



SCHOOL OF  
SOCIAL AND  
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

WE ARE OFFERING HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
AS A SPECIALISATION IN MSW PROGRAMME

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**There are two kinds of education:  
education for living and education for life.**

Living may give us comfort, but life becomes meaningful only through **love, compassion, and awareness of others.**

**True education** should illuminate both **the outer world and the inner self.** It should nurture **curiosity, clarity of thought, and a sense of responsibility** toward our fellow human beings, nature, and the world around us.

*Amma*

Chancellor,  
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham



# RANKING AND ACCREDITATION

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is a multi-disciplinary, research-intensive private university with a student strength of over 30,000, supported by more than 2,000 faculty members. Accredited with the highest 'A++' grade by NAAC, the university offers over 300 undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes spanning diverse fields, including Engineering, Management, Medical Sciences, Ayurveda, Life Sciences, Physical and Agricultural Sciences, Law, Arts & Humanities, and Social & Behavioural Sciences.

<b>300+</b> PROGRAMMES	<b>30,000+</b> STUDENTS	<b>2000+</b> FACULTY MEMBERS	<b>800+</b> PH.D. FACULTY
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National Institutional Ranking Framework 2025

**8<sup>TH</sup> RANKED**  
AMONG INDIAN  
UNIVERSITIES

**9<sup>TH</sup> RANKED**  
IN MEDICAL  
CATEGORY

**14<sup>TH</sup> RANKED**  
IN DENTAL  
CATEGORY

**14<sup>TH</sup> RANKED**  
IN PHARMACY  
CATEGORY

**23<sup>RD</sup> RANKED**  
IN ENGINEERING  
CATEGORY

**26<sup>TH</sup> RANKED**  
IN MANAGEMENT  
CATEGORY



**NAAC A++  
ACCREDITED**

AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM WAS THE YOUNGEST INSTITUTION TO BE AWARDED WITH AN 'A++' GRADE BY THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT & ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (NAAC).



**CATEGORY 1  
GRADED AUTONOMY  
UGC, GOVT. OF INDIA**



**B.TECH. PROGRAMMES  
IN COIMBATORE  
CAMPUS & B.PHARM.  
PROGRAMMES**



**AMRITA SCHOOL OF  
BUSINESS, COIMBATORE**

**No.1  
IN INDIA**



Times Higher Education  
**Impact Rankings 2025**



**NABH ACCREDITED  
HOSPITAL SERVICES**



**NABL  
17 NABL ACCREDITED  
LABORATORIES**



**9001:2015  
CERTIFIED SERVICES**



## **PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY  
FIELD ACTION PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL PH.D. FELLOWSHIPS  
AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLACEMENT AND TRAINING IN  
SOCIAL WORK RELATED PROJECTS  
AND PROGRAMMES OF THE  
MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI MATH

INTERNATIONAL FACULTIES

## WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Amrita is India's only UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. The Amrita MSW (two years) and Bachelor of Social Work (Honours Research), under the School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, is a full-time residential programme that offers world-class opportunities in the field of Social Work. The gender equality topic is only one of the many strengths of this programme.

The social workers graduating from this programme are prepared for multiple career possibilities, including working in hospitals, NGOs, government positions, corporate companies, and working with communities and individuals, at national as well as international levels.

The programme prepares students to take a prominent role in addressing the significant and urgent real-life challenges facing the world community. These include environmental and other disasters, understanding the mental and physical distress of children and adults from the individual to the community, national and global levels, and being able to critically evaluate and devise innovative solutions for the challenges at hand.





शिक्षा मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF  
EDUCATION

AMONG THE THREE CATEGORIES OF  
DEEMED UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY,  
AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM IS PLACED IN  
CATEGORY-1 BY THE MHRD, GOVT. OF INDIA



# AMRITA SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION ADVANTAGE

- Qualified and experienced full-time faculty, including international faculty.
- Nationally and internationally recognised experts as visiting faculty offering workshops and seminars.
- Wide and diversified settings for concurrent fieldwork, providing an unmatched learning experience through closely supervised fieldwork.
- A strong emphasis on research activities to prepare students to publish high-quality research papers in peer-reviewed international journals.
- Dedicated mentorship and close supervision by experienced research guides on student research projects.
- Block placements and internships in nationally and internationally reputed voluntary organisations (NGOs/INGOs), corporate organisations, government departments, as well as development projects of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math.
- Credit-based curriculum and continuous evaluation under the semester pattern.
- A dedicated in-house Training and Placement Directorate.
- A diverse student body, including international students and students from all over India.
- International alliances and excellent facilities and infrastructure.
- Unparalleled benefits of living and studying on a large campus.

# UNESCO CHAIR

The UNESCO Chair seeks to impact the individual, community and greater society through research, implementation and education.

In its fourth year, Amrita's UNESCO Chair strives to promote international, inter-university cooperation and networking to enhance institutional capacities and collaborative work. It was in the fall of 2016 that Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (University) and UNESCO inaugurated India's first-ever Chair on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.





UNESCO Chair on  
Gender Equality and  
Women Empowerment

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham  
India



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Chair



## FOCUS AREAS OF UNESCO CHAIR

Designing tools and methods for effective interventional strategies towards the empowerment of women and strengthening gender equality with the community's active and inclusive participation.

Focusing on six holistic dimensions of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals defined as: safety and security, economic vitality, education, political, social and cultural environment, environmental quality, and health.

Understanding and mapping vulnerabilities in communities to support India's progress towards achieving the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

# THE CENTER FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

## WHERE RESEARCH MEETS ACTION

The Center for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (CGEWE) at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is a research-focused academic centre that promotes gender equality and fosters women's empowerment, with a special focus on technology and other innovative methods.

The centre offers diverse courses on key focus areas, pilots radical ideas, and collaborates with leading universities and institutions to advance these initiatives. It also serves as a major resource centre for implementing various development projects undertaken by Amrita University and its parent organisation, the Mata Amritanandamayi Math.

The CGEWE mission is built upon three pillars: education, implementation, and action research.

The CGEWE research agenda continues with a system's thinking-based approach to mapping women's vulnerabilities throughout rural India. The approach remains focused through the lens of six dimensions: (i) safety and security, (ii) economic vitality, (iii) education, (iv) political, social and cultural environment, (v) environmental quality, and (vi) health, and examines how these intersect with the different contexts of women's lives.

The primary focus in recent months has been improving and refining data collection strategies, engaging with subject matter experts in the areas outlined above to ensure the quality of research, and planning the expansion of the original pilot field venture.

# ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Amrita MSW is a two-year full-time residential programme that offers a combination of dynamic, innovative, and pioneering practical experiences along with academic excellence. The programme addresses local and global real-world issues that correspond to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In 2023, for example, students participated actively in the C20 Gender and Equality Working Group.



In line with Social Work principles and ideology, the aim is to influence positive change where it is most needed, with an attitude of compassion and selflessness. While strengthening intellectual capabilities, the school also focuses on developing qualities of empathy and integrity, enabling students to become complete and efficient decision-makers throughout their careers.

Students have responded promptly to disasters and crises such as the Kerala floods and COVID-19. They volunteered on helplines, assisted with the collection and distribution of supplies for relief camps, and conducted surveys after the Kerala floods. These surveys compared the psychological wellbeing of people in more damaged areas with those in less affected areas, and referrals were made for treatment where required.

There is also a strong commitment to working with impoverished and marginalised communities facing significant life challenges. MSW students actively participate in this work through diverse and engaging fieldwork and research activities.

These activities provide opportunities to work with marginalised groups on topics such as:

- Working with rural villagers to address serious water issues such as contamination and its impact on health
- The impact of legal literacy on coping methods of rural women subjected to domestic violence
- How lifetime illiteracy has shaped the attitudes and quality of life of impoverished women
- Understanding alcohol use among youth and young adults and its impact on mental wellbeing
- Conducting and participating in medical camps in hospitals and rural areas
- Studying how natural disasters influence stress and agitation among children in childcare institutions compared with those living with families
- Helping impoverished village communities establish Self-Help Groups
- Community organising and PRA activities (Participatory Rural Appraisal) in rural villages to understand their life challenges and strengths
- Engaging with communities through performing arts to explore unique capacities and challenging needs



- Playing sports (football) with rural youth who demonstrate many skills but avoid academic education due to discrimination
- Studying the influence of pro-social and spiritual values on depression and anxiety among older adults living in care homes compared with those living in isolation
- Understanding the impact of early trauma on the psychological status of vulnerable children in childcare homes, and whether belief in higher values reduces depression and anxiety
- Helping forest-dwelling tribal adolescents of school-going age become aware of and utilise government educational support available to them

The Amrita Social Work programme follows a credit-based system that allows flexibility in course design, curriculum, time frame, teaching and learning methods, and evaluation procedures.

The programme focuses on improving higher-order thinking skills, including abstract thinking and problem-solving abilities. These skills support students in excelling in both fieldwork and academic activities.

Students graduating from the programme gain enhanced confidence, knowledge, and the skills required to address real-world social problems and to think critically about the world around them.

The aim of the programme is to transform dependent learners into independent, lifelong learners and compassion-oriented contributors to society. Graduates are prepared to take on the important and dynamic role of social work in the field of global development. Students are required to be proficient in spoken and written English.



# SPECIALISATIONS

Specialisations offered at **Amritapuri Campus** and **Arasampalayam Campus** (Coimbatore)

- Community Development
- Child Rights and Child Protection
- Medical and Psychiatric Social Work
- Human Resource Management
- Disaster Management
- Human Rights\*
- Gender and Social Work
- Communication for Social and Behavioural Change (UNICEF curriculum)

\* This specialisation offers a dual degree option in MSW / MA Human Rights or a Certificate in Human Rights from the University of Arizona (USA).

# ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must have obtained a **minimum of 50%** in their undergraduate degree.

Graduation in B.C.A., B.Com., B.Tech., B.E. (ECE), Bachelor of Psychology, B.A. in Neuroscience, B.A. in any Social Science or Humanities discipline, or any other discipline from a recognised university. Candidates appearing for the final year degree examination may also apply.

# SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is based on academic performance and the qualifying interview



## HOW TO APPLY



### **Registration for Admission 2026 is fully online**

Candidates are required to keep their recent photograph, online payment credentials, etc., ready to complete the online application process.

**Application Fee: ₹ 500/-**



**NRI applicants** are advised to email **nriadmission@amrita.edu** and should not apply through the website.





Applicants under the **Management Quota** may select the option in the Amrita Online Application Portal (AOAP). They can also submit this option in Step 2 of the application process if they wish to be considered under the Management Quota.




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