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The MOU signed between Stella Maris College and ACCA | A RAJA CHIDAMBARAM

Stella Maris, ACCA sign MoU for professional qualification

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Chennai: Students of Stella Maris now have the opportunity to pursue a bachelor's degree in finance and achieve a globally recognised professional accountancy qualification, following an agreement between the college and the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants).

B Com students from the college will receive ACCA tuition alongside their regular bachelor's degree so as to complete their bachelor's and ACCA exams at the same time.

Through their ACCA exams, they will also achieve a B Sc in Applied Accounting from the Oxford University, UK. The ACCA qualification, which takes around three years to complete, will be equivalent to a Master's degree in the UK.

Speaking at a press meet here on Friday, Jasintha Quadras, principal, Stella Maris College said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to excel at the global level. This additional qualification would give them the necessary leverage for a successful career."

Business Relationship Manager of ACCA (India), Ilham Punjani said that students will get guaranteed placements with employer partners of ACCA at the end of the course.

In order to obtain this extra degree and professional qualification, the students will have to take up 14 more papers apart from their regular course starting from their second semester until their graduation.

A multinational company in accounts and finance would be appointed as the training partner to handle these extra classes.

There are about 350 students in the first-year B Com classes in Stella Maris and all of them can choose to take up additional classes to obtain this extra qualification.