

Who is a Voter?

Every student who has enrolled for and attending a full time course of study in Faculty/Institute/MMV/RGSC of the University and has deposited the current year/semester fee (part time diploma course and preparatory course students have no voting rights).

Faculty Level Students' Council

Representatives of Under Graduate Students:

The election under this category shall be held at two levels – firstly at Section / Course Combination level, secondly at year level. The election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed below:

Each Section/ Course combination in each year of under graduate courses in a Faculty shall be considered as a constituency for the purpose of the election of the representatives of Under Graduate Students.

One student from amongst all the students (year-wise) pertaining to a Section/Course Combination shall be elected through direct mechanism as the representative of the students of that particular Section/ Course Combination of that particular year.

All the representatives elected in the manner prescribed as above shall constitute the electoral college for the election of representative of the Under Graduate Students of a particular year and it shall elect one of them as the representative of the Under Graduate Students of that particular year and shall represent the Under graduate students in the Faculty Students' Council. (There shall as many numbers of Under Graduate Students' representative in Faculty Students' Council as the duration of the course in years).

Representative of Post Graduate Students:

The election under this category shall be held at two levels one at the PG course level and another at Faculty level. The election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed below:

Every PG Degree Course (all years taken together) in a Faculty shall be considered as the constituency for the purpose of election of the representative of Post Graduate Students.

One student from amongst all the students of a particular Post Graduate Course shall be elected through direct mechanism as representative of the post graduate students of that particular course. .

The students' representatives of each PG Degree Course of a Faculty (elected in the manner prescribed above) shall constitute the electoral college and shall elect one from amongst them as the representative of all post graduate students of the Faculty and shall represent the Post Graduate Students in the Faculty Students' Council.

(Five years integrated courses giving PG degree will considered as a separate course)

Representative of Ph.D. Students (Research Scholars):

The election under this category shall be held at two levels- one at department level and another at Faculty level. The election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed below:

One research scholar from amongst all the research students at Department level shall be elected as student representative of the Research Scholars of that particular department.

The representatives of the research scholars of each department shall constitute the Electoral College and it shall elect one from amongst them as the representative of all the research scholars of the Faculty and shall represent the research scholars in the Faculty Students' Council.

Eligibility for Contesting in the Election:

He/she should be on roll on the date of nomination, as a regular full time student of the University.

He/she should have paid the fees due to him/her.

Undergraduate students who are admitted after completing intermediate/10+2 courses the maximum age limit for contesting the election shall be 22 years on the date of nomination and should have secured at least 60% or equivalent grade point at Intermediate /10+2 level just preceding to the admission to the admitted program. Students other than first year should have secured at least 60% marks or equivalent grade point in the examinations for the year preceding the election year. Provided, in Professional Courses comprising 5 years or more the maximum age limit for contesting the election shall be 24 years.

Under graduate students who are admitted after completing graduation programme in some other disciplines, where graduation is the minimum qualification, the maximum age limit for contesting in the Election shall be 24 years on the date of nomination and should have secured at least 60% marks or equivalent grade point at their graduation (in aggregate) just preceded to the admission to the admitted programme. Students other than first year batch should have secured at least 60% marks or equivalent grade point or equivalent grade point in the examinations for the year preceding the election year.

For Post Graduate students the maximum age limit to contest an election shall be 26 years on the date of nomination and should have secured atleast 60% marks or equivalent grade point at their degree examination completed just before taking admission in the PG programme in the case of first year PG students. Students other than first year batch should have secured at least 60% marks or equivalent grade point in the examinations for the year preceding the election year.

For Research students including DM, MCh the maximum age limit to contest an election shall be 28 years on the date of nomination and he/she should have secured at least 60% or equivalent grade point marks in aggregate at post graduate level examination.

Research Scholar contestant should not have completed his/her two year minimum residency period of Ph.D. programme.

He/she has not failed in any examination of the Banaras Hindu University and should in no event have any academic arrears.

He/she should have attained at least 75% attendance upto 30th September, 2011 in the current session.

No disciplinary action leading to expulsion/rustication in any educational institution had been taken against him/her.

The candidate should not have a previous criminal record i.e. he/she should not have been tried and/or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanor.

He/she was never punished for any act of violence, assaults and use of unfair means in the examination.

A student will have two opportunities to contest for the post of representative/office bearers of the Faculty/University level Council.

Composition of Faculty level Students' Council:

The Faculty/Institute/ MMV/ RGSC Students Council shall consist of the following:

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| 1. | The Director*/ Dean/ Principal/ OSD RGSC | : | Chairman |
| 2. | Students' Advisor (Ex. Officio) | : | Vice Chairman |
| 3. | One student representative of research scholar | : | Member |
| 4. | One representative of PG Courses | : | -do- |
| 5. | One representative of each year of UG Classes | : | -do- |

*In case of Institute the Dean of the faculty shall be the Co-chairman of the Faculty Level Students' Council.

The Faculty representative to BHU Students Council shall be designated as the Secretary of Faculty Students' Council and shall be responsible for convening the meeting of the Council, carrying out various activities in liaison with the University Students' Council.

University Level Students' Council:

Eligibility for Office Bearers:

He/she has not exceeded the age of 25 years on the date of nomination.

He/she has not completed more than 7 years from the 1st of July of the calendar year of passing +2 examination to the 30th June immediately preceding the election.

He/she has not been convicted of a criminal offence including moral turpitude, or he /she has been punished by the University/ College for an act which is coercive in nature and constitute a threat to life and property.

He/she has been not found guilty of and punished for the use of unfair means in any examination of a University or Board. A warning issued by the University against a student will be deemed to be a punishment for the purpose of this clause.

No elected office-bearer shall be entitled to hold the same office twice.

Constitution of University Students' Council

The representatives of Research Scholars, Post-Graduate Courses and Under-Graduate Courses at the faculty level shall elect one from amongst them who will be designated as faculty representative and shall be representing the faculty on the BHU Students' Council.

The faculty representatives on the BHU Students Council shall constitute the Electoral College for the election of office bearers of BHU Students' Council and the election shall be conducted by the Chairman of BHU Students' Council, subject to the qualification criteria described above.

Composition of Banaras Hindu University Students' Council:

The composition of Banaras Hindu University Students' Council shall be as detailed below:

i.	A Senior Professor (to be nominated by the Patron)	Chairman
ii.	Dean of Students (Ex Officio)	Vice Chairman
iii.	All Office Bearers of the Council	Members
iv	One student representative from each Faculty	- do -
v	One of the out going office bearers if he/she is on the University Roll (to be nominated by the Chairman).	- do -

Office Bearers of the BHU Students' Council:

The office bearers of the BHU Students' Council shall be elected from amongst the elected representatives of Faculties to the University Students' Council.

The office bearers of the BHU Students' Council shall comprise the following:

i.	General Secretary	1 Post
ii.	Secretary - Academic	1 Post
iii.	Secretary – Students' Welfare	1 Post
iv	Secretary – Hostel Development	1 Post
v	Secretary – Law and Disciplines	1 Post
vi	Secretary - Health & Hygiene	1 Post
vii	Secretary – Social Activities	1 Post
viii	Secretary – Cultural Activities	1 Post
ix	Secretary – Sports	1 Post

The Office bearers of the Council shall be responsible for the smooth and orderly functioning of the Council.

Conducting Election for Students' Council:

The Director/ Dean/Principal/ OSD RGSC of the respective Faculties shall be ex-officio election Officer for the conduct of election and formation of Students' Council at Faculty level. They shall ensure the smooth conduct of election for the constitution of Faculty Students Council.

The Heads of the departments shall be the presiding officers for the purpose of the election of the students' representative of the Research Scholars and the Post Graduate Students of their respective Departments. They shall function and operate in consultation with the Director/ Dean/Principal/ OSD RGSC of the Faculty.

The Director/ Dean/Principal/ OSD RGSC shall nominate presiding officers, for election of representative of each year of Under Graduate Students, who shall conduct the election.

It shall be responsibility of the Director/ Dean/Principal/ OSD RGSC to complete the formation of the Faculty level Students' Council and send the name of the Faculty representative to the Chairman of the BHU Students' Council within the stipulated date as notified by the University.

In case there is tie at any level of election, the candidate senior in age shall be declared as elected representative.

The Chairman of the BHU students' Council shall conduct the election of the Office Bearers of the BHU Student's Council.

The Vice Chancellor shall constitute an election committee comprising of the senior faculty members of the University with the Chairman of the BHU Students' Council as the Chairman and Dean of Students as Convener. The Committee shall oversee the election process and shall also act as Grievance Redressal cell to consider any election related grievances as per recommendation of Lyngdoh Committee.

The University shall notify a calendar for the election of the BHU Students' Council and the Director/ Dean/Principal/ OSD RGSC and Heads of the Departments shall have to strictly follow the calendar and complete the process of election and formation of Council accordingly.

Code of Conduct for Candidates and Election Administrators:

No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic, or between any group(s) of students.

There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.

All candidates shall be prohibited from indulging or abetting, all activities which are considered to be “corrupt practices” and offences, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing or the use of propaganda within 10 meters of polling station and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station.

No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or other printed material for the purpose of canvassing.

No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions, or public meetings, or distribute propaganda material.

No candidate shall, nor shall his/her supporters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the University campus, for any purpose whatsoever. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/defacing of any University property.

The use of loud speakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited.

Excepting the voters, no one without a valid Identity proof for the current session shall enter the polling booths.

The Vice- Chancellor shall appoint an election committee. If the candidates have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of the election, they may bring the same to the notice of this Committee.

All candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up of the University particularly polling area within 48 hour of the conclusion of polling.

Any contravention of any of the above rules may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his candidature, or his elected post, as the case may be. The University may initiate appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator.

In addition to above, the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 153 A and Chapter IX A- Offence relating to Election”) shall also be applicable to the student election.

Programme of the Election of Students' Council

14th October, 2011
Publication of Electoral Roll by Director/Dean/Principal/Co-ordinator RGSC/Head.
14th October, 2011
Distribution of nomination form to the students 10:00am – 2:00pm in the Office of the Dean of Faculties.
17th October, 2011 (Commencement of Election Process)
Nomination for first level election of students (Class Representative) of undergraduate, post-graduate and Ph.D. 10:00 am - 2:00pm. Scrutiny of the candidature to start just after receipt of nomination form.
18th October, 2011
Scrutiny of candidature and declaration of candidates up to 2:00 pm. Withdrawal of nomination 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Final list of candidates be declared and displayed on notice board by 5:00 pm.
21st October, 2011
First level polling of undergraduate students 10:00am - 2:00pm followed by counting and declaration of result on the same day.
22nd October, 2011
First level polling of post-graduate and Ph.D. students 10:00am – 2:00pm followed by counting and declaration of result. The result should be sent to the respective Dean up to 3:00 pm on the same day alongwith duly forwarded nomination form of elected candidates.
22nd October, 2011
Second level nomination of undergraduate students 10:00am-11:00am, polling 12:00 noon - 1:00pm, counting and declaration of result by 3:00pm.
22nd October, 2011
Second level nomination, polling, counting and declaration of result of post-graduate and Ph.D. students 3:30pm - 6:00pm on the same day.
23rd October, 2011
Third level nomination for faculty representative, polling and declaration of result 10:00am – 12:00noon. The result must be sent to the office of Students' Council by 3:30 pm alongwith the duly forwarded nomination form of elected candidate.
24th October, 2011
Nomination for the office bearer of Students' Council, Banaras Hindu University, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, polling 1:00pm - 2:00 pm, counting and declaration of result of Students' Council.

N.B.: Election by secret ballot paper only