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| index.png  **Asian University for Women**  **1. Type of University : International**  Year of Establishment **:** 2008  Postal Address **:** Asian University for Women  20 M. M. Ali Road Chittagong – 4000  Bangladesh  Telephone **:** +880-31-2854980 - 87  Fax **:** +880-31-2854988  E-mail **:** info@auw.edu.bd  Website **:** www.auw.edu.bd  **2. Background of the Establishment of the University**  **THE JOURNEY TO AUW**  **2000**  The story of AUW began well before its inaugural Access Academy class entered in 2008.The idea for the University grew out of the World Bank/UN Task Force on Higher Education and Society.In 2000, the Task Force published its findings in a report entitled “Higher Education in Developing Countries: Peril and Promise” (more information available at http://www.tfhe.net/), which concluded that developing countries must improve the quality of their institutions of higher learning, in both governance and pedagogy, in order to compete in today’s increasingly globalized, knowledge-based economy.  **2001-2004**  In January 2004, the Government of Bangladesh granted more than 100 acres of land for the construction of AUW’s permanent campus in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.  Fundraising and planning efforts for AUW officially began in November 2001, when the AUW Support Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit institution under section 501(c)3 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.AUW’s Support Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors, which was established upon the group’s incorporation as a non-profit organization.  The AUWSF Board of Directors published a Plan of Operations in May 2005, laying out the basic plans for AUW’s curriculum, target student population, and sustainability efforts.  **2005-2007**  Grants from the Goldman Sachs Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2005 and 2006 provided the start-up funds that enabled AUW to become operational in 2008. In September 2006, the Parliament of Bangladesh ratified the University’s charter, which guaranteed full autonomy and independence to AUW in its operations and academics, a unique arrangement in the region.  AUW began operations in Chittagong in March 2008. Its first cohort of students consisted of 130 young women from six countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.This inaugural class attended the Access Academy, AUW’s year-long bridge program designed to prepare underserved students for the rigors of university education. After completing the Access program, 128 of them continued into the first year of their undergraduate studies, and were joined by a number of direct-entry students who began the undergraduate program in 2009.  **2008-2010**  Also in 2009, AUW’s initial Board of Trustees was elected by the International Support Committee of the Asian University for Women in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Asian University for Women.  The University appointed its first Chancellor in January 2011: Mrs. Cherie Blair, international human rights lawyer and wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. AUW continues to enjoy a strong and dedicated team of leaders and administrators, as well as faculty from well-known academic institutions in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.  **2011-2012**  In April 2011, AUW held a foundation stone laying ceremony at the site of its permanent campus in Pahartoli, with the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as the Chief Guest. The Government of Bangladesh has now granted over 140 acres for the University’s campus, which has been designed by Moshe Safdie and Associates.  The summer of 2012 marked the University’s first Summer Term, which offered 20 courses on campus taught by AUW professors and visiting faculty. Also that summer, the University hosted two leadership training seminars co-sponsored by the United States Department of State: the Women in Public Service Institute, also co-sponsored by the Seven Sisters Women’s Colleges, took place in August; the Grassroots Women’s Political Leadership Forum was held in September.  **2013-2016**  In May 2013, the University graduated its first class of 132 students. The 2012-13 academic year saw AUW’s first full complement of classes — a total student body of 535, with cohorts in the Access Academy and all four undergraduate years. They represented 15 countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Syria, and Vietnam.  As of May 2015, AUW has graduated over 370 alumnae all of whom plan to go on to graduate studies or begin careers in the public sector, non-governmental organizations, and private enterprises.  **3. Act**  The Charter of the Asian University for Women is the founding document of the University and the hallmark of AUW’s institutional identity. The Charter establishes AUW as an international, independent organization.  The Charter was approved and ratified through an Act of the Parliament of Bangladesh in September 2006. It provides AUW with institutional autonomy, guarantees full academic freedom and wholly enshrines the principle of non-discrimination—unique privileges in a region where institutions often suffer from the fragility of such commitments.  **4. Authorities of the University**   * Board of Directors * Bangladesh Board of Trustees   **5. Principal Officers**  Chancellor **:** Mrs. Cherie Blair  Acting Vice Chancellor **:**  Dr. Rosita Bateson  Chief Operating Officer **:**  Mr. Omar Shareef  Chief Financial Officer : Mr. Bhupinder Gupta  Registrar : Ms. Tasneem Abedin  Associate Dean of Faulty : Dr. Meherun Ahmed  Associate Dean of Faulty : Dr. Herman Salton  Librarian : Ms. DilRuksanaBasunia  Controller of Examinations : Ms. Tasneem Abedin  Director of Accounts : Mr. Monoarul Haque  Asst. Director of Public Relations Office : Mr. Tapu Chowdhury  Directors of Students’ Counseling and  Guidance : Ms. Afroza Ahmed  Dean of Students : Mr. Riaz Khan  Director of Physical Education Center : Ms. Maria Chakraborty  Chief Engineer : Mr. Mushtaque Habib  Chief Medical Officer : Dr. NayanaNazir  **6. Name of the Faculties**   * Faculty of Sciences * Faculty of Arts   **7. Academic Departments**  Asian Studies; Biological Science; Computer Science and ICT; Economics; Environmental Sciences; Politics, Philosophy and Economics; Public Health.  **8. Institutes and their Names**  N/A  **9. Programs Offered (undergraduate and graduate)**  Pre-Access; Access Academy (Pre collegiate program); Undergraduate   * **Diploma :** Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sciences   **10. Residential Facilities for Students**  550 students  **11. Major Research Activities**  N/A  **12. LibraryFacilities**  26,000 books; 1800 DVDs; 700 CD-Roms; 10 Newspapers (local and national); 50,000 online journals & Magazines  **13. System of Students Enrollment**  Annual  **14. Annual Total Intake and Total Number of Students in 2015**  Annual Total Intake : 104  Total Number of Students : 566  Male : N/A  Female : 566  **15. Number of Teaching Staff**  Full-time and Part-time Teacher (Male-Female) : 42  Full-time :34  Part-time :8  Male : 27  Female : 15  **16. Number of Non-Teaching Staff**  Total : 116  Officers & above : 69  Class (III & IV) : 47  **17. Total Number of Graduates in 2015**  Total Honors Graduates :116  **18. Students Support Services**  Available  **19. Sports Facilities**  **Activities:**  **a) Compulsory Physical Education** Physical Education is two semesters for the students of Access Academy and 3 semesters for Undergraduate students and Pre-Access Academy.  All undergraduate students must complete three (3) semesters of physical education to fulfill the graduation requirements for physical education. The requirement can be fulfilled through the successful completion of courses, or participation in approved team or club programs. Satisfactory completion of courses in physical education is based on attendance, participation and skill improvement.  In addition to the sports activities, mandatory Physical Education classes train students in different sports such as karate, basketball, volleyball, badminton, cricket, table tennis, yoga,Zumba, etc.  **b) Games, Sports, Team, Coaching :** Karate, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, cricket, Table tennis, etc.  **c) Scholarship and Award** There are sports tournaments among AUW students. Intra-University tournaments in the spring break include games like Karate, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Cricket, Table tennis and twenty other different games. The winners are rewarded with prizes and certificates. The young women of AUW took part in the ChattagramJelaKriraSangstha (CJKS) Basketball, Karate, Volleyball, Badminton and Table Tennis tournaments. The University has also competed in national and international competitions. Some of the students have received their black belt.  **20. Fellowships and Scholarships Offered by the University**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Sl. No.** | **Description of Scholarship** | **No. of Scholarships** | **Amount per annum per student (USD)** | **Total (USD)** | | 1. | AUWSF | 330 | $12,000 | $ 3,960,000 | | 2. | PHP | 2 | $12,000 | $24,000 | | 3. | Unilever | 2 | $14,000 | $48,000 |   **21. Budget Estimates**  Recurring Expenses : Tk. 36 crores  Development Expenses : Tk. 4,000,000 |
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