

UNDERGRAD PERSPECTIVES

DELVING INTO THE MANY CANDID OPINIONS OF NSBM'S OWN



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Vihangi De Silva, a final year student, following the Plymouth degree program. Majoring Events, Tourism and Hospitality Management and also an athlete and a swimmer.

Wathsala Harischandra, an MIS undergraduate, also working as an intern at Virtusa (pvt) Ltd.

WHY NSBM?

Kanitha: I got to know about NSBM through my best friend who also studied at NSBM back in the day. From the very moment I went there, I had a really positive first impression from all the staff members and students. The personality and the discipline of students was of a high standard. NSBM is also one of the universities in Sri Lanka which gives a highly certified degree program for a considerable price. Being a sportsman, I found this place very attractive in terms of all sports achievements as well. I decided to select NSBM for my higher education knowing that it will give the necessary support to my sports career in addition to my education.

Sachin: I selected NSBM because from my research before coming, the field I wanted to study was pretty well taught in NSBM. Also the international exposure and the awesome facilities around, together with a bunch of extracurricular activities pushed me towards NSBM, a decision I have never regretted.

Supun: My brother is an alumni of NIBM. With his guidance and recommendation, I researched on NSBM. Then I realized it has a wonderful lecture panel and with all the facilities they are providing for undergraduates, I thought this is the best place for me to do my secondary education.

Thisal: NSBM is a university where you get the option, or rather, the opportunity to study under one

of the top leading universities in the world. Moreover, I am a person who is more involved in sports, and NSBM gives me the opportunity to excel by providing the required facilities for most of the sports.

Vihangi: Well as soon as I finished my A/Ls, I was looking for a university which had a good academic environment with other facilities which any other undergraduate would like to have. So, I came across NSBM Green University and it instantly stole my mind. Back then, when I started my degree none of the other private educational institutions had the specialization that I'm currently following and also NSBM was recruiting the best lecturers and getting down the best visiting lecturers from the industry that any undergraduate could have. So, I did not have any second thoughts about NSBM and registered immediately. Without any doubt I could recommend NSBM to any student as it's a highly recognized educational institution, recognized locally, as well as in foreign countries, and it also consists of many extra-curricular activities.

Wathsala: NSBM is one of the Sri Lanka's most industry connected institution and a top-ranking university in Sri Lanka. It is well known for preparing students not just for their career but also for their life. Through their strong leadership in sport education they provide opportunities for every individual to achieve success on their own terms.

THE STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Kanitha : When talking about the study environment at NSBM, it is truly different from other universities for sure. Lecturers are very friendly with students, and therefore, students get the advantage of talking to them in order to find answers for all their academic concerns. Furthermore, the study environment is not only limited to books. It involves a lot

of practical activities where students get the real-life experience. Something which I have noticed was that at NSBM, I never face a dull or boring lecture. Lecturers know how to get the 100% focus of students and to go with the flow while keeping the lecture interesting.

Sachin: It's made of both the community in NSBM, and the facilities around - and overall, I'd say it's pretty good. The surroundings do lend itself to an encouraging push to study and work well. The sports building

with all you can do there, can easily be an amazing experience though.

Supun: NSBM has offered many resources for us. Especially if you take the library, it has all types of books which help us to enhance our knowledge. And the common study areas, recreation center, swimming pool, labs and lecture halls, it has everything that an undergraduate needs.

Thisal: The studying environment at NSBM is completely different to other

universities. First thing I would like to mention is about the lecture halls. It has all the facilities a student requires. For example, you get comfortable seats, tables, and each and every student gets a separate electric socket. Furthermore, everyone has access to WiFi which makes the studying environment more reliable. Secondly, the lecturers. Most of the lecturers make their sessions very open and interactive. You get to discuss the module doubts and every other thing which gives an extra edge to your knowledge. With the architecture that has gone into the lecture halls, you get to see the lecturer directly, and that ensures focus and attention is always present within the hall.

Vihangi: To me, this is the best, study environment that any undergraduate can have, mingled with natural greenery! This is the best, I have seen so far compared to most of the private educational institutions.

Wathsala: The university is privileged with many resources for students to carry out their studies such as the library and the LMS provides students with great ease. The lecturers are also keen to help students with their vast knowledge and experiences to enhance the knowledge of students to get into the real world.

THE COST EFFECT

Kanitha: This is so far the best opportunity an undergraduate can get. When it comes to Sri Lanka, it is very difficult to find a university where you can get a world-class degree at a lesser cost. However, from NSBM, almost every undergraduate gets that

advantage plus modern facilities as well, and this is why NSBM is different from other universities. It is an 'all-in-one' package!

Sachin: The affordable yet high quality studies I can do makes it very sustainable for me, my family and my friends. I am very grateful for that.

Supun: Since Sri Lanka is a developing country, there are so many people who love to do foreign degrees but unfortunately they are too costly so that they can't afford. For people like that this is a good opportunity to make their dream come true in higher education.

Thisal: Sri Lanka is indeed a developing country, which means more entrepreneurs and workforce is in need. NSBM gives you the opportunity to study world class degrees, thereby exposing you to the wider experience and better knowledge that is required to win in the world of business.

Vihangi: Of course! It's a huge benefit, an advantage and an opportunity for the younger generation who's going to take over the future of this country. Compared to many expensive foreign degree programs at other universities, here we can get the same qualification with a student friendly cost structure, keeping the students mind free of fears!

Wathsala: It is indeed a great opportunity for Sri Lankan students as well as for other foreign students to get a foreign accredited degree here for a lesser cost with a lot of resources. The key aspect this university has is that students are indulged to experience lectures from foreign university lecturers where in Sri Lanka only a few universities are capable of.

THE EXTRA-CURRICULARS

Kanitha: Personally, undergraduate life is all about balancing my studies and sports career. NSBM is comprised of all the world-class sports facilities that every professional athlete wants. This concept is one of the best I have ever seen because it gives the opportunity for all athletes to go through their daily practices inside the university itself, either before or after lectures. Life at NSBM is not only about studying, it is about studying while you enjoy your life with so many activities around. In addition to sports, there are so many different clubs and societies at NSBM for students to join and showcase their talents. Students can also start working as leaders while getting the true experience and atmosphere of it all.

Sachin: It depends on personal preferences to join it - but I recommend them to my friends for sure. Aside from teamwork, leadership and a good deal of fun, it's important to learn how to balance things in life and studies and prioritize - the extra activities give the chance to do that. I treat uni as both a serious exercise, and a test bed for my future, which helps me learn to cope with new situations in a changing world.

Supun: There are so many extracurricular activities. I think they help us to release our exam stress and also to enjoy our undergraduate life. Talking about me, recently I participated in a software competition (Ketha) which was organized by NSBM and I won the first place. We made a simulator which can be used by the gunner of the army tank. It normally cost around 200 million



and we still manage to make it at a very low cost around Rs.10000. Now it has been under the research unit of the Sri Lanka Army.

Lecturers at School of Computing helped me a lot to achieve this prize. Especially Dr. Prabath, and Dr. Chandana supported me immensely by providing us the hardware lab and expert guidance at all times.

Thisal: As of today, there are thirty to forty various clubs thriving at NSBM. Every one of us will have to face different situations once we are out in the commercial world. NSBM provides the opportunity to enhance your leadership, business, and people skills which ensure that you are ready to face it. I myself as President of the Sports Council have had the opportunity to make decisions collectively as well as individually. I have had the opportunity to speak at conferences, events and many

more, in addition to making contacts with the NSBM community on a wider scale.

Vihangi: I enjoy most of the extra-curricular activities of our university, representing the university athletics and swimming squad, dancing troupe and engaging in organizing NSBM events. Not, only that I have added color to my academic side as well. While really enjoying by engaging in activities, balancing academics is a daunting task. But, with the attributes learnt through extra-curricular activities, I've taken that challenge and succeeded so far.

Wathsala: University life comes ones in every bodies life so students studying at NSBM are capable of enjoying their own while studying a world class degree.

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