



**Speed Post**

**F.No. 5-4/2018 (DEB-III)**

**Date: August 2018**

**The Registrar,  
Odisha State Open University,  
G.M. University Campus,  
Budharaja, Sambalpur-768 004  
(Odisha)**

**16 AUG 2018**

**Subject: Commission Order on the application, submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 26 read with clause (j) of Section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017, had been notified in the Gazette of India on 23.06.2017. The first and the second amendment in the principal regulations were notified in the Gazette of India on 11.10.2017 and 06.02.2018 respectively.

2. Part-II; sub-regulations (3) to (5); of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 describes the Recognition process of Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes. The sub-regulations (3) describes the process of recognition of Higher Educational Institutions offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode, whereas sub-regulations (4) describes the process for withdrawal of recognition and sub-regulations (5) provides right to appeal to Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the decision of the Commission.

3. The Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes from the academic session 2018-19 vide public notice F.No. 74-1/2018 (DEB-IV) dated 28.03.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall-be open from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018. It was also mentioned that the duly certified hard copies of the application submitted online mode along with annexures shall reach UGC (DEB) office at 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001 within 10 working days of submission of online application. In response to the public notice dated 28.03.2018, **Odisha State Open University** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **Odisha State Open University** had been scrutinized by the expert committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated and time period as prescribed in University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 was given to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. **Odisha State Open University** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on **05, July, 2018** in the UGC office, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi. The Expert Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for deficiency(s) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

6. The Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018 considered the recommendations of the interface expert committee. Based on the decision of the Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards by the **Odisha State Open University** as detailed in point no. 7 below.

7. Programme wise recognition status

7(A) **Programmes Recognized**

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition *
1	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (ENGLISH)	<b>2018-19 to 2022-23</b>
2	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (HINDI)	
3	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (HISTORY)	
4	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (JOURNALISM)	
5	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (ODIA)	
6	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
7	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (SOCIOLOGY)	
8	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (ECONOMICS)	
9	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (SANSKRIT)	
10	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (HONS)	
11	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (LIVELIHOODS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)	
12	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
13	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
14	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
15	MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI)	
16	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)	
17	MASTER OF ARTS (JOURNALISM)	

18	MASTER OF ARTS (ODIA)	
19	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
20	MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	
21	MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC POLICY)	
22	MASTER OF ARTS (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)	
23	MASTER OF ARTS (SANSKRIT)	
24	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
25	MASTER OF COMMERCE	
26	MASTER OF SCIENCE (CYBER SECURITY)	

\*According to UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017, Regulations 3, sub-regulation (1) (VIII) shall not be applicable to Open Universities till the time they become eligible for National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation and it shall be mandatory for Open Universities to get National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation within one year of their becoming eligible for the same.

The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres is available on UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in) at the link [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9969719\\_UGC-RECOGNITION-FOR-ODL-PROGRAMMES-2018-19-ONWARDS.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9969719_UGC-RECOGNITION-FOR-ODL-PROGRAMMES-2018-19-ONWARDS.pdf)

#### 7(B) Programmes found deficient

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiency
1	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (B.ED)	Non submission of prior approval of respective Regulatory Authority for the academic session 2018-19 and onwards as per sub regulation 2(p) of part-I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.
2	MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)	

8. For the programmes recognized in 7(A) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the terms and conditions, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode, as per the provisions detailed in Part-III, Part-IV, Part-V, Part-VI and Annexure-I to Annexure-XI of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure 1.**

9. For the programmes found deficient in 7(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of this order as per the provision at clause 4(i) of sub-regulation (3) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.




10. If the HEI fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (4), Part. -II of UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017.

Yours faithfully,

  
**(Smita Bidani)**  
Education Officer

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar *with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.*
2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110070
4. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Odisha State Open University, G.M. University Campus, Budharaja, Sambalpur-768 004 (Odisha)
6. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC for information (as applicable).
7. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
8. Guard file.

  
**(Smita Bidani)**  
Education Officer

**Conditions**

1. The total intake capacity (Number of learners) in Open and Distance Learning mode in Higher Educational Institution and/or Learner Support Centre/Study Centre shall be as mentioned in clause 6 of Annexure-X of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.
2. The Higher Educational Institution shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University and by UGC and by the Regulatory Authority, as applicable.
3. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any programme in engineering, Medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any other regulatory body.
4. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, duly notarized and signed by Dr. Jayanta Kar Sharma, Registrar submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.
5. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 11 of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.
6. The HEI shall establish Examination Centre within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI subject to condition laid down in clause 7(i) to (v) of section 13 in Part-IV.
7. In case, Higher Educational Institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition, appropriate punitive action(s), as per provisions of the UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, shall be taken by the Commission.

  
**(Smita Bidani)**  
Education Officer