ASSAM DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES FRAMEWORK

Graduate Attributes
Graduate attributes are qualities, values, attitudes, skills and understandings that a particular University sets out as being important for its students to develop during their time with the Institution. While these attributes include disciplinary expertise and technical knowledge, they go beyond these. They are also qualities which prepare graduates to be critical and responsible citizens, contributing to the social and economic well-being of society while equipping them for future employment.

Graduate Attributes Framework
The Graduate Attributes Framework (GAF) of a University documents the following:

- The Graduate Attributes along with clusters of skills and abilities indicative of the overarching Graduate Attributes.
- How the institution embeds the acquisition of these attributes in the educational processes of the University

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES OF ASSAM DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY
The Assam Don Bosco University Graduate is

1. Intellectually Competent
2. Morally Upright
3. Socially Committed
4. Spiritually Inspired
5. Civically Responsible

Intellectually Competent
Graduates of Assam Don Bosco University will have developed a core knowledge base in their academic field and will be able to demonstrate a scholarly and critical attitude to knowledge. They will have the ability to engage actively in the generation of innovative and relevant knowledge through inquiry, critical reflection and synthesis. Their commitment to excellence in every aspect of their lives will be exhibited through a passionate drive to discover, develop, invent, create and innovate. Their hallmark will be a lifelong thirst for knowledge through individual and collaborative learning.

Morally Upright
Building upon a personal conviction that they live in a society and that everyone’s actions have an effect on justice and peace, the foundations of societal living, the Assam Don Bosco University graduates will have trained and refined their conscience to enable them to evaluate a particular action as being right or wrong using the yardstick “Does it contribute to justice and peace?” They will be led by the voice of their conscience and always do what is right, even in the face of opposition or unethical pressures from society and peers.
**Socially Committed**
Assam Don Bosco University graduates will be socially conscious, aware, sensitive and active persons, who are committed and accountable agents of social good. They will have imbibed a concern for the human and ecological conditions that sustain happiness and well-being of all. In their activities and work they will be committed to bettering societal structures and institutions so that social justice is ensured and the dignity and worth of all sections of society upheld.

**Spiritually Inspired**
Our graduates will have learned to live with a God-orientation which impels them to draw inspiration from within as they carry out their responsibilities with sincerity and dedication. They will take personal responsibility for their choices and actions while exhibiting an intrinsic respect for themselves, for others, for their work and their basic human rights. They will embrace and abide by personal and professional standards of ethics with a commitment to integrity and honesty undergirding their professional lives.

**Civically Responsible**
Graduates of Assam Don Bosco University will be critically aware and responsible members and leaders of local, national, international and professional communities. With courage of conviction and respect for diversity, they will engage with these communities for the promotion of democratic values and peaceful living in a multicultural, multilingual and multireligious society.
CLUSTERS OF SKILLS AND ABILITIES

These graduate attributes are to be understood as a blend of the following clusters of skills and abilities which may be interpreted differently in different disciplines:

Knowledge Acquisition Skills
Graduates of the University will be able to learn individually and collaboratively and create new knowledge through a process of research, critical reflection and synthesis. They will be

- open to new ideas and be creative and imaginative thinkers
- independent and collaborative learners who take responsibility for their own learning, and are committed to continuous reflection, evaluation and improvement
- able to search for, evaluate and use information to develop knowledge and understanding through a process of critical analysis and synthesis
- able to identify, define and analyse problems and identify or create processes to solve them
- able to recognise the importance of reflecting on their own learning experiences

Societal Skills
Graduates of the University will be engaged, committed and accountable agents of social transformation, able to play pivotal roles in civil society. They will be able to

- contribute to social justice and care all the planes in which they live.
- appreciate the complexities of historical contexts and societal conditions
- demonstrate responsibility with regard to environmental sustainability
- take up leadership positions at the local, national and global levels
- use their creativity and innovativeness to become job creators
- enunciate and abide by personal and professional standards of ethics

Communication Skills
Graduates of the University will have acquired the competence to communicate effectively and professionally to a range of different stakeholders and audiences and within different cultural frameworks and settings. In particular they will be able to

- understand the importance of communication as a tool for relating to and collaborating with others as well as for creating new understanding and furthering learning
- articulate their ideas clearly and effectively in written, verbal and visuals forms and through the effective use of ICT
- use the social communication media to engage with large audiences on issues that concern the society
- recognise the benefits of communicating with those beyond their immediate environments
How the University embeds the acquisition of the Graduate Attributes in its educational processes

- The University provides a strong disciplinary learning experience combined with a broad, interdisciplinary curriculum that is continually updated, and thus ensures that our students are prepared to think and communicate excellently both within and across disciplinary fields, to engage in critical thinking and effective analysis of issues, and involve in research to create new knowledge. A learning environment rich in projects, workshops and seminars instills the drive to discover, develop, invent, create and innovate.

- Each student is placed under a faculty mentor, who performs the roles of an academic advisor, guide and counsellor, throughout the period of study in the University. Students are guided individually and personally to develop a strong commitment to excellence in every engagement in life, personal, professional and in the community.

- Activities such as the Morning Assembly, Student Orientation Programmes, Student Development Programmes, Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Clubs and Institutional Associations expose our graduates to a wide spectrum of ideas, practices and events which inculcate a sense of God-orientation and encourages the formulation of and adherence to a set of personal and professional ethical values and principles. These activities also prod our students on to great efforts to achieve excellence in every field. Through these activities, the University attempts to foster habits, standards and structures of accountability and responsibility which are consistently and fairly applied.

- An array of social commitment programmes undertaken by the University expose our graduates to the joy of looking beyond themselves and devoting their time and energy to activities which evince care, concern and love for the poor, marginalised and underprivileged in their communities.

- The multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-lingual milieu of the University fosters in our graduates skills of cross-cultural collaboration and a flair for interaction and communication in a variety of environments and levels.