

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**  
**DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU**

F.No. 13-14/2023 (DEB II)

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**List of Category-I HEIs entitled to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programmes for academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning July-August, 2023.**

- (I) UGC in its 563<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 decided that Category-I HEIs (notified by UGC as per UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 and its amendments) willing to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from Jan-Feb 2023 academic session shall submit information to UGC. HEI is also required to submit an 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.
- (II) Based on the above Commission decision, all Category-I HEIs willing to offer Open and Distance Learning programmes for academic year 2023-24 academic session beginning July-August, 2023, submitted the information along with prescribed fees, affidavit and supporting documents to the UGC. The information collected from the HEIs was only to ascertain conformity to the following provisions:
1. Verification of Category-I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) entitlement as notified by UGC.
  2. Permissibility of proposed programmes to be offered under ODL mode.
  3. Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments.
  4. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.
- (III) The name of Category-I HEIs, along with the programmes found in compliance to University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes for academic year 2023-24 academic session beginning July-August, 2023 and onwards is enclosed herewith.
- (IV) The HEIs are entitled to offer the ODL programmes for the period, till they are Category-I HEIs as per the relevant UGC notifications /regulations and if not, they shall discontinue the programmes and inform the same to UGC. The learners already enrolled in the currently entitled programmes shall be allowed to complete the programmes in the manner laid down as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- (V) Programmes under the purview of other regulatory authorities have been considered on the basis of NOC/ approval/ recommendation received from the respective regulatory authority. The HEI shall abide by the conditions such as the number of seats, valid academic year, etc. mentioned in the relevant regulatory authority letter.



- (VI) Higher Education Institution shall write 'UGC entitled as per University Grants Commission (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 and its amendment(s)' instead of 'UGC recognised' at all places.
- (VII) 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 and its amendments (including any amendments thereto) and shall take steps as stipulated under Annexure-I to VIII & Annexure-X of the said regulations.
- (VIII) The Higher Educational Institution shall also adhere to the policy of Territorial Jurisdiction and Learner Support Centers (LSC) as specified in Annexure-III and VIII of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments respectively.
- (IX) The Higher Educational Institution has 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. 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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S. No.	STATE	TYPE OF HEI	HEI NAME	NO. OF ENTITLED PROGRAMMES	ACADEMIC SESSION	NAME OF ENTITLED PROGRAMMES
9	PUNJAB	STATE UNIVERSITY	GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY	10	Academic Session beginning July-August, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</li> <li>2. BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMBINATION OF 3 SUBJECTS) [ENGLISH (ELECTIVE), PUNJABI (ELECTIVE), ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION]</li> <li>3. BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</li> <li>4. BACHELOR OF COMMERCE</li> <li>5. BACHELOR OF LIBRARY &amp; INFORMATION SCIENCES</li> <li>6. MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)</li> <li>7. MASTER OF ARTS (PUNJABI)</li> <li>8. MASTER OF COMMERCE</li> <li>9. MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</li> <li>10. MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</li> </ol>

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						72. MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Note:

1. The HEIs shall comply with all provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
2. The last date for admission shall be notified by the Commission for each academic session and HEIs shall upload the admission details within fifteen days thereafter. For the academic session beginning July-August, 2023, the last date of admission is **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**.
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 DEB website (<https://deb.ugc.ac.in/Notices>), which are updated from time to time.