

OFFBEAT EDUCATION

Expand your horizons

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Still looking for a course that would pique your interest? Here are some options

Gone are the days when the only “decent” professions were medicine, law and engineering. People are finally realising and welcoming the fact that there are other fields they can explore which can help them earn well and give them satisfaction. So, for students who have no interest in the usual B.A., B.Tech. courses, here are a few offbeat options.

Astrobiology

Offered at: Indian Astrobiology Research Centre, Mumbai

For those of you who love to explore more about the space and the stars, astrobiology can be your chance of living the dream. Not only does it exclusively manage the investigation of the origin, development and distribution of life in the universe, it also tests the likelihood of extraterrestrial life. This course is offered by the Indian Astrobiology Research Center (IARC), an independent body that conducts and encourages research in this field. Its research goals are aligned with those determined by NASA in astrobiology strategy. Additionally, it offers a recognition course in the fields of astronomy and cosmology, space sciences and evolution.

Puppetry

Offered at: Mumbai University

Many of you must have watched puppet shows and been enchanted by them. Contrary to the belief that this art is declining, it is more in demand than before. Puppetry is one of the most seasoned amusements in our country which has consistently discovered approaches to resuscitate itself, demonstrating its significance in Indian expressions and culture. Mumbai

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will cover all hypothetical and common parts of the craftsmanship.

Pet grooming

Offered at: Various dog grooming centres

A course in pet grooming can give animal lovers a chance to do what they love – pampering animals. The course deals with sterile care and cleaning of animals. It involves enhancing the physical appearance of animals before they appear on different competitions or shows. From nail and hair trimming to showering to bathing, a pet grooming expert is trained to take complete care. The course can help you get a job at various dog salons, kennels or animal health centres.

Game developing

Offered at: Arena Animation, Delhi/ Coursera

If you love video games and want to learn how to make them, this course can help. Making games is a specialised art. The course will teach you the technical and practical aspects of game improvement. It will enable you to design your own computer games using tools such as the Unity3D game engine and C# programming language. By the end of the course, students need to complete three hands-on ventures and will have the capacity to use a variety of game advancement procedures. It is aimed at people interested in becoming a game designer, game artist or game programmer.

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