



University
of Nepal

Academic excellence with purpose

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First-of-its-kind in Nepal

Vision

Reshaping higher education for a better future.

Mission

To produce competent, conscientious, and socially responsible scholars and leaders by fostering knowledge, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship for a sustainable, and prosperous society.

Values

- Integrity and ethics
- Intellectual rigor and excellence
- Pursuit of truth
- Academic autonomy and freedom
- Tolerance, dignity, and respect
- Equity, inclusion and social responsibility
- Collegiality and accountability
- Innovation
- Public purpose
- Responsiveness and institutional resilience

The University of Nepal (UNepal) is an excellence-driven, research-oriented, multidisciplinary, autonomous public university established by the Federal Parliament through the University of Nepal Act 2024.

The defining characteristics of UNepal include:

- Governance through an independent Board of Trustees
- A liberal arts and sciences-based academic framework
- T-Model Education – combining multi/interdisciplinary breadth and disciplinary depth
- Highly qualified faculty
- Innovative pedagogy
- A nurturing, student-focused, and non-partisan academic ecosystem
- Meaningful international partnerships
- Building competence and lifelong learning skills

We aim to build a student-focused university that empowers graduates to excel in evidence-based problem-solving, collaborate with national and international industries and communities, and engage in civic leadership. By combining Nepal's intellectual heritage with global standards of excellence, UNepal aims to educate the next generation of leaders, thinkers, managers, and innovators who are both globally competent and locally relevant.

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Invest in Tomorrow's Scholars & Leaders

UNepal was established to reimagine what higher education can mean for Nepal — an education that nurtures critical thinking, fosters creativity and entrepreneurship, empowers young people, and helps build a more prosperous nation.

At a time when many young Nepalis seek opportunity abroad, UNepal offers a homegrown alternative as an institution dedicated to excellence with purpose, equity, and engagement with the real challenges facing Nepal's future.

The University will model a new approach to learning: one that not only equips students with intellectual competence but also the ability to question, create, and lead with purpose. Through its robust academic programs, students will gain the breadth to think across disciplines and the depth to pursue a meaningful career and make impactful contributions to their communities.

UNepal will operate multiple campuses in different locations in a phased approach. We will remain open to establishing meaningful partnerships with like-minded public and private institutions for advancing our institutional mission and values.

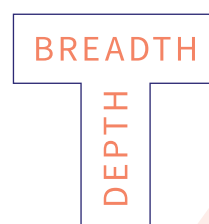


Fig: T-Model

The Student Experience

At UNepal, students experience an education that cultivates research-oriented minds grounded in real-world application. Through its **T-Model** (combination of interdisciplinary breadth, and disciplinary depth) approach, the university combines a broad interdisciplinary foundation with disciplinary depth, strengthening hard skills while developing soft skills and lifelong learning skills. Rigorous critical thinking is complemented by hands-on engagement, including micro-credential courses, through incubation, innovation labs, and integrated capstone and startup projects undertaken with national and international partners. Opportunities for internships, placements, competitive funding, and part-time engagement further enrich learning and enhance employability of graduates, while upholding UNepal's academic rigor and purpose.

Meet our Board of Trustees

The **Board of Trustees (BoT)** serves as the highest governing body of UNepal, committed to **transparency, accountability, and academic integrity** in all aspects of university management. Composed of distinguished individuals with diverse

backgrounds, the BoT oversees UNepal's policies, strategic direction, academic integrity, and financial stewardship to safeguard its mission as a public, autonomous, and socially accountable institution.



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- Vice Chancellor, UNepal
- Registrar, UNepal

World-Class Academic Standards & Advisors

National Senior Advisors

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International Expert Advisory Committee (IEAC)

UNepal works in active partnership with the University of Nepal International Expert Advisory Committee (IEAC), which provides academic and technical advice for the advancement of UNepal's mission.

	Position	Institution
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Liberal Arts Foundation

Areas of Study

Undergraduate Programs

UNepal offers eight areas of undergraduate study from which students can select their majors, minors, and electives:

- Economics, Finance and Business Studies (EFBS)
- Computer Science, Data Science, Mathematics, and AI (CDMAI)
- Energy, Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability (EECS)
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law (PPEL)
- Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Earth Sciences (PCBES)
- Literature, Communication and Media Studies (LCMS)
- History, Culture and Society (HCS)
- Mind, Brain, and Behavior (MBB) - Psychology / Neuroscience

Graduate Program

To meet the growing need for competent public policy professionals, UNepal offers a two-year, full-time graduate program:

- Master of Public Policy (MPP)

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All courses and project works will be guided by a combination of academic faculty and practitioners as necessary and appropriate.

Additional courses and programs may be offered subject to UNepal's academic capacity and quality standards.



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Who is UNepal for?

Students and parents who are seeking an excellent, world-class education within Nepal.

Young leaders and entrepreneurs who want to drive social change and innovation.

Researchers and scholars who are seeking a vibrant academic environment committed to rigor and excellence.

Businesses and industries looking to collaborate with academia and access cutting-edge innovation developed by students and faculty.

Partners and donors who wish to support UNepal's mission to nurture the next generation of scholars, professionals, entrepreneurs, and leaders.

Build Nepal's Future Together

Join Us

UNepal invites visionary partners, educators, practitioners, and supporters to help realize a bold new model of higher education for nation building. We welcome collaboration and support from individuals, organizations, and institutions that share our commitment to academic excellence and setting a national benchmark in Nepal.

You can engage with UNepal through the following modalities:

Academic and Industry/Business Partnerships

- Establish joint research, exchange, and visiting scholar programs with national and international universities.
- Support faculty development, student mentorship, and visiting scholar initiatives.
- Contribute to curriculum co-design and applied learning programs.
- Facilitate network-building with national and international industries and agencies.

Financial and In-Kind Contributions

- Provide seed funding or endowment support to strengthen institutional governance, financial sustainability, and core academic functions.
- Fund scholarships for deserving and qualified students, particularly from underrepresented, disadvantaged, and rural communities.
- Support campus development and digital infrastructure.
- Donate books, digital resources, equipment, or learning technologies to build a world-class academic environment.
- Sponsor endowment faculty chairs*.
- Contribute funds to research and scholarly activities.

Advisory and Mentorship Engagement

- Mentor students and early-career academics through lectures, workshops, and guided engagements.
- Join UNepal's Advisory Network to share best practices in academic pedagogy, civic engagement, transparent governance, quality assurance, and innovation.

Collaborative Programs and Innovation Hubs

- Co-develop research centers, innovation hubs, incubation programs, and policy laboratories aligned with national and global priorities.

In this context, we have signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with reputed academic institutions (IIT Bombay, GRIPS Tokyo, and AIT Bangkok), industry associations (CNI, FNCCI, and NICCI), and more are in the process.

*As per the provision in the University of Nepal Act 2024, which allows the use of a sponsor's name in faculty and chair positions.

Be Part of the Vision

Reshaping higher education for a better future.

Together, we can build an institution that sets a new benchmark for higher education in Nepal, empowering a new generation to think critically, act ethically, and serve society with compassion.



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