



Read the prospectus carefully. Almost, if not all, the answers to these questions are available in it.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is Open and Distance Learning?

A: Open and Distance Learning reflects both the fact that all or most of the teaching is conducted by someone removed in time and space from the learner, and that the mission aims to include greater dimensions of openness and flexibility, whether in terms of access, curriculum or other elements of structure. Contributing to social and economic development, Open and Distance Learning is fast becoming an accepted and indispensable part of the mainstream educational systems.

Q: What is Directorate of Open & Distance Learning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar?

A: A Directorate established by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (within its main campus) especially for offering courses under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and governing all the rules and regulations, publicized from time to time, by Distance Education Bureau, University Grants Commission (UGC-DEB), New Delhi.

Q: Is Directorate of Open & Distance Learning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar approved by UGC-DEB to offer courses under ODL mode ?

A: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar being a Category-I University has been given the privilege to run Open & Distance Programme(s) without seeking the permissions from UGC as per UGC's public notification F.No. 1-8-2018 (CPP-II) dated 12th Feb, 2018 and titled "Categorization of Universities (Only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018" clause 4.10:

4.10 "University may offer courses in the open and distance learning mode, without approval of the commission, provided it satisfies all the conditions laid down under UGC (Open and Distance Learning) and amendments from time to time."

Q: Are the courses, being offered under ODL mode by GNDU, approved by UGC, New Delhi?

A: All the courses under Category-I autonomy provisions are approved by UGC, New Delhi vide UGC's public notification F. No. 74-2/2018 (DEB-I) dated 18/10/2018. A copy of this notification can be accessed by following these links:

1. <http://odl.gndu.ac.in/pdf/DEBapprovalGNDU2018.pdf> (for Academic Year 2018-19)
2. <http://odl.gndu.ac.in/pdf/DEBapprovalGNDU2019.pdf> (for Academic Year 2019-20)

Q: When do Admissions under ODL mode commence usually?

A: Admissions under Open & Distance Learning usually commence mid of May every year and are made only during July session. However, no fresh admissions are made during January session.



Q: Is it under Annual mode or Semester mode?

A: All the courses under Open & Distance Learning mode are offered in Semester System and follow the CBES (Credit Based Evaluation System) scheme.

Q: Is there any provisions for admissions (with late fee) once admissions are over?

A: Once the admissions are over, the Directorate won't allow any admissions even with late fee. However, if last date for admission under ODL mode is extended by UGC, New Delhi; the same will be applicable to Directorate of Open & Distance Learning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Q: Is it mandatory to submit assignments?

A: As per policy of Directorate of Open & Distance Learning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; it is mandatory for all the candidates to take up and submit their assignments before the last week of commencement of end-term examinations during each-semester. If any candidate fails to submit his/her assignment on time or at all, he/she will not be allowed to appear in end-term examinations.

Q: Can I surrender my seat / cancel my admission?

A: Any candidate (citing personal / financial or whatsoever reason) can surrender their seat by informing the Directorate in writing. The candidate will be refunded his applicable refund amount after deducting University charges, as prescribed by the University from time to time, and non-refundable charges (if any). Presently, the University charges are Rs. 2,000/-.

Q: Can I get details on all ODL related Academic Activities and their time schedule?

A: Activity Calendar bearing tentative time schedule for most of the academic activities, exclusively for ODL courses, can be found by reaching this link <link>

Q: What are the necessary documents for taking admission in ODL mode?

A: A list of requisite documents and admission process can be found in ODL admission handbook. The same can be accessed by reaching this link <link>