



Jesuit Worldwide Learning
Higher Education at the Margins

Certificate in Liberal Studies (CLS)

XIM University Bhubaneswar (XIM)
In collaboration with Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL)

INTRODUCTION

The environmental and social crises are affecting large populations on a global scale and in particular regions at the margins, in crisis, in conflict or in post-conflict zones. Environmental sustainability is key to the future of humanity. XIM University Bhubaneswar (XIM) is committed to the mission of ‘education for the margins,’ and believes in making education more inclusive and affordable. Therefore, to fulfill this



Mission, XIM is partnering with JWL to offer an academic accredited Bachelor program for marginalized communities without distinction of creed with an emphasis on forcibly displaced populations. XIM and JWL jointly offer a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Development (BA SD) to communities at the margins.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

This programme consists of 10 courses (30 credits total) to earn a certificate under “Foundation Programme in Liberal Studies” Ref: Table below.

It aims at enabling the learners to:

- Holistic preparedness through a foundation programme in Liberal Studies.
- Develop a deeper understanding of the development landscape at local, regional & global levels.
- Act as stewards for protecting our common home.
- Become leaders of peace and voices to foster hope for creating a more just and humane world.

Table: List of Courses in Certificate of Liberal Studies and Bachelor’s Degree in Sustainable Development

Academic Program	Course details	Credits	List of Courses
Certificate in Liberal Studies Foundation Program- One Year	11 courses (1 Non credit + 10 Credit courses) Total - 30 credits	0	Bridge to Learning
		3	Academic Writing
		3	Interpersonal Communication
		3	Dynamic Algebra
		3	Introduction to Physical Science
		3	Ethics and Human Person
		3	Religions of the World
		3	Introduction to Political Thought
		3	Introduction to Sociology
		3	Human rights and women rights
3	Introduction to Business		

Mode of Delivery and Pedagogy

The CLS program is organised in a blended-learning mode and is clearly structured around activities and graded assignments using the principles of the Ignatian Pedagogy common in Jesuit universities. Students will study online with laptops and smartphones with planned work, both individually and in groups, in a learning centre near them. Their learning journey is supported by experienced professors and onsite facilitators. Their learning experience will be enriched by:

- Studying specially designed and collected study texts
- Watching documentary style video-clips
- Doing Self-assessed quizzes
- Analyzing case-studies
- Discussing in peer-groups



Special Features

- A. The programme is delivered in English; applicants should achieve at least upper B2 level of English proficiency (in Linguaskill test) in the admission process to be admitted.
- B. Students will earn a certificate in “Foundational Programme on Liberal Studies” from XIM upon completion of 10 foundational courses.

Admission Process at the beginning to enter into one year “Foundation programme on Liberal studies”

This is a university program and the admission process is purposefully lengthy in order to make sure the applicants are able to complete the program. Applicants will need to come to the learning center at least three times to complete the admission process.

Sequence of the process: (Detailed in the attachments)

- 1st: Online Application Form + **screening online English test (applicant to Upper B2 or above)**
- 2nd- **Linguaskill Online Test (applicant to score B2 or above)**
- 3rd: Essay writing (max. score 30 points)

The decision on the selection of the applicant by XIM is final.

THE MAIN PARTNERS

Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL)

JWL is committed to offering tertiary education in communities at the margins of societies – those societies that, through poverty, location, lack of opportunity, conflict or forced displacement, exist among the rural or urban poor, indigenous or isolated displaced people. JWL offers regionally and globally accredited, high- quality curricula through virtual, blended and on-site learning experiences. Within the world of digital learning, JWL provides a blended educational model as an effective instrument for learning and forming a global classroom, with a virtual community of learners. JWL accompanies and supports the students by providing university and college professors and vocational facilitators in conjunction with local community learning centre tutors. Together, JWL and its community learning centres form a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious global community of learners, enabling all to contribute their knowledge and voices to foster hope to create a more peaceful and humane world.

Mission:

"JWL provides equitable, high-quality tertiary learning to people and communities at the margins of society

- be it through poverty, location, lack of opportunity, conflict or forced displacement – so all can contribute their knowledge and voices to the global community of learners and together foster hope to create a more peaceful and humane world."

Vision:

"Learning together to transform the world"

XIM University Bhubaneswar (XIM)

XIM came into being with the Government of Odisha passing the XIM University Act in June 2013. The identity of XIM University is distinguished by its philosophy of being the first to respond to the needs of society and enable the building of sustainable communities. XIM stands tall in its mission of inspiring future generations of students aspiring for excellent quality higher education and become visionary, competent, committed, compassionate and value-based leaders and thus build a just and humane society.



XIM, being the first Jesuit University in India, is committed to the mission of 'education for the margins,' and caring for the environment as a path to bring about global peace and sustainability. This mission is being fulfilled by partnering with the Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) to offer online courses. XIM believes that education for the margins is possible only if it endeavours to make education more inclusive and affordable.

Mission:

"Education in the spirit of Magi's."

Vision:

"Enabling people to live extraordinary lives, and be the light for the world"

Directorate of Open Learning (DOL): Open Learning has gained significant importance globally. The World is increasingly moving towards becoming a knowledge society and is witnessing an increased number of empowered individuals, thanks to the evolution of information and communication technology. Though millions of people in the world do not have access to information, mobile phones and the internet have made learning and sharing far easier and faster. The future of higher education is in the hands of universities that dare to offer quality open and distance learning programmes. This is why the Directorate of Open Learning (DOL) in XIM is set up.

Mission:

Inclusive, affordable and quality higher education for promoting knowledge societies and communities.

Vision:

Enabling people to live extraordinary lives and be the light for the world.



Directorate of Open Learning (DOL)
XIM University Bhubaneswar
Landline - 06742377809
E Mail: director-dol@xim.edu.in / dol@xim.edu.in



www.xim.edu.in

