

Five new courses at Xavier's

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New Town: St Xavier's University will launch a string of new courses in its second year after getting students for all 400 seats in its inaugural year.

The university run by the Jesuits will introduce five new courses in the academic session starting July.

The courses are BA honours in economics, English and mass communication, MA in economics, and MBA, Father Felix Raj, vice-chancellor of St Xavier's University, said.

There will be 60 seats in each of the new BA honours and MA economics courses, which will together create 240 new seats.

The new St Xavier's University B-school modelled on XLRI Jamshedpur that will run the MBA course from this year will have 120 seats, the vice-chancellor said.

"We are expecting to have 1,160 students in our second year of operation," Felix Raj said.

The existing 400 students will double and rise to 800 once the first batch moves to the second year. The inclusion of 240 seats in the new undergraduate and postgraduate courses and another 120 in the B-school will raise the total seats to 1160, the vice-chancellor said.

"There were around 3,000 applicants for the 400 seats in the first year. We selected 400 students through a rigorous screening process," he said.

"We expect a similar high demand for seats in the second year as well."

Entry to all courses will be through an admission test, he said. Fifty per cent weightage will be given on the candidates' performance in the

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Upcoming UG courses

■ BA honours: English, economics, mass communication

Seats: 180

Upcoming PG course

■ MA in Economics

Seats: 60

■ MBA

Seats: 120

Existing UG courses

■ BCom, Bachelor of management studies

Existing PG courses

■ MCom, MA in mass communication, MA in English, Master of social work

entry test and 50 per cent on their Class XII board exam marks. "But the university will ensure admissions are held strictly on the basis of merit," he said.

The details of the admission tests and the new courses will be announced on the university's website sxuk.edu.in/ in April when the university announces the date for the entry tests.

The tests will be held on the New Town campus and at St Xavier's College on Park Street.

"All arrangements, including the setting up of infrastructure, are complete for starting the new courses," Felix Raj said.

The university will need more teachers as well. "The process of recruiting new faculty members is underway and will be completed soon," he said.