

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
School of Distance Education

Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLISc)

PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT

1. University of Kerala

The University of Kerala is a State university located in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city Kerala. University of Kerala is the first University in the State, originally established as the University of Travancore in 1937 and is the 16th oldest University of the country. The present territorial jurisdiction of the University extends to the revenue districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alapuzha and Pathanamthitta. The University of Kerala is offering courses in regular as well as distance mode. In regular mode the University offers wide range of programmes at the undergraduate, post graduate, MPhil, doctoral levels, post graduate diploma, diploma and certificate levels. In distance mode the University offers 13 UG and 13 PG programmes. The University of Kerala has undergone immense transformation on various fronts during the last 80 years. The University has been recognized by the UGC as per UGC Act, 1956 under Section 2 (f) and 12 (b) and has been reaccredited by NAAC with A grade in 2015. University also bagged the First Chancellor's Award for the Best University in Kerala in 2015. There are at present 223 affiliated colleges and 82 research centres under the University and have 42 teaching and research departments (under 11 schools), 10 teacher education centres, 7 UIMs and 17 UITs. There are at present 149 faculty members of which 30 are Professors, 35 Associate Professors and 84 Assistant Professors under its 42 teaching and research departments. In addition, there are 54 guest faculty members and 10 visiting faculty members working in the departments. Among the teaching faculty members 160 are PhD degree holders. 1492 administrative staff and 30 technical staff are also working in the University.

2. The School of Distance Education

The School of Distance Education (SDE), started in 1976 as a teaching and research department of the University of Kerala, is one of the pioneering centres of distance learning in the State. The aims and objectives of the school include:

- Democratizing higher education to large segments of the population, in particular the disadvantaged groups like those living in remote and rural areas, working people, and women.
- Providing an innovative system of university-level education which is both flexible and open in terms of methods, pace of learning, eligibility for enrollment and age of entry.
- Providing an opportunity for up-gradation of skills and qualifications.
- Developing education as a lifelong activity to enable persons to update their knowledge or acquire knowledge in new areas.

University of Kerala is one of the Universities in India having appointed permanent full time teaching faculty members for running the distance education programmes. The SDE

has 19 permanent faculty members and 9 full time contract faculty members with diverse academic backgrounds and rich experience in the rank of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors. The school had recognition of the erstwhile Distance Education Council (DEC) for 45 programmes till 2014-15. In line with the efforts of the UGC to streamline the distance learning mode, the SDE also redefined its programmes and got the UGC recognition to offer 13 UG and 12 PG programmes from the academic year 2017-18 onwards. The SDE has no private off campus/learner support centres.

3. Details of the Proposed B.L.I.Sc Programme

Programme's Mission & Objectives

(a) Mission

In keeping with the overall mission of the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala, to ensure accessibility of quality higher education to all, the programme Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.L.I.Sc) provides a meaningful educational experience that meets current and emerging library, information and technology needs, and prepares students for productive roles in a variety of continually evolving information environments, or to continue their education..

(b) Objectives

The objectives of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.L.I.Sc) are:

- I. To give the students an understanding of the basic principles and fundamental laws of library and information science.
- II. To enable the students to understand and appreciate the place and functions of different types of libraries in the changing social and educational setup; and
- III. To give training to the students in the techniques and routines of modern library management.

Relevance of the Program with HEI's Mission and Goals

Offered in the distance mode, Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.L.I.Sc) will be closely aligned with the vision and mission of the University of Kerala, in vowing to ensure knowledge based, student focused, quality and cost conscious but socially responsible education.

B.L.I.Sc in the distance mode will be a feeder programme for the M.L.I.Sc programmes offered by the university, and it follows the same syllabus and curriculum of the programme offered in the regular mode through the affiliated colleges of the University of Kerala.

Nature of Prospective Target Group of Learners

BLISc programme has wide demand, and only a small percentage of the students are being accommodated in the regular mode through colleges and university departments.

- Graduate pass outs who are seeking a career at library profession.
- Those who like to be a library professional.

- Diploma holders who seek graduation in library and information science.

Understanding the needs of the learners we have structured our learning material and induction programmes to lead the learners through the threshold of higher education, and lead them through the course of the programme and the final evaluation.

Appropriateness of Programme to be Conducted in Open and Distance Learning Mode to Acquire Specific Skills and Competence

The B.L.I.Sc programme will see to ensure the following skills and competences in the learners.

1. Understanding Library: Knowledge of the philosophy and techniques of library service
2. IT Skills: The ability to use computer applications.
3. Software Skills: The ability to familiar with library automation softwares. And also understand various digital library softwares.
4. Library Management: The ability to manage all the activities of libraries.
5. Ability to prepare comprehensive reports and present ideas clearly and concisely in written and oral form

Instructional Design

Semester	Course Number	Course Title	Maximum Marks		
			Internal Assessment	Written exam (3 hrs.)	Total
I	LISB41	Library and Society	25	75	100
	LISB42	Library Management	25	75	100
	LISB43	Library Classification and Cataloguing (Theory)	25	75	100
	LISB44	Library Classification (Practical)	25	75	100
		Total			400
II	LISB45	Information Sources, Services and Systems	25	75	100
	LISB46	Information Technology (Theory)	25	75	100
	LISB47	Information Technology (Practical)	25	75	100
	LISB48	Library Cataloguing (Practical)	25	75	100
		Total			400
		Grand Total			800

Procedure for Admissions, Curriculum Transaction and Evaluation

Applications for admissions are received online. Eligibility for admission to B.L.I.Sc is a pass in degree of any other university recognised as equivalent thereto.

The curriculum is transacted in distance mode with the help of SLMs and contact classes. Evaluation is continuous and end semester. Continuous assessment is set apart for 25 marks for each paper. These 25 marks are apportioned as 5 marks for attendance, 10 marks for test papers and assignments' and 10 marks for seminar presentation. The terminal examination in each paper is of three hours duration and carries 75 marks.

Fee structure: Rs. 6250/- for entire programme. Tuition fee is waived for students belonging to eligible categories.

Academic Calendar

ADMISSION		
Admission Notification	First week of June	
Closing date of Admission	Last week of September	
Schedule of distribution of study materials		
Course	Date	By Post
III, IV Semester	Last week of June	Last week of July
I & II Semester	Last week of October	Last week of November
Schedule of contact classes		
Course	Schedule	
III, IV Semester	First week of July	
I & II Semester	First week of November	
Schedule of examinations		
Course	Schedule	
III and IV Semester	Second and Third week of April	
I and II Semester	Fourth week of April	

Financial Assistance

Concession for tuition fee will be given to SC/ST and OEC students. The students belonging to SC/ST and OEC category will be admitted to the programme without remitting the tuition fee. The fee for the students thus admitted will be later claimed form SC/ST department as per the rules laid down by the government of Kerala and will be remitted to Kerala University Fund (KUF).

Requirement of the Laboratory Support and Library Resources

Students can avail the computers in the Central Computer Lab of the School of Distance Education which has continuous internet connectivity.

The SDE has a separate Library with more than 23,000 books. Library automation is done using LibSoft software which facilitates all in-house operations of the library. The library currently subscribes to more than 15 journals of various subject fields. An amount of Rs. 500/- has to be remitted by the students to obtain membership in the Library, of which Rs. 400/- will be refunded on completion of the course. The non members can make use of the library resources and the reference services by producing their student's ID proof. They can use the library for reference purpose and they can avail photocopy facilities.

Cost Estimate of the Programme and the Provisions (Base 2019-20)

Sl.No	Expenditure	Total for the SDE during 19-20 (25987 students) (Rs. in lakh)	Cost estimate for B.LISc programme (200 students)
01	Pay and Allowance	435.00	334782
02	Contact classes and evaluation	80.00	61569
03	Course materials	100.00	76962
04	Advertisement charges	25.00	19240
05	Postage and telephone	7.4	5695
06	Books and Periodicals	3.5	2694
07	Miscellaneous	9.95	7657
	Total	660.85	508599
	Provisions (6%)		30516
	Total		539115
			Cost per student/ year=Rs.2695
	Total	567.33532	836250
	Provisions (6%)		50175
	Total		886425
			Cost per student/ year=Rs.4432/-

Quality Assurance Mechanism

Quality is monitored through a continuous assessment system. The distance learning program would be monitored continuously by fulltime faculty in Library and information Science available under school of distance education. The faculty members will continuously interact with students on strengthening the learning process.

Expected Programme Outcome

Towards the end of the programme, students will be able to:

- Develop the capacity to maintain a full-fledged library.
- Motivate the awareness of library
- Eligible for higher studies in library science
- Process information by effective use of IT tools
- Develop an understanding of various library management tools
- Eligible for applying national and international jobs in Libraries
- Develop self-confidence and awareness of general issues prevailing in the society

Note: The programme structure is based on the present syllabus existing in the regular mode in the University of Kerala. The UG and PG syllabi in the regular mode in the University is currently being revised and is about to be finalized. SDE will adopt the revised syllabus as such when they are finalized for the 2020-21 admission. The SLMs will also be updated accordingly.


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