

Classroom shortage hampers IU academic activities

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Classroom shortage hampers academic activities at Islamic University in Kushtia, the students and teachers said.

Regular classes and examinations are being hampered because of shortage of classrooms and mismanagement, they alleged, adding that sometimes the students needed to wait of hours to get a free classroom.

Only one examination room is allocated for 50 batches under eight departments of arts faculty, they alleged.

The university has four buildings for 22 departments of five faculties consisting

Seven departments are

housed in the Science and Technology Building, three departments in the Mir Mosharraf Hossain Building and four departments are housed in the Business Administration Building.

The Arts Faculty Building has now only 26 classrooms for 50 batches of eight departments, the students and teachers said.

Bangla department students in the past week demonstrated in front of dean's office demanding classrooms.

As per the rules, a lecturer should take 15 classes, an assistant professor 14, an associate professor 13 and a professor 12 classes per week. But they are being

given less than half of the allotted classes for the room shortage, the teachers said.

'We are not getting the scope for taking scheduled classes due to classroom shortage' an arts faculty teacher said.

The vice-chancellor, Abdul Hakim Sarkar, admitted the shortage of the classrooms.

'We are trying to get budgetary allocation to construct more buildings to resolve the crisis and the second science faculty building construction would be resumed immediately,' he said.

He also said, 'We are trying to shift some departments from arts faculty building to other faculty buildings.'