BITS Pilani offers UG, PG, and PhD programmes to over 17,500 students across its campuses in Pilani, Goa, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Dubai. BITS Pilani was declared as an Institution of Eminence by the Ministry of Education, Government of India in 2020.

QS World University Subject Rankings 2023 has ranked BITS Pilani globally at
- 101-150 in Pharmacy and Pharmacology,
- 301-350 in EEE, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science,
- 451-500 in 3 subjects, namely, Business and Management Studies, Mathematics and Physics & Astronomy,
- 501-550 in Chemistry

BITS Pilani has been ranked among the top 300 in QS World University Graduate Employability Rankings 2022 and within the top 8 in India.

In the NIRF 2022 rankings, BITS Pilani has been ranked 5th in Pharmacy, 18th in the University category and 29th in Engineering. In QS Asia University Rankings 2023, BITS has been ranked 188th, only private institute from India in the Asia Top 200, and at 18 in India. The Institute has secured over Rs 375 crore as external research grant in the last 5 years. State of the art facilities have been developed to support cutting edge research, led by students and about 925 faculty members, leading to a Scopus h-index of 146, about 17815 publications with over 2,18,200 citations as per Scopus Database and with 24 patents filed in the year 2022, and 16 patents granted. Recently, BITS Pilani was chosen by DST, GoI to establish a Technology Innovation Hub on Bio-Cyber Physical Systems with a grant of Rs 125 Cr - the only non-Government institute amongst the 25 chosen nationally for this prestigious grant. Recent studies have identified BITS at #3 in terms of number of Indian start-ups founded by the graduates of an institute. Currently there are 13 BITSian Unicorns and 1 Decacorn. There are over 7500 BITSian founders and co-founders of enterprises.

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- Engineering: Chemical, Civil, Computer Science, Electrical & Electronics, Mechanical
- Science: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
- Pharmacy
- Economics & Finance, Humanities & Social Sciences, Management

Department preference with regard to full and part-time student admission are available on the BITS Pilani admission website. Furthermore, candidates are advised to browse the respective department’s website to find the probable research areas for the intake.

Minimum Eligibility Qualifications

- M.E./M.Tech. / M.Pharm. / MBA / M.Phil. or an equivalent degree (minimum of 60% aggregate)*
- M.Sc./B.E./B.Pharm. or an equivalent degree (minimum of 60% aggregate)*
- For admission into Humanities and Social Sciences, M.A. degree (minimum of 55% aggregate)*

*In the Qualifying Degree examination

In addition, Departments may set specific admission criteria for shortlisting. Meeting the minimum eligibility qualifications does not guarantee admission into the PhD programme. Further details about the Admission process are available in the PhD Brochure on the Admission website.

Financial Assistance

Full-time Ph.D. students admitted into the Ph.D. programme are eligible to be considered for fellowship of ₹28,000 or ₹31,000 per month as per intake qualifications.

Consideration for fellowship will be as per Institute norms, details of which are available in the PhD brochure on the admission website.

The deadline for online application is 17:00 hrs. on 26th June, 2023. Further details related to the admission process is available on https://www.bitsadmission.com/phdmain.aspx