

United Nations University (UNU) - UPSC Notes

The United Nations University (UNU) is an organ of the [United Nations](#), mandated by the General Assembly to grant degrees. In this article, you can read all about the United Nations University (UNU) and its campuses along with its relevance to the [IAS Exam](#).

International organizations and groupings are an important part of the International Relations section of the General Studies paper-2 in the [UPSC Syllabus](#).

United Nations University (UNU)

The UNU was established by the UN General Assembly as an “international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations”.

- The UNU offers a growing catalogue of postgraduate-level degree, certificate and advanced-training programmes.

UPSC PRELIMS FACTS : *UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY (UNU)*



**UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSITY**

Name: United Nations University

Established : 1972

Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan

Sector: Education

Does India have a Campus: No

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Other important information about the United Nations University includes:

1. The idea of UNU was proposed by former UN Secretary-General U Thant in 1969.
2. The [United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA\)](#) gave its consent for the establishment of the UNU, thus, it was established in 1972.
3. The United Nations University is a Research University; it can also be called as a think tank of the United Nations.

4. The primary areas of research conducted in the UNU will be on issues related to Human Development and Welfare.
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6. The UNU grants degrees in masters and doctoral programs.

United Nations University – Campuses

The UNU has campuses spread across 5 different continents, in 13 different cities, in 12 countries. The locations of the campuses are listed below:

1. Tokyo (Headquarters) – Japan
2. Macau – Asia
3. Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia
4. Barcelona – Spain
5. Bonn – Germany
6. Dresden – Germany
7. Brugge – Belgium
8. Maastricht – Netherlands
9. Helsinki – Finland
10. Reykjavik – Iceland
11. Hamilton – Canada
12. Caracas – Venezuela
13. Accra – Ghana

United Nations University – Research

The UNU will carry out research on the following topics.

1. Peace, Security & Human Rights
2. Human Development
3. Socio-Economic Development
4. Good Governance
5. Global Health – Focusing on access to safe water, sanitation, nutritious food
6. Science and Technology – Innovation, sustainable future
7. Climate Change and Sustainable Development

