UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
School of Distance Education
Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.Sc)
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 8 full time contract faculty members with diverse academic backgrounds and rich experience in the rank of Professors, Associate Profess ors 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 stream line the distance learning mode, the SDE also redefined its programmes and got the UGC recognition to offer 13 UG and 13 PG programmes from the academic year 2017-18 onwards. The SDE has no private off campus/learner support centres.

3. Details of the Proposed MLISc Programme

Programme's Mission & Objectives

In keeping with the overall mission of the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala, to ensure accessibility of quality higher education too all, the programme Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I. Sc) provide 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.

- To acquaint the students with the various aspects of information, knowledge and communication.

- To acquaint the students with the various techniques of information storage and retrieval.

- To give students a detailed knowledge relating to national and international information systems and techniques of designing various types of information system

- To acquaint the students with various facts of information technology and to make them proficient in using the IT devices for the routine operations in a library.

- To equip the students in research methods and research methodology.

Relevance of the Programme with HEI's Mission and Goals

M.L.I.Sc in the distance mode will be a feeder programme for the M.Phil and Ph.D 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. The M.L.I.Sc program in the distance learning mode would have the same curriculum as that of the regular mode and hence would be at par with the regular program of the University.

Nature of Prospective Target Group of Learners

MLISc 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 in library science pass outs who are seeking higher position at library profession.

- Those who need higher education such as M.Phil and PhD.

- Those who like to be a library professional at various national or international organizations.

- Graduates seeking professional growth.

Understanding the needs of the learners we have structured our learning material and instructional 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 M.L.I.Sc programme will see to ensure the following skills and competences in the learners. The M.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

6. Research Skills: Acquiring fundamental skills on research methods including data analysis and interpretation.

7. Doing Research: understand and use basic research tools, develop questions and topics worth researching, incorporate research into writing

Instructional Design:

Semester		Course title	Marks (Internal)	Marks (External)	Total
	LISM51	Information Knowledge and Communication	25	75	100
I	LISM52	Information Processing and Retrieval	25	75	100
	LISM53	Information Technology Applications (Theory)	25	75	100
	LISM54	Information Technology Applications (Practical)	25	75	100
	LISM55	Information Systems and Services	25	75	100
		Total			**500**
	LISM56	Information Systems Management	25	75	100
II	LISM57	Research Methodology	25	75	100
	LISM58	Dissertation and Viva-voce examination	-	75+25	100
	LISM59	Technical communication	25	75	100
	LISM510	Statistical methods	25	75	100
		Total			**500**

Procedure for admissions, curriculum transaction and evaluation:

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

The curriculum is transacted in distance mode with the help of SLMs and contact classes. Evaluation is continuous. 25 marks set apart for internal assessment 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. Again, 75 marks set apart for dissertation and 25 marks for viva-voce.

Fee structure: Rs 9775/- for entire programme.

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	First week of April	
I and II Semester	Second and Third 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 lay 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 facility.

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 MLISC programme (100 students)
01	Pay and Allowance	435.00	360000
02	Contact classes and evaluation	80.00	15350
03	Course materials	100.00	19240
04	Advertisement charges	25.00	4800
05	Postage and telephone	7.4	1423
06	Books and Periodicals	3.5	673
07	Miscellaneous	9.95	1914
	Total	660.85	403400
	Provisions (6%)		24204
	Total		427604 Cost per student/ year=Rs.4276

Quality Assurance Mechanism

Quality in monitored through a continuous assessment system. The program is divided into

courses and each course with an end semester examination for 75% of weightage. The remaining 25% is assigned 5 for attendance, 10 for test papers and assignments and 10 marks for seminar presentation. 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
- 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
- Use library digital management system
- Process information by effective use of IT tools

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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