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Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously



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Background

The National Education Policy - NEP 2020 states that pedagogy must evolve to make education more experiential, holistic, integrated, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible, and, of course, enjoyable. The policy envisions imaginative and flexible curricular structures to enable creative combinations of disciplines for study, that would offer multiple entry and exit points, thus, removing currently prevalent rigid boundaries and creating new possibilities for life-long learning and centrally involve critical and interdisciplinary thinking.

With the rapid increase in demand for higher education and limited availability of seats in regular stream, several Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have started a number of programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode to meet the aspirations of students. It has also led to the emergence of online education programmes which a student can pursue within the comforts of her / his home. The issue of allowing the students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously has been examined by the Commission keeping in view the proposals envisaged in the National Education Policy - NEP 2020 which emphasizes the need to facilitate multiple pathways to learning involving both formal and non-formal education modes.

In view of above, UGC has framed the following Guidelines.

Objectives

To allow the students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously keeping in view the following objectives envisaged in NEP 2020:

- recognizing, identifying, and fostering the unique capabilities of each student, by sensitizing teachers as well as parents to promote each student's holistic development in both academic and non-academic spheres;
- no hard separations between arts and sciences, between curricular and extra-curricular activities, between vocational and academic streams, etc. in order to eliminate harmful hierarchies among, and silos between different areas of learning;



multidisciplinarity and a holistic education across the sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, and sports for a multidisciplinary world in order to ensure the unity and integrity of all knowledge;

- enabling an individual to study one or more specialized areas of interest at a deep level, and also develop character, ethical and constitutional values, intellectual curiosity, scientific temper, creativity, spirit of service.
- offering the students, a range of disciplines including sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, languages, as well as professional, technical, and vocational subjects to make them thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals.
- preparing students for more meaningful and satisfying lives and work roles and enable economic independence.

Guidelines

1. A student can pursue two full time academic programmes in physical mode provided that in such cases, class timings for one programme do not overlap with the class timings of the other programme.
2. A student can pursue two academic programmes, one in full time physical mode and another in Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online mode; or up to two ODL/Online programmes simultaneously.
3. Degree or diploma programmes under ODL/Online mode shall be pursued with only such HEIs which are recognized by UGC/Statutory Council/Govt. of India for running such programmes.
4. Degree or diploma programmes under these guidelines shall be governed by the Regulations notified by the UGC and also the respective statutory/professional councils, wherever applicable.
5. These guidelines shall come into effect from the date of their notification by the UGC. No retrospective benefit can be claimed by the students who have already done two academic programmes simultaneously prior to the notification of these guidelines.

The above guidelines shall be applicable only to the students pursuing academic programmes other than Ph.D. programme.

Based on the above guidelines, the universities can devise mechanisms, through their statutory bodies, for allowing their students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously as mentioned above.



OSMANIA UNIVERSITY
HYDERABAD – 500 007

No. 570 / Acad.I/2023

Dated: 09-06-2023

To
The Deans of the Faculties
Osmania University
Hyderabad.

Sir,

Sub: OU – Persuasion of two academic programmes simultaneously – Report of the committee .– Communication –Reg.

Ref: Report of the committee

With reference to the subject cited, I am desired to communicate that the Standing Committee of Academic Senate at its meeting held on 20-05-2023 has resolved the following :

"Resolved to approve the recommendations of the committee constituted to frame guidelines to facilitate the students to pursue two academic programmes Simultaneously at Osmania University for implementation from the academic year 2023-2024 be approved in toto.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours Sincerely,


DEPUTY REGISTRAR
(Academic)

Copy to:

1. All the Principals of Campus & Constituent Colleges, OU
2. The Director, Directorate of Admissions,OU
3. The Director, OU PG College at Districts, OU
4. The Director, PGRRCDE,OU
5. The Head, Department of _____,OU
6. The Controller of Examinations, O.U.
7. The Dean, Students Affairs, OU
8. The PRO, OU
9. The Secretary to Vice-Chancellor, OU
10. The P.A. to the Registrar, OU / OSD to VC, OU
11. The Supdt. Unit-II to note action taken on Item No.2.

A candidate who joined a Regular Course in Osmania University may be allowed to pursue another course simultaneously on the following conditions:

1. A student can pursue two academic programmes simultaneously, one in full time physical mode in Osmania University and another in Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online mode either in OU or any other HEI; OR up to two ODL/Online programmes simultaneously. The student however cannot be permitted to pursue two regular programmes simultaneously through physical mode under Osmania University.

2. A candidate can pursue one Primary Program on a regular basis in OU, in regular mode and another in ODL/Online mode from any Higher Education Institution. Such Second program shall be called "Secondary program".
3. In case of any conflict in the almanac or examination schedules etc of the primary programme and secondary programme, the schedule of the Primary programme has to be given priority by the student, and he/she cannot insist on change of schedule in such a primary programme, and no vested right shall be created in the student therefor.
4. A candidate is not allowed to pursue the primary programme and the secondary programme simultaneously in the same faculty, except diploma or certificate course offered by the same department in the same institution. In other words, a candidate can be permitted to pursue one degree or post graduate program (primary programme) and one certificate/diploma program (secondary programme) simultaneously in the same faculty, provided that there is no conflict of timings of classes and examination schedules etc.
5. A candidate, who is a student of Osmania University and seeking to pursue two programmes simultaneously, shall identify the primary programme and submit an undertaking while taking admission into secondary programme that, the almanac/examination/class work schedule of the secondary program does not overlap. In case of any such overlap, the schedules of the Primary programme shall not be changed.
6. A candidate shall be allowed to avail the Hostel/Scholarship/Library/Bus pass/Stipend and other facilities only for the Primary programme and not for the Secondary programme. In other words, a student pursuing a secondary programme shall not be entitled to enjoy the hostel facility, scholarship and other benefits etc which may be enjoyed only in respect of the Primary programme.
7. At the time of the registration of Primary programme the candidate shall create and declare the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) ID for the purpose of NAD and Credit transfer, and also submit the proof of the same in the institutions where he/she is pursuing the primary and secondary programmes. While taking admission into Secondary programme the candidate shall declare the details of Primary Course and also the ABC ID created.
8. The Transfer Certificate and Migration Certificate wherever necessary along with the copies of other certificates shall be submitted at the time of admission into the Primary programme. A copy of the same has to be submitted in the other institution where he is pursuing the secondary programme.
9. A candidate who takes the admission in Osmania University in regular mode can pursue another programme simultaneously through Distance/ODL/Online mode

under two different faculties, of the same university, subject to the above conditions.

10. A candidate shall not be permitted to pursue two professional programmes simultaneously. However, he/she may pursue one professional and another non-professional course simultaneously subject to these guidelines.
11. If a candidate who pursues the Primary programme in other Higher Education Institutions and also pursues the Secondary programme in Osmania University simultaneously, the Osmania University shall not be held responsible for overlap of almanac/examination schedules of the two courses if any.
12. The candidate has to submit the primary programme almanac while applying for pursuing the secondary programme.
13. If the candidate is pursuing two academic programs in Osmania University, no fee concession in respect of the Tuition fee/Examination Fee etc. can be claimed for secondary program. Similarly, no paper/subject exemption shall be permitted if similar papers are offered in the two programmes pursued simultaneously.
14. A candidate is not allowed to pursue two primary/offline programmes at a time either in regular or in Self Finance mode simultaneously, under Osmania University.