

Division of Business and Commerce

Business school graduates have a very high employability rate with a wide range of job opportunities. The Divisions of Business Administration and Commerce at Spicer Adventist University, Pune, has a dedicated building next to the university's main entrance gate. This ideal location of the building gives easy access to the students. This Division has an open-minded, friendly, and study-conducive ambience. The facilities provided are conducive to learning and gaining knowledge.

At present, the Division offers three programs:

1. MBA with two specializations (Finance and Human Resource).
2. BBA with two specializations (Finance and Marketing).
3. BCOM with two specializations (Banking and Costing).

The department has played an essential role in helping the university transition to an online mode of teaching and learning, change management being a part of what it teaches. With the onset of the pandemic, the department opened up its technological resources to condition equitable access to teaching aids for other departments. The faculty also took an active part in assisting in training programs aimed at helping teachers and students inculcate technology into their teaching-learning process. Through such measures, the department has contributed to the administration's efforts to keep up with the challenging situation imposed by the pandemic. The department believes that students' uninterrupted education is critical and will always strive to provide a wholesome learning environment regardless of the situation.

It has the following amenities: parking, ramps for students with disabilities, elevators, a library with Wi-Fi, a computer lab, a faculty room, a medical room, placement offices, a boys and girls study room, office space for faculty, a board room, rest rooms, and a restroom specifically designed for students with disabilities.

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Division of Arts and Social Sciences

Social science is a branch of study that studies human behaviour, human interactions, resources, and institutional structures and practices. The primary purpose of teaching Social Science is to educate students and prepare them to be productive members of society. Isn't it true that we live in a diverse society? However, to be successful, one must have a working knowledge of the arts and social sciences. Individuals with qualifications in the arts and social sciences are better positioned to engage responsibly in our democratic society. The division of Arts & Social Sciences allows students to become more familiar with the actual world. In today's challenging environment, students must be prepared to interact with individuals from all walks of life.

The Seven Pillars of Division of Arts & Social Sciences

The Division of Arts & Social Sciences at SAU comprises seven departments: Economics, Education, English, Geography, History, Psychology, and Sociology. These seven departments are the seven pillars of the division of Arts and Social Sciences.

Aim – The division believes that good education is the foundation for a better society. The main aim of the Division of Arts and Social Sciences is to provide students with a good education based on scientific knowledge and empower them with professional skills to succeed in their future professional life.

Study Programmes – All seven departments offer B.A. Honors degree programs and M.A. degree programs in Education, English, and History. The curriculum is based on the UGC-approved Choice Based Credit System [CBCS] and Learning Outcome Curriculum Framework [LOCF].

Career Options - Graduates of the Arts and Social Sciences are in high demand for various professions. This is attributed to the students' professional and life skills such as communication, critical thinking, creativity, and human interaction skills. Hence, ensuring that the graduates are successful in their future endeavors.

Faculty – The teaching faculty are highly qualified professionals dedicated to excellence in teaching and research. Students are also guided, counseled, and mentored by the professors.

Students - The students come from different states in India and from all over the world, enriching Spicer Adventist University's cultural heritage.

Future Plans –The division intends to initiate Master of Arts [M.A] programs in Economics, Geography, Psychology, and Sociology. In addition, we are promoting a research-oriented and project-based curriculum.

Wishes -The Arts and Social Sciences faculty members wish all students a bright future filled with success and happiness. May God bless Spicer Adventist University as it molds students to be future leaders who build a prosperous nation and a peaceful society.

Dr. Swarna Rekha Rao
M.Sc., M.A., Ph.D.

Division of Sciences

The Division of Science at Spicer Adventist University offers the following courses:

For UG (Under-Graduate):

1. BSc Biotechnology [3yrs] (Honors Program)
2. BSc Microbiology [3yrs] (Honors Program)
3. BSc Botany [3yrs] (Honors Program)
4. BSc Computer Science [3yrs] (Honors Program)
5. BSc in Mathematics & Computer Application (Previously known as BCA) [3yrs]

For PG (Post-Graduate):

1. MSc Biotechnology [2yrs]
2. MSc Botany [2yrs]

The importance of the Division of Sciences at Spicer

Like in any university, the Division of Sciences is also at the heart of SAU. The Division of Sciences helps students better understand our world around us, be it from the understanding about gravity to the spherical shape of the Earth to climate change, and science helps us understand the interaction in the world around us even to the molecular level. As we move from understanding the fundamental laws, we gain more insight into how we can better solve problems in our world, in our community, and give back what we have learned to make our community, our world, a better place.

Scope of Studying in the Division of Sciences

Scope of Computer Science & BCA: The demand for information technology specialists is expanding daily. Because SAU is located in Pune, Maharashtra, an IT hub, students can use this to their advantage to break into the IT business and advance in their careers. A few options for a career are listed below:

1. Web developer and designer
2. Software Developer
3. Data Analyst
4. DBMS engineer
5. QA engineer (tester)

Scope of Life Sciences (Biotechnology, Botany, Microbiology): Student who took life sciences major like:

- (i) Biotechnology can work in:
 - (a) Biotech Laboratory, e.g., ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research), DBT (Department of Biotechnology of India)
 - (b) Animal Tissue Laboratory
- (ii) Botany can work as:
 - (a) A Plant Scientist
 - (b) A Forest officer in Indian Govt. e.g., BSI (Botanical Survey of India)
 - (c) Plant Research Laboratory
 - (d) Plant tissue culture Laboratory
- (iii) Microbiology can work in:
 - (a) Fertilizer Industry
 - (b) Fermentation Industry in the preparation of wine
 - (c) Food Processing Industry

Further Studies: Not only from the availability of jobs, but if a student wants to go for higher studies to pursue his/her Masters or Doctoral degree, Pune also has many colleges and universities that allow the student to learn more.

Entrepreneurship: Students who wish to start their own business can do so, and the Science Division at SAU also has started a few Incubation cells where they are providing technical Knowledge and support not only for students but also for Entrepreneurs.

Teaching: Students can also choose to stay in the Academic and take up Lecturers/Professor as their career to teaching others about what they have learned and, more importantly, to spark the curiosity/fire in their students to Learn further and explore their respective fields.

Susan Thomas, PhD
Dean, Division of Sciences

Incubation Centre (Division of Sciences)

Risan Lang, *Spicer Adventist University*

Lalitha Tilming, *Spicer Adventist University*

The Division of Science at Spicer Adventist University (SAU) has started an incubation cell that helps student entrepreneurs solve problems or any entrepreneurs grow their business, especially in the initial stages, by providing technical services, lab facilities, and advice.

1. Oyster Mushroom:

Benefits of Oyster Mushroom

- a. Oyster mushrooms are loaded with fiber, vitamins, minerals, and other essential nutrients. They are also low in carbohydrates, suitable for people following low-carb dietary patterns.
- b. They provide antioxidants, which help reduce cellular damage in your body.

[<https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/oyster-mushroom-benefits>]



Scientific Name	<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i>
Substrate Used	Straw, supplemented sawdust/wood pellet
Incubation Temperature	65 -75 Fahrenheit
Time Period	3 – 4 weeks
Fruiting	White 55 – 75 Fahrenheit



2. Bok Choy:

Bok choy is most widely consumed as a fresh leafy vegetable in dishes like salads and the famous Korean kimchi dish, and it is also used as a cooked vegetable in many dishes. Bok choy is low in saturated fat and cholesterol. It is also a good source of dietary fiber, protein, thiamin, niacin, and phosphorus, and an excellent source of dietary fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin K, vitamin B6.

[https://www.uog.edu/_resources/files/wptrc/BokChoy.pdf]

Scientific Name	<i>Brassica rapa</i> subsp. <i>chinensis</i>
Temperature	55 – 70 Fahrenheit
Germination Period	One week (usually)
Harvesting Period	5 – 8 weeks after germination



Division of Religious Studies

The presence of the Division of religious studies on the campus of Spicer Adventist University profoundly declares the determination to serve God and humankind. Founded with the sole purpose of serving the church, society, and humanity, the Division of Religious Studies prepares young men and women to serve the world to make it a better place to live. The world is going through a chaotic condition. There is pandemic, the uncertainty of life, violence, crime, dishonesty, and much more that takes away our trust in life, humanity, and the world.

The Division of Religious studies is pledged to prepare the young generation through rigorous training, teaching, and discipline to contribute to the nation. Many of our young graduates serve as counselors, chaplains, pastors in different sectors of society to provide mental, physical, and spiritual support.

Activities During The Current Academic Year 2021-2022

I. Online Teaching Learning

Blended Learning

Synchronous Learning	Asynchronous Learning
Online Learning Tool: Google Meet, Zoom	Online Learning Tools:

The Division follows the four-quadrant module for teaching and learning:

Quadrant I: Engagement time(Video).

Quadrant II: Engagement time (Text material, eBook, notes, PowerPoints, links to different learning materials).

Quadrant III: Tests, assignments, and other forms of assessment.

Quadrant IV: Discussion Forum.

II. Besides the Annual Theological Forum, conducted every year, the Division initiated an online virtual platform for academic presentations attended by students, staff, and those interested in the department's program using the Zoom platform. The program is scheduled for every third week of the month.

III. MONTHLY SABBATH FORUMS 2021-2022:

- a. Presentation by Santosh Kumar on “*Contextualization and the Gospel: How much is too much?*”
- b. Presentation by Dr. Chanchal Gayen on “*Worldview: Transformation in the context of Ministry among Southern Asians.*”
- c. Dr. Melchizedek Ponniah on “*Selected Biblical Paradigms for Divine communication Modalities.*”
- d. Dr. Jesin Israel on “*Ellen G White Prophetic Contribution, Relevance, and Criticism.*”

- e. Dr. Richard Rajarathnam on “*Business as Mission: How Entrepreneurship impacts the mission of the Church.*”
- f. Dr. Nicholas Miller on “*Adventists, Ecumenism, and Spirituality.*”
- g. Pr. Rosangpuia Fanai on “*The Present Truth and Adventism.*”
- h. Dr. Vincent Injety on “*Leadership in times of crisis: Looking for Heroes, Looking for Villains.*”
- i. Dr. P L Thlenga on “*Liberal Theology and the End time.*”
- j. Dr. Chawngdinpuui Schaeffer on “*Christmas and Adventists.*”
- k. Dr. Willie Oliver and Mrs. Elaine Oliver on “*Learning to love for the long haul.*”
- l. For February 2021, A presentation is scheduled on “the Trinity.”

VIRTUAL REVIVAL MEETING: While the Division was remotely functioning during the pandemic, many of its faculty members conducted many virtual revival meetings that are still being conducted.

ONLINE DEVOTIONAL MESSAGES: A continuous online devotional message, including the continuous program “*Live the Word*” presentation by Dr. Jesin Israel, is broadcasted.

ONLINE QUIZ PROGRAMS: Many department students have organized and conducted online quiz programs on different books of the Bible for the last several months.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: Dr. Jesin Israel has been conducting online Bible studies for people from various backgrounds.

ONLINE ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON STUDY: Dr. Nakka Sharath Babu, a senior faculty in the Division, broadcasts regular weekly Sabbath school lessons in English and Telugu.

COUNSELLING: The Division operates two WhatsApp groups, one for the department faculty and one for all the students and faculty. Some of our faculty and students send regular inspiration and messages every day, and our faculty counsel students regularly on the virtual platform.

ARTICLES AND OTHER WORKS PUBLISHED BY FACULTY AND STUDENTS: The faculty in the Division is actively involved in research and publish their findings in peer-reviewed publications on a national and international level. As a result of the faculty's academic contribution, several of the students have also been motivated to publish the results of their research.

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Faculty

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Division of Performing Arts

The Division of Performing Arts - Music at Spicer Adventist University is a four-year Bachelor degree in Western Classical Music Honours. This program has two concentrations: Piano and Voice, and the students choose either one of the concentrations.

The Division of Performing Arts - Music aims to inspire and nurture future musicians with a holistic education. A program of study that helps them realize their potential, helping them develop and qualify them with the enjoyment and appreciation for Western Classical Music. To equip students to serve the community and church with the awareness of western classical and sacred music.

The structure of the Division is student-centric, inculcating in them knowledge, skills, and values for lifelong learning and development. The student will demonstrate proficiency in music skills and music education on completion.

Vocal music graduates will demonstrate proficiency in teaching schools or church choirs. They will demonstrate clarity and expression in conducting gestures, score reading, and communicating vocal technique and required singing skills. Piano music graduates will have learned to teach music in schools, music institutes, or freelance teaching. They will also accompany choirs, solo voice, instrument, or be a part of an ensemble.

The music graduates will select music for appropriate functions in the church and community. They will be prepared to serve as teachers in our schools.

There are five dedicated Faculty teaching in the Division of Performing Arts- Music. They train and nurture each student to achieve their dreams as future musicians. We welcome all the prospective students to join our division to master the art of music.

Mary Davy,
Dean (Acting),
Division of Performing Arts- Music