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### Report on Student Attributes Facilitated by the Institution

Goa University is deeply committed to fostering the comprehensive development of its students by cultivating a diverse range of attributes essential for academic success, professional excellence, and personal growth. Recognizing that education extends beyond the classroom, the University is proactive in shaping academically capable, professionally prepared, and personally confident individuals.

The institution facilitates the nurturing of critical student attributes through structured academic programs, experiential learning opportunities, and robust student support systems. Academic competence is strengthened through a dynamic curriculum that encourages analytical thinking, subject mastery, and research acumen. In parallel, professional readiness is instilled via internships, industry interactions, and skill-building workshops designed to align students with current market demands and future employment trends. Personalized academic and career counseling services are made available to help students define and refine their educational and career trajectories. These services include mentoring, goal-setting sessions, and exposure to various higher education and career pathways, enabling students to make informed decisions and take ownership of their futures. In addition to academic and professional development, Goa University strongly emphasizes cultivating personal confidence and essential soft skills. Programs that enhance communication, collaboration, leadership, problem-solving, and strategic thinking are integral to the student experience. These competencies contribute to workplace success and empower students to engage effectively in diverse social and professional settings.

Through this holistic approach, Goa University actively supports students in becoming empowered, adaptable, and socially responsible individuals ready to contribute meaningfully to their communities and chosen fields.

  
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The students attributes facilitated by the Goa University in the following ways:

1. Academic Excellence
2. Professional Competence
3. Communication and Interpersonal Skills
4. Ethical and Moral Values
5. Leadership and Teamwork
6. Digital Literacy and Technological Adaptability
7. Global Perspective
8. Mental and Physical well-being

### **1. Academic Excellence:**

Goa University fosters critical thinking and analytical skills through its on-campus postgraduate programmes. The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) promotes *Research and Innovation* through various activities to build an innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. *Interdisciplinary learning* is encouraged through generic electives offered across PG programmes on campus, allowing students to explore diverse academic interests. The University also upholds academic integrity and ethics through a defined student code of conduct and research ethics guidelines applicable to project work and dissertations.

### **2. Professional Competence:**

Goa University emphasizes an *industry-relevant curriculum* designed to align academic learning with evolving market needs. Programmes are regularly updated in consultation with industry experts to ensure the inclusion of *practical skills and emerging trends*. Students gain hands-on experience through project work, case studies, and industry interactions. *Internship opportunities* are integrated into the curriculum to provide real-world exposure and enhance professional readiness. The University also offers robust *placement support* through the dedicated Directorate of Student Placement and Alumni Relations (DSPAR), which facilitates campus recruitment, skill development workshops, and employer engagement. This comprehensive approach equips students with the knowledge, skills, and experience needed for successful career outcomes.

  
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Goa University has its own *innovation and startup policy* to create employment opportunities for Goa by providing startup avenues for students of Goa University in terms of incubation centres at the university.

### **3. Communication and Interpersonal Skills**

To enhance students' communication skills, the institution organizes dedicated workshops and training sessions focused on effective communication. Additionally, intra-semester assessments such as *group discussions and presentations* are incorporated into the evaluation process, providing students with regular opportunities to develop and demonstrate their communication abilities in academic settings.

### **4. Ethical and Moral Values**

*Community service and social outreach programs:* The Goa University Social Entrepreneurship, Swacchata and Rural Engagement Cell (SES-REC) brings together various university directorates and committees to address key societal challenges. This initiative is supported by student interns, mentors, and coordinators under the Swachh Bharat Student Internship (SBSI) programme. For SBSI 2021, the Cell focused on seven core themes: Sanitation and Hygiene, Waste Management, Water Management, Energy Management, and Greenery. From the academic year 2021–22, two additional themes, Marine Farming and Education Outreach, were introduced, further expanding the scope of community engagement and sustainable development efforts at the University.

### **5. Leadership and Teamwork**

*Opportunities in student councils and clubs:* The Directorate of Students Welfare is committed to coordinating various student welfare activities. The popular and prominent activities are indicated below: Formation of Goa University Students Council - SSA-7, Formation of Goa University Campus Students' Union - Rule-03, Formation of Students Council in Affiliated Colleges - Rule-04, Organization of Plateaunica (Annual inter-departmental event), Organization of Youthesia (Youth festival at Intercollegiate level), Student Aid Fund, Earn While You Learn Scheme

  
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***Team-based projects and inter-college competitions*** - The course curriculum includes group projects to provide students with teamwork experience. Beyond academics, they also organize and manage cultural events like Plateaunica, Youthesia, and Talaash, as well as technical events such as Infofest, which help them hone their teamwork skills.

## **6. Digital Literacy and Technological Adaptability**

***Training in emerging technologies and software tools:*** The course curriculum integrates emerging technologies and software tools to equip students with industry-relevant skills. In addition, discipline-specific workshops are regularly organized to provide hands-on exposure to the latest advancements and tools in their respective fields.

***Access to e-learning resources and digital libraries:*** A large number of online resources (full-text journals, knowledge databases, federated search engines, etc.) are available to the users of the library under the programme of the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad project. The links to all those are provided via the Knowledge Portal. The off-campus access to these resources is provided using a VPN connection. The library catalogue is available online over Internet and anyone can consult the same to look for a particular document. Any serious user besides the students and teachers at the University can walk in and consult the resources.

***Exposure to digital research and collaboration tools: “Unigoa Pathshala”*** is an initiative of Goa University to provide anytime access to the high-quality e-content of GIAN courses, VRPP lectures and classes, Conference proceedings, workshops, brainstorming sessions, Foundation Day lectures, etc., recorded by the Directorate of Digital Learning and Initiatives, Goa University. The content is conveniently arranged in different categories for easy access and use. The University library has subscribed to the following apps for the researchers at Goa University. Grammarly: This app automatically detects potential grammar, spelling, punctuation, word choice, and style mistakes in writing. STATCRAFT: A web-based platform that allows users to run data analytics using R language from a browser-based GUI that eliminates the need to write complex R code. Allows users to perform Data Analytics using R.

  
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## 7. Global Perspective

**International Hackathon:** Students of Goa University are encouraged to participate in Hackathons on Global Platforms. These platforms are well-known globally and give a competitive edge to the students who participate there. Some of these platforms include (but are not limited to) AngelHack, DEVPOST, and HackerEarth. Students also participate in the annual Google Summer of Code (SOC), a global community-focused program that accepts project proposals and then works on a 10-week project. The projects are mainly open-source, aiming to connect students to the global IT industry. Students also participate in Internshala internship programs. Here, recruiters from India and global (small organizations) participate in finding students that best suit their mutual interests. Some of our students have received an internship from US and Indian clients.

**International exchange programs:** The Directorate of International Cooperation and Exchange (DICE) looks after the “internationalisation strategy” at GU. The DICE actively pursues international collaboration with foreign Universities and Institutions. GU has established about 20 MoUs to foster international collaboration in research and student exchanges in the last couple of years, partnering with prestigious Universities in the USA, Australia, Europe and South America. GU students have been to Nihon University, Japan; Sciences Po Lyon, France and Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg, Ravensburg in recent years.

**Foreign language learning:** The erstwhile Department of Portuguese and Lusophone Studies is the only one of its kind in the entire Indian Subcontinent. Through the Joaquim Heliodoro da Cunha Rivara Chair, it actively promotes Indo-Portuguese studies. Thanks to the Cunha Rivara Chair, students, faculty and the public in Goa can benefit from interactions with international visiting research professors in the areas of language contact, ethnomusicology, social and economic networks, maritime communities, political and cultural history and history of art.

  
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## 8. Mental and Physical Well-being

***Counselling and mental health support:*** The University provides on-campus counselling services through a dedicated counsellor available five days a week, offering support to both students and staff.

***Health Centre:*** The University Health Centre is a primary medical care unit on the University campus that benefits students, staff, and family members. It provides preventive, curative and promotive services at the primary level. The Health Centre also coordinates with the Directorate of Health Services, Goa Medical College and the Indian Medical Association for various health programs.

***Stress management workshops and mindfulness sessions:*** The university regularly conducts sessions, workshops, and value-added courses on yoga for mental and physical well-being and stress management for the students and staff.

  
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