



**Speed Post**

**F.No. 13-1/2018(DEB-I)**

**Date: August, 2018**

**The Registrar,  
Panjab University  
Sector-14  
Chandigarh-160 014**

**14 AUG 2018**

**Sub : Commission order on the application, submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open & 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 35Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001 within 10 working days of submission of online application. In response to the public notice dated 28.03.2018, **Panjab University, Chandigarh** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **Panjab University, Chandigarh** 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. The **Panjab University, Chandigarh** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on **9<sup>th</sup> 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, there by 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 **Panjab University, Chandigarh** 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 (If Applicable)
1.	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	2018-19 to 2022-23
2.	BACHELOR OF ARTS	
3.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	
4.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
5.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
6.	MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI)	
7.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)	
8.	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
9.	MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	
10.	MASTER OF ARTS (PUNJABI)	
11.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
12.	MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)	
13.	MASTER OF COMMERCE	

As HEI NAAC score is above 3.26, the recognition given is up to the academic year 2022-2023. The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres is available on UGC website 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)

Received at  
05.28 P.M.  
(A)  
15/08/18



*ds*

## 7(B) Programmes found deficient

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiencies
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	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. <b>*Invalid Nomenclature</b>
2.	<b>MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (EXECUTIVE)*</b>	

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 & 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 & 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, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh-160003 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, Delhi - 110070

4. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Sector -14, Chandigarh – 160 014
6. The Joint Secretary, State University Section, UGC for information.
7. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
8. Guard file.



**(Smita Bidani)**

Education Officer

## Annexure- 1

### 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 27.04.2018, duly notarized and signed by Prof. Arun Kumar Grover, Vice-Chancellor submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 16.05.2018
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



सत्यमेव जयते

दूरस्थ शिक्षा ब्यूरो  
विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग  
(मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
बहादुर शाह जफर मार्ग, नई दिल्ली - 110 002  
Distance Education Bureau  
University Grants Commission  
(Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)  
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002  
[www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb)



ज्ञान - विज्ञानं विमुक्तये

### Speed Post

F.No. 13-1/2018(DEB-I)

Date: October, 2018

The Registrar,  
Panjab University  
Sector-14  
Chandigarh-160 014

18 OCT 2018

**Sub: Commission decision on the HEI's representation submitted for review of programmes found deficient, for recognition for 2018-19 onwards to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC letter of even letter No. 14.08.2018, wherein the details of programmes recognised for 2018-19 onwards and programmes found deficient along with deficiencies and other relevant information/conditions were communicated to **Panjab University, Chandigarh.**

2. 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 the decision of the Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018, for the programmes found deficient as per the UGC letter cited in above para, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of the said UGC letter.

3. The representation along with documentary evidence submitted by the **Panjab University, Chandigarh** on 30.08.2018 for review and the justifications given by the HEI representatives during the hearing, were considered by the duly constituted Expert Review Committee in the meeting held on 18.09.2018 at UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi. The Expert Review Committee based on the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

4. Based on the decision of the Commission in its 535<sup>th</sup> Meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the Commission decision, on the representation received, for programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning

mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards by the **Panjab University, Chandigarh**, in addition to programmes already recognized vide letter mentioned in Para 1 above, as detailed in point no. 5 below.

5. Programme wise recognition status based on representation:

**5(A) Programmes Recognised**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition
1	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	2018-19 to 2022-23
2	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	

As HEI NAAC score is above 3.26, the recognition given is up to the academic year 2018-19 to 2022-23, based on the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017. The list of recognised Learner Support Centres/Study Centres will be available on UGC website shortly.

**5(B) Programmes Not Recognised : NIL**

6. For the programmes recognised in 5(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 as per UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure-1**.

7. 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

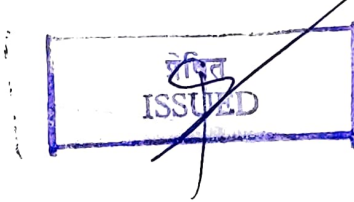
**Copy to:**


1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh-160003 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, Delhi - 110070 forwarding a copy of the Affidavit submitted by the HEI in view of AICTE letter No. AICTE/P&AP/ODL/2018 dated 28.08.2018.
4. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Sector -14, Chandigarh - 160 014.
6. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC.
7. Guard file.



**(Smita Bidani)**  
Education Officer



 18/08/18



**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 and its subsequent amendments.
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 (1) Affidavit dated 27.04.2018 duly notarized and signed by Prof. Arun Kumar Grover, Vice Chancellor, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 16.05.2018 ; and (2) Affidavit dated 14.09.2018 pertaining to adherence of terms of conditions laid down by AICTE for programmes of MBA/MCA/Travel and Tourism, duly notarized and signed by Col. Guljit Singh Chadha (Retd.), Registrar, submitted to the Commission by hand on 18.09.2018 .
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.
8. The Panjab University, Chandigarh shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure-IV of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.

  
**( Smita Bidani )**  
 Education Officer