

ST KABIR INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Grade

Grading category	Course Graded	Grading Assigned
State-level Grading	PGDM	State (GJ) 'A'
National-level Grading	PGDM	'B★★'

College Profile

St Kabir Institute of Professional Studies (SKIPS) established in 2007 is run by Janak Madan Charitable Education Trust (JMCET). Located in Ahmedabad, SKIPS offers Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) course with the specialisation in Finance, Marketing and Human Resources. The Institute has a sanctioned intake of 120 students per batch for PGDM course from academic year (AY) 2011-12.

Course Profile: PGDM

Offered since: 2008	
Sanctioned Intake per batch: 120 per batch from Academic year 2011-12	Student strength: 125 (60 in 2010-12 batch and 65 in 2011-13 batch)
Affiliation: Autonomous Institute	Faculty Strength: 9 (Full time) & 12 (Visiting)
Approved by: AICTE	Average Teaching Experience of Faculty: 9 years

Salient features

Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wi-Fi enabled Academic building - Located within the main city in Ahmedabad 	Quality of Faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 out of 9 permanent faculties are PhDs. - Average teaching experience of 9 years and total experience (including industrial) of 15 years - Lack of expertise in HR domain with only one permanent faculty
Teaching Methodology and Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Periodical monitoring of academic performance and review of syllabus by Academic Council which is represented by mix of academic and industry professionals 	Student Quality and Mix <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited diversity in student-mix
Overall performance of outgoing students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good academic performance - Moderate placement performance 	Quality of other academic activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Student chapters or clubs - Frequent guest lectures are organised
Non-academic activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No such event is organised by the institute. However the students participate in the events organised by other institutes 	Management and Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trustees with significant academic experience and focusing only on education - Limited track record of the institution

Infrastructure

SKIPS campus is spread over an area of 1,037.34 sq. mtr. near SAL Hospital at Drive-in area in Ahmedabad adjacent to the campus of St Kabir School. The campus is equipped with classrooms, library, conference hall, computer laboratory, faculty rooms, girls' common room, boys' common room and canteen. Currently the institute does not have a hostel facility.

Entire building is Wi-Fi enabled and the number of computer terminal to student ratio is 1:1.40 which is well above the AICTE norms. The library, which covers around 10% of the built-up area of the institute, has around 3,000 titles and 30 business journals/ periodicals. In addition to this, the library also has subscription to e-learning resources like EBSCO.

The accommodation capacity and availability duration for library and computer labs are limited which restricts the students' flexibility to access them.

Faculty

SKIPS has a team of 21 faculty members for PGDM course out of which 9 are permanent and remaining are visiting faculties. The overall functioning of the Institute is being managed by Dr. Shantanu Mehta (Director) and Dr. Ravi Gor (Dean) under the directives of trustee. The three senior most faculties (including Director and Dean) are PhDs with an average overall experience of around 24 years. The faculties have published various research papers, book chapters and magazine articles. The institute has only one permanent faculty in HR who is mainly supported by the visiting faculties.

Student Quality and Mix

Till the academic year 2011-12, two batches of students have graduated from the Institute. The admission is merit based and students are selected based on their performance in Management Aptitude Test (MAT) followed by the group presentation and personal interview. Some of the students are also admitted through Gujarat Common Entrance Test (GCET). The annual sanctioned limit is 120 students from the academic year 2011-12 which was enhanced from 60 students earlier. However, enrolment remained low with only 65 students got admitted in the academic year 2011-12. There is no quota based enrolment system and hence the institute has full liberty on the admission of students. However, on account of its short track record, quality of the student mix is less satisfactory and the selection to application ratio is around 70-80%. There is also lack of student diversity in terms of work experience, academic background and geography of the students admitted.

Teaching Methodology and Assessment

SKIPS is an autonomous institute and it follows its in-house syllabus designed by the Academic Council which comprises of academic and industry professional. The syllabus followed is at par with the syllabus of the Gujarat University. The teaching method followed includes mix of case-study, active discussion and participation of students in the class-coordinated by a faculty member. The Summer Internship Programme (SIP) is also given significant weightage in the total marks scored by a student in PGDM course. In order to have personalised attention, student's progress is monitored by respective mentor.

Overall performance of outgoing students

The institute has recorded pass percentage of 96%, i.e. 53 out of 55 students have passed in 2009-11 batch. SKIPS has a placement cell comprising of two members. Although 80% of the students received placement offers, the median salary remains low mainly due to large number of students being freshers. Companies from various industries visiting the campus are mainly offering entry level jobs in Finance/Marketing/HR. Majority of students are placed in Gujarat region.

Overall assessment of management and financials

JMCET is a family run trust with the trustees having experience of more than 25 years in running a school at Ahmedabad. The financial profile of the trust is satisfactory marked by operating surplus and no debt except unsecured loans from the trustees. Hence any further investments in infrastructure facilities for the institute can be supported by the trust through internal accruals.

Also, the management is in the progress to set up a new integrated campus on a 17 acre land area. This new campus will comprise education building blocks, hostels, sports grounds for cricket, basket ball, tennis, volley ball etc. This campus is situated in a very remote area around 14 kms from the S G Road (city area of Ahmedabad). The plan is to shift all the management and other courses including SKIPS by academic year 2013-14 or 2014-15. Majority of the requisite infrastructure is already in place.

SKIPS has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom during November 2011 for establishing collaboration on academic and research related development activities. This MOU may benefit SKIPS in terms of enhancing its research and academic capabilities, exchange of faculties/ students/academic materials, developing new courses, and promotion of other academic activities.

Other Academic/Non-academic activities

Guest lecture is organised twice in a month by the institute. In addition to this Personality Development sessions are conducted for students. In the absence of student chapters/clubs, other academic activities conducted by the institute are relatively low.

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