Detailed Handbook for

Online MCA

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What is an MCA?

An MCA, or a Masters of Computer Applications, is a two-year postgraduate degree course in computer application areas. This course is especially designed for candidates with a technical acumen, looking for upskilling in pertinent domains like AI, virtual reality, data science, computer science and IT and so on. This course is currently available in India to be pursued in the regular offline mode, online mode and the distance learning mode. A number of students having a background in computer sciences, mathematics or technology take up an MCA program each year, making it one of the most popular programs in India to be pursued at the PG level.

About
College Vidya

Established in 2019 and headquartered in Noida, College Vidya is a trailblazing online education aggregation platform at the forefront of India's online learning landscape–stemming from the esteemed Blackboard Education & Research Foundation. The organization has achieved remarkable success due to its exceptional team of visionary founders- Mayank Gupta (Co-Founder and CEO), Rohit Gupta (Co-Founder and COO), and Sarthak Garg (Co-Founder and CMO).

Guided by the vision of breaking the profiteering orientation in the education industry, College Vidya has positioned itself as the nation's foremost and One-stop solution for making informed online education choices. College Vidya has introduced a transparent system providing students with accurate factual information about online learning institutions, platforms providing students with accurate factual information about online learning institutions, platforms and courses, guiding them toward diverse and promising academic and career paths. To transform the online learning experience, we offer a range of student support services–academic counselling by expert counsellors, admission support, financial aid, post-admission mentorship, placement assistance including exclusive internships and job opportunities. With over 30+ partnered institutions and over 100 course options available, College Vidya's learning support is extensive and diverse–meeting academic needs of all students.

Mr. Rohit Gupta
COO & Co-Founder
College Vidya

Modes of MCA

Being one of the popular courses of computer sciences in India, an MCA is being offered in other modes in addition to the conventional regular mode. Let's take a look into the four modes of MCA which are currently offered in India.

Online MCA	Distance MCA
Regular MCA	Part-Time MCA

Online MCA

An online MCA is a 2-year degree course approved by the UGC-DEB for being offered through the virtual mode. With the integration of ICT-enabled technologies, an online MCA program includes regular virtual live lectures, class recordings te.c for teaching the theoretical foundations for the course and online guided sessions for practical skill-building. The full course is completed in the online mode including online proctored exams to allow for remote learning.

Distance MCA

A distance MCA is offered in the ODL mode and is approved by the UGC-DEB as having equivalent status as an offline MCA course. This includes a few lectures scheduled over holidays or on weekends in fixed timings. The study materials for the course are provided to students for self-paced learning. The student can pursue the course on their own through self-learning and appear for examinations at the university on scheduled dates in the physical mode.

Regular MCA

A regular MCA is a conventional on-campus program of two years wherein the student has to pursue the course in the full-time mode. This includes daily scheduled lectures, practicum, offline examinations and so on. This is one of the most common modes in which an MCA is currently pursued in India.

Part-Time MCA

A part-time MCA program integrates the facilities of online learning with the classroom experience of a distance MCA. In a part-time MCA course, students get access to all online learning resources, and also attend a few scheduled lectures on campus to gain an offline learning exposure. The flexibility available in this mode is higher than regular and distance modes but lower than the online mode.

Why Pursue an Online MCA? Top 5 Reasons to Consider

Being one of the most demanded and scopeful programs, MCA is offered in many modes of education, some of which are mentioned below:

1. Equal Value as a Regular MCA

The UGC-DEB in India having granted an equal status to an online MCA as a regular MCA program, pursuing an online MCA has become even more appealing– it brings together the flexibility of learning of an online course with the comprehensiveness of an MCA course.

2. Cost-Effective than Other MCA Programs

When it comes to budget and financial constraints, an online MCA is much friendlier on your pocket than other modes of MCA, especially the regular mode. With fees ranging between INR 1-3 lakhs on an average, it democratises access to managerial studies beyond those who can afford hefty financial investments into the course.

3. Learning at Par with Global Standards

An online MCA seamlessly integrates the theoretical foundations of management with the prowess of practical skill-building through simulations.This makes a strong case for higher education at par with international standards as learning is two-pronged, both theoretically and practically-oriented.

3. Flexibility of Learning

The flexibility of learning makes an online MCA one of the strongest contenders among other MCA modes. Be it the opportunity to access the course lectures and study materials from any location at any time, the chance for self-paced learning or the lack of rigid schedules and deadlines, an online MCA has come up as one of the most viable management degrees.

4. Exclusive & Dedicated Placement Assistance

One of the lucrative aspects of taking up an online MCA include its all-round placement assistance. With dedicated mentors, professional grooming services and placement drives, an online MCA brings a host of appealing job opportunities to the disposal of students during course completion itself.

5. Scope for Career

Lastly, the enhancement impact of an MCA career prospects of candidates are incontestable. With the flexibility to work alongside the degree, an online MCA helps build a strong resume allowing for growth and career development, garnering further meaningful opportunities for professional exploration.

Online MCA V/S Regular MCA

Online MCA

• An online MCA needs the approval of UGC-DEB for it to be considered valid.

• The average fee for an online MCA program is between INR 60,000 to INR 2,50,000 for the full course.

• The course pedagogy include live online lectures, recorded lectures, webinars with industry experts, online workshops etc.

• There is greater flexibility of learning and there are no rigid time schedules or attendance criteria.

• While the ability to network well with faculty, peers and experts may get hindered due to digital barriers, the students get exposure on a global basis.

• An online MCA allows the candidate to take up the course from an online university anywhere across India without geographical constraints.
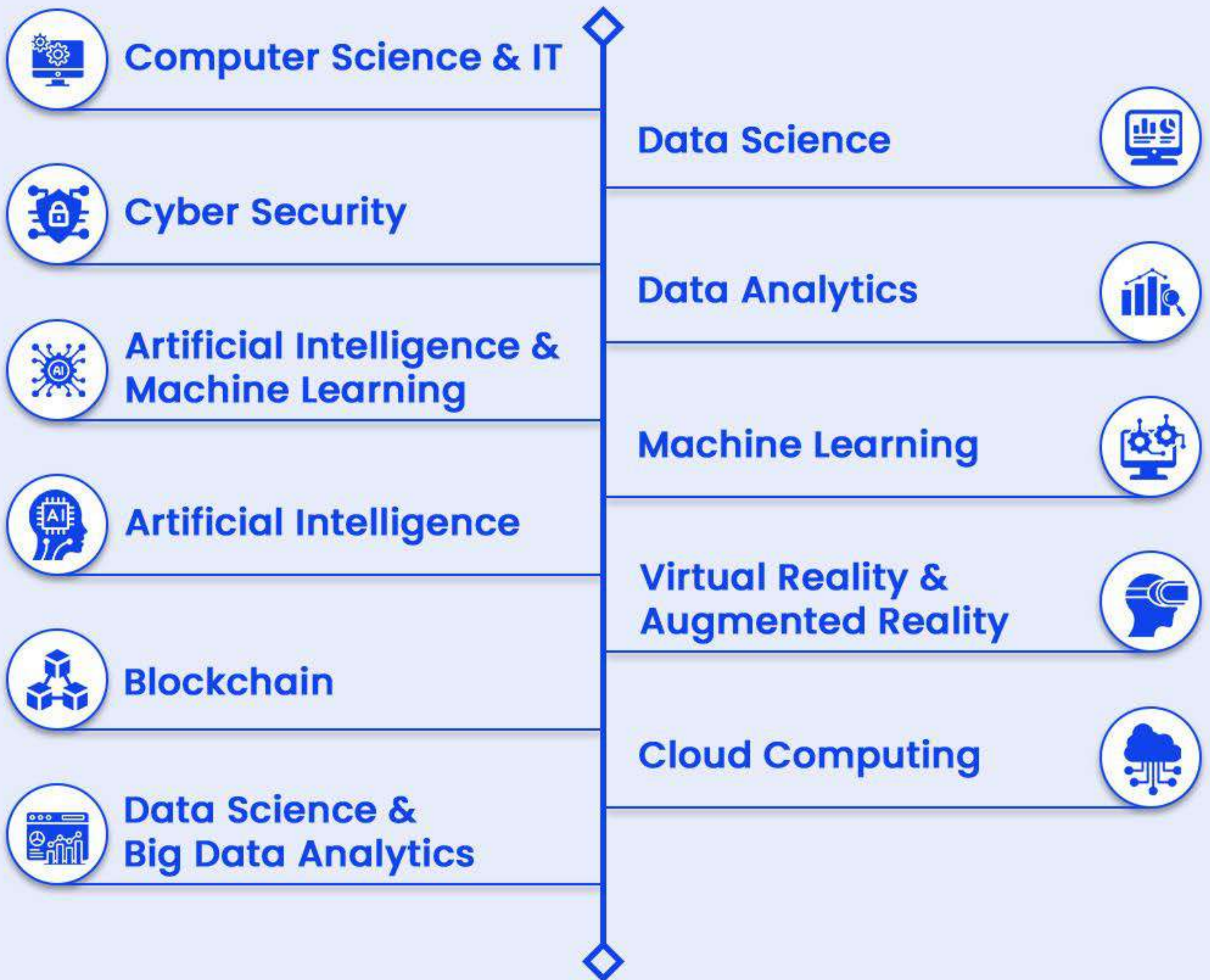
Regular MCA

• A regular MCA degree requires a UGC approval to be deemed as a valid degree.

• The average fee for a regular MCA is between INR 1,00,000 to INR 4,50,000 for the full course.

• The pedagogy majorly includes regular offline classes (on-campus), seminars and industry sessions, offline workshops etc.

• The regular MCA allows limited flexibility of learning due to strict timetables, attendance criteria, rigid exam schedules etc.

• The opportunity for networking closely with peers, faculty and industry experts is more in the face-to-face mode of a regular MCA.

• Since attending classes in person is required on a full-time basis, a regular MCA course has geographical constraints of available college/university choices.

Online MCA Specialisations

An online MCA is offered in a diverse range of specializations to ensure that students taking up the course in the online mode get ample choices of the discipline to choose from at par with a regular MCA. These specializations have a curricular structure and syllabi similar to that offered in a regular MCA to uphold the academic rigour of the course. Some of the popular specializations of an online MCA include:

Computer Science & IT

Data Science

Cyber Security

Data Analytics

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence

Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality

Blockchain

Cloud Computing

Data Science & Big Data Analytics

It is to be noted that the above-listed specialisations are currently offered in India in the online learning mode for an MCA course. The offered specialisations may change over years and vary from one institution to another.

360 Degree Career Support by College Vidya

The nuanced career support offered by College Vidya caters to the diverse needs of students pursuing online education, and meets their professional needs at each step of the way. Here are a few of the prominent career support provisions by College Vidya from which a student of online education can benefit:

1. Initial Career Counselling & Needs Analysis

Our expert counsellors assess the unique professional needs of the student before enrolment in a program, and guide them towards selecting the best course for their aspirations.

2. Resume-Building & Creation

Users and registered students on our platform reap the benefits of creating a strong and appealing resume that can enhance their chances of selection in professional ventures.

3. Professional Grooming through Industry Interactions

Our regular webinars, workshops and online interactions with industry experts on the exclusive CV community allow students to get immersive professional exposure to groom themselves and hone their professional competencies.

4. Access to the Exclusive CV Alumni Network

The CV community is an exclusive network wherein students enrolled through College Vidya can connect with other peers and alumni to network and form professional allies for career development.

5. Access to Over 24k+ Internships per Month

On the exclusive internship portal of College Vidya, enrolled students get access to over 24,000 fresh internships on a monthly basis and upskill themselves while pursuing their online MCA degree conveniently.

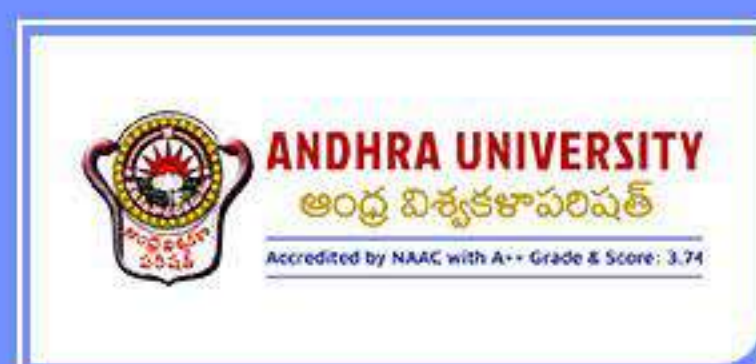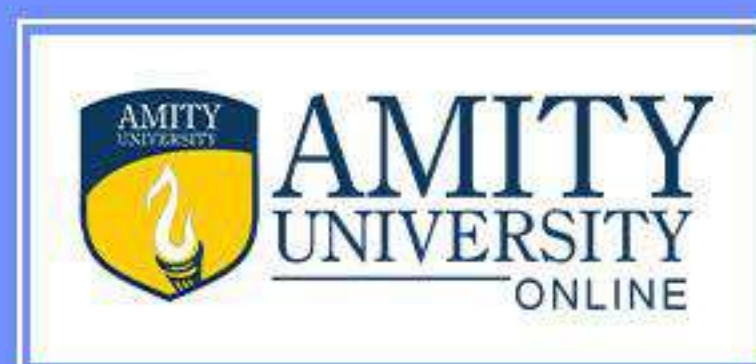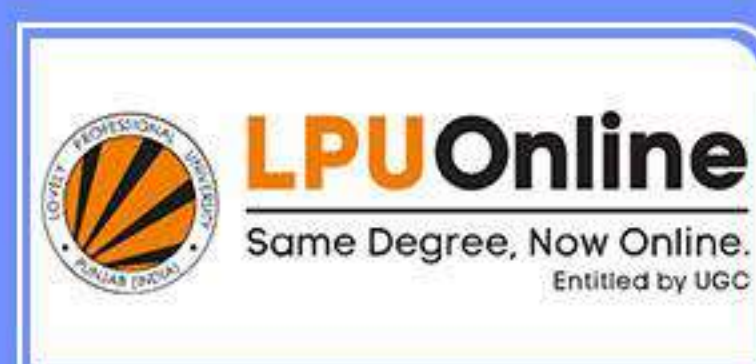## 6. Placement Assistance through Exclusive CV Jobs Portal

We don't stop at providing professional training and opportunities to upskill—for us, ensuring a successful boost to the student's career is just as important. With the exclusive CV job portal, enrolled students of online MCA can explore over 8000 jobs on a monthly basis to find the best fit for their career aspirations.

Top University Offering Online MCA Programs

Some of the top institutes and universities offering an online MCA program have been enlisted below.

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JGi JAIN
DEEMED-TO-BE UNIVERSITY

LPUOnline
Same Degree, Now Online.
Entitled by UGC

AMRITA
VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM

CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY
Discover. Learn. Empower.

AMITY UNIVERSITY
ONLINE

GLA UNIVERSITY
MATHURA

VIGNAN'S
Foundation for Science, Technology & Research
(Deemed to be University)
-Estd. u/s 3 of UGC Act 1956

SMU SIKKIM MANIPAL UNIVERSITY

UTTARANCHAL UNIVERSITY
NAAC GRADE A+

KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY
ఆంధ్ర విశ్వకళాపరిషత్
Accredited by NAAC with A++ Grade & Score: 3.74

Note: These are just a few renowned names from the long list of universities offering online MCAs. Moreover, the above list indicates institutions which are currently offering online MCA programs. The above information is subject to change as per universities' amendments.

Program Curriculum

The general structure of an MCA program includes

- 4 semesters of 6 months each spanned across 2 years

- Coverage of Core Computer Application Courses in 1st Year

- Coverage of Specialisation Courses in 2nd Year

- Major & Minor Projects in Last Year

The general curriculum of an online MCA program is provided below.

Semester I	Semester II
• Foundations of Computer Applications • Design & Analysis of Algorithms • Advanced Database Management Systems • Advanced Computer Network • Discrete Mathematical • Communication Skills	• Advanced Internet Programming • System Programming & Operating System • Python Programming • Parallel & Distributed Computing • Introduction to Machine Learning
Semester III	**Semester IV**
• Web Designing • Cloud Computing • Operational Research • Software Testing & Quality Assurance • Minor Project	• Artificial Intelligence • Web Application Development • Research Methodology • Major Project

Please note that the aforementioned course papers provide a general framework for the curriculum of an online MCA degree. The paper titles, paper content, and sequence of specific papers in institutions may vary.

College Vidya Learning Experience

Quality education lies at the heart of College Vidya's vision of empowering students of online education. We provide support to our enrolled students on every step of the way to ensure a seamless and comprehensive learning experience. Here is a glimpse of how learning with College Vidya looks like!

01. Expert Academic Counselling

We provide personalised academic and career counselling to students by certified counsellors who are experienced in the fields of academic counselling and guidance and put in their insights to steer your career journey in the right direction.

02. Regular Skill-Building Webinars

To ensure that students learn and build their skills-set beyond academics in an industry-relevant fashion, we arrange regular skill-building sessions with industry experts and academicians on our exclusive CV community. Webinars, peer and industry interactions etc. in various disciplines are common in the CV learning community as we believe that learning is endless!

03. 24x7 Dedicated Mentor for All Your Queries

We understand that academic excellence requires consistent support and guidance, especially in an online course, staying in touch with guides and peers is additionally tough. So, post-admission in the course through College Vidya, we assign you a dedicated mentor who is available to clarify all your queries, guide and support you through your journey of learning and form a connecting bridge between you and your online university!

04. Financial Aid for Students

Our financial aids for students including low-interest educational loans are available to ensure democratic access to educational resources. With ensuring equity in mind, we provide students with educational loans and similar financial aid including scholarship cashbacks for them to afford their further education.

05. Pre & Post-Admission Support

Students enrolled through College Vidya experience the benefits of our pre-admission support (academic counselling in course selection, support and guidance in enrollment procedures, financial aid for applying to course etc.) and post-admission services (dedicated mentorship, LMS support, access to CV alumni network, internship and placement support etc.).

06. Peer-Based Learning with CV Community

Learning is facilitated when shared through experiences. Believing in the same motto, we provide an exclusive platform to all our enrolled students to connect, network and interact with their peers across universities to enhance learning, hold question-answer sessions, organise clubs based on interests and so on.

Where Our Learners Work

Our alumni of the online MCA program have shined through, having established their prowess across 10 industries across the globe.
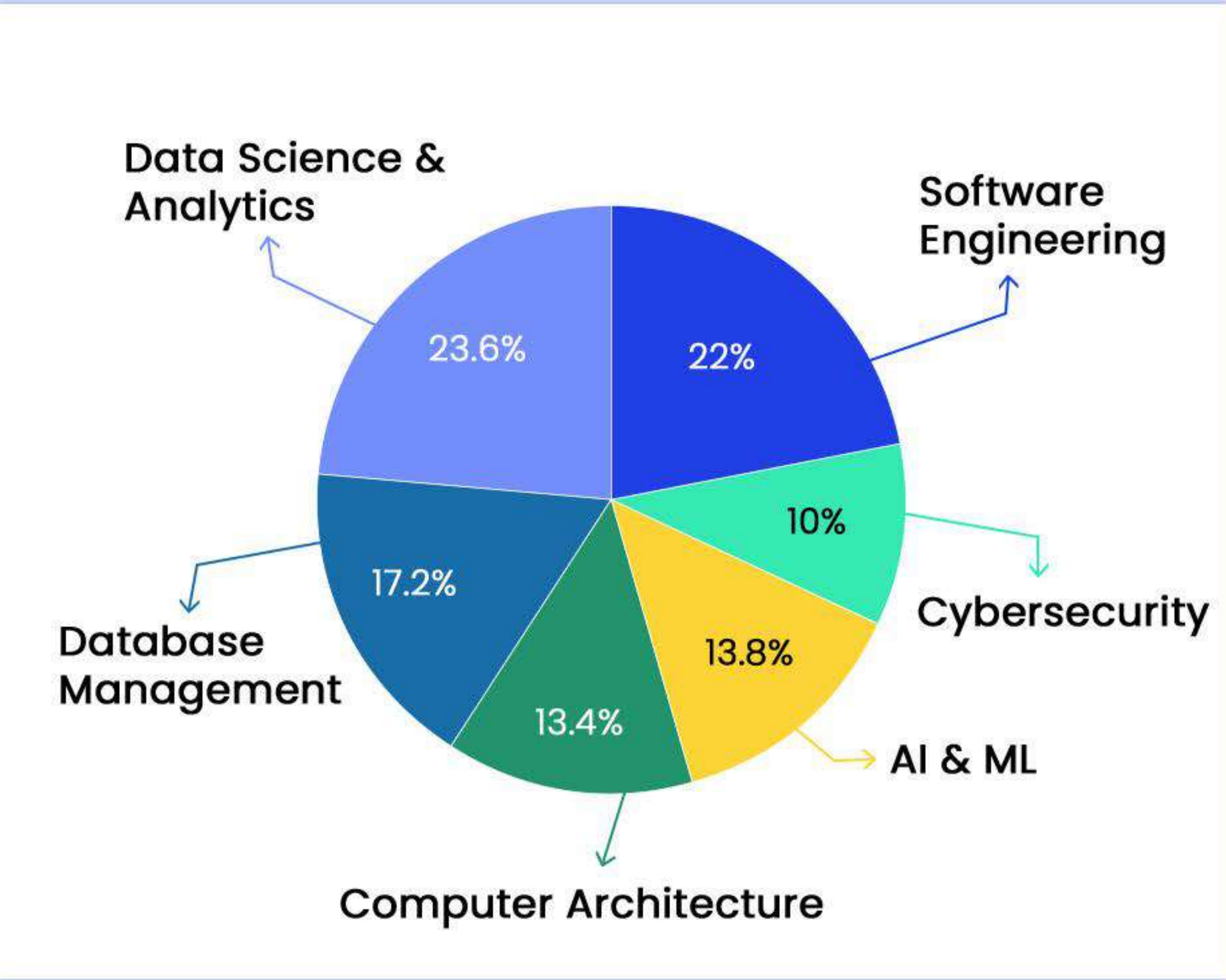
Our placement statistics over the past 5 years indicate a steady rise in the average CTC at which students enrolled through College Vidya in online courses got placed.
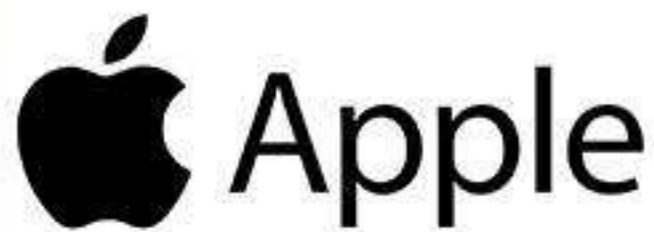
Average Placement CTCs over Years

Where Our Learners Work

With our alumni placed across the globe, we have a stellar network of companies and corporate giants our students are placed at.

What Our Learners
Have to Say

"College Vidya provides you with safe and valid online course choices. All the universities listed here are premium, UGC-DEB recognised institutions. The platform provides a series of services that you can enjoy."

"I stumbled upon this website while searching for educational guidance, and it turned out to be a hidden gem! The website's resources and articles are incredibly helpful, and the counsellors are helpful and friendly. I am grateful for the assistance provided."

"I can't thank this website enough for the positive impact it had on my educational choices. The counselling sessions were enlightening and the guidance I received felt pretty well-aligned with my own goals and expectations."

"College Vidya's help with job and placement not only got me into the university I wanted, but it also helped me get my dream job right after college, which started me on the path to a great career. Their steadfast support didn't end when I got in; they were there for me the whole time, giving me advice and tools to help me do well."

How to Choose Right University at Right Time

Selecting the right online course, the right university and the right subject are crucial decisions with which students going for higher education are faced with.

In your journey of searching for the right online university and the right course, College Vidya supports you in finding the most credible resources and institutes as well as comparing them seamlessly on the basis of over 30+ parameters.
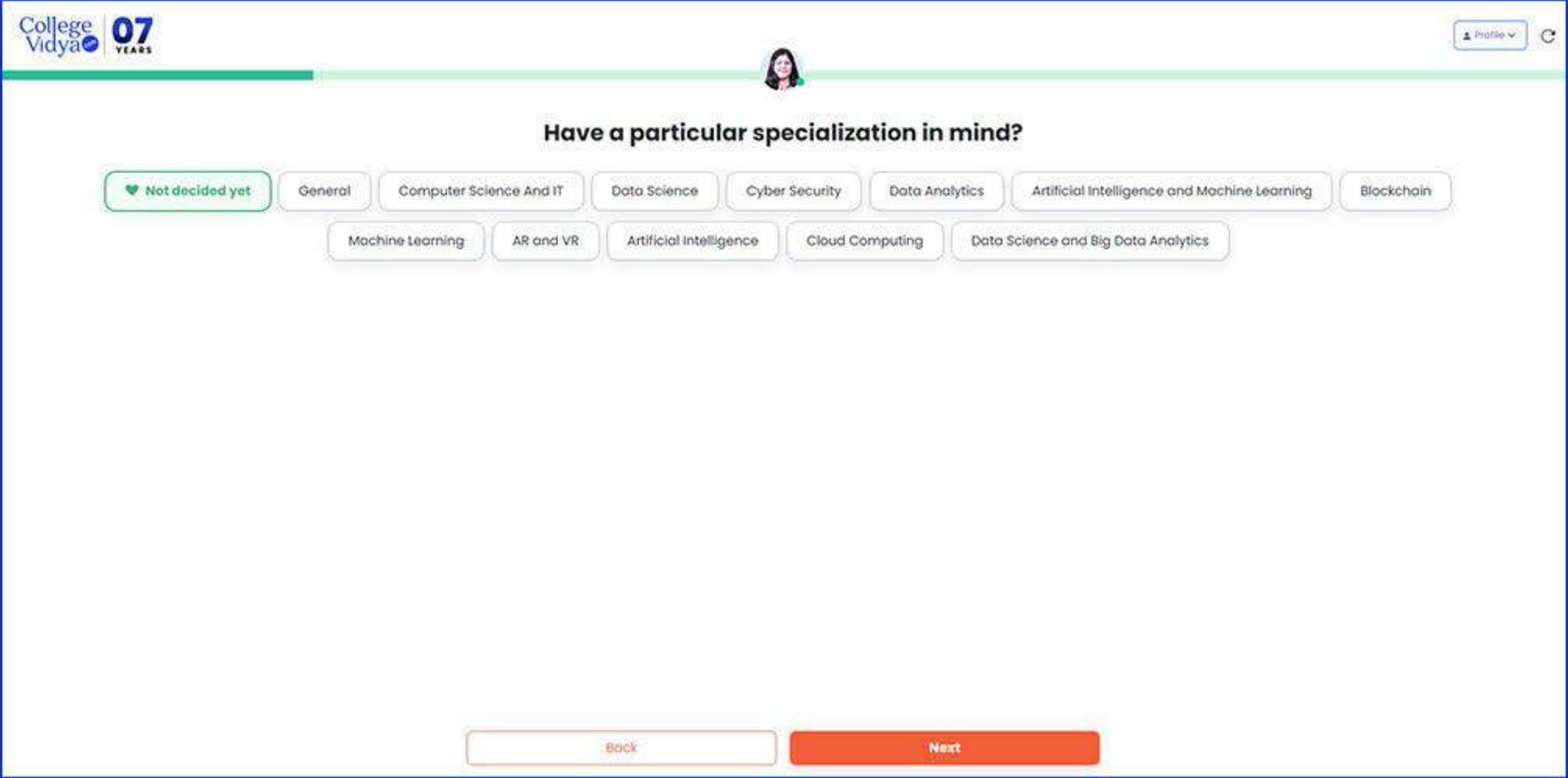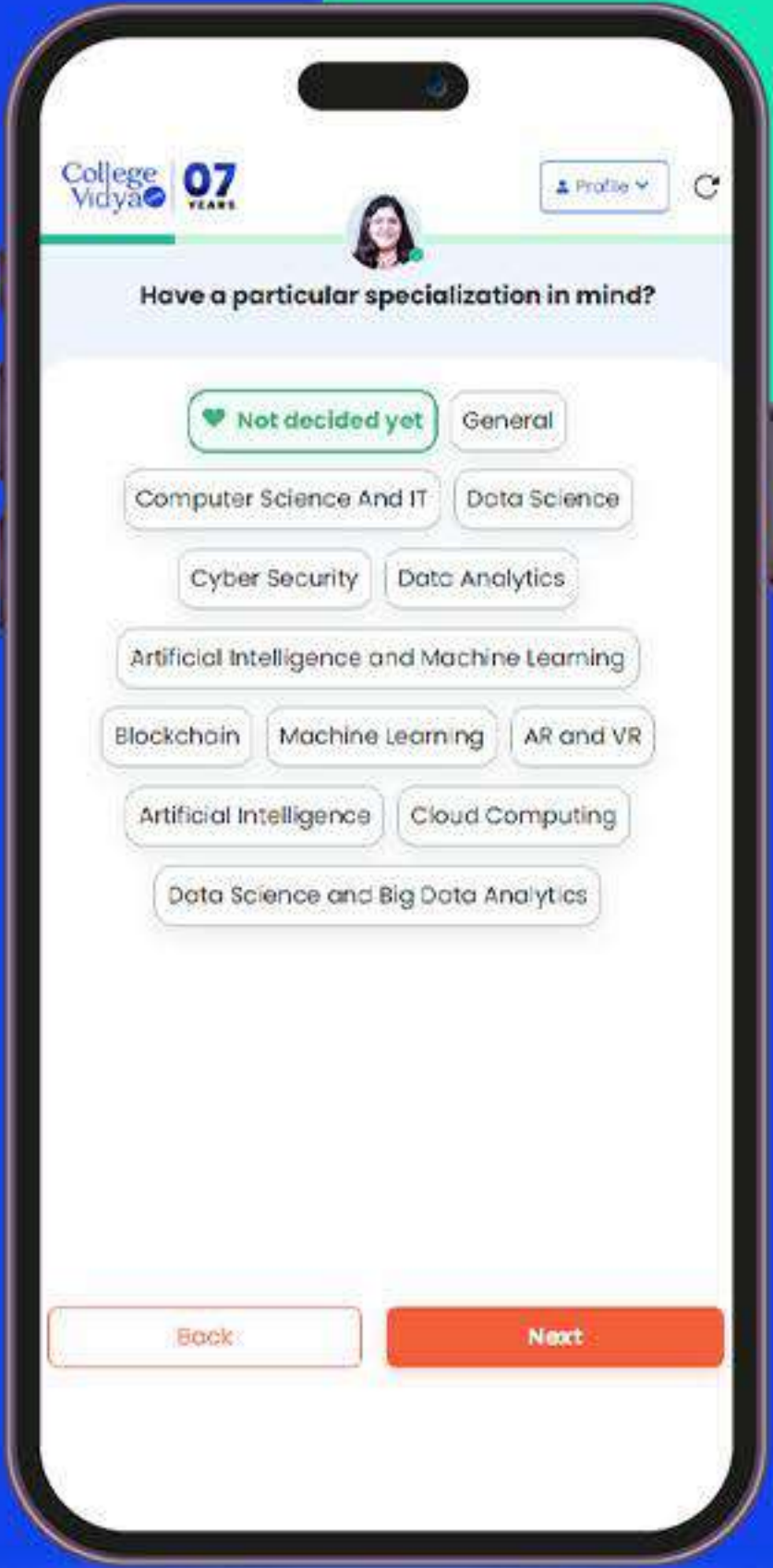
The **"Suggest Me in 2 Mins"** tab on the top right corner of the College Vidya homepage (www.collegevidya.com) takes you through a few simple steps to provide a list of the best online MCA options for you to consider.

Step-1

Upon clicking on this option, you are required to provide your course and specialisation preferences, your approximate budget, available time to devote to the course etc.

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Have a particular specialization in mind?

- ♥ Not decided yet
- General
- Computer Science And IT
- Data Science
- Cyber Security
- Data Analytics
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Blockchain
- Machine Learning
- AR and VR
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cloud Computing
- Data Science and Big Data Analytics

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Step-2

Upon providing all due details, you have to provide your personal details to get personalised suggestions for online MCA universities. Upon submission of this form, you will get a host of online MCA university suggestions best-suited to your suggestions.
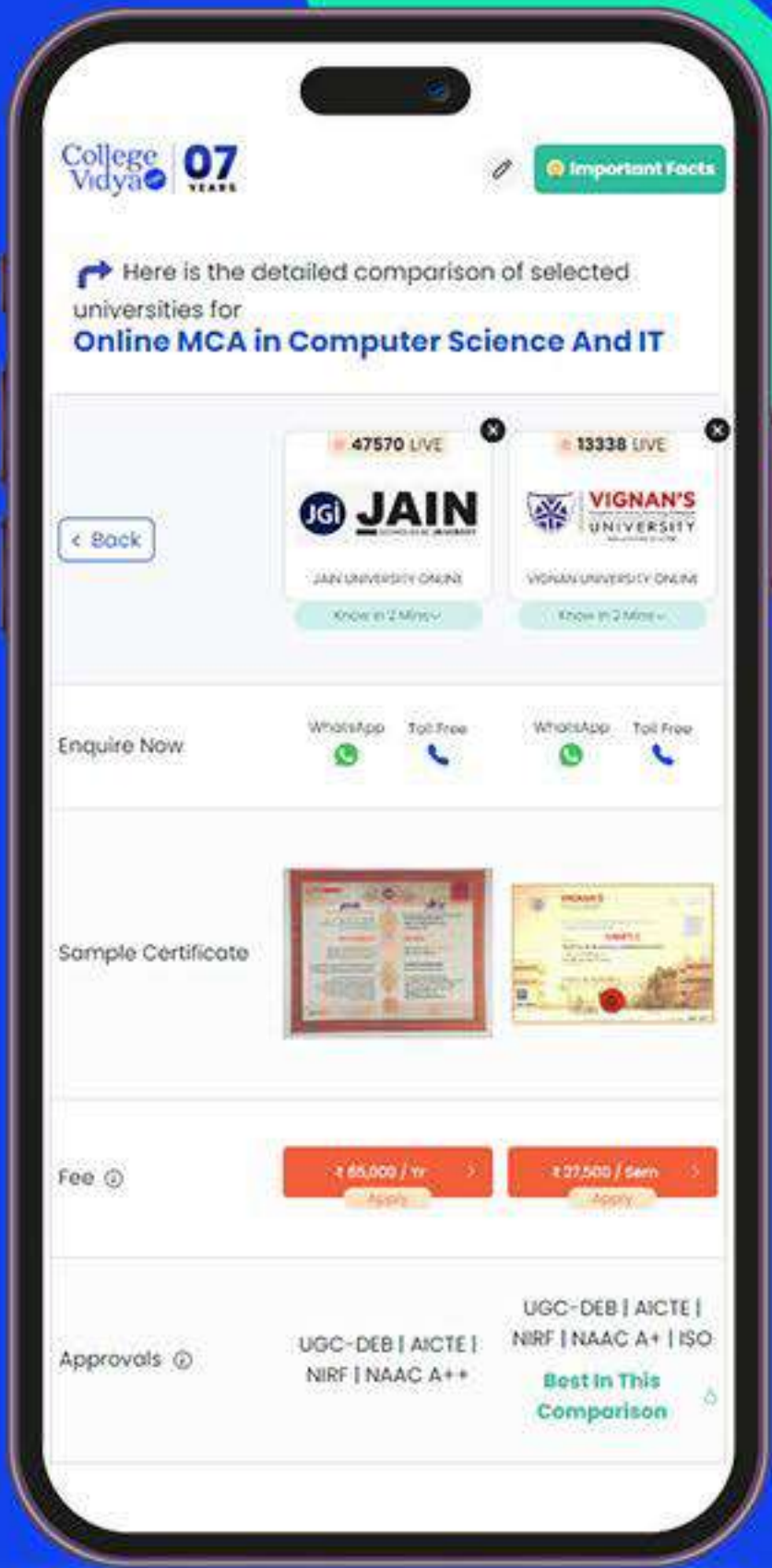
Step-3

You can then select the checkbox **"Add to Compare"** for three universities to compare them on over 30 parameters.
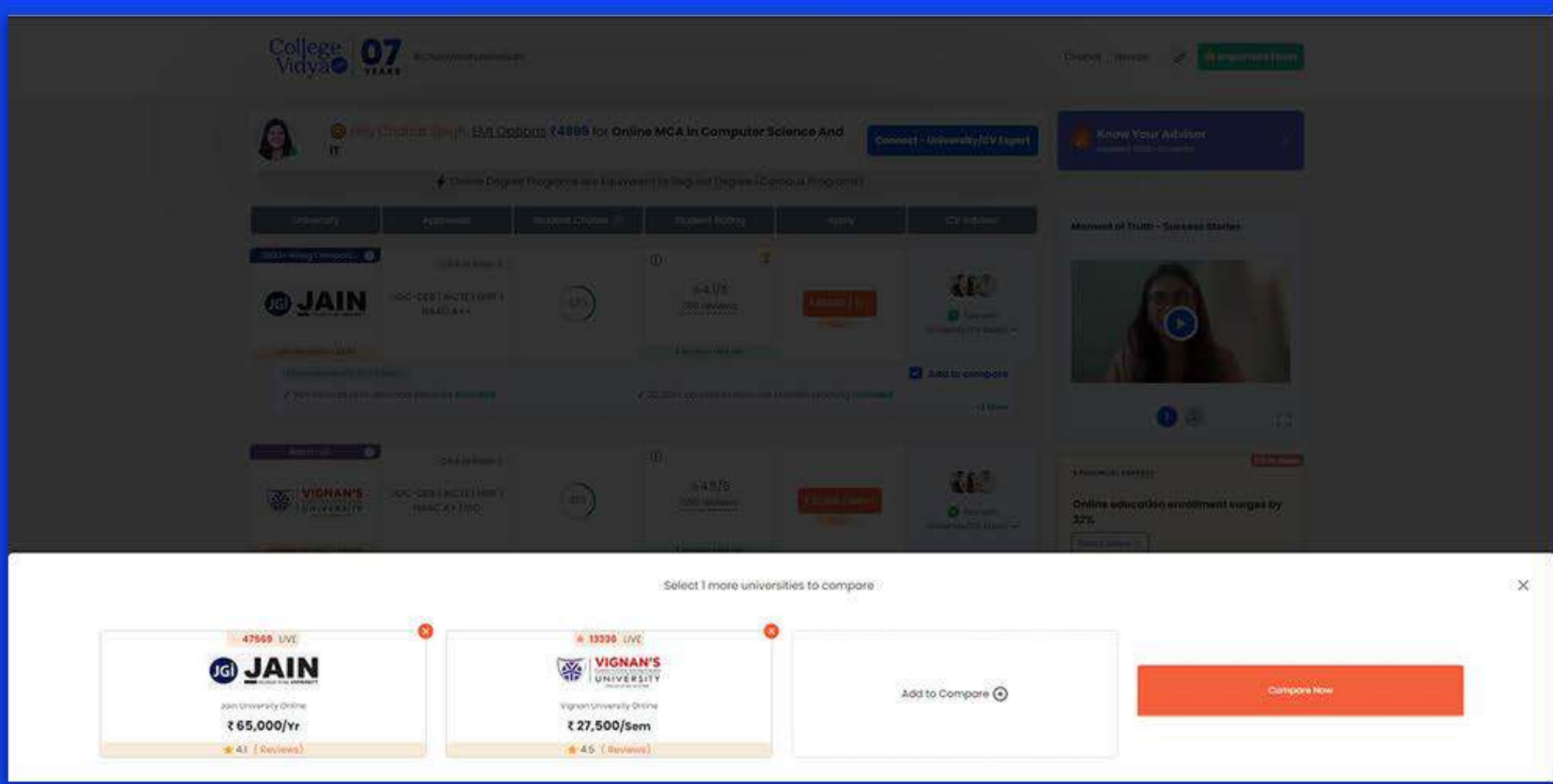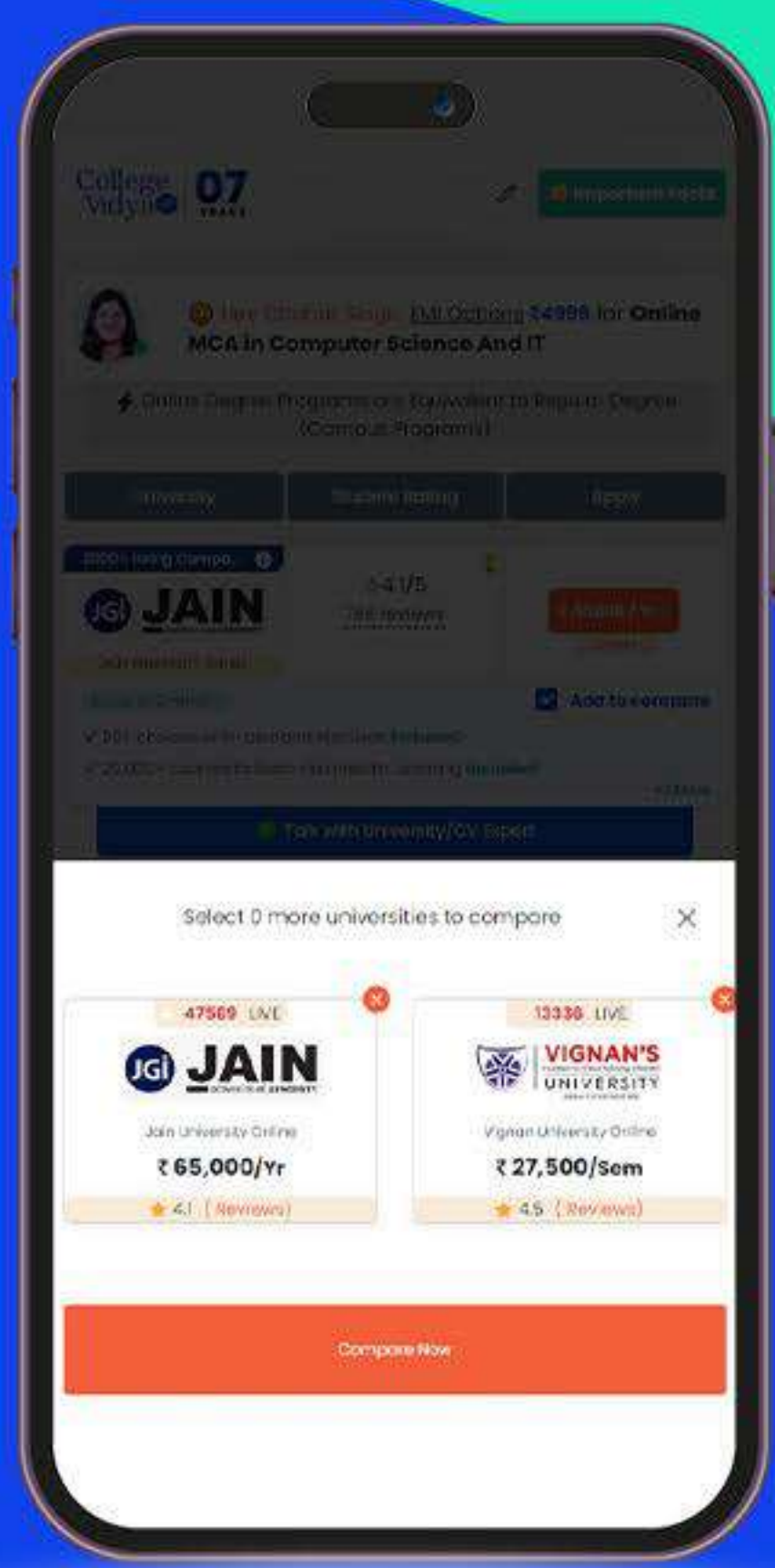
Step-4

Further, after adding 2-3 universities for comparison purposes, you can click on **"Compare Now"** to see a comparison of the selected institutes on parameters ranging from fees, accreditations, criteria for admission, placement statistics and much more!

Here is the detailed comparison of selected universities for **Online MCA in Computer Science And IT**

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	JAIN UNIVERSITY ONLINE	VIGNAN UNIVERSITY ONLINE	
	Know University In 2 Mins	Know University In 2 Mins	
Enquire Now	WhatsApp Toll Free	WhatsApp Toll Free	
Sample Certificate			
Fee ⓘ	₹ 65,000 / Yr Apply	₹ 27,500 / Sem Apply	
Approvals ⓘ	UGC-DEB | AICTE | NIRF | NAAC A++	UGC-DEB | AICTE | NIRF | NAAC A+ | ISO **Best In This Comparison**	
Credit Points ⓘ	90 **Best In This Comparison**	NA	
Eligibility ⓘ	Graduation ⓘ	Any Graduate With Minimum 50% ⓘ Aggregate Marks	

Compare Now

College Vidya's Seal of Trust:
How We Make a Difference

College Vidya

Other Online Learning Platforms

1. Only Accredited Institutions Listed: We only list institutes and online courses that are approved by the UGC-DEB for the current academic year to offer online courses. You can select any online course from the CV website with full trust about its credibility.

1. No Guarantee of Accredited University Listings: College Vidya's brand of seal may not be mirrored by other online learning platforms. Many online learning websites can provide misinformation, list unaccredited or even fake universities on their platform.credibility.

2. Unbiased Counselling for YOUR Needs & Goals: CV counsellors ensure that they are unbiased in their academic and career counselling and only offer solutions and course suggestions best-suited for your unique goals and academic aspirations.

2. University-Affiliate Counselling: A large number of other online learning platforms may be affiliate representatives of universities, often making their counselling biased and partial in favour of institutions which may be unsuited to your academic needs.

3. Continuous Support throughout Degree: Our dedicated mentors and the post-admission student services ensure that we are supporting your every step of the way to complete your degree seamlessly.

3. Admission-Focused Admission: Often, other online learning platforms are only concerned about your enrollment into a university through them, post which there isn't much support you can rely on them for.

4. All Our Student Services are Free!: Except for video counselling services, we do not charge any fee for our other services from our students or interested candidates. We never call students asking for any service charges, nor are course enrollment fees paid through our website. All payments students make are through the official portals of universities to which we guide students.

4. Hefty Charges for Student Services: For most of the current online learning and academic counselling services, the basic services are provided by charging fee from students. The further services, including post-admission services are usually heavily charged.

5. Wide Variety of Course Choices: Having access to the course of one's choice is extremely crucial for fulfilling one's career aspirations. Identifying the diverse interests and areas in which to upskill, we ensure a vast variety of course choices in areas ranging from humanities and social sciences to data analytics, business management, commerce or BFSI-related courses.

5. Limited Number of Course Choices: With other online learning platforms, the course options and institute options available to you are often limited because of university affiliations. Thus, you can only select a course for higher education from a limited number of university choices irrespective of how they align with your goals.

Program Details

Provided herein is a brief overview of the program details of an online MCA

Course Level

Postgraduate Degree

Course Duration

2 Years

Course Approvals

UGC-DEB, AICTE, AIU, etc.

Modes of Learning

Online, Distance, Part-Time, Regular

Eligibility Criteria

— Candidate must be a Bachelor's graduate in Computer Science/Computer Applications from a recognised university with at least 50% aggregate marks.

OR

— Candidate must be a Bachelor's graduate with Maths as a core subject from a recognised university with at least 50% aggregate marks.

Popular Specialisations

Data Science & Analytics | Data Science | Computer Science & IT | Full Stack Development | Blockchain | Cybersecurity | AI & ML | Cloud Computing | Augmented Reality & Virtual Reality | Game Development

Average Course Fees

INR 60,000 - INR 2,50,000 (Full Program Fee)

Average Placement Package

INR 7.5 LPA

*as indicated by latest Glassdoor statistics

FAQs

◆ **Is an MCA course available in online mode in India?**

Yes, as indicated in UGC-DEB guidelines, an MCA is a course deemed suitable for online learning mode. So, an online MCA course is offered in India to be pursued through the fully online mode by various universities and institutes.

◆ **Is an online MCA valid?**

Yes, since an online MVA has the approval of the UGC-DEB for being offered in the online learning (OL) mode, it has been deemed valid, credible and equivalent to a regular MCA degree in India.

◆ **What is the eligibility for an online MCA?**

The minimum eligibility for an online MCA is that the candidate should be a Bachelor's graduate in computer science or computer applications with at least 50% aggregate marks. Alternatively, if the candidate has a Bachelor's degree (in any stream) and has studied mathematics as one of the core subjects at 10+2 or graduation levels, then they can also pursue an MCA program.

◆ **What is the course fee of online MCA?**

The average course fee of an online MCA ranges from around INR 60,000 to INR 2,50,000 for the full course. The fee can be paid in instalments through the semesters or in quarters throughout the 2 years of the course. Financial aid is also offered by most online institutions for paying the course fee.

◆ **Does admission in online MCA through College Vidya charge more money?**

No, admission through College Vidya does not require any added fees or charges. The services provided by College Vidya are free of cost. Moreover, College Vidya does not ask for any payment to be made through our own portal—students are rather redirected to the official university website for any payments to be made. In many cases, financial aid is also provided to students to facilitate higher education.

◆ **How much can I earn after completing online MCA?**

After completing an online MCA course, you can earn about INR 6 LPA as a fresher. The average salary one can earn after completing an online MCA and with professional experience is about INR 7.5 LPA. With further years of experience, it can escalate to up to INR 12 LPA.

Thank You

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