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**Brickwork Ratings assigns “BWR A★ (UP) for the Educational Grading of Galgotias University (GU), Uttar Pradesh.**

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Brickwork Ratings India Pvt Ltd (BWR) has assigned Educational Grading of “**BWR A★ (UP)** [Pronounced BWR A Single Star (Uttarpradesh)] at the State Level for Galgotias University (GU), Noida. The Grading assigned is valid for one year and is subject to an annual surveillance.

**UNIVERSITY BACKGROUND**

[\(https://www.galgotiasuniversity.edu.in/\)](https://www.galgotiasuniversity.edu.in/)

Galgotias University(GU) is a State level Private University which was established by an Act of the Uttar Pradesh State (Act no. 14 of 2011). GU is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 22 of UGC Act, 1956. GU, Uttar Pradesh and commenced its operations from the academic session 2011-12. The Campus is located at Sector 17A, Phase II, Knowledge Park III, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The university is spread over an area of 52 acres. GU offers 15 Programs which are further divided into 20 Schools. Through its various Schools, GU offers a wide range of Undergraduate, Post-graduate and PhD Programmes in Engineering & Technology, Management, Finance & Commerce, Basic and Applied Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, Pharmacy, Architecture, Education, Hospitality, Media & Communication, Law, Physiotherapy, Nursing, etc.. Admissions for 2018 batch were 4518 (increased from 3612 for 2017-batch). For the current year, the university has more than 12000 students studying under one campus.

**Smt Shakuntala Educational & Welfare Society**

GU is run under the aegis of Smt Shakuntala Educational and Welfare Society (SSEWS). SSEWS was established in 1998 and registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. Presently, it runs 3 institutes which include Galgotias College of Engineering and Technology(GCET), Galgotias Institute of Management & Technology(GIMT) and Galgotias University. GCET & GIMT are affiliated to Uttar Pradesh Technical University. GCET offers specialization in engineering courses whereas GIMT offers specialization in management courses. GCET & GIMT have enrolled 4282 students and 234 students respectively.

The Society and all the affiliated institutes are headed by Mr. Suneel Galgotia. He is the Chancellor of Galgotias University.

Mr Dhruv Galgotia, son of Mr. Suneel Galgotia, is the CEO of Galgotias University. Mrs. Padmini Galgotia is the Secretary of the Society.

## **METHODOLOGY ADOPTED**

BWR Educational Grading reflects BWR's current, independent opinion on the quality of the programs offered by the University and its ability to deliver and transfer knowledge to the students.

BWR has drawn up several qualitative and quantitative parameters, based on its own research and in consultation with various experts in this field and in the "user segments", to make an assessment of the University's standing, capability, resources and processes and its relative ability to impart quality education and achieve the desired outcomes. BWR has formulated its own criteria by broadly categorizing these assessment parameters into various distinct areas and developed its own Methodology viz, Curriculum & Pedagogy, Faculty profile and quality, Governance structure, Student profile, Placements & alumni performance, Research & internships, Financial strength, Corporate tie ups and start up incubators, and Infrastructure setup.

Galgotias University (GU) offers Management, Engineering and Other Non Professional & Vocational courses. Professional courses viz., Engineering and Management streams constitute the majority of the courses offered by the University. In view of this and considering the higher enrolment in such educational streams of the University, BWR has assigned the Educational Grading on a State level for GU based on its Grading Criteria and Scale for B School and Engineering Colleges.

## **GRADING RATIONALE**

The grading draws strength from the satisfactory track record of the group in education, moderate vintage of more than a decade, established position amongst the state private universities in Uttar Pradesh region and good campus infrastructure facilities. GU has a strong management team out of which most of the members are PhD holders. The Grading positively factors the well qualified and experienced faculty, strong industry interaction, student pool and stability in its revenue profile owing to diverse academic courses offerings.

The Grading also takes into consideration the competition from other established universities in the state, moderate placement statistics of the University, need for increased brand visibility at the national level to enhance student selection and widen placement opportunities and the necessity for better geographic and academic batch diversity. BWR also notes the vulnerability to the regulatory risks associated with the education sector in India and the scope for improvement in Faculty Development Programmes of the University.

## **GU Curriculum:**

The University has a Board of Studies which looks after the Curriculum and Pedagogy for the university. The same is headed by Prof. (Dr.) Renu Luthra.

GU offers more than 100 academic programs at the undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level. Courses are offered in the disciplines of Engineering, Arch. & Planning, Computer Application, Management, School of Law, Allied Science, Commerce, Media & Mass Comm, Humanities, School of Design, Pharmacy, School of Agriculture and Diploma courses. All these courses are approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Each course follows a semester pattern with 5-6 subjects per semester each of 18-20 weeks duration. The curriculum involves a mix of lectures, modelling, industry visits for various courses, case studies along with group –learning assignments. GU presently charges Rs 0.87Lakhs to 1.70 Lakhs annually for the various courses offered, excluding hostel fees.

Presently, ~ 54% of the total student strength pursue non-professional/vocational courses and the balance are enrolled in professional courses related to Computer Applications, Engineering & Technology, Management and Architecture & Planning.

Under the BOS there is a well defined process for designing curricula every year for all the courses. On an annual basis, the university invites experts in their respective fields to offer recommendations on the optimal curriculum for the next one year. This takes place through a rigorous procedure to avoid any scope of misalignment with the industry.

The process is well integrated with the industry players and has various large corporate as academic partners. Based on their feedback and the industry demands, the university updates the curricula every year.

GU follows a continuous evaluation process which includes quizzes, assignments/projects/case analysis/presentations, mid-term examination, term end examination and class participation. GU awards Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). Also the grading system is now highly technology driven where grading, assignments etc are all driven through the IT systems in place.

The university is also actively involved in research as indicated by patents filed under the name of Galgotias University by its students and faculty.

The University has MOUs and tie-ups with several of the renowned universities outside India. The aim is to develop strong and effective alliances which offer faculty, students and researchers with the opportunity for international collaboration and active involvement in multidisciplinary projects at a global level. Some of the universities include Purdue

University - USA, Goethe University - Germany, University of Arkansas - USA, Kent State University - USA Institute of Accountancy Arusha - Tanzania, University of Pisa, Italy etc.

The University has signed an MoU with Sector Skill Council NASSCOM(SSC NASSCOM) to offer Qualification Pack(QP) through outcome based framework to enhance the employability of its students.

### **Governance structure:**

GU is run under the aegis of Smt Shakuntala Educational & Welfare Society, which was established in 1998. The Society is promoted by Mr. Suneel Galgotia , an established entrepreneur in the education industry. He is also the Chancellor of the University. Prof. Renu Luthra is the Vice Chancellor of the Galgotias University. The university has a fairly strong governance structure. It has well defined committees headed by some of the senior members of the society to oversee the governance practices in the university. Some of the committees include Academic Council, Financial Committee, Executive Council, Board of studies etc. Some of the prominent members of the academic body includes Prof(Dr.) Renu Luthra, Dr. Devi Singh, Dr. Gajanan Sabnis, Dr. Sunil Saigal, Prof. Seeram RamaKrishna etc.

Prof (Dr.) Renu Luthra has almost three decades of academic experience in Human Resource Management and Organizational Behaviour. Prior to joining Galgotias, Prof. Luthra was a professor with Jaipuria Institute of Management, Lucknow. She has also conducted management development programs for some of the prestigious organizations like SBI, NTPC, OBC, TELCO, BOB, Geographical Survey of India, Mahindra & Mahindra etc. She is a prominent training resource at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie - the key institution for imparting training to IAS officers.

### **Faculty profile:**

The Deans and the core faculty have extensive experience in the education sector with a good level of industry and academic experience. They are closely involved in the day to day activities of the institution and provide good stability to the operations of the University. Out of the total 20 key faculty, 18 are Phd holders. Other staff members are well qualified and experienced. GU also has visiting faculty with significant industry experience to provide updates about the recent industry trends in various fields of engineering, business administration, etc.

### **Student profile, Achievement & Internships:**

The University conducts its own entrance exams for admission to various courses. GU provides scholarships to meritorious students based on their achievements in various fields including academics, sports and extracurricular activities. Around 10% of the students are from outside India, mainly from African Countries

GU has more than 40 clubs/societies viz., cultural society, sports society, technical society, management society, literary society and various sports clubs which provide enough opportunities for the students to excel in extra curricular activities. The University focuses on all round development of its students, as demonstrated by their overall personality development and performance in academic and extra-curricular activities at various inter-college events at both national and international level.

A number of in-house case studies and internship reports have been developed and printed. The Course also includes Summer Internship Projects with a duration of 6 to 8 weeks, with an opportunity to work and gain first – hand exposure to the environment, work culture and processes that prevail in real-life organizations.

### **Placements & Alumni Performance:**

Galgotias University has a placement cell headed by Mrs. Manisha Chaudhary. During her tenure of over 8 years in GU, she has developed relationships with many of the large corporate recruiters. Placements have remained average over the past two years, however during the current year it has improved with the number of students placed (2019 batch) being 748 (increased from 498 students during FY18). Around 68% of the total students eligible for placements were placed during FY18. Median Salary is around Rs 3.25 Lacs . The University, over a period, has seen more than 200 recruiters coming to the campus for placement. Some of the renowned names include Infosys, Wipro, Cognizant, Just Dial, Amazon, Tommy Hilfiger, Samsung R&D, Indusind Bank etc, HDFC Bank, Aditya Birla, Axis Bank, DLF, Citi Bank etc.

### **Infrastructure setup**

There are around 2000 students residing in the University's hostel facilities. The well maintained campus is spread over 52 acres of land and is equipped with modern infrastructure. The land and building of the campus is owned by Smt Shakuntala Educational & Welfare Society. GU has a Wi-Fi enabled campus with students accessing the network and all learning resources online through their laptops and dedicated computer labs. GU has a well maintained and regularly updated website. Currently 5 libraries hold over 100000 books, various print journals, access to various e-journals, electronic corporate databases like newspapers, business magazines, abstracts & case study databases etc. The library provides contemporary, state of the art facilities.

The classrooms are also equipped with high-tech support equipment like LCD Projectors, Computers, White Boards etc. Hostels are well maintained with good security measures. The university provides almost all games/sports related infrastructure including courts, play grounds, equipments etc.

### **Financial Strength**

GU generates adequate revenue to meet its operating expenses and investments in information technology related infrastructure like computers, databases etc to meet its requirements. In FY 18, GU had total receipts of Rs. 190.15 Crs. with an operating surplus of Rs. 86.41 Crs. With the growing number of students, the Society is also incurring capital expenditure to meet the increasing infrastructure requirements. All the capex for the Galgotias University is routed through Smt Shakuntala Educational & Welfare Society. The society has outstanding debt of Rs. 141 Crs as on 31st January 2019.

### **Corporate tie ups & startup incubator**

GU had corporate tie-ups with more than 10 companies during FY18. MOU's signed with various corporates offers specific programs for students to develop their skills and train them for placements. The university has Galgotias Centre for Technical Innovation and Incubation(GCTII) which is a technology driven business incubator and entrepreneurship (e) cell within the premises of Galgotias College of Engineering and Technology. GCTII has tie-ups with various government organizations including MSME(Government of India) and the cell has been successful in the past in procuring funds for various innovative ideas.

### **FUTURE GROWTH**

The number of state private universities across the country is increasing with the growing importance of higher education. A step taken by Indian Universities to achieve global standards is forging affiliations and tie-ups with various renowned domestic and international universities and corporate houses. International accreditations also attract foreign companies and MNCs in India during the final placement period.

Taking into consideration the established reputation of the University in Uttar Pradesh region, management competence, satisfactory teaching faculty and standards, efficient program administration, student admission standards & diversity and good infrastructure and facilities, BWR believes that GU's activities are sustainable and committed to high quality.

As part of its strategy for continuous improvement, GU could focus on acquiring additional national & global accreditations, improve its placement statistics, strengthen its consultancy and research track record, forge additional corporate tie-ups, include value-added modules in curriculum with an aim to enhance practical exposure and employability of students. Global inputs in curriculum could be added to enhance the international exposure of student and Faculty Development Programmes honed, which would be beneficial in attracting higher quality students and faculty, premier recruiters, provide greater research opportunities and enable global recognition.

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