

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CENTRE TRIVANDRUM



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IGNOU the National Resource Centre for Open and Distance Learning was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985. IGNOU is responsible for enhancing access to quality higher education through distance mode. It is today uniquely positioned in terms of its outreach to all corners of the country and all segments of the society. IGNOU has evolved as the world's largest, most diverse and inclusive higher education institution having a cumulative strength of over 3 million students on its rolls. As a leader in open and distance learning in India, IGNOU has been making a significant contribution in democratizing and expanding opportunities for quality tertiary education in the country by taking higher education to the rural, remote and marginalized people, especially women and minorities who are confined to the villages due to family obligations, social challenges and financial constraints.

IGNOU through its 21 schools of studies and network of 67 Regional Centres offers more than 232 programmes comprising of Certificates, Advanced Certificates; Diplomas, PG Diplomas; Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral Degrees in arts, literature, science and social science disciplines. IGNOU has about 500 teachers at its Headquarters, 700 academic and administrative staff at its Regional Centres and has over 3000 Learner Support Centres (LSCs) with about 58,000 Academic Counsellors from conventional institutions of higher learning.

KEY FEATURES

- National and International reach. Need based learner centric courses and programs for study
- Flexible admission rules
- Individualised study: flexibility in terms of place, pace and duration of study.
- Diverse learner groups
- Cost-effective programmes
- Modular nature of programmes

- Socially and academically relevant programmes based on students need analysis
- Use of latest educational and communication technologies
- Nationwide student support network
- Resource Sharing, Collaboration & Networking with other Universities

IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Emergence of IGNOU as the largest Open University in the world
- Recognition as Centre of Excellence in Distance Education by the Commonwealth of Learning
- Award of Excellence for Education Materials by Commonwealth of Learning
- UNESCO declared IGNOU as the largest institution of higher learning in the world
- Largest network of Learner Support System
- Declaration of Term-end result within 45 days

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- The university provides a multi nodal learning system through print, face-to-face counselling and practical, ICTs, audio, video, radio, television, videoconferencing, interactive radio counselling, internet based learning,
- Printed Self Learning Materials (SLMs) for both theory and practical components of the programmes are supplied to the learners and the self learning materials developed by IGNOU has earned worldwide recognition
- The LSCs generally provide subject-specific face to face counselling sessions to learners during public holidays. They support the learners with, library facilities, Audio/ Video programmes, teleconferencing, computers, laboratory, practical and other related activities.

- IGNOU makes extensive use of web resources and mobile technology to reach its learners. IGNOU website shares with its learner's time to time updates and information on learner profile including registration details, various schedules and deadlines, results and grade cards etc. The website is a strong interface to access various online/ offline support services, webcasting /web conferencing, educational broadcasting including TV channels and audio/ video programmes.

REGIONAL CENTRE TRIVANDRUM

The Regional Centre, Trivandrum was established in the year 2009 to cater to the higher education needs of southern parts of the country falling within the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The Regional Centre functions through a network of Learner Support Centres in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, districts of Kerala and Kanyakumari, Tirunneveli, and Tuticorin districts of Tamil Nadu. As on date, the Regional Centre, Trivandrum caters to the educational requirements of its jurisdiction through a network of 31 Learner Support Centres, comprising 14 Regular Study Centres, 13 Programmes Study Centres and 4 Special Study Centres including one special study centre at Open jail, Nettukaltheri, Kotoor, Thiruvananthapuram. At present the Regional Centre Trivandrum has cumulative strength of more than 13000 learners on roll ranging from functional literates to senior officers of State / Central Govt. services and other reputed organizations.

ADMISSIONS

The university follows two academic cycles in January and July for most of the programmes. Admissions to various Programmes of the University are open as per the academic calendar of the University.

Admission to Ph. D. / M. Phil. Programmes and professional programmes like MBA, B. Ed. and Post Basic Nursing are done on the basis of the entrance tests conducted by the University.

CREDIT SYSTEM

The University follows the 'Credit System' for most of its programmes. Each credit in our system is equivalent to 30 hours of learner study comprising all learning activities (i.e. reading and comprehending the print material, listening to audio, watching video, attending counselling sessions, teleconference and writing assignment responses). A 4-credit course involves 120

hours of study and a 6-credit course involves 180 hours of study. This helps the learner to know the academic effort he/she has to put in, to successfully complete a course. Completion of an academic programme (Degree or Diploma) requires successful completion of the assignments, practical, projects and the Term-End Examination as per requirement of each course in a programme.

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

The Bachelor's Degree Programmes offered follows the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) introduced by UGC. The CBCS provides the learner with flexibility to study the subjects/courses at their own pace; greater choice of inter-disciplinary, intra-disciplinary and skill-based courses; and mobility to different institutions for studies. The system has the following advantages:

- Allows learners to choose a combination of inter-disciplinary, intra-disciplinary courses, skill oriented courses (even from other disciplines according to their learning needs, interests and aptitude).
- Makes education broad-based and at par with global standards.
- Offers flexibility for learners to study at different times and at different institutions to complete the programme. Credits earned at one institution can be transferred to another institution.

ONLINE ADMISSION

On-line admission facility is available at <https://onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in> for the programmes mentioned in the Common Prospectus except merit based and entrance test based programmes. The electronic version of the Prospectus is available at www.ignou.ac.in

The prospective learners are required to create their user ID and password for logging in the system and upload the required documents along with the submission of the Admission form. The programme fee can be remitted online using payment Gateway. Once the admission form is submitted online, the students can track the progress of their admission. A message is sent on the mobile number and email ID registered with the system once the admission is confirmed.