

# Growing Under the Wings of NSBM



**Buthmi Ashini**

*President of the Sports Council  
(2021/2022)*

## **Why NSBM?**

Once I finished my A/Ls, I was searching for a university to pursue my higher education and was already aware of NSBM since my brother was a graduate of NSBM. I wasn't interested in going to university but NSBM Green University changed my mind. I am a person who has excelled in sports and has a strong passion for sports, so seeing the facilities NSBM offers to its students, I was certain that NSBM Green

University is the ideal place for me to pursue my degree. Most importantly, NSBM Green University is one of the universities which gives us the opportunity to study world class degrees by staying at the home country.

## **The study Environment**

When it comes to the studying environment of the university, it's obvious that NSBM Green University is different from other universities. The eco-friendly environment is

brehtaking and makes the students love the university. We have lecturers who are not only good at teaching but also extremely helpful whenever we got to them with a concern. The lecturers do not hesitate to help their students at all times. I have never loved going somewhere more than going to the NSBM Green University every day.

### Cost Effect

NSBM Green University offers world-class degrees from renowned universities across the globe. The affordable yet high-quality education I receive is valuable and sustainable for my future. NSBM gives the opportunity to learn foreign degrees for a fair value and we get the advantage of the eco-friendly environment, library facilities, sports facilities all in one place.

### Extra curricular Activities

I enjoy most of the extracurricular activities which NSBM provides for the students. Being able to represent the NSBM Badminton Club was a major achievement of my life. And as a national player the support and the guidance we are getting from our lecturers for our extracurricular activities and the academic activities made it easier for me to reach my goals. Balancing both academic and extra-curricular activities is not an easy task but NSBM taught me how to balance everything in life. It is an honor for me to serve NSBM Sports by being the Sports Council President for the year of 2021-2022 because I believe that I am who I am today because of what NSBM Green University offered me.



### Dinith Senaratne

*President of the Association of Business Management (2021/2022)*

### Why NSBM?

I joined NSBM for two reasons. The first being that NSBM was one of the few universities in Sri Lanka to be affiliated with a university that ranks amongst the top 1% in the world and the second, being able to experience holistic university life. For anyone that's looking to join, from my experience having studied at this phenomenal university, all I have to say is to join for the opportunities. NSBM isn't a regular university that simply pumps out thousands of graduates a year, but rather a university that helps their undergraduates discover who they are, and a university that empowers them to become the best version of themselves.

### The study Environment

It's beyond amazing. NSBM has one of if not 'the best' studying environments in the country. All lectures are delivered in a professional manner by well qualified and a very supportive panel of lecturers. The advanced, fully-equipped lecture halls also provide a great push to the students by minimizing distractions and offering

all comfort to ensure a smooth flow of study and engagement in the classroom. Apart from that, well equipped, updated library facilities and study spaces facilitates the students' learning significantly.

### Cost Effect

You truly get your money's worth at NSBM. This is because no other private university in Sri Lanka is capable of providing its undergraduates a world class education while giving them the opportunity to experience a well-rounded campus life for a competitive price.

### Extra curricular Activities

NSBM has almost all clubs and societies a university could offer and provides world class facilities to all sorts of athletes to pursue their sporting journey without any hindrance. Personally, I'm a huge believer of the many benefits extracurriculars bring into our lives, so having an encouraging atmosphere that supports our pursuits of excellence in sports and other activities is something NSBM undergraduates are truly blessed with.



### Heeshala Weerasuriya

*Software Engineering (19.1 batch)*

## Why NSBM?

When looking for an institution for my higher studies I really wanted to choose to university which would provide me with a similar experience to a foreign university. When considering the quality of the degree, recognition comes first when we join the industry. Looking through the institutions providing computing degree programs, I found that NSBM is a government institution that functions under the Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training to have a good international connection with the universities and having a university inside its own town is convenient and unique. So, I chose to join NSBM to follow a University of Plymouth degree program.

## The study Environment

Usually, the students who start degree programmes after school find it hard to adjust to the curriculum and delivery of the content but at NSBM, I found it easy to adjust and understand what I learn just as it was in school time. The lecturers at the university are always available and ready to sort out our academic issues so you never need to leave the premises having doubts about the subject. The facilities provided to us as students are immensely useful for our studies. Free licenses to many paid software, free cloud storage to keep all the academic documents safe are just a few of what as a computing undergraduate at NSBM we are provided with to ease the education. The latest technologies like MOODLE platform makes the study easy and effective. A whole building just dedicated to the library has all the facilities to study, refer books and articles. Studying and working as groups is a core component in undergraduate life and the study rooms with whiteboards

to plan and discuss our ideas helps us to build the co-working environment that one day we will need to experience. Computer labs with the latest technology components help us to realize what the world is seeking from us as graduates.

## Cost Effect

As a computing student reading for a foreign degree, the first thing that comes to mind is how much will I be spending by the end of my studies if I were to complete my studies elsewhere. If I had to fly to the UK to get the same degree program that I am pursuing at the moment I would have to spend way more than what my whole degree costs at NSBM as tuition fees for one semester in the UK. The majority of Sri Lankans are not capable of spending that amount of money on a degree program. For students like us NSBM provides the opportunity to obtain a world class degree at an affordable cost.

## Extra curricular Activities

You name it and NSBM has it. When it comes to NSBM, major attention has been given to extracurricular activities along with academics. Clubs and societies are just like a part of our undergraduate lives here at NSBM. Before the pandemic, we had a lot of amazing events organized by both NSBM and the faculty, and even during the pandemic, many events were organized via virtual platforms. Going for a swim with my friends and playing Badminton in the evening at our recreational center is just a part of our lives and memories we will treasure for the years to come.



**Pasindu Wijesuriya**

*Archery Captain 2021/2022  
President IBM Circle 2021/2022*

## Why NSBM?

I come from a science background. I needed to get into the business field, and I thought NSBM would be the best place. Going through various courses offered at NSBM, I was able to choose what was right for me which also aligns with my passion. As an active personality, I wanted to have a university experience that provides me with more than just academics. With all the extracurricular activities and events which engages with different people, I found a comfortable environment to learn and to grow.

## The study Environment

In terms of study environment, NSBM provides you with many opportunities. Since we are provided with extremely qualified lecturers, learning the course content is not much of a trouble. Even when it comes to clarifying doubts, we always have opportunity to reach out to the lecture panel.

Even with the library facilities, we have a very calm and quite environment for our self-study

sessions. As a student following a degree under University of Plymouth, we were provided with E library facilities as well.

Even though we were unable to physically participate in educational events and forums due to worldwide pandemic, with multiple workshops and webinar sessions organized by student circles and NSBM, studying has been much easier and practical.

### Cost Effect

Considering a country like Sri Lanka, it's difficult for parents to send children overseas for education. In the corporate world, respective to different fields, having a degree from a reputed university adds a lot of value. When it comes to NSBM, there are degrees to choose from various reputed universities, and that is also for an affordable price. Not only the price is affordable, and since it has to be paid per semester in installments, it makes it even more convenient to make the payments.

### Extra curricular Activities

NSBM extracurricular activities and the encouragements we receive are top-notch. As I actively take part in multiple community-based, activity-based and sports clubs, I must say the things I've added to my life is immeasurable. It's all about balancing your academics and extracurricular activities, but I highly recommend anyone to join such clubs. Starting from clubs like Rotaract and Toastmasters, NSBM has subject circles for every degree specification. Any student will find a place that resonates with their passion. As NSBM gives such opportunities to learn and engage, I believe that it's a huge a value addition that can help one grow.



### Sanduni De Fonseka

*Asst. Secretary, Rotract Club*

*2021/2022*

*Secretary Toastmasters Club*

*2021/2022*

### Why NSBM?

They say you have to kiss the frog before you meet the prince, and that was my journey in discovering NSBM. Having just completed my advanced level, I had high hopes and expectations for my higher studies, however, acceptance and cost played major roles in my settlement for a local university. From one institute to another I floated without interest or objective. Finally stumbling upon NSBM, I walked through its gates and fell in love with it. Battling with the typical decision of doing a business degree or going against the odds and choosing the interior design programme was my first phase at NSBM. Its faculty and opportunity shown to me drove me to choose the road not taken. With fear and doubt I enrolled, and NSBM guided me in my passion with a steady hand, a caring attitude and with a will to produce the best. I exploited this to my best advantage and have no regrets for the molding that NSBM has given me for these few years.

### The study Environment

It's an all-in-one package, from experienced lecturers to amazing visiting lecturers, and a library equipped with all the necessary material. The university offers many options for its students and being an avid reader, I was not disappointed when I explored the university library. They also put in an extra effort to make sure the students are well-read and knowledgeable on the subject, with site visits, innovative challenges being given for our design assignments, by pushing the pandemic as a hurdle we can jump over. The lecturers in the design area are engaged with the students, offering an open and safe space for creativity to flourish.

### Cost Effect

Coming from a background where the cost of things determined what we received, I was happy that the degree offered me more than I thought I could get an affordable price. It is a good opportunity for people to make their dreams come true.

### Extra curricular Activities

Knowing very well that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, I was determined to get involved in as many activities as I could, and NSBM offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. I was able to learn and grow through these as NSBM not only offers such activities but pushes its students to be the best version of themselves. Through this opportunity, the lost girl that walked into NSBM will be walking out of those gates, confident and ready to face the world. ■

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