

14 UNIVERSITY RULES

The University reserves the right to change the rules from time to time. However, latest rules will be applicable to all the students irrespective of the year of their registration.

14.1 Educational Qualifications Awarded By Private Institutions

Any educational qualification awarded by the Private Universities established under the provisions of the "*Chhattisgarh Nijikshetra Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Aur Viniyaman), Adhiniyam, 2002*" are non-existent and cannot be considered for admission to any Academic Programme in IGNOU.

14.2 Validity of Degree for Admission

Master's Degree awarded without a first degree of three year duration is not recognised for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Academic Programmes. However, this condition is not applicable for the five- year Integrated Master's degree acquired from a recognized University/Institution.

Bachelor's Degree means, **Bachelor's Degree of not less than three year duration.**

14.3 Acceptance of 'Two year Bachelor's degree'

Students who had enrolled themselves in the first degree course prior to June 4, 1986 and students who had successfully completed their first degree course, prior to June 4, 1986, irrespective of their duration shall be treated at par with the students who have completed Three years degree and they are not required to undergo a further one year bridge course. Degrees obtained prior to June 4, 1986 and the degree awarded to the students enrolled upto June 1986, but completed subsequently shall be treated valid for all purposes including admission to a Masters degree programme and other higher studies.

IGNOU accepts First degree of Two year duration obtained from a recognized university **completed up to the year 1998-99** for purposes of higher studies; **provided such students have undergone a further one year bridge course and passed the same to be in conformity with UGC Regulations.**

Degrees acquired from an 'Off Campus' Centre

Degrees acquired from an '**Off Campus' Centre of Private Universities** outside the territorial jurisdiction of the State concerned are **not** recognized for purposes of admission to IGNOU's academic programmes unless it has specific approval of the University Grants Commission.

Similarly, Degrees acquired through an 'Off Campus' Centre/ 'Off-shore' Campus of Central/State/ Deemed to be Universities/Institutions of National Importance offered through Open and Distance learning (ODL) mode will be accepted for purposes of higher studies in IGNOU; provided these have been obtained as per territorial jurisdiction of these Central/State/Deemed to be Universities/Institutions of National Importance prescribed by the University Grants Commission from time to time.

14.4 Validity of Admission (Merit Based/Entrance Test Based)

Learners offered admission have to join on or before the due dates specified by the University. In case they want to seek admission for the next session, they will have to apply afresh and go through the admission process again.

14.5 Simultaneous Registration

As per the University policy, a student is allowed to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously through ODL / Online mode, as per the illustration given below.

One Certificate Programme with any other Programme	Admission in both programmes can be taken in the same admission cycle
One UG + One PG Programme*	Admission has to be taken in two different admission cycles
Two UG Programmes*	
Two PG Programmes*	
*Admission can be taken ONLY in specified Programmes. Details are available on the IGNOU website.	

Certain programmes are not allowed under the simultaneous registration. Students are advised to visit the following link for more details:

There will be no change in the counseling/assignment submission/examination schedule in case dates for the above clash in the programmes in which a student has taken admission.

14.6 Re-Registration

“Re-registration” means registration in the next semester/year of a programme, wherever applicable. Learners are advised to submit the Re-Registration (RR) forms ‘Online’ on the web portal www.ignou.ac.in, as per schedule being notified by the University from time to time, irrespective of the fact that whether the learners appeared in the examination or not or whether they are passed or not in the course(s) registered in the current academic session. If the Re-Registration in any of the programme is not available online or for any other reason as specified by the University, Learners should submit their RR forms at the respective Regional Centre ONLY and nowhere else. If any student submits the ‘Offline’ Re-Registration Form at any other Regional Centre than the allocated Regional Centre, and consequently misses the scheduled date and a semester/ year, he/she will have no claim on the University for regularization. International students of the University pursuing their programme from India are also advised to submit re-registrations form online. Offline forms, if any, may be submitted to the International Division of the University.

14.7 Additional time for Learners with Disability

- a) Learners with disability of 40% or more are given additional 2 (two) years beyond the maximum duration prescribed for all academic programmes.
- b) Learners with disability seeking benefit of the aforesaid facility should submit the ‘Disability Certificate’ issued by the competent authority at the Regional Centre concerned, which, in turn will verify it, make entry in the data base and transmit the data to SRD for updating in the Master records.
 1. The students with disabilities having valid disability certificate are allowed to submit typed assignment.
 2. Two year extra time is provided to students with disabilities to complete a programme (information may be sought from SED).
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14.8 Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, non-creamy layer of OBC, Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for admission in Central Educational Institutions

The University provides reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, non-creamy layer of OBC, Economically Weaker Sections, (as notified by MHRD vide OM 12-4/019-U1 dated January 2019), War Widows, Kashmiri Migrants and Physically Handicapped learners, as per the Government of India rules, for admission to its programmes in which there are limited number of seats and admission is through a merit list. However, submission of forged certificate under any category shall make the student liable not only for cancellation of admission but also legal action as per Government of India rules.

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India, vide their Office Memorandum F.No. 12-4/2019-U1, dated 17th January, 2019, on the subject cited above, has conveyed that in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act 2019, and in reference of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide OM No. 20013/01/2018-BC-II dated 17th January, 2019, enabling provision of reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Socially and Educationally backward Classes, it has been decided to provide reservation in admission to educational Institutions subject to a maximum of ten per cent of the total seats in each category. The provision of reservations to the Economically Weaker Sections shall be in accordance with the directions contained in the OM No. 20013/01/2018-8C-11 dated 17th January, 2019 of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment subject to the condition mentioned in the Office Memorandum of MHRD.

Accordingly, the reservations shall be provided to EWSs for admission in the University from the academic year 2019-20 onwards beginning academic session July 2019. The reservation shall be applicable only in Programmes having seat restriction.

14.9 Scholarships

The learners enrolled in IGNOU are eligible for Government of India Scholarships. They are advised visit the National Scholarship Portal of the Government of India <https://scholarships.gov.in/> and submit their application online. For further details students may contact at the headquarters, Student Service Centre can be contacted for details.

Students belonging to the Scheduled Caste category may apply for financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship. Details of the Scheme are available at https://scholarships.gov.in/public/schemeGuidelines/Postmatric_SC.pdf

Students belonging to the Scheduled Tribe category may apply for financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship. Details of the Scheme are available at

- (1) https://scholarships.gov.in/public/schemeGuidelines/Goa/Goa_3004_G.pdf
- (2) <https://scholarships.gov.in/public/schemeGuidelines/tribalfellowshipguideline.pdf>

14.10 Scheme of Fee Support to SC/ST Students

The University provides exemption of programme fee to students from SC/ST category as per its policy. The policy is reviewed for every admission cycle. Students are advised to visit the University website or contact the Regional Centre to know about the latest provisions. The exemption, if admissible, will be allowed for one programme only.

The following SC and ST students are **not** eligible for fee exemption:

- who are employed OR
- who are availing any kind of scholarship or fee exemption from other agencies, OR
- whose Parents/ Guardians' income from all Sources exceeds Rs 2.5 lakhs during financial year as per Government of India norms.

The applicants should submit income certificate issued by Authorized Government Agency while taking admission. The exemption of fee is confined to the extent of Programme Fee mentioned in the Prospectus. The students belonging to these categories will have to pay late fee (if any), Term End Examination Fee, convocation fee, Registration fee, Development fee etc. since these are not exempted under this Scheme. Please refer Notification **Annexure V**.

The information are available on the following link:

http://ignou.ac.in/userfiles/fee%20waiver%202024-Notification%20No_63-.pdf

14.11 Waiver of IGNOU Programme fee for Jail Inmates

The following guidelines have been approved by the Competent Authority for admission of jail inmates:

1. Jail inmates shall be enrolled only in those programmes in which there are no project/practical/workshop/field work/seminar components.
2. Only one application shall be accepted from a jail inmate in a particular session.
3. Professional Programmes being offered with the approval of Regulatory Bodies (MBA, MCA, B.Ed, B.Sc Nursing etc.) shall not be offered to jail inmates.
4. Since the jail inmates are being given financial assistance in the form of fee waiver, submission of Aadhar along with the application shall be mandatory.

The above guidelines may be strictly adhered to while accepting and processing applications of jail inmates. Further, the Regional Centres may approach the State Government, highlighting the contribution of IGNOU in the educational upliftment of the jail inmates, and request them to sponsor their fee.

Inmates lodged in Prisons in the country are exempted from payment of programme fee, including registration fee. The under-trial/short term prisoners are also eligible for the same benefit of exemption as is extended to other prisoners with the condition that when they go out of jail, they will be treated as normal students and shall pay subsequent fees wherever applicable (examination fee, re-registration fee, registration fee for convocation etc.).

14.12 Registration fee, Cancellation of Admission and Refund of Fee

***Paid for Re-Registration to a programme will not be refunded in any case.**

A non-refundable Registration Fee of as prescribed time to time (unless specified otherwise) shall be charged along with the programme fee of first semester/year at the time of admission.

If a student applies for cancellation of admission and refund of fee, the refund request will be considered as per the University policy.

The refund request will be considered as per the Notification F.No:IG/SRD/R-V/Notif./2024/13690, dated 06.05.2024:-

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
Student Registration Division



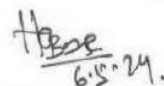
F.No. : IG/SRD/R-V/Notif./2024/13690

Dated : 06.05.2024

With the approval of the Competent Authority, the fee refund policy of the University is modified as under:

- a) The Registration Fee is non-refundable.
- b) The fee paid shall be refunded prior to confirmation of admission.
- c) An amount equivalent to 15% of the programme fee, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 2000/- , will be deducted from the fee paid in case the request for cancellation is received after the confirmation of admission.
- d) In case a student has opted for soft copy of the SLM, the fee paid will be refunded after deducting the Registration fee only.
- e) If a request for cancellation is received from a student who has availed fee exemption and has paid only the Registration fee and Development fee, only the Development fee will be refunded.
- f) No. Refund of fee will be admissible after 60 days of the closing date of the admission.

This notification supersedes all the earlier Notifications in this regard. This will come into effect from the July, 2024 admission cycle.


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Registrar, SRD

Distribution:

1. All Regional Directors
2. Director, ACD
3. Registrar, SED
4. All Unit Heads in SRD
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14.13 Digital Study Material and Assignments

The University has a provision to provide soft copy of the self-learning material in place of printed material. A learner opting for the **soft copy will be given a discount of 15% in the Programme Fee.** The Option to this effect has to be indicated by the learners while filling in the Online Admission Form. Such learners will not be given printed self-learning material. The University has digitized the study material for different programmes. The digitized material is available on eGyankosh, the digital repository of the University.

The University encourages the use of digital study material. It has been decided that as an incentive **15% concession shall be given to the students who opt for digital study material in place of printed study material.**

The University sends study material to all the students and if a student does not receive the same for any reason; whatsoever, the University shall not be held responsible for that.

Assignments for the current session are made available on the website. Students are advised to download the same.

For non-receipt of study material, learners are required to write to the Registrar, Material Production and Distribution Division, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068.

14.14 Change of Elective/Course

Change in Elective/Course is permitted within 30 days from the receipt of first set of course material on payment of **Rs.350/- for a 2/4 credit course or part thereof, and Rs.700/- for a 6/8 credit course for undergraduate courses. For Master's Degree Programme, it is Rs.600/- for 2/4 credits and Rs.1200/-for 6/8 credits course.** Payment should be made by SBI collection (Demand Draft drawn in favour of "IGNOU" payable at the place of concerned Regional Centre). All such requests for change of Elective/ Course should be addressed to the concerned Regional Centre only as per schedule.

14.15 Credit Transfer

Credit transfer means allowing a student of another university to get admitted to IGNOU for completing any equivalent degree/diploma programme on the basis of credits obtained by him/her from that University. A student thus admitted need not write IGNOU examinations for such courses which are found equivalent to and for which appropriate credits would be deemed to have been acquired for, and for purposes of fulfilling the IGNOU requirements for award of a degree/diploma.

Students who want to avail of credit transfer shall get registered with IGNOU for the programmes they want to study. All the applications for this purpose should be addressed to The Registrar, Student Registration Division, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.

The facility of credit transfer under Academic Bank of Credits envisioned in the National Education Policy 2020 is also available.

Please visit to ignou's website. The Internal Credit Transfer Form and guidelines are available on the following link:

<http://www.ignou.ac.in/ignou/studentzone/download/InternalCredittransferscheme>

14.16 Counselling and Examination Centre

All Learner Support Centres, Programme Learner Support Centres, special Learner Support Centres are not Examination centres. Practical Examination need not necessarily be held at the centre where the learner has undergone counselling or practicals.

14.17 Correction of Address and Learner Support Centre Change

Students can initiate the request for change of address, Learner Support Centre and regional centre online from their user account. The user account is to be created at <https://ignou.samarth.edu.in> by clicking 'New Registration'.

14.18 Change of Regional Centre

When a learner wants transfer from one region to another, he/she has to write to that effect to the Regional Centre from where he/she is seeking a transfer marking copies to the Regional Centre where he/she would like to be transferred to. Further, he/she has to obtain a certificate from the Coordinator of the Learner Support Centre from where he/she is seeking transfer regarding the number of assignments submitted. The Regional Director from where the learner is seeking the transfer will transfer all records including details of fee payment to the new Regional Centre. For change of Region in practical oriented Programmes like computer programmes, B.Sc. etc., 'No Objection Certificate' is to be obtained from the concerned Regional Centre/Learner Support Centre where the learner wishes his/her transfer.

In case any learner is keen for transfer from Army/Navy/ Air Force Regional Centre to any other Regional Centre of the University during the cycle/session, he/she would have to pay the fee-share money to the Regional Centre. In case the learner seeks transfer at the beginning of the session/cycle, the required programme course fee for the session/cycle shall be deposited at the Regional Centre. However, the transfer shall be subject to availability of seats wherever applicable.

The learner can seek transfer to any other overseas Learner Support Centre only after six months of Registration or submission of first year/semester assignments for the programme of one year or longer duration.

14.19 Eligibility for Term End Examinations

The learners are instructed to **refer to Page No. 19, para 1.17** Evaluation System sub-head '**Term-end Examination and Payment of Examination Fee**' before submitting Examination Form for appearing in the June as well as December Term-end examination. A learner having exhausted the maximum duration of a programme should not apply for appearing at the Term-end examination of any course without getting re-registered/sought readmission for the same. Otherwise, the result would be withheld in such cases.

14.20 Foreign Students

Foreign students residing in India having valid student visa for the minimum duration of the programme are eligible to seek admission in IGNOU's selected programmes on payment of international fee applicable for them. For programme fee and other charges the student can visit "INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS" icon on IGNOU's website or contact the Director, International Division, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi 110 068. Admission of foreign student residing in India will be processed by the International Division of the University after ensuring their antecedents from the Ministry of External Affairs/ Ministry of Human Resource Development. Programmes with limited number of seats are not offered to foreign students.

In case of any query / information, FSRI and overseas students are advised to refer international prospectus available on the website of the university.

14.21 Guidelines for Admission in respect of International Students residing in India

- a) Download the Admission form for the respective Programme from IGNOU's website www.ignou.ac.in
- a. Fill up all the columns of the Admission forms and attach the relevant documents (as mentioned in the Prospectus) along with fee and cost of registration fee.
- b. Submit the hard copy of the form along with documents and fees at the following address Director, International Division, IGNOU, Block No. 15, Section K, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
- c. The learner must fill all the Columns of the Admission Form, failing which the admission form will not be processed for admission. The complete applications should reach at the above address not later than the last date of submission of forms.

- b) The learner may apply only for those courses for which International fees have been prescribed.
- a. The learner will have to produce the valid STUDY VISA for the minimum duration of the programme. Presently, the students from Nepal and Bhutan are not required to submit the Study Visa.
- b. The learner will have to remit the International Fees of Programme.
- c) The fee has to be remitted through Bank Draft favouring "IGNOU" payable at "New Delhi".
- a. The learner should possess the minimum qualification specified for the Programme. However, for equivalence of the qualification of the candidate reference may be made to Booklet "Equivalence of Foreign Degrees" published by Association of Indian University. In case the Degree/Certificate possessed by the candidate is in a language other than English or Hindi, a translated copy duly verified by the concerned Embassy should be submitted.
- b. The fees once paid will neither be refunded nor transferred. However, in cases where University denies admission, the programme fee will be refunded through A/c Payee Cheque only.
- c. The student needs to submit NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE from the concerned embassy. In the letter it should be clearly written that the Embassy has no objection regarding study of the concerned student in IGNOU as well as extension of visa from time to time. PIO / OCI Card holders are not required to submit the NOC from concerned Embassy.
- d. PIO/OCI card holders and also Refugees (UNCHR) Card Holders will pay the fee applicable to International Students.
- e. For further details you may visit:
<http://www.ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/division/id/introduction>

14.22 Change of Category

Please note that any request for change of category code shall not be entertained by the University after finalization of admissions. Similarly, for the entrance test based and merit based programmes, request for change of category will not be entertained once the Forms are finally submitted by the prospective learners.

14.23 Correction/Change of Name/Surname of Learner

Spelling mistakes, if any, committed at the time of data entry stage will be rectified at the Regional Centre and corrected data transmitted to Student Registration Division for updating in the database. However, Learners are expected to write their correct name (as indicated in the High School Certificate) in the Admission Form. In case any change in the name (other than the one mentioned in his/her High School Certificate), then it is mandatory for the prospective learners to furnish legal evidence of having changed his/her name/ surname while submitting the admission form.

For Change of Name/Surname, after confirmation of admission, the learners are required to submit the following documents at the Regional Centre, for onward transmission to Registrar, SRD:

- Original copy of Notification in a daily newspaper notifying the change of name;
- Affidavit, in original, on non-judicial Stamp Paper of the appropriate value sworn in before 1st Class Magistrate specifying the change in the name;
- Marriage Card/Marriage Certificate in case of women candidates for change in surname;
- Gazette Notification, in original, reflecting the change of name/surname;
- SBI collection (Demand Draft of Rs.500/- drawn in favour of IGNOU payable at New Delhi).

Request for correction and/or change of Name / Surname will be entertained only before award of the Degree/Diploma/Certificate. For change/correction of name after completion of programme, but before award of degree please see the guidelines available at:
[http://www.ignou.ac.in/userfiles/Notification%20\(4\)\(3\).pdf](http://www.ignou.ac.in/userfiles/Notification%20(4)(3).pdf)

14.24 Disputes on Admission & other University Matters

The University takes appropriate administrative and disciplinary measures for smooth functioning of its day-to-day operations in accordance with the prevailing rules and guidelines. In case of disputes on Admission and other University Matters, the place of jurisdiction of filing of law suit, if necessary, will be New Delhi/Delhi ONLY.

14.25 Recognition of IGNOU Programmes

The degrees awarded by IGNOU are recognized by UGC. The details are available at <http://ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/division/srd/Recognition>

IGNOU Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates are recognized by all member universities of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and are at par with Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates of all Indian Universities/ Institutions, as per UGC Circular Letter No.F.1-52/2000 (CPP-II) dated 5th May, 2004.