

Postgraduate study options after a degree in commerce



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I am a commerce graduate. My score at the bachelor's level is very low. Should I go for another graduate course like BBA?

- Moumita Das

A BBA after BCom will mean starting graduation all over again with another three years of graduation study. You can re-build your study and career prospects by taking up a course that you will like to study, as well as one which will teach you practical skills that can be utilised for the career you have in mind.

You can upgrade yourself with a good post-graduation course in the field of your choice. While most universities and institutes require a minimum percentage of 50%-55% for admission to the PG courses, you can also consider taking up PG study through distance learning which is open to students with any qualifying marks.

You can take up an MCom, MBA or any other master's degree programme if you are interested in an academic course, or even a PG diploma in fields as varied as mass communication, law, hotel management, design and many others. It is important for you to think about your career goal, what you are good at and where you would like to work.

If you are looking for a career in business or management, your options are, banking, finance, cost accountancy, and company secretaryship. There are management courses in several specialisations including event management, real estate management, facilities management, leisure management and so on.

Choose a course based on your interest, aptitude and career objective, and work at it to improve your marks, and build practical skills that can enable you to get a good job in a sector you like.



You can take up an MCom, MBA or any other master's degree programme after a bachelor's degree in commerce. SHUTTERSTOCK

Can I take up a course in automobile engineering from a not so reputed institute?

- Ajay Vishwakarma

It is not always possible to get into the college of one's choice, given the stiff competition these days for engineering admission. Moreover there are also limited institutions offering automobile engineering as a specialisation.

There are no credible rankings of engineering institutions so it is often difficult to figure out which ones you should shortlist, but a general thumb rule would be to consider courses offered, faculty qualification and campus placements as a good indicator. So do check out the faculty members, research studies undertaken, status of particular engineering stream in that college and placement offers etc.

If you do not have any IIT/ NIT options and have to choose between a very good private engineering college and a not-so-good, relatively new government college, I would suggest opting for the good private college. Most engineering colleges organise their own campus placements, so you also need to check which companies are

coming in for the placements. Moreover, when considering institutes for admission for automobile engineering you may want to include the mechanical engineering specialisation as well. All automobile manufacturers recruit mechanical engineers who work on automobile design and technology and have many other options too. So once you have a list of good engineering colleges for both automobile and mechanical engineering you can prioritise your options in terms of both branch and institute before choosing any particular institute.

Other than the IITs, and NITs offering automobile engineering, good institutes offering automobile engineering include Delhi Technical University (DTU), Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani, VIT (Vellore Institute of Technology), and some others.

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