

Ph.D. @ IIT-B

1. Introduction

Welcome to the new phase of your life. This may prove to be slightly different from the colleges you came from, probably because it is IIT after all. This section will give you the first booster dose to make you immune to the IIT system.

You might feel that you are sort of sandwiched between coursework and research for the first year, but chill, you can have the best of both worlds. In IITB, you can surely do all the things that you always wanted to do. Try your hand at all possible extra-curricular activities from sports to debating to fine arts to drama (and many more), all of which will make you feel like a school boy/girl once again.

This place has the charm of never letting you feel bored. You will always find yourself in the midst of assignments, TA work, course work and several other activities. And suddenly if you feel that there is nothing of this sort going on, then be sure it's mid-sem or end-sem season. So, just sit back and relax, you will be grilled in every possible way that will make you a perfect workaholic.



Choosing a guide is of course a Herculean task (which you may have to accomplish very soon depending on your department) before which you should consult your wise seniors. Yet, after taking such a calculated risk you will realize at the end of the day that there's only one true guide and that is you yourself. Yet, people who have a knack for academics and are serious about publishing a paper

or two can surely do it. You will also get allowances for attending conferences from the institute, the process might be slightly tricky but many people have succeeded

Last but of course not the least, you will find that your first home is your lab – not your hostel room. So, you are free to keep mattresses and sleep there. (Don't forget your tooth brush, unlike soap and toothpaste it cannot be shared). You will soon find that your biological clock has altered. After doing all this you might be under the assumption that you are studying very hard but actually you will hardly be studying.

IITB is one of a kind, so do enjoy your stay here!

2. Hostel Culture

A wide variety of intra hostel (amongst your hostel inmates) and inter hostel (with other hostels) events and competitions take place all year round. Also, national festivals like Lohri, Holi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Janmashtami, Dusshera, Diwali etc are celebrated in the hostels along with flag hoisting on Republic Day and Independence Day, keeping the atmosphere in the hostels vibrant and full of life all year round. Do participate in whatever interests you, of course after having devoted enough time to academics. It helps in breaking the ice and socializing with your batchmates and seniors



3. In and Around IIT-B

Apart from shopping for the essentials, you will sometimes feel like hanging out, relaxing and having fun. Mumbai is a huge city and it's yours to explore.

For the most basic of amenities such as toothpaste, toothbrush, pens, soaps and other such items (which one should use daily), one can go to one's canteen or

Xerox shop itself. Another alternative would be the Hostel 12 shop which stocks almost everything one would need and more.

One can also go to Haiko or D-Mart in the Hiranandani Complex for these. Alternatively, the shopping complex at the Y-Point Gate can also take care of most of your needs.

For notebooks, bags and most stationery items including journal sheets and rulers/set squares/protractors, there is the co-operative store located on the MB ground floor near the library. For buying books, we have a shop called Book World on campus on the ground floor of the Gulmohar Building where you can get discounts on course-related books. Most of your hostels would have printing and xerox shops of their own.



Do visit the latest addition to the campus: Café 92, Café Coffee Day, Dominos and Chaayos apart from Gulmohar and Aromaas restaurant; located at various points in the campus.

4. Facilities

Right from the first lecture, you will hear professors say that Lecture notes or other students have been uploaded on their websites or on Moodle.

The library and all the rooms in the LH (Lecture Hall Complex) are WIFI enabled. You can stay back after a class to browse the Internet or download lecture material on your phone/tablet/laptop.

The first and foremost thing - you all will get a medical booklet that asks you to fill a few details about yourself and get yourself vaccinated against certain diseases. It's all for the record and your own benefit- so it is highly recommended that you get a dose of all the vaccines mentioned (in case you have not already). At IIT Bombay there is a hospital to take care of any medical trouble you may

manage to land yourself up into. There is a 24-hour ambulance facility for all students. For calling an ambulance you can call 1110 from any internal phone placed at security guard's desk in every hostel.



All of these facilities including prescription medicines are free for IIT students, covered by the annual insurance that you pay with the fees in the odd (Autumn) semester. This insurance also covers the medical expenses in case you need to be referred to an outside hospital. Even the cost of medicines purchased from a chemist and/or charges for lab tests/other radiology work can be reimbursed when prescribed by a doctor from the IIT hospital. There is an OPD in the hospital that runs on all days (only till 1pm on weekends) from 8am to 6pm on weekdays. Also, the emergency ward handles medical cases outside these hours. The hospital also has Pathology and X-Ray facilities. There is also a facility for physiotherapy to deal with fractures and other such ailments.

5. Hostels

IIT Bombay is well known for its extensive residential facilities. Students have the luxury of being located in Powai, one of the finer suburbs of Mumbai, outside the bustle of the city, yet not far from the attractions of the city during weekends. Staying in the campus is particularly attractive because resident students have access to several facilities.

HOSTEL CO-ORDINATING UNIT (HCU)

The Hostel Co-Ordinating unit is located on the minus one level of the Main Building of IIT Bombay. The HCU has the role of managing and Co-ordinating

the activities of 17 Hostels of campus (hostels no-1 to16, hostel no -18 and Tansa).

Majority of the hostels have a private caterer serving in their messes. HCU publishes the tender for selection of caterers in various hostels and conducts the process of selection. The hostel wardens' council decides and formulates various policies, such as policy of guest booking, policy for selection of caterers to run the messes and canteens in all the hostels. These common policies are implemented by HCU.

- Issuing no-dues certificates to graduate students

Every graduating students is required to obtain a no dues certificate from the respective hostel before approaching the hostel co-ordinating unit for no dues certificates. The form of no dues certificates is available in HCU.

- Allotment of hostels for various conference, seminars, workshops

The students should be staying on campus in legibility manner during the stay

EXITING STUDENTS

Allotment of hostel to newly joining students

The process of allocation of hostel to the newly joined students is as under:

- The list of students joining the institute is received from the academic section of the institute and based on the availability of various hostels the students are randomly allocated rooms in various hostels.
- In normal course any change in the room allocation is not allowed.
- The allocation are usually made keeping in mind the fact that clubing same department student at one place them to effectively manage their departments activities.

The following furniture is provided in the room:

- bed
- chair
- study-table
- cupboard

The following items are required to be bought by the students at their own expenses.

- Buckets
- Mattress
- Bedsheets
- Pillow

Any other items of personal use except electrical items, that may be needed

