



THE AMERICAN COLLEGE, MADURAI

(An Autonomous Institution Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University)
Re-accredited (2nd Cycle) by NAAC with Grade "A" CGPA – 3.46 on a 4 - point scale

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Criterion VII – Institutional values and Best Practices

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words

Campus sub culture:

Our college is having a unique gesture of welcoming new students for over a century. This habitual practice is called as "Freshmen Orientation". Every student will be received at the college gate and given with orientation handout called Know Your College (KYC) depicting the college atmosphere along with Campus Map. The Freshets are then led by senior students for Installation Assembly. The Chaplain delivers devotion from Holy Bible followed by the Principal's greetings. Various Officers of the college are introduced to the students. The new students are taken up to campus tour as per the schedule. The first day of every student at our college is a green memory. During orientation week, the new students learn college protocols. The students' talent-tapping and selection of CBCS and Part V courses are done. As regular classes commence, the new students know their academic standing and access to library. Winking computers at departments, clinking test tubes in labs and whirling pages on library desks during late hours witness the academic virtue over 139 years.

Apart from alma maters the physical wellbeing of students is concerned. The Food Science and Nutrition Department prepare the menus for both boys' hostel and girls' hostel. These menus meet all essential nutrients and adequate calories as per ICMR Dietary Allowances. Such care by the college prevents the risk of obesity, oxidative stress, malnutrition and other illness. To prompt the day-scholars not skip their breakfast, an interval of 25 minutes is given after the first two classes.

The participation of students in various programmes and activities on campus transform them from apprentice to wizards. In the whole year, campus is busy and vibrant with colorful arches and rangolis as a symbol of ongoing conferences, workshops, symposia, cultural meets, and utsaves. The formal wears on auspicious days make our students a complete man or woman. A friendly morning wish from a student to teacher shows the grandeur of strong relationship that could not be seen anywhere.

The unique characteristic of our college is 'Participatory Mandate'. The management, staff and students jointly plan every programme. The involvement of students in conducting official functions is the exhibit of belongingness. Thus, The American College is deeply rooted in every one's soul. The Candle Lighting Day is the last day to students and a Closing Assembly, biblically teaches everyone, "You are the Light of the World". While the candles melt and shed light, the students take pledge to Serve God and Humanity with tears welling up.

To reach the unreached, Satellite Campus is developed at Chatrapatti (14 kms away from the main campus) to cater the needs of nearby villages. The local citizens are given priority in admissions. The hill-surrounded sylvan premises with smart classrooms, webinar halls and lounges are aesthetically designed with state of art technology. 5 UG programmes are being offered with hostel facilities. 4 buses are shuttling from main campus on all working days. 1005 students are studying at present. Specialized courses and International Collaborations are in gestation.