



# **ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY**

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Annamalai University is situated in a semi-urban area in one of the most disadvantageous districts of Tamil Nadu. The major population of the district is socially and economically disadvantaged. In addition to this, the district is often vulnerable to natural disasters such as cyclone, floods and tsunami. Most of the students hail from families that struggle to make both ends meet. Against these odds, the University has been functioning with the vision of empowering the student community from the weaker sections through value-based education offered at affordable cost. As a multi-disciplinary university, it has been imparting knowledge through varied streams of higher education. Hence the University enjoys the distinctiveness of having a strong network of affectionate alumni in all walks of life across the globe. The alumni act as a bridge between the global developments and the local demands through constant interaction with the institution in general and student community in particular.

The University is unique not only because of its location but also because of the range of programmes it offers. A total of 411 programmes are offered by the 49 departments of study, under 10 faculties. The programmes offered range from diploma to super-specialty level. The academic atmosphere permits the students to undergo elective course of his/her choice across various disciplines. Value added courses are worth their name as they impart real value by enabling the learner to move across disciplines; a medical graduate can opt a course in Fine Arts. Similarly Arts and Science students opt a value added course in the Medical faculty. Social sciences courses are opted by Engineering, Agriculture, Arts and Science faculties' students. Thus this University has unique character and flavour for students to move across various disciplines for selecting courses as well as doing multidisciplinary projects. This enables the students to think laterally and to do differently.

A state-of-the-art Central Library fulfilling the intellectual thirst; a well-equipped sports complex for the physical fitness; a 1000 bedded hospital attached to the Medical College to look after the physical well-being; a Centre for Yoga Studies to take care of mental and spiritual well-being lead to the overall development of the student community. Extreme attention is provided to enhance the holistic personality of the students. By virtue of multi Faculty University, the students from different disciplines have chances of interactions and this lead to cross-germination of ideas.

The international students in the university are also from under developed countries such as Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Somalia, Nigeria etc. Thus, there is an excellent opportunity for the students to overcome the social, cultural, religious and linguistic barriers and to become a global citizen. The demographical/geographical dividend of student is an additional distinctiveness of this University.