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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Precautions to be taken by the students before enrolling for Programmes offered under Open & Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online Learning mode**

**1. Ensuring Recognition Status of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs):**

The year-wise (academic session wise ) recognition status of HEIs approved to offer Programmes through Open and Distance mode and Online mode is in public domain and can be accessed at UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb) or <http://deb.ugc.ac.in>.

In addition to the above, a list of HEIs under Category – I as per UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 which have expressed their intention to offer ODL programmes and submitted affidavits in the prescribed format, has been uploaded on UGC website and can be accessed through UGC website at the following link: <http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices.html> or <http://deb.ugc.ac.in/Notices>.

Please ensure reading the notifications at Notice Board before taking admission anywhere. The notifications can be accessed on UGC website at the following link: <http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices.html> or <http://deb.ugc.ac.in/Notices>.

**2. Adherence to duration of academic session:**

In view of COVID-19 pandemic, revised academic session for this year; as decided by the Commission for ODL programmes; shall be kept as a period of 12 months starting from September-October, 2020 and February-March, 2021.

**3. Adherence to UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014:**

Please ensure that the minimum duration, nomenclature and qualification for the degree programme under which they are enrolling is strictly as per the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees and its amendments (available at [https://ugc.ac.in/ugc\\_notices.aspx](https://ugc.ac.in/ugc_notices.aspx)). In general, the minimum eligibility/entry qualification for enrolling into UG/PG programme is as given below:

Level of degree programme	Minimum eligibility/entry qualification
Under-Graduate programme	10+2
Post –Graduate programme	10+2+3/Bachelor's

#### **4. Caution against admission in prohibited programmes:**

Programmes in the following domains are prohibited to be offered under ODL and Online mode:

- (i) Engineering
- (ii) Medicine
- (iii) Law
- (iv) Dental
- (v) Pharmacy
- (vi) Nursing
- (vii) Architecture
- (viii) Physiotherapy
- (ix) Agriculture
- (x) Hotel management
- (xi) Culinary studies
- (xii) Valuation of real estate
- (xiii) any other programme not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any Statutory Councils or Regulatory bodies.

Apart from the above, M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes in all disciplines through ODL and Online mode are also prohibited

#### **5. Ensuring all activities within Territorial Jurisdiction for ODL Programmes:**

Please ensure that all activities of the HEI including admission, counselling sessions, contact programmes, programme delivery, examinations are strictly conducted by the HEI within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the HEI as given below:

- a) A university established or incorporated by or under a Central Act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction as per the provisions of the Act.
- b) A university established or incorporated by or under a State Act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the state of its location.
- c) A Deemed to be University shall operate only within its HQ or from those off campuses or off-shore campuses which are approved by the Govt. of India through notification published in the official gazette. Deemed to be Universities cannot offer any courses on its own in distance education mode unless and until it is permissible to conduct such courses in distance education mode by UGC and specific permissions are granted by the concerned statutory/regulatory authorities in respect of each of those courses and after the off-campus Centres/Study Centres are individually inspected and found adequate by the concerned Statutory Authorities.
- d) The territorial jurisdiction of Institutions Deemed to be Universities is the city/town/village where the Institution is located and the city where the off-campus is approved by the Ministry of HRD.



**6. Prohibition of franchising arrangement:**

No university, whether Central, State, Private or Deemed to be University, can offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions for admitting learners and conducting courses through Open and Distance learning and Online mode. Please ensure that the complete admission process is carried out through the headquarters of the HEI in a transparent manner.

**7. Checking the details on the HEIs' website**

The learners are advised to verify all details as claimed by the HEI on its official website, as all such HEIs that are recognized to offer ODL and/or Online programmes, including Category-I HEIs are required to upload all the details on their website.

In case any deviation by the HEI has been noticed, please communicate the same to UGC for necessary punitive actions against the HEI as per the provisions defined under respective regulations.

  
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