

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU**

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The list of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) entitled to start full-fledged Online Programmes without prior approval of the UGC, as per provisions stipulated under Regulation 3(B)(a) of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments from academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning July-August, 2023 and onwards.

- (I) As mandated by the Regulations, online applications were submitted by the Entitled HEIs willing to offer programmes under online mode. Further, each HEI submitted affidavit for ensuring compliance to all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and also deposited prescribed fee as notified by the Commission.
- (II) The duly certified information submitted by the HEI, was to ascertain conformity to the following **four provisions only**:
 - 1. Entitlement eligibility criteria of the HEI.
 - 2. Permissibility of proposed programmes to be offered under online mode.
 - 3. Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments.
 - 4. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.
- (III) **Programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendations received from respective Regulatory Authority. The HEIs strictly shall abide by the conditions such as number of seats, recognition period, etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.**
- (IV) **The Regulations also mandate that the programme-wise Entitled HEIs shall not offer online programmes under any franchise arrangement and shall have complete ownership of these programmes.**
- (V) The HEIs are entitled to offer Online programmes, till they are complying NAAC or NIRF ranking requirements as per Regulation 3(B)(a) of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and on non-compliance, **they shall discontinue the programmes and accordingly, inform the same to the UGC.** The learners already enrolled in the current entitled programmes shall be allowed to complete the programmes in the laid down manner as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- (VI) The List of entitled HEIs which have submitted the affidavit to ensure compliance to University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and have been found complying with above mentioned provisions (as per (II) above), for academic year 2023-24, session beginning from July-August, 2023 and onwards is appended herewith.
- (VII) Higher Education Institution shall write 'UGC entitled as per University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments' instead of 'UGC recognized' at all places.

- (VIII) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions as stipulated under Parts III, IV and V of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 (including any amendments thereto) and shall take steps as stipulated under Annexure-I to VIII & Annexure-X of the said Regulations.
- (IX) Commission in its 571st meeting held on 25th July, 2023 has decided that last date of admission and last date for uploading of student admission details on the UGC-DEB web portal for offering ODL and Online programmes for academic session July-August, 2023 will be as under:

- ***Last Date for Admission: 30th September 2023.***
- ***Last Date for Submission of Student Data on the Portal: 15th October 2023.***

All Entitled HEIs entitled to offer programmes through online mode shall comply with the above decision of the Commission, failing which, UGC shall take punitive action as per Regulation 7 (3) of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

- (X) The Higher Educational Institutions have submitted an affidavit to the effect that in case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the Higher Educational Institution is found to be false or wrong at a later stage or in case there is any violation of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments by the HEI, the Higher Educational Institution shall be solely liable and responsible for any such contravention/violation and for any consequences thereof (including career consequences of Learner) In such events, the HEI may also be subject to the consequences stipulated under Regulation 7 of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 (including any amendments thereto).

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Secretary

S.No.	STATE	TYPE OF HEI	HEI NAME	NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES	ACADEMIC SESSION	NAME OF PROGRAMMES
40.	PUNJAB	STATE UNIVERSITY	GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY	11	Academic year 2023-24, session beginning from July- August 2023	1) BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 2) BACHELOR OF COMMERCE 3) BACHELOR OF ARTS 4) MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 5) MASTER OF ARTS (PUNJABI) 6) MASTER OF COMMERCE 7) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) 8) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 9) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MARKETING MANAGEMENT) 10) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT) 11) MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Note:

1. It shall be the sole responsibility of the HEI to ensure that programmes offered in full-fledged Online mode strictly abide to all the provisions of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its subsequent amendment and the clauses as mentioned in the affidavit submitted by the HEI.
2. Duration of the programmes shall be as per UGC notification on Specification of Degrees and its Amendments.
3. The list shall be updated from time to time, as required. Accordingly, the stakeholders are requested to refer to the various public notices on UGC website (<http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices.html>), which are updated from time to time.