.

Scholarships - Tuition fee waiver is based on merit: Top 4% students will get 80% waiver, next 10% will get 50%, next 20% will get 30% waiver, and remaining will get 15% Tuition fee waiver. All fee waiver decisions will be announced after admissions are completed.

For further scholarship eligibility during subsequent semesters while studying in BITS, a student has to score a Minimum CGPA of 8.0 to claim 80% tuition fee waiver, and a minimum of 6.0 CGPA for claiming any other scholarship level (50, 30, or 15%) while remaining in top 4, 10, 20, and remaining 66% percentage.

The above semester fee is for foreign students to be admitted in academic year 2025-2026 for undergraduate programmes. From 2026 onwards, fees will be revised upwards every year.

Other Fees (based on options selected), payable as and when required:	
Summer Term Tuition Fees	35% of Semester Tuition Fees in Corresponding Academic Year
Summer Term Hostel Fees	50% of Semester Hostel Fees in corresponding Academic Year
Practice School I	35% of semester tuition fee in corresponding Academic Year
Practice School II	Summer Term Fees (as applicable) plus the semester fees of the batch for that semester
Minor Certificate Fee	6% of semester tuition fee in corresponding Academic Year
Placement Charges	3% of semester tuition fee in corresponding Academic Year

8.1 Scholarship Policy

1. All the International students admitted under the scheme will be provided merit scholarships in the form of tuition fee waiver as follows:

- Tuition fee waiver is based on merit: Top 4% students will get 80% waiver, next 10% will get 50%, next 20% will get 30% waiver, and remaining will get 15% Tuition fee waiver. All fee waiver decisions will be announced after admissions are completed.

2. Subsequently all scholarships will be for a semester only.

3. The student must maintain minimum academic performance to be eligible to receive scholarships. The specific conditions are as follows:

- For further scholarship eligibility during subsequent semesters while studying at BITS Pilani, a student has to score a Minimum CGPA of 8.0 to claim 80% tuition fee waiver, and a minimum of 6.0 CGPA for claiming

respectively.

4. Merit scholarships will be provided only for the normal duration of the programme.

8.2 Rules for Payment of Fees and Refund Policy

For the International students the rules concerning payment of fees and refund thereof will be announced at the time of releasing the admission offers during 3rd or 4th week of April 2026. Please visit the website by then for details.

8.3 FAQs on Fees

1) Does every admitted student get a tuition fee waiver in the first academic year (first semester only)?

- Yes, every international student admitted to any undergraduate programme is entitled to a tuition fee waiver, ranging from 15% to 80%.

2) At the time of admission, do I have to pay fees for the entire academic year?

- At the time of admission, only first-semester fees are to be paid.

3) Can I pay my fee in installments?

- Fee for any semester cannot be paid in installments.

4) Can I work on a student Visa?

- Visa restrictions do not permit students to work in India.

9. Visa

India is known for its educational excellence, and it is a popular destination for many international students. International students should obtain a Student Visa valid for the full duration of the course from the Indian Consulates/Embassy situated in their own country.

A student would bear the responsibility to ensure that visa should be applied well in advance at the Indian embassy in his/her country. It takes at least three weeks for the Indian Embassy to issue a student visa.

BITS Pilani admission letter should be used to obtain student visa. International students taking admission at BITS Pilani should make sure that the student visa is endorsed to BITS Pilani by the visa issuing authority.

After entering India, within 14 days, international Students (other than PIO/OCI Card holders) are required to register themselves with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO)/Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO). Office of International Students (OIS), BITS Pilani, will facilitate the Registration.

9.1 FAQs on Visa

1) What is the duration of a Student Visa?

- Student Visas are issued for the duration of the academic course of study or for a period of five years, whichever is less, based on letters of admission from BITS Pilani.

2) Where should I apply for a student visa?

- You should approach the Indian Embassy/Consulate in your home country to apply for a student visa.

- The name of the Institute/University is to be mentioned while applying for the visa, which is then mentioned on the visa. A request for the change of university or institution subsequently made cannot be considered. In this case a foreign student would need to go back to his/her home country and apply for a new visa.

4) **Can BITS Pilani assist in getting student visa?**

- Student would be responsible to get the student visa. BITS Pilani would issue a letter of admission (after all requirements are met), this letter is to be used for getting the student visa.

10. Life at Pilani Campus

BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus is located in the Vidya Vihar campus adjacent to Pilani town in Jhunjhunu district, in Rajasthan. Pilani is the home town of the Birla family and has a population of about 50,000. It is about 200 km west of Delhi and about 220 km north of Jaipur. The Institute buildings, hostels and residential quarters for staff with neatly laid out roads, lawns and gardens constitute the BITS Campus of about 240 acres.

CAMPUS AND ITS ADJOINING FACILITIES

➢ **Shiv Ganga and Saraswati Temple**

Shiv Ganga is a central beauty spot of the Vidya Vihar Campus with 400 meters' circular canal and the Sharda Peeth, a beautiful white marble temple dedicated to Goddess Saraswati.

➢ **Guest Accommodation**

Limited facilities are available for board and lodging on payment at the VFAST Hostel (Visiting Faculty and Students Hostel), which is located near the entrance of the Campus. This apart in the campus, there are lodges and hotels in Pilani town.

AKSHAY, a Supermarket, located in the heart of the campus in an area of 7500 sq.ft. with an elegant modern building is a part of BITS I-5 Consumers' Cooperative Stores Ltd. (BITS Coop). Student volunteers of the Institute have worked with management of the BITS Coop in the establishment of the Supermarket.

➤ Medical entre

Pilani Campus has a Medical Centre, which caters to the medical needs of the students and staff. It has a full time Physician (MD) and a Gynecologist, who attend to the patients both in the morning and evening outdoor hours. A dental surgeon and a Pediatrician visit the centre once in every week. Similarly, the centre also provides services of part time ENT, homeopathy, and Ayurvedic specialists. The Centre has a good clinical laboratory for all major biochemical, hematological, urine, stool and other routine tests.

➤ Birla Museum

The Birla Museum is located adjacent to the Institute Building. It is the first science and technology museum established in the country. Most of the exhibits and models incorporate stimulating animations and visual effects.

➤ Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI)

Adjoining the Campus, there is the Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute. It is one of the National Laboratories under the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR).

➤ Student Housing

The Institute is fully residential and hostel accommodation is provided to all students. There is a common kitchen cum mess unit for every set of two boys' hostels. Each unit of the mess serves vegetarian and non-vegetarian food and the unit operates under the management of different students' committees. The girls' hostel, however, has a separate mess of its own, situated within the boundary of the hostel.

➤ Student Activities Centre

The Institute has a Student Activities Centre housed in a separate building where students have their union office and rooms for various activities. This building also has badminton courts, a squash court, a Table tennis room, a Health Club, an open air amphitheatre and a cafeteria.

➤ Cultural and Recreational Activities

The Institute has following clubs and societies: Music, Dance, Hindi Drama, English Drama, Hindi Press, English Press, Creative Activities, and Mime clubs; English Language Activity and Hindi Activity societies. These are entirely managed by the students and have been nurturing the creative and cultural talents of the students. In addition, the Institute runs Recreational Activity Forum, Photography Club, Swimming Club, and Health Club whose membership is open to students and staff. The Institute also organizes Theatre and Dance workshops. A classical music group called 'Ragamalika' aims at encouraging budding talent among the students in music and dance. It also arranges performances by leading artists in the field of classical music and dance. In addition, there is also a BITS Pilani Chapter of SPIC- MACAY which organizes programmes to promote Indian classical music and culture amongst youth. Recreational Activity Forum (RAF) regularly organizes film shows and cultural programmes for the BITS community. BITS being an all-India Institute, students have also established regional associations representing almost all Indian States conducting several special programmes on festive occasions.

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Physical Education of the Institute aims at providing a safe atmosphere to enable students and staff members to exercise to their potential whilst achieving their goals. It offers a variety of fitness, wellness, and recreation opportunities, and Fitness Programmes including Yoga and Martial Arts. The Physical Education has major facilities that include Health Club, Swimming Club and Sports Club. Health Club is equipped with single and multi-stationed machines and weight training facilities to provide students with an opportunity of doing exercise for physical fitness. Swimming Club has a swimming pool of 25 m length while Sports Club has various indoor and outdoor facilities for students to take part in sports and games. The indoor facilities are Badminton, Table Tennis and Squash with synthetic flooring while outdoor facilities are Basketball, Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, Track & Field (400 m) etc. Sports and fitness activities are supervised by the qualified and experienced staff members of the Institute.

➢ **Festivals on Campus**

Traditionally students organize three festivals during an academic year. BOSM (BITS Open Sports Meet) in September, a sports festival; OASIS, a cultural festival in October and APOGEE (A Professions-Oriented Gathering Over Educational Experience), an Academic Festival in February thus bringing about a beautiful blend of sports, cultural and academic milieu of the campus. All the three festivals are entirely managed by students in which a large number of students from all over India actively participate.

10.1 FAQs on Life at Pilani Campus

1) **Would my electrical device work in India?**

▪ The power in India is 230volts and 50 Hz you may need an adapter for your device.

2) **Would my cell phone work in India?**

▪ Mobile phones in India operate using GSM technology and function within 900/1800 MHz ranges. If you already own a GSM phone and if your home country too operates within the same GSM range, you can use your phone in India.

3) **What is the Indian currency and where can I get it?**

▪ Indian currency is called Rupee (INR). You could either bring Indian Rupee from your country or convert your currency into Indian Rupee at the airport or at the Bank on Campus.

4) **Is there a Bank on Campus?**

▪ Within the Vidya Vihar Campus, there is an ATM facility of ICICI Bank. In the adjoining CEERI Campus there is a branch of the State Bank of India, with ATM facility. Pilani also have ICICI, Axis, Yes, SBI, PNB Banks. The Pilani Post office is located within the Campus, while a Telegraph office is situated in the CEERI Campus.

5) **Where can my parents stay?**

▪ VFAST - Institute Guest House facility is available inside the campus with prior booking at 01596-255530. The list of nearby hotels and contact details are given below:

Sr.N.	Name of the Lodge	Contact No.
1	Maheshwari Lodge, Near Birla Hr. Sec. School	01596-242967
2	Dalmia Guest House, Near Gosala, Gosala Road	01596-243493, 9887309035
3	Birla Guest House, Near Birla Hr. Sec. School	01596- 244647
4	Sita Ram Bhandar (Yatri Niwas), Near Bus Stand	01596-244672
5	Nishant Hotel, Near Birla Hr. Sec. School	01596-242897

6	Rani -'T'hani , Near Rirl a Hr. Sec. School	+91-98297415199
7	Ganpati Plaza , Near Bhagat Singh Circle	01596-242599
8	Gulab Rai Guest House, Rajgarh Road	01596-244630
9	Visram Vatika , Near Birla Sanskrit College	01596-243105
10	Sarla Paradise, Near Dharma Kanta	+91-9828080170
11	Hotel Sunshine, Near Ganga Colony	01596-242555
12	N. L. Forman Hotel & Restaurant	01596-244151

6) **Are there any student clubs on campus?**

There are many clubs and associations on campus. To list a few:

1.	English Language Activities Society (ELAS)	9.	MIME Club
2.	BITS Embryo (Connecting BITS Alumni)	10.	Coding Club
3.	Music Club	11.	NSS
4.	Dance Club	12.	DoT
5.	Photography Club	13.	Matrix
6.	Poetry Club	14.	Gurukul
7.	Nirman Club	15.	Raag Malika
8.	Astro Club	16.	Debating Society

7) **What is the weather like in Pilani?**

▪ The temperatures during the year go to extremes like 45°C in summer and 0°C in winter. The climate is generally dry and healthy. Annual rainfall is about 50 cms.

11. Life at K. K. Birla Goa Campus

The idyllic and sylvan beauty of Goa sets the right ambience for BITS Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa Campus, an Institute of excellence in Technology and Science. Nestling in the lap of verdant hills, overlooking the Zuari River, the campus

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view of picturesque surrounding encompassing the river Zuari, hillocks, waterways, forests and landscape. The Campus is about 25 kms south of Panaji (capital of Goa), 10 kms east of Vasco-da-Gama, 22 kms north of Margao and 4.5 kms from the Goa airport, along National Highway 17B. The campus houses the main building, having academic and administrative offices, Visitor's Guest house, separate hostels for boys & girls, student activity centre (with indoor games, gymnasium), playgrounds (football, cricket, basketball, volleyball, tennis court), faculty & staff quarters, medical centre, and shopping complex.

Spacious well equipped laboratories, state of art and air-conditioned classrooms with sound proof acoustics, modern furniture, computer labs with high performance computing facility, Internet with Wi-Fi facility, CISCO tele-presence classroom & conference and library define the infrastructural pillars of the campus.

Hostel rooms are equipped with modern furniture, internet connectivity and round the clock security. Common room facilities such as cable TV, magazines and newspapers are provided along with recreational facilities such as table tennis, chess and carom boards.

Campus life at BITS-Pilani, Goa campus is vibrant and stimulating. Student calendars are filled with a healthy mix of academics as well as extracurricular activities through various clubs and departments. All clubs, festivals, and activities are managed by a student-elected body called the Council for Student Affairs (CSA). A wide variety of technical, cultural and sports related campus events give students an opportunity not only to excel professionally and develop their personality but also to have a healthy dose of fun, which helps make the campus ambiance a home away from home.

11.1 FAQs on Life at K. K. Birla Goa Campus

1) **Where can my parents stay?**

   - The list of nearby hotels is given on the following link https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/Goa/goaHotels

2) **Would my electrical device work in India?**

   - The power in India is 230 volts and 50 Hz, you may need an adapter for your device.

3) **Would my cell phone work in India?**

   - Mobile phones in India operate using GSM technology and function within 900/1800 MHz ranges. If you already own a GSM phone and if your home country too operates within the same GSM range, you can use your phone in India.

4) **What is the Indian currency and where can I get it?**

   - Indian currency is called Rupee (INR). You could either bring Indian Rupee from your country or convert your currency into Indian Rupee at the airport or at the Bank on Campus.

5) **Is there a Bank on Campus?**

provides ATM facility to withdraw money. There is one more ATM provided by Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank.

6) **Are there any student clubs on campus?**

▪ There are many clubs and associations on campus. To list a few:

1.	English Language Activities Society (ELAS)	6.	Music Club
2.	BITS Embryo (Connecting BITS Alumni)	7.	Dance Club
3.	Department of Journalism and Media Affairs (DoJMA)	8.	Dramatics club
4.	Automation and Robotics Club	9.	Photography Club
5.	Lights and Sounds Department	10.	Backstage club

7) **What is the weather like in Goa?**

▪ Being in the tropical zone and near the Arabian Sea, the climate of Goa is warm and humid for most of the year. May is the hottest month in Goa with an average temperature of 30°C (86°F) and the coldest is January at 25°C (77°F). The wettest month is July with an average of 995mm of rain.

12. Life at Hyderabad Campus

BITS Pilani, Hyderabad is a fully residential campus, spread over a lush-green area of over 200 acres. Surrounded by natural beauty, the campus is about 70 kms from the   Rajiv Gandhi   international airport   and 27 kms from the cosmopolitan city, Hyderabad.

infrastructure, all come together to make BITS Pilani, Hyderabad an extremely well equipped campus. Apart from the academic block containing classrooms, laboratories, computer terminal rooms and the library, the campus houses separate hostels for boys and girls, a Student Activity Centre (SAC), residential quarters for faculty and staff, a medical centre, shopping complex, football ground, cricket ground, basketball, volley ball and tennis courts and playgrounds for children.

Each student hostel room is equipped with modern furniture, internet connectivity, and round the clock security. Floor-wise common room facilities such as cable TV, magazines, newspapers and recreational facilities such as Table Tennis, Chess and Carom boards are also available.

Campus life at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad is vibrant and stimulating. Student calendars are filled with a healthy mix of academics as well as extracurricular activities through various clubs and departments. All clubs, fests and activities are managed by a student-elected body called the Students' Union (SU). A wide variety of technical, cultural and sports related campus events give students an opportunity not only to excel professionally and develop their personality but also to have a healthy dose of fun! With this comes a strong feeling of community, which helps make the campus a home away from home.

12.1 FAQs on Life at Hyderabad Campus

1) **Where can my parents stay?**
   - The list of nearby hotels is given on the following link
     https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/NearByAccommodation-1.pdf

2) **Would my electrical device work in India?**
   - The power in India is 230 volts and 50 Hz, you may need an adapter for your device.

3) **Would my cell phone work in India?**
   - Mobile phones in India operate using GSM technology and function within 900/1800 MHz ranges. If you already own a GSM phone and if your home country too operates within the same GSM range, you can use your phone in India.

4) **What is the Indian currency and where can I get it?**
   - Indian currency is called Rupee (INR). You could either bring Indian Rupee from your country or convert your currency into Indian Rupee at the airport or at the Bank on Campus.

5) **Is there a Bank on Campus?**
   - Connaught Place, the shopping complex on campus has a branch of State Bank of India (SBI), where you can open an account.

6) **Are there any student clubs on campus?**
   - There are many clubs and associations on campus. To list a few:

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2.	English Language Activities Society (ELAS)	13.	Music Club
3.	SAE (Society for Automotive Engineers) India - BPHC Chapter	14.	Dance Club
4.	The Society Involved In Re-Inventing India (SIRI)	15.	VFX Club
5.	Centre for Entrepreneurial Leadership	16.	Quiz Club
6.	Ad-Astra - The Astronomy club	17.	Dramatics club
7.	Shades - The art club	18.	Photography Club
8.	Center for Innovation, Ideation and Entrepreneurship	19.	Crux - the coding society
9.	Design For Change (DFC) - BPHC Chapter	20.	Linux User Group
10.	Student Mentorship Programme	21.	BPHC Android Group
11.	Automation and Robotics Club	22.	Hindi Club

7) How is the weather in Hyderabad?

▪ Hyderabad has a tropical wet and dry climate bordering on a hot semi-arid climate. Summer, between March to June are hot and humid, with average highs in the mid-30s Celsius; maximum temperatures often exceed 40°C (104°F) between April and June. Winter lasts for only about 2 1/2 months, during which the lowest temperature occasionally dips to 10°C (50°F) in December and January. May is the hottest month and January, the coldest.

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Note: For any queries you may contact through the above contact information on any working day during Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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