

ANNUAL REVIEW 2013-2014

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SIKH STUDIES

International School of Sikh Studies gained the 'A' grade licence in October 2013, and we registered the first students in January 2014. The recruitment market for overseas students was slow and the expected flow of students did not materialise, as visas were not granted quickly by the Home Office. In October 2013 we applied for 100 seats with a top up of a further 20 in the summer of 2014. In the space of 10 months the college has re-launched, found its feet and continued developing at a steady pace with our awarding organisations supporting us with continued accreditation. One new awarding organisation CTH (Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality) was approved and added to help us diversify the courses from purely accountancy and management to Tourism and Hospitality.

The staff remained the same as in the previous year and we work from a pool of 15 full time staff including 3 in the admin team. The retention and commitment of our staff is essential in offering a consistently good experience to our students. This is recognised in the termly feedback given from students on staff.

The input from the student representatives was valuable in determining how we tailor the 'student experience' not just at an academic level but also pastorally. We listen to our students and can be flexible enough to adapt to their needs, whether in course provision, teaching methods or the facilities on offer.

We were reviewed in June 2014 by QAA and received the review 'provider is making acceptable progress' report details can be found in the link below: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews-and-reports>

The quality and standards of all areas has been overseen by my senior management team, they have helped develop and maintain good systems and processes across all areas some in collaborative partnerships with awarding organisations. They have continued to develop policy and procedures for the delivery, assessment and monitoring of the courses, assuring standards and enhancement of the quality of provision. Staff have additionally attended CPD courses as relevant throughout the year.

Programme specifications have remained largely unaltered by the awarding organisations and staff have consistently reviewed termly the information made available, this covers areas such as assessment methods, progression, admission, intended learning outcomes etc.

In February 2014, Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, visited the college with representatives from other local political parties and Harrow Council, opportunities were held on both sides for discussion on students aims, the impact on student immigration, future of college and a general Q&A with staff and students.

We continue to look forward with the aim to achieve Highly Trusted Status in 2014-2015. I firmly believe that with our expertise and confidence, we can continue to work towards a bright future for International School of Sikh Studies.

Dr S S Kapoor OBE
Vice Chancellor

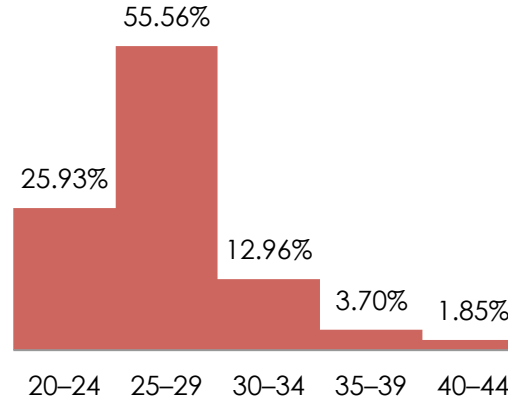
ISSS 2013–14 summary statistics

54 The total number of students

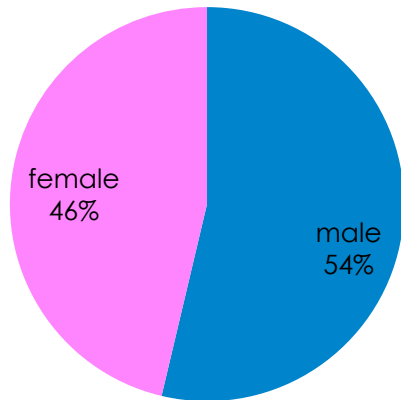
28 The average age of an ISSS student in 2013–14

100% Proportion of students in full-time study

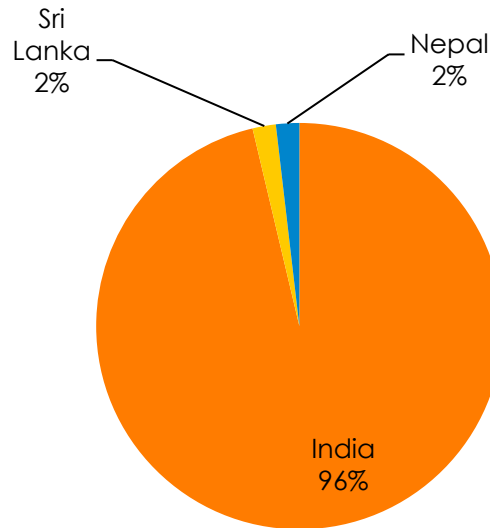
Student age distribution



Student gender distribution



Student nationality



Spread of students across courses

