

IIM Bangalore: School of Multidisciplinary Studies
UG Programme
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

About the Programme

Q1. What undergraduate programmes does IIM Bangalore offer?

IIM Bangalore offers two in-person four-year undergraduate programmes starting from Academic Year 2026-27:

- B.Sc. (Hons) in Economics with minors in Data Science and Business Studies.
- B.Sc. (Hons) in Data Science with minors in Economics and Business Studies.

Q2. What makes these programmes unique?

These programmes represent a pioneering approach to undergraduate business education, combining the analytical rigour of Economics and Data Science with applied learning in Business Studies. The interdisciplinary design prepares students for the complexities of the modern data-centric environment while maintaining the academic excellence for which IIM Bangalore is renowned.

Q3. How many students will be admitted?

The total sanctioned intake is 80 students, with 40 seats allocated to each major. The small cohort size ensures personalized attention, close faculty interaction, and the opportunity to build strong peer networks.

Q4. How do these programmes differ from traditional business degrees?

It is essential to note from the outset that this is not a BBA programme. IIMB's B.Sc. programmes follow a multi-disciplinary approach and provide a more rigorous quantitative and analytical foundation. Integrating economics and data science ensures graduates develop strong analytical capabilities alongside life competencies, making them uniquely positioned for leadership roles in data-driven organisations.

Admissions Process

Q5. What are the key dates for admissions?

For the Academic Year 2026-27:

- **Application Window:** 10 October–20 November 2025
- **IIMB UG Admissions Test:** 13 December 2025 (Saturday)
- **Interview Window:** 22–31 January 2026 (In person)
- **Offer Release:** 28 February 2026
- **Last Date to Accept Offer:** 31 March 2026
- **Release of Waitlist:** 15 April

Q6. What are the eligibility criteria?

Age Requirements:

As of August 1, 2026, applicants must be 20 years or younger.

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Academic Requirements:

- Successful completion of Class XII or equivalent from a recognised board.
- Mathematics as a subject in Class XII is mandatory for both majors. Students should have secured a minimum of 60% marks in mathematics in Class X.

Q7. What entrance tests are accepted?

Applicants are required to take the Undergraduate Admissions Test as part of the admissions process at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. Detailed information can be found in the section dedicated to the selection process.

Q8. How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted online through the official IIMB admissions portal during the application window. Detailed application instructions will be available on the programme website.

Selection Process

Q9. How does the selection process work?

Apart from the aforementioned academic requirements, the selection process involves two stages:

- 1 Entrance test scores will be used as the primary criterion for the interview short-listing process.
- 2 Final selection is based on a composite score comprising 60% of the entrance test and 40% of the personal interview.

Q10. What is the format of the IIMB UG Admissions Test?

- **Duration:** 120 minutes
- **Format:** Computer-based test with 60 multiple-choice questions
- **Sections:**
 - English Comprehension (15 questions)
 - Quantitative & Data Interpretation (30 questions)
 - Logical Reasoning (15 questions)
- **Negative Marking:** Yes, 1/3rd marks deducted for incorrect responses

Q11. What does the personal interview assess?

The interview evaluates a candidate's consistency in academic performance, clarity of motivation, communication skills, intellectual curiosity, extracurricular achievements, integrity, and authenticity.

Q12. How does programme allocation work?

Candidates can apply for one or both of the programmes and indicate their ranked preferences for both majors. Programme allocation is conducted in descending order of composite scores. Candidates are first considered for their top preference, with subsequent preferences considered in additional rounds. A candidate may hold an offer in one programme while remaining wait-listed for the other.

Academic Structure

Q13. Who will teach the programme?

The curriculum will be delivered by IIM Bangalore faculty, visiting and adjunct faculty, other renowned academicians, and experienced industry practitioners, ensuring a rich and rigorous learning experience.

Q14. What is the curriculum structure?

The curriculum is designed as an integrated four-year programme combining core courses, major specialization, and minor subjects. Students will gain exposure to all three disciplines—Economics, Data Science, and Business Studies — alongside focusing on their chosen major and minors. The programme allows students to graduate with a degree after three years if they choose to exit.

Q15. When do students choose their minors?

The timeline for selecting minors will be communicated to students after joining the programme. The curriculum structure ensures adequate exposure to all disciplines before students make their final choices regarding minor(s).

Q16. What are the assessment methods?

Assessment follows a continuous evaluation model including quizzes, assignments, projects, presentations, and end-of-term examinations. The grading system maintains the rigorous academic standards expected at IIM Bangalore.

Q17. Are there research opportunities for undergraduate students?

Yes, students will have opportunities to engage in research projects with faculty members, take part in case study development, and undertake independent research as part of their capstone projects in the final year.

Campus Life

Q18. Is this a residential programme?

Yes, the IIMB UG programme is a full-time residential programme. Students are required to live on-campus to fully experience the academic and extracurricular environment that defines the UG campus experience.

Q19. What facilities are available on campus?

The programme is being organised on the Jigani campus of IIMB, which is located approximately 30 kms from the Bannerghatta Campus. Students will have access to modern classrooms, computer labs, a library, sports facilities, dining halls, and residential accommodation. The campus provides a conducive environment for both academic collaboration as well as personal development. The construction of a new world-class campus is expected to begin before the end of 2025.

Financial Information

Q20. What is the fee structure?

The annual programme fee is ₹8.5 lakhs per annum for the first two years. There will be a limited increase as approved by the IIMB Board in the third year. This fee includes tuition, hostel accommodation, and examination fees. While mess charges are not included, they are managed on a cost-sharing basis. Students can expect an additional expense of approximately ₹8,000 - ₹10,000 per month. Please refer to the official website for the most current information on fees and other expenses.

Q21. Are scholarships available?

Yes, IIM Bangalore offers need-based scholarships for deserving students. The scholarship policy, eligibility criteria, and application process will be detailed on the programme website.

Q22. What is the examination fee?

The examination fee for the IIMB UG Admissions Test is Rs 3000 for General, EWS, and NC-OBC candidates, and ₹1,500 for SC, ST, and PwD candidates.

Career Prospects and Support

Q23. What kind of career and placement support will be provided?

The programme prepares students for top-tier careers and for higher education. While academic excellence is the primary focus, students will receive career counselling and guidance, resume building and interview preparation workshops, placement support and industry networking opportunities, including access to the extensive IIMB alumni mentorship network.

Q24. What are the career prospects for graduates?

The programme aims to get students ready for careers in emerging, disruptive markets and for the pursuit of higher education. While career guidance will be provided, placement is not the primary focus of the programme.

Graduates will be uniquely prepared for careers in management consulting, financial services, data analytics, policy research, and the technology/startup ecosystem. The programme's rigour also provides a strong foundation for pursuing master's or doctoral degrees at leading universities globally.

Miscellaneous

Q25. What are the advantages of being in the inaugural batch?

Being part of the first batch offers unique opportunities:

- Shape the culture and traditions of the new programme
- Receive exceptional attention from the faculty and administration
- Pioneer a landmark initiative from one of India's premier business schools
- Benefit from a small cohort size and a personalized learning experience

Q26. How will reservations be implemented?

Reservations will be provided as per the Government of India norms across both programmes.

Contact Information

Q27. Where can I find more information?

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the official IIMB UG programme website, which will be updated regularly. For specific queries, please contact the admissions office through the official channels provided on the website.

Q28. Who should I contact for application-related queries?

All application-related queries should be directed to the IIMB Admissions Office through the official communication channels. Contact details will be provided on the programme website during the application period.

This FAQ is based on the Undergraduate Admissions Policy for Academic Year 2026-27. For the most current information, please refer to the official programme website and admissions notifications.

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