Our mission

To provide value-based education and mould character of the younger generation through a synthesis of science and spirituality, so that their earnest endeavour to achieve progress and prosperity in life is matched by an ardent desire to extend selfless service to the society, one complementing the other.
There are two types of education: Education for a living and Education for life.

When we study in a college, striving to become a doctor, a lawyer, or an engineer – this is education for a living. On the other hand, education for life requires understanding the essential principles of spirituality. This means gaining a deeper understanding of the world; our minds, our emotions and ourselves. We all know that the real goal of education is not to create people who can understand only the language of machines. The main purpose of education should be to impart a culture of the heart – a culture based on spiritual values.

Communication through machines has made people in far off places seem very near. Yet, in the absence of communication between hearts, even those who are physically near to us seem to be far away. Today’s world needs people who express goodness in their words and deeds. If such noble role models set the example for their fellow beings, the darkness prevailing in today’s society will be dispelled and the light of peace and non-violence will once again illuminate this earth. Let us work together towards this goal.
We, the Amrita family, welcome you with open arms and open hearts to this great institution of Amma’s infinite compassion and love.

To become special or extraordinary is the dream of every ambitious student. But how does one become special? Is it only through academic excellence? Of course, that is part of it, but academic brilliance alone is not enough. The most important thing in building your life and future is your ability to focus on your inner self and to realize the inherent abilities there within.

When you graduate and enter the practical world of opportunities and challenges, you may find yourself among thousands of competent professionals. What will you have over them? It will be your ability to tap into your inner source and let flow the grace you find there into your work. The extent to which you will be able to do this will depend entirely on how open you are to the beautiful opportunities available at Amrita.

May you ever remain open to Amma’s grace.

Ever in Amma,
With Love and Prayers,

Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri
President, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
Vice Chairman, Mata Amritanandamayi Math

Br. Sudeep
Director, Amritapuri Campus
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is a rapidly developing world-class university, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and advanced doctoral research in wide ranging disciplines like Management, Engineering, Medicine, Journalism and Biotechnology. It is both young immensely dynamic, with a unique holistic approach to produce leaders in all of its disciplines. At Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, we have assembled some of the most well known academicians, entrepreneurs, executives, inventors, philanthropists, researchers and scientists to guide us in this noble endeavour. We have launched International Centres for Excellence with strong partnerships with some of the highest ranked Universities from all over the world in many of the foremost frontiers of management and technology.

A very hearty welcome to you to this sacred temple of learning and leadership, and we hope you can become part of this exciting venture.

Invoking Amma’s Grace on all of us.

Dr. P. Venkat Rangan
Vice Chancellor
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was conferred the “University” status under “Section 3 of UGC Act 1956” by the Government of India in 2003.

All the students of Amrita University have ample opportunities for orientation in Yoga, Meditation and Cultural Education. Integrated Amrita Meditation (IAM) technique helps them achieve holistic development of mind and body. The students have also demonstrated their social commitment and community engagement by participating in disaster relief and rehabilitation activities after the Gujarat Earthquake in 2001, Tsunami relief operations in Tamil Nadu and Kerala in 2005–2006, flood relief operations in Bihar in 2009 and Karnataka in 2010.

When it was conferred the university status, it was the first to have a multidisciplinary, multi-campus at the outset. With campuses at Coimbatore, Amritapuri, Kochi, Bengaluru and Mysore, Amrita University is emerging as one of the fastest growing institutions of higher learning in the country. The university, which is managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math, offers undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes in Engineering, Business, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Journalism, Biotechnology, Information Technology, Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences, Education, Microbiology, Hospital Management, Visual Media Studies, Communication, Social Work, Nanosciences and Ayurveda. Satguru Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (AMMA), one of the foremost humanitarian leaders in the world today, is the Chancellor of the University. Based on the evaluation of all the campuses and programmes by a peer review committee, the University has been accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with ‘A’ grade.

AMRITA started off towards the end of 1994, as a School of Engineering in an obscure village called Ettimadai, at the foothills of Bouluvanpatty ranges of the Western Ghats in Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu, with 120 students and 13 faculty members. Today, AMRITA Vishwa Vidyapeetham University spread over five campuses in three different States of India, has a student population of around 15,000 and faculty strength of 1500, conducting over 130 UG, PG and Doctoral programmes. Presently, there are 230 Ph.D./DM holders as faculty in the University. The staff-student ratio in the University, which is about 1:8, is one of the best prevailing in the country and especially in the private universities. The University today is having a total land area of about 900 acres.
and built-up space of about 8 million square feet.

Research is a very significant activity in our university. Many centres of excellence have been started in cutting-edge areas like Nanosciences, Biomedical Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Molecular Medicine, Wireless Sensor Networks, Computational Engineering & Networking, Cyber Security, Biostatistics, Cancer etc. with the support of major national laboratories, industry leaders and agencies like TIFAC, DST, ICMR, ISRO, DRDO, DBT, DIT, DRDO, Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Media Lab Asia, Infosys, MDS Pharma, Biocon etc. AMRITA is also a partner in the Ministry of Human Resource Development’s National Mission for Education using ICT for various projects in haptics, virtual labs and interactive e-learning systems. The members of faculty of AMRITA have published more than 150 books and 1300 papers in reputed international and national journals in the past seven years. AMRITA has attracted grants from various Governmental and private funding agencies to the tune of more than Rs. 75 crores in the past seven years. AMRITA has bagged fourteen major patents and inventions in the past few years which include Adaptive and Automatic Insulin Pump, Wireless Telematics, Virtual Private Network (VPN), Amrita Hospital Information System (AHIS) etc. Plans are afoot to manufacture this Insulin Pump commercially, which will be affordable for the poor at one third of the cost of similar such devices.

The 1450-bed super-specialty hospital, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) attached to the Amrita School of Medicine at the Health Sciences campus in Kochi, is a unique, state-of-the-art institution offering subsidized and free treatment of over Rs. 25 crores per year, to poor and needy patients. AIMS’ extensive infrastructure comprises 60 departments, 22 modern operating theatres, 210 Well-equipped Intensive Care beds, a reference diagnostic clinical laboratory, including advanced Molecular Biology and Cytogenetics Labs, a state-of-the-art Diagnostic Imaging Centre and Research Facility. Patient care is enhanced by a fully computerized and networked Hospital Information System and a fully digitized Radiology Department. Annual patient turnover exceeds 450,000 outpatients and nearly 40,000 inpatients. The hospital has also secured NABH and NABL accreditations. AMRITA hospital is the first university teaching hospital in India to secure NABH accreditation.
The Amrita Center for International Programs (ACIP) is the central point for international academic relations at Amrita University. It is responsible for the coordination and administration of international educational and research activities and initiatives for the University. The Center focuses on enhancing education and research by bringing together students, teachers, and academicians from around the world to create an opportunity for the rich and diverse exchange of knowledge and ideas.

ACIP has established and continues to establish strong collaborative initiatives with many institutions around the globe and facilitates extensive faculty and student exchanges as well as cross-continental research projects. Furthermore, the Center frequently engages international experts from these institutions via online lectures and short courses. So far, Amrita has welcomed over 500 international distinguished guest lecturers and adjunct faculty, including Nobel Laureates Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Dr. Martin Chalfie, and Dr. Leland Hartwell.

Amrita has joint research projects, collaborative programs, and various academic tie-ups with over 80 institutions around the world via the Center for International Programs and offers several exchange programs, semester study abroad opportunities, and dual degree programs for students with excellent academic credentials. To date, 150+ students have taken advantage of the opportunities provided by ACIP. Furthermore, the Erasmus Mundus program, sponsored by the European Commission has, till date, taken over 100 faculty and students and placed them in various European institutions in the UK, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Finland, Bulgaria and the Netherlands.

In the U.S., Amrita has collaborated with institutions such as Harvard University, Princeton University, Yale University, SUNY – Buffalo, University of Washington, Columbia University, University of California (Berkeley, Davis, and San Diego), Carnegie Mellon University, and...
Cornell University, University of Chicago, and University of New Mexico. In Europe, Amrita has collaborated with institutions such as Vrije University, University of York, TU Munich, KTH – Royal Institute of Technology, ETH, Telecom SudParis, University of Paderborn, UPC – Barcelona Tech, and Politecnico University Di Milano. In Australia, Amrita has collaborated with Deakin University and Amrita has recently established strong collaborations with Doshisha University and the University of Tokyo in Japan.

Student Exchange

By partnering with several universities in Europe and the U.S., the Center now provides exciting opportunities to live and study at internationally renowned institutions. Students who engage in an exchange program will be able to:

- Earn academic credit from highly ranked international universities
- Work under distinguished professors and mentors with the possibility of being offered fully funded Masters or PhD degrees
- Be a part of internship and research activities at esteemed and well recognized institutions
- Gain hands-on experience in world class facilities
- Gain experience living abroad and learning about another culture

Dual Degrees

ACIP is proud to offer the Amrita Dual Degree, an academically attractive alternative to traditional methods of study. Through the dual degree programs, Amrita students can undertake graduate coursework towards two separate degrees, simultaneously, usually completing the course in just two years. Furthermore, students have the opportunity to earn their second degree from an internationally recognized institution in the U.S. or Europe. This is a great opportunity to earn two degrees and gain a competitive professional advantage.

The Center currently offers the following dual degree programs in the fields of Engineering and Business:

- University of New Mexico (Unm), USA
- University of California, Davis (Uc Davis), USA
- KTH – Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
- Munich University of Technology (Tum), Germany
- Telecom SudParis, France
- University of Paderborn, Germany
- UPC – Barcelona Tech, Spain
- Politecnico University Di Milano (Polimi), Italy
Launch of Live in Lab MoU between University of Santiago, California and Amrita University.

MBA/MS in Management (Amrita and University at Buffalo, State University of New York, USA)

Amrita School of Business, Bangalore, offers a unique collaborative twinning program where students will have the opportunity to earn a full-time MBA or a part-time Executive MBA and an MS (Master of Science) in Management from University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

M.Tech/MS in Automotive and Embedded Systems (Amrita and University at Buffalo, State University of New York, USA)

This twinning program is designed to help working professionals and will lead to an M.Tech in Automotive Systems from Amrita and an MS in Embedded Systems from University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

M.Tech/MS in Wireless Networks and Information & Communication Technologies (Amrita and UPC, Spain)

This dual degree program enables students to earn a Masters in Wireless Networks and Applications, Remote Sensing and Wireless Sensor Networks, or Computer Vision and Image, from Amrita, and a European Master of Research degree in Information and Communications Technology (MERIT) from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

M.Tech/MS in Wireless Networks and Distributed Systems (Amrita and UNM, USA)

This program enables collaborative Masters and PhD degrees for students registered on a full-time basis at Amrita in the School of Engineering, or at UNM in the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

B.Tech/MA 3+2 program (Amrita and KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)

Selected students will complete their first three years at Amrita and the next two years at KTH. After five years, students will be awarded a Bachelors degree in Engineering from Amrita and a Masters degree from KTH in one of the following specializations: Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), Electronics and Communications Engineering (ECE), Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering (EIE), Computer Science and Engineering (CSE).
Amritapuri campus, located near the international headquarters of Mata Amritanandamayi Math, and having a global environment with its national and international students, is committed to generate, disseminate and preserve knowledge. The campus has the advantage of basking in the effulgence of Amma’s divine presence. Seeking guidance and inspiration from the Chancellor – Satguru Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, the campus instills hope and confidence in the students to set their own pace, place and time. The eminent professors and corporate professionals from various foreign universities and industries share their knowledge and experiences with the students and help them apply their theoretical knowledge to real life corporate situations. The campus, though located in a remote village blessed with panoramic backwater expanse provides all the modern amenities which help the students to make their student-life a memorable one. They are groomed to become leaders with value which is the fundamental need of a developing country like India.
Amrita School of Arts & Sciences at the Amritapuri Campus seeks to fulfil Amma’s grand vision of education. The various academic programs of the School are designed and structured to enable the learners to develop the faculties of their head and heart.

The advanced curriculum, the highly qualified faculty and the state-of-the-art infrastructural facilities would ensure the widening of their intellectual horizons. The spiritual resonances and moral predilections manifest in the varied activities of the campus would go a long way towards turning them into better human beings. The research forum ignites their quest for knowledge and motivates them to take up socially relevant research projects in the emerging areas in the concerned subjects. The manifold programmes initiated and organized by a variety of clubs and associations here would provide them with the platform to bring out their latent talents and innate creative impulses.

The well-orchestrated activities under the auspices of ‘Amrita Sanjeevani’ are in place to enliven a worldview in them to promote the social awareness and environmental commitments which are great assets in the youth of any nation. The music and drama club seeks to develop their aesthetic sensibility. Sports and Games, an integral part of the campus experience will be instrumental in creating team spirit and instilling leadership quality in them.

The Amrita experience is unique. Here, science and spirituality co-exist harmoniously in the same departments and the same minds. The quest is both inward and outward. The sweetness of wisdom merges with the light of knowledge in the sublime process of moulding the new generations. The expectation is that the youth utilize the infinite capacity in them to improve the quality of their own lives and give shape to a new better world order.

Dr. C. Gopinathan Pillai, Ph. D
The objectives of Amrita School of Arts & Sciences are

- To provide students a good understanding of the economic, social, cultural, legal, ethical and political framework within which businesses and individuals operate.

- To contribute to their personal growth by helping them build marketable skills, enhance their career prospects and develop productive options for the future.

- To sensitize the students to the need of living a life rooted in the eternal values in the current business scenario for meaningful all-round progress.

Established in 2003, the Amrita School of Arts & Sciences at Amritapuri Campus has rapidly grown in stature and reputation since its inception. The School is born of the noble vision of Chancellor Amma that preparing a generation that could successfully meet the rigorous demands of the Information Age and at the same time be imbued with the noble ideals of selfless service and love is an urgent need of the hour. Amma’s vision continues to shape the mission and vision of the School.
Department of Physics

The department of Physics was started in the year 2006 with the objective to impart quality education in the fundamental areas of physics at all levels in Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. The department encourages research work both in theoretical and experimental areas of Physics. Many of the faculty members are actively engaged in research and over the years several papers have been published in various national and international journals. Faculty and research students also participate in International and national conferences held every year in several parts of the country and abroad. Some of the research students have gone to Sweden under the India4EU scheme to do research work in the Universities there. The department together with the Chemistry has started a Science Association which is a forum where the students can actively participate in discussions and seminars. The activities are organized by the students themselves in consultation with the faculty members. These activities bring the faculty and the students together in their pursuit of knowledge.

Faculty

Dr. Del Marshall, Professor
Dr. K Narayanankutty, Associate Professor
Dr. Ganesh Sundaram, Associate Professor
Dr. Rajmohan Kombiyil, Associate Professor
Dr. Rakheesh V, Associate Professor
Dr. Sitaram V, Associate Professor
Dr. Nirmala Vasudevan, Associate Professor
Mr. Sreedev P, Lecturer
Br. Sivanandan D S, Lecturer
Ms. Sournya G Nair, Lecturer
Ms. Dhanya S R, Lecturer
Ms. Remya S Nair, Lecturer
Ms. Roshima N S, Teaching Assistant
Mr. Sathyanarayanan K, Teaching Assistant (Part-time)
Mr. Suraj T S, Teaching Assistant

Chairperson

Dr. V. M. Nandakumaran
Research Interests: Non Linear Dynamics and Chaos, Chaos in Laser Systems, Synchronization of Chaotic Systems

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Ph.D from Indian Institute of Science Bangalore

formerly Director, International School of Photonics, Cochin University of Science & Technology

Guided 12 Ph. D Students

Published more than 60 papers in National and International journals

Co-authored two books

Life member Indian Physics Association

Life member Photonics Society of India

35 Years of teaching experience at the PG Leavel
Department of Chemistry

Ever since the beginning, the department has witnessed a rapid phase of progress and today, the department enjoys the status and privilege of a well-flourishing inevitable academic entity of this campus, which postgraduate courses on vivid, advanced and applied areas of chemistry handled by expert members of faculty possessing national as well as international exposure. The programme is designed specifically to equip students with necessary knowledge and skills that are essential to cope with the increasing challenges in the competitive and professional world of chemistry whether it be in research, academia or industry. The six-months project in the final semester helps the student to identify his or her research interests and gives an all-round exposure to the field. Opportunities exist for students to carry out projects at National Labs as well. The Department possesses laboratory facilities for carrying out experiments at the postgraduate level in inorganic, organic, physical and analytical chemistry. As a humble beginning to another rapid phase of growth, the department possesses a DST project in Organic chemistry. In connection with the project, a well-equipped research laboratory for wet chemistry work is also being set up. All the post-graduate level labs and the research labs have been structured with a vision of transforming into an excellent centre for Research in the frontier areas of applied chemistry and allied branches.

Faculty

Mr. Raghunandan Nair, Professor
Dr. A Suresh, Associate Professor
Dr. K M Sreedhar, Assistant Professor SLGr.
Dr. Zeena S Pillai, Assistant Professor SLGr.
Dr Saritha A, Assistant Professor SLGr.
Ms. Sreedha Sambhudevan, Assistant Professor
Dr. Smitha Chandran S, Assistant Professor
Dr. Beena S, Assistant Professor
Dr. Sivasubramanian G, Assistant Professor
Ms. Divya Mohan R, Assistant Professor
Ms. Rejithamol R, Assistant Professor

Chairperson

Prof(Dr). M. Viswanathan
Research Interests: Coordination Chemistry

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• 35 Years of teaching experience

Formerly:
• PRINCIPAL of S.N.College, Kollam
• PRINCIPAL of S.N.College, Alathur
• PRINCIPAL of S.N.College, Punalur
• PRINCIPAL of S.N.College, Chathannur
• Head of the PG & Research Department of Chemistry, S.N.College, Kollam
• Head of the PG & Research Department of Chemistry, S.N.C.W,Kollam
• Member, Board Studies in Chemistry, University of Kerala
• Member, Faculty of Science, University of Kerala
• Member, UG Board of Examiners, University of Kerala
• Member, PG Board of Examiners, University of Kerala
• Published 15 Research Papers in International Journals
• Published 37 text books in Chemistry in accordance with the latest syllabus of University of Kerala.
• Recognised Research Guide of the University of Kerala. At present guiding two research fellows for their Ph.D
• Fellow of Indian Chemical Society
• Fellow of Research Journal of Chemistry & Environment

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The department of Mathematics was started in the year 2002. In the year 2006, the department has started five year integrated M.Sc. Programme in Mathematics and Physics. Also the department offers various Mathematics courses in Engineering, Computer Science, Commerce and Management studies and Bio technology. In addition to that the department offers courses for M.Tech/Ph.D programmes of the university. Students can take a broad range of courses in areas such as Real and Complex analysis, Group theory, Functional analysis, Topology, Differential equations, Discrete mathematics, Probability and Statistics etc. The courses are offered in such a way that there is a healthy balance between Pure and Applied Mathematics. In addition to the courses taken, students should prepare a minor dissertation, under the supervision of a faculty member of the department. Through the minor dissertation, training in research techniques is provided and the student is introduced to a topic of current research interest. The courses will prepare the students towards a doctoral degree in mathematics or a career in reputed universities, research institutions in the field of Mathematics.

Faculty

Mr. K C Narayanan Nair, Professor
Dr. P V Ushakumari, Associate Professor
Dr. Rajan Sundararavaradhan, Associate Professor Sl. Gr.
Ms. Lasitha A, Associate Professor Sl. Gr.
Ms. Sathidevi C, Associate Professor Sl. Gr.
Ms. Sreeelatha K Sharma, Assistant Professor
Ms. Sarika S G, Assistant Professor
Ms. Jayalekshimi K K, Assistant Professor
Mr. Pramod P Nair, Assistant Professor
Mr. Jishnu Raj, Lecturer
Mr. Naren Babu O V, Lecturer
Ms. Manjusha R, Lecturer
Ms. Ramya M.R, Assistant Professor
Mr. Dhaneesh, P, Lecturer
Mr. A.V.Prajeesh, Lecturer
Ms. Hemalatha R, Lecturer

Chairperson

Dr. Sreeja V. K.
Research Interests: Algebra
- Qualified in the National level eligibility test for lectureship and JRF conducted by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of India.
- PhD from Kerala University
- 10 years of experience in Teaching
- Published some papers in International journals like Southeast Asian Bulletin of Mathematics and Asian European Journal of Mathematics

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Department of English

Started in the year 2005, the department of English has grown into the stature of a post graduate and research department. The department offers various courses in English to students of Engineering, Biotechnology and Arts and Sciences. A new course—5 year integrated M.A. English Language and Literature—was launched in the academic year 2012-13.

The department has a language lab to train the students in speaking English. Audio and video devices, besides OHP, are being used for effective language teaching. The department has a good collection of books in ELT and literature. The department has organized a literary club, SAAHITI under the auspices of which workshops and literary events are conducted annually. Sanskrit is also offered as an elective. Plans are in the offing to develop a centre of excellence. Electives like Sanskrit and foreign languages—German, French and Japanese by native speakers—are offered as electives.

Chairperson

Dr. K. K. Sujatha
Research Interests: English: Indian Writing in English, Spirituality in Literature, English Language Teaching (ELT)

- Ph.D from Institute of English (Kerala University)
- Former Professor & Head, Department of Post Graduate Studies in English, N. G. M. College, Pollachi.
- Former Reader in English, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad.
- 45 years of experience in teaching, & 20 years of research & guidance,
- Published poems & articles
- Area of Specialisation: Indian Writing in English

Faculty

Dr. C Gopinathan Pillai, Professor & Principal
Dr. P V Ramanathan, Professor
Dr. M K Jyothi, Professor
Dr. Beena S Nair, Assistant Professor
Ms. Indu B, Assistant Professor
Mr. Arun S, Lecturer
Ms. Anupama S S, Assistant Professor
Ms. Jayalakshmi J, Assistant Professor
Ms. Neelima Devadasan, Lecturer
Mr. Jinesh Sekhar, Lecturer
Ms. Deepthi B, Lecturer

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Department of Social Work

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is offering MSW programme since 2007 for preparing the students for specialized, advance level, evidence based and autonomous Social Work Practice among the oppressed, vulnerable as well as general population. Apart from attitude and theoretical knowledge, the social work students are also supposed to acquire the basic skills in establishing effective relationships with various groups in the society. Its credit-based system (75 credits for graduation) allows tremendous flexibility in matters of course design, curricula, timeframe, teaching and learning methodologies, and evaluation procedures. The curriculum is on par with that of the best international institutions in the field of Social Work, while taking into account the specific requirements of the Social Work profession in the Indian context. The MSW program maintains a healthy balance between classroom sessions and field practice. Students undertake observational visits to selected social service agencies and health care centers offering community services. The curriculum teaches various perspectives and diverse methods of Social Work, giving students the requisite theoretical foundation and professional skills to do Social Work.

Students are involved in field work with selected agencies, both concurrent with academic courses and separately in blocks. Amrita’s Social Work Department collaborates with social service organizations where students can do their internships, projects and other experiential learning. These organizations are also potential places of employment for MSW graduates. The department is keen in providing job placement for MSW students/graduates with the support of Amrita Central for International Relations in various agencies like Green Peace International, Azim Premji foundation, Hand-in Hand etc.

Faculty

Mr. V.S.Kochukrishna Kurup, Lecturer
Br. Vivek S, Lecturer
Mrs. Aswathy S, Lecturer
Ms. Veena Suresh, Lecturer
Ms. Juna B, Assistant Professor
Mr. Nisanth M, Field Work Coordinator

Chairperson

Dr. Rajeev M.M.
Assistant Professor & Chairperson
o Ph.D in Social Sciences from School of International Relations & Politics in "Disaster Management" from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

o Qualified UGC- NET in Social Work.

o 15 Years of Experience in teaching, training, research & has also worked in professional organizations.

o Research and Teaching Interests: Disaster social work; Microfinance and livelihood programs; Health, HIV/AIDS; Psychosocial care, Geriatric care Community development. Research methods and design; program evaluation; social welfare history; family policy, Health & mental health, Disaster Management/Risk Reduction, and Sustainable livelihood.

o Board of Studies Member, Dept of Social Work, Amrita University.

o Member, Amrita Centre for International Research Programs.

o Member of Indian Council of Social Workers Association

o Member of All Kerala Professional Social Workers Association

o Elected as Executive Member of Swadeshi Science Movement (2013-14), Kerala

o Chief Editor, DISHAA Newsletter, Dept of Social Work, Amritapuri

o 21 Paper presentations in International/ National and Regional Conferences & Published more than 10 papers.

o Guided more than 25 MSW students in dissertations.
Department of Commerce and Management

Department of Commerce and Management is one of the youngest and most entrepreneurial business schools at Amritapuri Campus established in 2006, upholding innovative business education. The department combines the highest standards of academic rigor with a practical understanding of business and wealth creation.

- To provide students a good understanding about the economic, social, cultural, legal, ethical and political framework within which businesses and individuals operate.
- To contribute to their personal growth by helping them build marketable skills, enhance career prospects and create productive options for the future.
- To sensitize the students to the need to live their lives rooted in the eternal values in the current business scenario.

The placement opportunities are facilitated and supported by the Directorate of Corporate and International Relations, (CIR), Amritapuri campus.

Faculty

Mr. Arun K, Asst. Professor & Vice chairman
Ms. T Ananthavalli, Professor
Br. Shobana, Asst. Professor
Br. Jisha, Asst. Professor
Ms. Amritalakshmi, Lecturer
Ms. Aarathi K Sudhakaran, Lecturer
Ms. Durga Lashmi C V, Lecturer
Ms. Jayashree S, Lecturer
Ms. Jyothilekshmi H, Lecturer
Ms. Kala V Krishnan, Lecturer
Mr. Manoharan T G, Lecturer
Br. Meera S R, Lecturer
Ms. Pravitha N R, Lecturer
Ms. Renjini S Nair, Lecturer
Mr. Vinod Kumar K, Lecturer
Mr. Abymon A, Lecturer
Ms. Ambili R, Lecturer

Chairperson

Prof. Dr. Prema D R
Research Interests: Entrepreneurship Development, Marketing Management.

Formerly:

- Ph.D from university of Calicut
- Associate professor, Department of commerce, Providence womens college, Kozhikode
- 29 years of teaching experience; guided M.phil dissertation in management, Vinayaka University;
- Research guide, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.
- Published papers/articles in “Vyavasaya Keralam” magazine, published by Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Kerala.
- Membership in professional bodies like CMA & MNHS
- Post held: member board of studies in commerce(UG), Calicut university, Co-ordinator Enterprenership Development club and Tourism club affiliated to Govt. of Kerala.

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The campus is residential in nature and accommodates nearly 95% of the student community in the hostels. Girls’ hostel is located in the Ashram premises. All the students, except those who are staying with their parents within a radius of 30 km, are required to stay in the hostels. They are not allowed to live in rented houses or lodges, either alone or in groups.
Central Library

Amritapuri campus has a Central Academic Library spanning over a total of 15,000 square feet floor area. The Campus Library is established to serve the students and the faculty with latest information, reading materials – both printed, non-printed, advanced technological resources such as the Web, on-line journals, full-texts, on-line books, reference sources, digital libraries as well as self-testing materials for education, self-directed learning, and research. The library also has access to various e-resources. The central library has a collection of over 30,000 volumes and subscriptions of 200 journals in print. Students have also access to thousands of International Journals from ASME, IEL, EBSCO, INSPEC, Emerald, Cambridge Online, Institute of Physics Journals, ERIC Database, ACM Digital Library and IBM Journal of Research and Development. The Digital Repository (DSpace) collects, preserves and disseminates the research output of the faculty, staff and students of Amritapuri campus.

Centre for International Relations

The Directorate for Corporate and International Relations (CIR) assists with the placement of students, providing specialized training to supplement their academic curriculum. Nearly all major companies, including MNCs – employers – in India visit Amrita, looking for recruitment. Companies from other countries, especially from the Middle East, also recruit students from Amrita. Experienced teams of counsellors and training officers assist our student training, campus placements corporate relations in our various campuses.

Banking Facilities

Arrangements with the Dhanalakshmi Bank, which is having an extension counter in the campus itself, makes money transactions easy for the students and the staff. A 24 hr ATM terminal is an added advantage.

Transport

Transport facility is available for the day scholars, faculty and staff. College bus service is available up to Kollam towards the southern direction and up to Harippad in the northern direction.
Medical Services
The students can avail themselves of the services offered at AmritaKripa hospital situated in the Ashram premises. It is a well-equipped hospital with facilities to admit patients. In addition to this, medical facilities are also made available to the students and staff on the campus from 8.30am to 6.30pm.

General Store
The general store in the Ashram premises caters to the needs of all in the campus. Stationery items and other domestic goods like eatables, dress materials, hand bags, sandals etc along with the products of the Math, are available in the store.

Ayurvedic Clinic
Ayurvedic treatment including Panchakarma, is available. Herbal medicines prepared in the traditional manner by the monastic disciples are available at the pharmacy.

Reprographic and STD Services
Photocopying facility is made available to the students. Use of mobile phones in academic premises is strictly prohibited. To compensate this, phone booths with local/STD/ISD services are provided in the campus.

Canteen and Refreshments
Quality and tasty vegetarian food prepared in a hygienic environment, providing wholesome and balanced nutrition, is provided in the canteen. The students and staff can enjoy North Indian cuisine in addition to South Indian culinary delights. Canteen is open on all days from 7.00 AM to 7.00 PM, except on holidays.
Information & Communication Technology Services

Informally known as ICTS is a pivotal and integral part of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. Over the past decade, ICTS has been catering to the IT requirements of the entire student and staff community at Amrita, by presenting State-of-the-art computing infrastructure, latest IT and Networking resources, up-to-date communication facilities, reliable customer services and dedicated user support.

ICTS in a nutshell

- Computing facilities which comprise over 4000 computers and 3000 Wi-Fi enabled devices throughout the campus.
- 3000 plus networked desktops and workstations with 100 servers.
- 1200 square feet area of datacenter.
- A whopping 15 kms of optic fiber network coverage.
- Independent storage facility, with backup and restore facilities for all users.
- Wi-Fi hotspots for users with full coverage throughout the entire campus infrastructure and residential areas.
- Well-equipped labs with over 1000 computer systems throughout the campus and qualified lab staff to guide and assist users.
- Email facility for the students and staff, as well as service logins with anti-spam and antivirus support.
- Help-Desk and trouble-shooting services
- Campus-wide Login
- Personal Web Pages
- 200 mbps of internet connectivity.
- Latest Firewall & security applications, to protect the systems and networks, in place
- Printing & publishing facilities through the Reprographic Centers.
- Telephone connectivity within the campus.
- Audio-visual enabled classrooms through technical aids such as projectors and audio systems.

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Amrita Kalotsavam

Amrita Kalotsavam, a two day arts-and-culture event on the campus is conducted by the students to showcase their inherent special talents. Competitions are held house-wise: Amritamayi, Anandamayi, Chinmayi and Jyothirmayi. Facilitated by the staff, students themselves are trained to organize the various events – a part of their life at Amrita.

Campus Day

Campus day is celebrated every year with an open house meeting of parents, project exhibitions and cultural activities, usually during March – April every year.
Sports

Sports Day: One day in the even semester is devoted for competitions in sports where students get the opportunity to exhibit their talents in athletics and games. The facilities provided by the campus help create a healthy spirit of competitiveness in these events.

Onam

Onam Celebrations: Onam, the traditional festival of Kerala is celebrated by the students before the start of Onam vacation. The traditional Pulikali, Chenda melam and various folk and modern art forms are the special features of this festive occasion.
Amma’s Birthday Celebrations: Amma’s birthday finds an international gathering of Her devotees at Amritapuri in the month of September. Students are encouraged to participate in the service activities initiated by the Math during this time. Three days in September are marked as “service days” for the students of the campus.
The Mata Amritanandamayi Math

The Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM) is a registered Public Charitable Trust dedicated to serving humanity without distinction of nationality, caste, race of religion. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is one of the major educational initiatives of the Math which has its International Headquarters at Amritapuri in Kollam, Kerala (India) UN Recognition for M.A.Math.

UN Recognition for M.A.Math The United Nations announced the distinguished award of Special UN consultative status to Mata Amritanandamayi Math with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN. After a thorough review of M.A.Math’s work and results for the past 15 years, including AIMS, Amrita University, and all other major efforts, the United Nation’s committee of 19 member nations in the ECOSOC Committee voted unanimously to grant Special Consultative Status. The major ECOSOC body of 50 member nations affirmed this decision on July 21, 2005.

Social Initiatives

Tsunami Relief - Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM) is implementing the largest Tsunami Rehabilitation project in the country. The cost of the project is over Rs.200 crore and most of the work is done by the volunteers. The Math has already constructed more than 5000 houses, of the proposed 6200 houses. It is the first NGO to hand over the houses as per the specifications of the governments, in Kerala and TamilNadu and also in other areas in India and Sri Lanka. The Math is particular that the villages which are being reconstructed will be self-reliant: facilitated with community centres, anganwadis, schools, primary health centres, markets and roads. Electrification and supply of water are also given priority. Moreover, the affected people are also provided with FRP boats, marine outboard engines and fishing nets. To make them self-reliant vocational training in nursing and driving and given.

Amrita Kuteeram - Free houses for homeless with a mission to provide 1,00,000 houses in the next 10 years across India. Already more than 35,000 houses have been built all over the country under this project.

In 2007, AMMA announced a Rs.200 crore Project to prevent Farmer Suicide through education and the reduction of financial strain placed upon impoverished agricultural families in Maharashtra, Kerala and other states in India. This is being implemented by providing 30,000 full scholarships for children of farmers living below the poverty line and providing vocational training and start-up capital to help 5,000 groups of women from agricultural families to form home-based businesses.

Amrita Setu - A suspension bridge constructed by the Math connecting Alappad panchayath with mainland Kerala, as part of its extensive tsunami relief programme. Should the Alappad community face any future disaster, the bridge ensures that the villagers will have an escape route through which 15,000 persons can be evacuated in 30 minutes.

Amrita Village Reconstruction Project, Gujarat - Rebuilt three villages, with more than 1200 quakeproof houses with community facilities, after the devastating earthquake of January 2001.
Satguru Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma) has given darshan to over 40 million people across the world and has been invited to address global fora.

2006, New York AMMA was presented with the Interfaith Center of New York’s 4th Annual James Parks Morton Interfaith Award after speaking on the topic “Understanding and collaboration between Religions”.

2005, Cannes A film on AMMA titled “Darshan – The Embrace” by renowned filmmaker Jan Kounen was screened at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival.

2004, Barcelona AMMA delivered the Keynote Address at the Closing Plenary Session of the World Parliament of Religions.

2002, Geneva AMMA delivered the Keynote Address at the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious & Spiritual Leaders at the UN, after receiving the prestigious UN Gandhi–King Peace Award.

2000, New York AMMA also delivered the Keynote Address at the Millennium Peace Summit, UN General Assembly.

1995, New York AMMA spoke at the Interfaith Celebration, during the 50th Anniversary of the UN.

1993, Chicago AMMA was one of the main speakers at the World Parliament of Religions, 100th anniversary.
"It is said that knowledge is the greatest gift one can give, for knowledge is imperishable. Even if we light a thousand lamps from one flame, the lustre of the first lamp never diminishes. Similar is the greatness of knowledge."

– Amma