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History of the College.—Presidency College has a history of continuous development since January 20, 1817, when the Hindu College was founded. In 1853, Government decided to take over the Hindu College, the Senior Department of which was renamed the Presidency College, the formal change taking effect from June 15, 1855. The College is thus in its beginning carried back to the first efforts to promote liberal education in British India and is associated with such memorable names as David Hare and Raja Rammohan Roy. The Founders are commemorated even now every year.

Preliminary.—Before selecting a combination which includes any of the following subjects, applicants are directed to see whether they possess the necessary qualifications, tabulated below, according to the existing University Regulations:—

Class.	Subject desired.	Necessary qualification,
B.A.	Geography	Geography.
	Mathematics	Mathematics.
	Philosophy	Logic.
	Statistics	Mathematics.
B.Sc.	Botany	Botany or Biology.
	Chemistry	Mathematics and Physics.
	Geography	Geography.
	Mathematics	Mathematics.
	Physics	Mathematics and Physics.
	Physiology	Physiology or Physics or Chemistry or Biology or Mathematics.
	Statistics	Mathematics.

The other subjects in which the college is affiliated, and which may be offered, require no previous qualifications.

Courses of study.

I.A. English, Vernacular (or an alternative paper), any three optional subjects to be selected from the following groups:—(i) One Second Language* (Sanskrit, Pali, Persian, Bengali); (ii) History or Mathematics; (iii) Logic; (iv) Civics; (v) Geography. A student may also take an additional subject from one of the above groups except Geography.

I.Sc.—English, Vernacular (or an alternative paper), Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics; and if desired one of the following additional subjects: Geology, Botany, Biology, Physiology, Geography.

* Or Alternative English, by special permission from the Registrar, Calcutta University.

B.A.—All students must read for an Honours Degree. In each case a Vernacular Paper (or an alternative subject) is compulsory. The following combinations are permissible:—

- (1) English Honours with two of the following:—a Second Language, Economics, and History or Philosophy or Mathematics.
- (2) Honours in Bengali or Sanskrit or Pali with English and one of the following:—Economics, History, Philosophy, Mathematics.
- (3) History Honours with English and one of the following:—a Second Language, Economics, Geography.
- (4) Philosophy Honours with English and either a Second Language or Economics.
- (5) Economics Honours with English and one of the following:—a Second Language, History, Philosophy, Geography, Mathematics.
- (6) Mathematics Honours with English and one of the following:—a Second Language, Economics.
- (7) Statistics Honours with English and Mathematics.
- (8) Geography Honours with English, and either History or Economics or Mathematics.

The College provides tuition in the following *vernaculars* only: Bengali and Hindi. Alternative English is also taught.

Second Language means one of the following: Sanskrit, Pali, Persian and Benali.

N.B.—Students taking Sanskrit or Pali have to attend lectures on these subjects at the Sanskrit College.

B.Sc.—All students must read for an Honours Degree. The following combinations are permissible:—

- (1) Botany Honours with (a) Chemistry, Physics or (b) Chemistry, Physiology or (c) Chemistry, Zoology or (d) Geology, Zoology.
- (2) Chemistry Honours with (a) Physics, Mathematics.
- (3) Geography Honours with (a) Physics, Mathematics or (b) Chemistry, Mathematics.
- * (4) Geology Honours with (a) Chemistry, Physics or (b) Chemistry, Mathematics or (c) Physics, Mathematics or (d) Botany, Zoology.
- (5) Mathematics Honours with (a) Physics, Geology or (b) Physics, Chemistry or (c) Physics, Statistics or (d) Geography, Chemistry.
- (6) Physics Honours with (a) Chemistry, Mathematics or (b) Geology, Mathematics or (c) Statistics, Mathematics.
- (7) Physiology Honours with (a) Physics, Chemistry or (b) Chemistry, Mathematics.
- (8) Statistics Honours with (a) Physics, Mathematics or (b) Chemistry, Mathematics.
- (9) Zoology Honours with (a) Chemistry, Physiology or (b) Botany, Physiology or (c) Botany, Chemistry.

* Attendance at field classes in Geology is compulsory.

M.A. or M.Sc.—Students with an Honours Degree (or in exceptional cases with Pass Degree but with good marks in the specified subject) are eligible for admission in subjects taught in the University. Post-graduate students of the College enjoy facilities open to Presidency College students (including special library, laboratory and seminar facilities) in addition to the privileges enjoyed by University Post-graduate students.*

*For details about courses of study, forms, syllabus, etc., apply to the Secretary, University College of Arts or Science as the case may be.

Admission.—As there is a very great demand for admission, great importance is necessarily attached to the scholastic record of each applicant. Some importance may also be given to aptitude for games, and National Cadet Corps activities.

All applications for admission must be made on the prescribed forms which are supplied by the College office on request, if an addressed and stamped cover is sent, or by service bearing post, or directly to applicants at the college office as notified. Admission forms duly filled in are to be submitted only after the University results are published. Each applicant must submit his mark-sheet for the last University examination along with his application. Details of special claims to admission if any, may also be submitted. Old Presidency College students who desire to rejoin after taking a University examination must apply on the special admission form meant for their use.

Applications will be entertained from girl students only to the B.A., B.Sc. and higher classes.

Applicants selected for admission will be notified and asked to pay the necessary charges on or before a specified date, after which they forfeit their claims to admission.

Students admitted into this College should carefully note that, if they are irregular in attendance and as a result are deficient in the required percentages of attendance, or if they fail to sit for, or if they get poor marks in, the College Examinations during a session, they may be refused promotion to the next higher class or permission to go in for University examinations (as the case may be) and asked to take transfer from this College.

Cambridge Examinations.—Students who appear at the Cambridge School Certificate Examination in December may be admitted provisionally to the 1st year in the following January, as accommodation offers, after a preliminary test. Only students passing in the 1st or 2nd Grade will have their provisional admissions confirmed: Those passing in the 1st Grade, in the I.Sc. or I.A. class; those passing in the 2nd Grade, in the I.A. class.

Students who appear at the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination in December may be admitted provisionally to the 3rd year B.A. or B.Sc. class in the following January, as accommodation offers.

If students who have passed the Cambridge School Certificate or Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination do not join in the January immediately following their examination, they will be required to prosecute a regular course of study for the full period of two years from the commencement of an academic session.

Students admitted after passing the Cambridge Examinations will be governed by the relevant regulations of the Calcutta University and the rules of this college.

Fees.—On first admission, a student pays an admission fee of Rs. 16 from which, however old Presidency College students rejoining after passing a University examination in the regular course are exempted. Tuition fees are charged normally from the beginning of the session in June and are payable in advance. Present scale of tuition fees is: I.A.—Rs. 12; I.Sc.—Rs. 14; B.A. Hons.—Rs. 15; B.Sc. Hons.—Rs. 17; M.A.—Rs. 17; M.Sc.—Rs. 18.

All students have to pay a subscription of Rs. 11 covering the Union and Athletic Society dues at the beginning of each session or at the time of admission. Under-graduates have to pay in addition an examination fee of Re. 1 annually.

All students are required to deposit on admission a Library Caution Money (Rs. 10 for Post-graduate and Rs. 5 for Under-graduate students). Science students have to deposit an additional Laboratory Caution Money (I.Sc.—Rs. 10; B.Sc.—Rs. 15; M.Sc.—Rs. 25). Fourth Year Honours Chemistry students and Sixth Year Chemistry students are required to deposit at the beginning of the session an extra Laboratory Caution Money of Rs. 10 and Rs. 15 respectively. Caution money deposit are refundable less dues, if any, for loss, damage, etc.

Students who take up Geology as one of their subjects should be prepared to meet during the two years' course, an additional expenditure for attending field classes:—

	Rs.
I.Sc.	30 (approximate).
B.Sc. Pass	50 (approximate).
B.Sc. Honours	300 (approximate).

Students admitted for the first time to a College affiliated to the Calcutta University are charged a University Registration Fee of Rs. 5.

Stipends and Scholarships.—Government of West Bengal and School Final scholars reading in the Under-graduate classes are entitled to free tuition in the College.

The following monthly stipends are awarded on the criteria of merit and poverty irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex:—

Number of stipends.	Value.
	Rs.
1st year—	
Arts 10	16
Science 30	20
2nd year—	
Arts 10	16
Science 30	20
3rd year—	
Arts 20	20
Science 40	25
4th year—	
Arts 20	20
Science 40	25
5th year—	
Arts 3	27
Science 7	30
6th year—	
Arts 3	27
Science 7	30

Special stipends are awarded by the Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal, to eligible students of the Scheduled and Minority Communities and lump contributions may similarly be granted to deserving students for purchasing books and for paying Examination fees. The Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation Department of the Government of West Bengal also makes awards of stipends to refugee students on merit. The Government of India also awards a few scholarships to Scheduled Castes students, and students of Backward Communities.

Three studentships of Rs. 12 per month each are awarded by Kumar Narendranath Law, and one free seat is at the disposal of Dr. Bimala Charan Law.

Seven endowed scholarships of the monthly values of Rs. 40, Rs. 30, Rs. 30, Rs. 30, Rs. 25, Rs. 25 and Rs. 20, tenable for 2 years, are available for award to graduates (B.A. and B.Sc.) of the Presidency College, who continue their studies here. They are awarded in order of merit on the results of the B.A. and B.Sc. examinations.

Eight Presidency College Centenary Government of India stipends of the monthly value of Rs. 25 each are available for award to poor and deserving students of First to Fourth Year Arts and Science classes (one stipend to each class).

Two Presidency College Centenary Government of India gold medals are also available for award annually to meritorious students.

Migration.—Students migrating to the Calcutta University from other Universities and Examination Boards other than the West Bengal Secondary Education Board are required at the time of admission to produce the following documents: (1) An original letter of permission from the relevant authority of the institution from which the applicant is coming; (2) an age certificate; (3) an authenticated copy of the certificate or diploma of the examination which the candidate passed last. Students thus migrating are required to pay a migration fee of Rs. 20 each (this does not apply to those who have passed the School Final Examination Board (science side), Bengal Engineering College, Sibpur).

Irregular and Casual Students.—Students who are unsuccessful at a University examination or fail to sit for it after being sent up, and who seek readmission to attend practical Science classes or Honours classes, are called Irregular Students.

A Casual Student is a member of some other College or any outsider who has been specially permitted by the Principal to attend classes in one or more subjects. Irregular and Casual Students are charged special rates of fees which can be ascertained from the office.

Library.—Students are provided with a Reader's Tricket to read books and periodicals in the library, and a Borrower's Card which enables them to take out books on loan. These cards are non-transferable and must be returned at the end of the session. Seminar libraries for Honours and Post-Graduate students are attached to most departments. Detailed Library Rules, printed in a separate pamphlet, are available in the Library.

Residence of students.—The Eden Hindu Hostel, 3 Pyari Sarkar Street, Calcutta-12 (Telephone No. 34-2767), is intended for the residence of under-graduate Hindu students of the College. A Post-graduate Hostel has been opened at 1 Maharanee Swarnamoyee Road, Calcutta-9. Applications for admission to the hostels should be handed personally to the Superintendent (or to the Assistant Superintendent in case of Post-graduate Hostel) in prescribed forms to be had from the hostel offices (open from 8 to 10 a.m. on working days) or from the College office. No application for admission can be entertained unless it is accompanied by (a) a properly filled form of undertaking from the guardian in respect of the financial liabilities of the boarder, and (b) a certificate of good conduct from a responsible person, preferably the Head of the Institution where the applicant studied last. The Minimum charges of the Eden Hindu Hostel are about Rs. 68 at the time of admission and approximately Rs. 40 per month subsequently. The minimum charges of the Post-graduate Hostel are about Rs. 83 at the time of admission and approximately Rs. 51 per month subsequently. Boarders must take their meals inside the Hostel premises.

Extra-curricular activities.—Extra-curricular activities are mostly under the control of the College Union and the Athletic Society. The College Union is run on an elective basis with full membership rights for every student.

The Athletic Society is managed by an elected Athletic Council with different branches to run the different clubs.

Information for the guidance of students.—

(1) General.—

- (a) Applications to be forwarded by the Principal must be submitted in duplicate to the office.
- (b) Applications to be forwarded before a certain date must be submitted at least five clear working days before that date.
- (c) Such applications should be submitted to the College office, and in no case to the Principal directly.
- (d) Students should contact the Bursar for scholarships, stipends, payment of fees, etc.

(2) Admission, transfer, etc.—

- (a) A candidate for admission into this College who has been previously admitted into another college must produce a Transfer Certificate at the time of admission.
- (b) Mark-sheets submitted at the time of admission must be taken back before September 1, of the year of application. After this date the office will not be responsible for them.
- (c) No change in combination of subjects will be allowed after one month from the date of the commencement of lectures.

(3) Payment of fees.—

- (a) All payments are to be made to the Cashier only.
- (b) Fees are accepted only on notified date at specified hours.
- (c) If fees are not paid by the last day of the month following that for which they are due, the names of the students in question are struck off the rolls.

(4) *Disbursement of scholarships and stipends.*—

- (a) Scholarships and stipends for a particular period are not payable to students who have not paid their fees for the period.
- (b) The Bursar notifies the dates for the payment of scholarships and stipends. The students concerned must take payment within a month of this date, failing which the amounts will be refunded to the Treasury. No individual notice or letter can be sent to the defaulting scholars or stipendholders.
- (c) Scholars and stipend-holders must apply for leave of absence from the College. Absence without leave will in general entail a loss of scholarship for twice the period of absence. Further details can be had from the College office.

(5) *Discipline.*—

- (a) Loitering on the corridors is prohibited.
- (b) Admission to the College necessarily binds a student to observe all College rules and all directions that may be issued from time to time by the College authorities.

(6) *Enquiries.*—All enquiries are to be made at the Enquiry Office.

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