



LUCKNOW CHRISTIAN DEGREE COLLEGE

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About Us

Nestled in the heart of the City of Nawabs, Lucknow Christian Degree College is more than just the oldest college in the city — it is quite the storyteller of the city itself. Established in 1862 as a small school in Husainabad, the institution has watched Lucknow evolve from the fading echoes of the Nawabi era to the fast-paced modern city it is today. Yet, within its campus, there is an assuring blend of the new and the old – the old-world charm in the corridors, the weathered buildings, the sprawling greenery that somehow survives the city’s chaos and the ever-new discussions, debates and projects within. Students don’t just walk through the campus; they inherit a piece of its history. Every classroom carries decades of debates, friendships, ambitions, and youthful dreams. What makes Lucknow Christian Degree College special is not merely its age, but its personality. It has always had a reputation for warmth and accessibility. Generations of students from different religions, economic backgrounds, and corners of India have shared the same benches, halls, and examination anxieties.





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Our Journey Through Time

- 1862 • Rev. James Hager Messmore (American Missionary) built the Husainabad School House.
- 1866 • Project mooted for College.
- 1871 • Boarding House started.
- 1877 • The Centennial School established.
- 1882 • The Centennial School was raised to High School.
- 1888 • Reid Christian (Intermediate) College established.
- 1889 • Degree College status achieved. Till 1921 the college was affiliated to Calcutta University.
- 1921 • Degree classes (B.Sc.,B.A.) transferred to Canning College (L.U.) when L.U. came into existence.
- 1932 • Teachers' Training College and College of Physical Education established.
- 1946 • B.Sc. classes restored to L.C.D.C.
- 1956 • B.A. classes restored to L.C.D.C.
- 1973 • Faculty of Commerce came into existence.
- 1976 • College was selected by the UGC for the College Science Improvement Programme (COSIP).
- 1977 • College Humanities and Social Sciences Programme (COHSSIP) granted by UGC.
- 1995 • UGC sponsored Vocational Courses started - Computer Applications for B.Sc. and Advertising, Sales Promotion and Sales Management for B.Com.
- 1996 • College was upgraded to Post Graduate level and M.P.Ed. classes were started.
- 1997 • M.A. (English) and M.Sc. (Chemistry) classes began.
- 1998 • Department of Statistics came into existence.
- 2004 • The College received a NAAC A grade rating.

Pioneers, Alumni and Former Faculty Members

The Pioneers

Rev. J.H. Messmore: Pioneer, educationist, missionary in Lucknow

Rev. B.H. Badley: First Principal of the College

Mr. E.W. Ted Mumby: Olympic Coach and pioneer of Physical Education in Northern India, Principal of the College of Physical Education

Rev. (Dr.) E.M. Moffett: Pioneer of Commerce education in Northern India.

Academically, the college has long been known for balancing discipline with intellectual freedom. Over the years, it has produced teachers, civil servants, lawyers, writers, politicians, and countless ordinary citizens who carry extraordinary memories of campus life. A few of them are –

1. **Dr. Zakir Husain**, a renowned scholar and the third President of India
2. **Shri Surjit Singh Barnala**, former Chief Minister of Punjab and a Cabinet Minister in the Government of India
3. **Shri Shivpal Singh Yadav**, Member of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly
4. **Shri Arun Nehru**, former Home Minister of India
5. **Prof. Ishwar C Harris**, an expert on Indian culture and history
6. **Prof. Firaq Gorakhpuri**, a renowned Indian writer, critic, and one of the most noted contemporary Urdu poets of India, taught here.
7. **Mirza Muhammad Hadi Ruswa**, author of the famous novel "Umrao Jan", was a teacher here.





LUCKNOW CHRISTIAN DEGREE COLLEGE COURSES OFFERED

Admission is Open for Both Boys and Girls to B.A.(NEP)/B.Com.(NEP)/B.Sc.(NEP)/M.A.(English)/M.Sc.(Chemistry)
Application Forms are available ONLINE on the College Website: <https://lcdc.ac.in/>
and OFFLINE in the College Office, Contact: 7080596669, admin@lcdc.ac.in

S.No.	Course	Basis	Seats
1	Bachelor of Arts (Sem I)	Regular	460
2	Bachelor of Commerce (Sem I)	Regular	260
3	Bachelor of Commerce (Sem I)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	180
4	Bachelor of Science (Sem I) (Zoology, Botany, Chemistry)	Regular	240
5	Bachelor of Science (Sem I) (Zoology, Botany, Chemistry)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	120
6	Bachelor of Science (Sem I) (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)	Regular	100
7	Bachelor of Science (Sem I) (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	120
8	Bachelor of Science (Sem I) (Statistics, Mathematics, Computer Science)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	40
9	Bachelor of Science (Sem I) (Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	40
10	Bachelor of Science (Sem I) (Physics, Statistics, Mathematics)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	40
11	Bachelor of Physical Education (Sem I)	Regular	Boys: 30 Girls: 20
12	Master of Science (Sem I) (Chemistry)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	40
13	Master of Arts (Sem I) (English)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	60
14	Master of Science (Sem I) (Zoology)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	New Course
15	Master of Science (Sem I) (Botany)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	New Course
16	Master of Commerce (Sem I)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	New Course
17	Master of Physical Education (Sem I)	Self-Finance Scheme (SFS)	New Course



THE COLLEGE TODAY

As of today, under the leadership of Dr. R.K. Singh, President and Manager of the College and Dr. Baiju Abraham, Principal of the College, new P.G. courses are being introduced in Commerce, Botany, Zoology and Physical Education.

The administration and staff of this institution are constantly working to ensure quality education for students in various aspects of development. The College is known for winning sports tournaments, cultural competitions, and literary competitions in the city. We are boldly pushing forward with quality Seminars, workshops, debates, skill development and industry-academic interface. Students are actively counselled about career options and are taught to choose those applications of theory which are ethically correct. The National Cadet Corps (N.C.C.) and National Service Scheme (N.S.S.) are an integral part of the college. The College has active Anti-ragging, Women's Grievance and Career Counselling and Placement Cells. The college also has an Institution's Innovation Council (I.I.C.) constituted as per the instruction of the Ministry of Education. The Department of Commerce is also running a Research Project funded by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.





THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

A stately architecture set quietly between the bustling Qaiserbagh Bus Station and the Railway City Station, the college campus stretches over a vast expanse, intersected by city streets and divided primarily into two sections: the Main Campus and Reid Hall. The college buildings are architecturally distinctive, exemplifying the elegance of Anglo-Awadh design with a Gothic influence.

The Fairfield Hall



Erected in 1913 in honour of Sam M. Fairfield, this block holds classes in Humanities and also houses an auditorium seating 500 people. It includes the Clock Tower, which is, till date, operated manually.

The Badley Block



Built in 1921 and dedicated to Rev. B.H. Badley, this block houses the Botany and Zoology lecture theatres and laboratories.

The Matthews Hall



Constructed in the year 1962, it houses the Central Library of the college on the first floor and the administrative office on the ground floor.

The Central Library



A rich collection of rare and valuable literature, it contains more than 50,000 books on subjects like Science, Arts and Commerce.

The C.L. Bare Hostel



Completed in 1915, the hostel is named in honour of Dr. Charles Lysander Bare. **It has the capacity to accommodate 250 boys.**

The C.M. Thacore Block



Built in 1967 in memory of Rev. Dr. C.M. Thacore, this block has the Physics Department and M.Sc. Zoology and Botany laboratories.

The Reid Hall



Erected in 1891, the Reid Hall houses the Commerce and English Departments. Students enjoy rehearsing for sports tournaments on the sports field outside.

The Bishop Chitamber Chapel



Built in 1952 in memory of Bishop Jaswant R. Chitamber, the first Indian Principal of the college, the Chapel nestles serenely in the campus. One can hear the faint, yet beautiful harmony of the college choristers.

SPORTS FACILITIES

The College also boasts of noteworthy sports facilities for its students. The main campus has two huge fields for cricket, football, hockey and athletics. Students spar at basketball on two well-kept basketball courts. There are four turfs for volleyball and badminton. The Giri Lal building hosts table-tennis tournaments as well.



Cricket Ground



Basketball Court



Badminton Court

Osmon Caldwell Hostel



The hostel was constructed in 1908 to cater needs of residence scholars. **The OC Hostel will be re-opened for 40 girls in the forthcoming session.**



LUCKNOW CHRISTIAN DEGREE COLLEGE ACTIVITIES & ENGAGEMENT

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL



NATIONAL SEMINAR



STUDENT SEMINAR



INDUSTRIAL VISIT



COMMUNITY & CULTURE



NCC



COLLEGE CHOIR



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

EXPLORATION & SKILLS



BOOK CLUBS



SPORTS



MISSION SHAKTI



NSS





LUCKNOW CHRISTIAN DEGREE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

Lucknow Christian Degree College operates under a structured administrative system governed by the Methodist Church in India. Its Board of Governors is chaired by Bishop Dr. C. Selvin, Lucknow Regional Conference of the Methodist Church in India.



President

Dr. R.K. Singh

Leading with vision and commitment towards education and holistic development.



Chairman

Bishop Dr. C. Selvin

**Bishop, Lucknow Regional Conference
Methodist Church in India**

Inspiring Christian values of service and humility.



Principal

Dr. Baiju Abraham

Guiding the institution with dedication towards academic excellence, discipline and student welfare.

Today, as newer and shinier institutions emerge, Lucknow Christian Degree College rises with a quiet dignity. The college continues to shape lives steadily and sincerely, living up to its motto, '**Omnia Ad Dei Gloriam**' (all to the glory of God). For many students in this college, studying here is not just about earning a degree — it is about becoming part of a legacy that stretches across generations. We welcome all who come to this sacred ground and promise a purposeful learning experience.

Do not Withhold the Good from the Deserving as long as it is in your Power. (Proverbs 3:27)