



F.No . UGC/DEB/UK/THPRM/KRL/2016

Dated: January, 2017

The Registrar,
University of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala- 695034.

04 JAN 2017

Sub: *Recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2017-18 - regarding.*

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your proposal submitted for consideration of recognition after the presentation before the High Powered Distance Education Committee on 21st July, 2016 for offering programmes through distance mode. In this connection an Expert Committee was constituted which visited your university and submitted its recommendations.

In this regard, I am directed to inform that it has been decided to accord recognition to your institution to offer 25 programmes as mentioned in annexure, through distance mode for two academic years i.e. 2017-18 and 2018-19 subject to strict adherence and compliance of the conditions mentioned in this letter.

2 The university shall scrupulously abide by the following terms and conditions, while offering the programmes through distance learning mode in accordance with the Affidavit dated 24.12.2016, duly notarised, and signed by Dr. K. Madhukumar, Registrar of the University, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 24.12.2016.

3 The recognition accorded to the institution will be valid only for the programmes/courses as mentioned in the list attached with this letter.

- i) The University shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and also by UGC and wherever necessary by the apex regulatory bodies in the country.
- ii) It is the responsibility of the University to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE/any other and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required.
- iii) The University shall not start any new programme without prior approval of UGC and other concerned regulatory authorities in anticipation of recognition.

- iv) The nomenclature of all the programmes to be offered under distance mode shall be strictly as per UGC/AICTE Regulations.
 - v) No teacher education programme shall be offered without prior approval of the NCTE (as per new NCTE regulations,2014)
 - vi) The Ministry of HRD's directions prohibiting B.E/ B.Tech through distance mode vide it's letter dated 29.07.2009 shall be adhered to strictly.
 - vii) The programmes in Engineering and Technology e.g. B.E/ B.Tech/ Diploma and courses in Medicines/ Nursing/ Physiotherapy etc. are not allowed and the University will not be offering the same.
 - viii) The university shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered, through distance mode by the respective apex body/ies.
 - ix) No online programme leading to award of Degree/ Certification shall be offered by the University, until a policy is framed and approved by UGC in this regard.
 - x) The minimum duration of a programme, offered in ODL mode shall not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode. nomenclature of programme and the minimum eligibility criteria for admission should be as per UGC norms and Regulations.
 - xi) The University shall run its ODL programmes only in those subjects/ fields which are offered by it through regular mode.
 - xii) The university shall have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters
 - xiii) The eligibility conditions for admissions to each course to be offered through distance learning mode shall be as per norms of UGC/AICTE and other regulatory bodies.
 - xiv) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of University for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-1/2012(CPP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is also posted on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb.
 - xv) The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and /or through any private institution /college
 - xvi) The Institution will have necessary infrastructure at its HQ as well as its Study Centres (if any) for conduction of practical work, wherever required.
4. Moreover, the University shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 5 of the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree), Regulation 2009.
5. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.

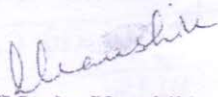
6. It may also be noted that:

i) If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition for which the Affidavit, as mentioned above has been submitted or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition at any stage. The University will be solely responsible for the same.

ii) The recognition can be reviewed depending on change of policy w.r.t ODL Regulations or otherwise.

iii) In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of University/institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the all consequences arising out of the same.


Yours faithfully,


(Megha Kaushik)
Education Officer

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2. The Joint Secretary (HE/TEL), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, 7th floor, Chanderlok building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001
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5. Publication Officer (Web), UGC for updating website.
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University Grants Commission
Distance Education Bureau

List of programmes approved by UGC to Kerala University, Kerala to be offered through distant mode during the academic year 2017-18 & 2018-19 only, as per the terms and conditions contained in the UGC letter F.No. UGC/DEE/UK/THVPRM/KRL/2016 dated January, 2017

S.No.	Name of Programme	Duration
1	BA Economics	3 yrs
2	BA English	3yrs
3	BA History	3yrs
4	BA Malayalam	3yrs
5	BA Political Science	3yrs
6	BA Sociology	3yrs
7	BCA	3yrs
8	BCom	3yrs
9	BCom-Co-operation	3yrs
10	BCom with Computer Application	3yrs
11	BLISc	1yr
12	BSc Computer Sciece	3yrs
13	B Sc Mathematics	3yrs
14	MA Economics	2yrs
15	MA English	2yrs
16	MA Hindi	2yrs
17	MA History	2yrs
18	MA Malayalam	2yrs
19	MA Political Science	2yrs
20	MA Public Administration	2yrs
21	MA Sociology	2yrs
22	M Com (Finance)	2yrs
23	MLISc	1yr
24	M Sc Computer Science	2yrs
25	M Sc Mathematics	2yrs

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