

## UGC to request all universities to introduce courses on history, Bangla

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University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to request the authorities of all public and private universities to introduce two courses on the country's history and Bangla literature at the under graduate level at their institutions.

The names of the courses are: "History of emergence of Bangladesh" and "Bangla Language Course".

However, the courses would not be the alternative to Bangladesh Studies, said a press release of UGC yesterday.

The commission took the decision at its 144th Full Commission meeting held on June 9 with its chairman Professor Abdul Mannan in the chair, said the release.

Students should have an extensive knowledge about the Liberation War and history-culture of Bangladesh and Bangla language, said the UGC release about the reason behind its decision.

The commission said the universities where foreign students are studying could introduce a foreign language course, depending on their capability as an alternative.

Vice-chancellors of different public universities were present at the meeting.