Sikkim University is a central university established under an Act of Parliament of India on 2 June 2007. It is located at Gangtok. The university campus is expected to be built at Yangang in South Sikkim district, about 56 kilometres (35 mi) away from Gangtok. The university's first chancellor was M. S. Swaminathan and Mahendra P. Lama was the first vice chancellor.

The University offers traditional courses in humanities, physical and life sciences and forestry along with non-traditional courses that would be unique and related to the state including subjects like ethnic history, mountain studies, border studies and hill music and culture. All the colleges in the state of Sikkim are affiliated to this university.

The University aims to emerge as the higher education hub in the eastern Himalayas in the next few years, focusing on both access to and quality of higher education at an affordable cost for the generally poor but deserving students of the region in general and Sikkim in particular.