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UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Pursuing Two Academic Programmes simultaneously in University of Kerala-Approved-Orders issued-

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Read:-1. DO letter No.1-6/2007(CPP-II) from UGC dated :13/04/2022

2. Item No. 05.52.23 of the Minutes of the Syndicate held on 12/10/2023

3. Item No. 14.31 of the Minutes of the Syndicate held on 09/09/2024

4. Item no. 15.93.20 of Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 11/11/2024

5.Item No. 08 of the Minutes of the Academic Council held on 17/02/2025

ORDER

The Secretary, University Grants Commission, vide reference cited (1) above, has forwarded the guidelines for pursuing two Academic Programmes simultaneously for implementation in the Universities as envisaged in NEP 2020. A Sub-Committee was constituted by the Syndicate, to submit a detailed proposal regarding the academic and administrative matters pertaining to the same, vide reference cited (2) above.

The Academic Council vide paper read as (5) above, has resolved to approve the matter regarding the implementation of pursuing two programmes simultaneously in University of Kerala as envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020, along with the report of the Sub-Committee in the matter, guidelines for same as approved by the Syndicate (vide reference cited (3) above) and the format of the application to be submitted by the candidates for the above purpose. Further, it was resolved that the Registrar shall approve the applications of students pursuing the primary programme from University of Kerala, by issuing a One-Time Certificate to pursue another programme in this University/Other University/College.

The fee for the application form and the One-time Certificate for the candidates pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously in the University of Kerala, is fixed by the Syndicate, vide ref cited (4) above, as detailed below :

Fee For application form Rs.25/-

Fee for the One-Time Certificate for the candidate pursuing primary programme- Rs.1000/-.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to implement the resolution of the Syndicate regarding the fixation of fees.

Orders are issued accordingly.

(Guidelines and the format of the Application Form are appended)

SUSHA ANTONY

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

For REGISTRAR

To

PS to Vice Chancellor
PA to Registrar/Controller of Examination
The Director, SDOE
The Director, Computer Centre
AR/DR/JR(Academic/ Administration/Examination)
All concerned sections/Departments
PRO/RO/Enquiry

Forwarded / By Order
Sd/-
Section Officer

University of Kerala

Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously

Sub: Guidelines for pursuing two academic programs simultaneously- Implementation-

Ref: UGC letter No. Do. 1-6/2007 (CPP-II)(New) dated 13/04/2022

Background

Kerala's emphasis on inclusiveness and fostering growth in Higher Education has created a vibrant academic environment where students from diverse backgrounds feel welcomed to pursue their academic programmes. By creating such an inclusive atmosphere, University of Kerala has not only attracted students from various regions, but also cultivated the culture of innovation and learning. The Government of Kerala appointed 3 commissions to suggest the measures to improve Higher Education in the state of Kerala and the commissions have recommended steps to be taken towards Higher Education sector in the state of Kerala.

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.

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.

Following are the guidelines for allowing two academic programmes simultaneously in University of Kerala.

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 other programm.The programme which the candidate first enrolls in any University/ College be called Primary Programme and Second one be called Secondary 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 upto two ODL / Online programmes simultaneously.

3. It is the responsibility of the student who is pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously to maintain minimum attendance for each programme as stipulated in the respective regulations of HEI.

4   In case of any conflict in the examination schedules of the two programmes, the candidates shall neither insist on change of schedule nor challenge the academic calender approved by HEI.

5   Certificates of the candidates shall be made available in the NAD Digilocker for verification by the University for admission to the programme. Otherwise, the candidate shall produce the copy of required documents attested by the competent authority where the candidates pursue Primary programme, for obtaining admission to the secondary programme. Students pursuing Primary programme from University of Kerala shall be issued a certificate one-time, to pursue another programme in this University/other University/College.

6   ABC/APAAR (**Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry**) ID should be mandatory and facility for Credit Transfer shall be allowed for the candidates. At the time of enrolment to the programme, the candidate shall have 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 the candidate is pursuing the primary/secondary programmes.

7   The mandatory documents of TC and Migration Certificates shall be relaxed for admission to Secondary programme.

8   Necessary amendments may be incorporated accordingly in the statutes, UG/PG regulations of the University of Kerala.

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

10   In any case, the candidate must not register for more than two programmes simultaneously.

11   The candidate undergoing primary programme in University of Kerala shall intimate the details of the secondary programme to the Controller of Examination/Vice-Chairman(CSS) in the prescribed application form with required fee.

12   Similarly, the candidates joining the second programme, shall inform the Controller of Examination/Vice-Chairman(CSS) in the prescribed application form with required fee.

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APPLICATION FOR PURSUING TWO ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

INSTRUCTIONS

All the fields in the application form are mandatory. Defective/ Incomplete application shall be rejected.

PERSONAL DETAILS	
Name of the student in full (in Block Letters)	
Age and Date of Birth	
Gender	
Name and Address (with PIN code) of the student to which communications may be sent (in Block Letters)	
Telephone No	
Mail Id	
Aadhar No.	

ACADEMIC DETAILS		
Details of the Secondary Programme		
Name of the Secondary Programme to which the candidate is seeking admission		
Mode of Study of Secondary Programme	Online Distance	Regular Private
Name of the qualifying examination passed (State the Reg. No. Month and Year of Passing)		
The Board / University from which the candidate passed the qualifying examination		
Whether the qualifying examination has been recognised by the University		
Details of ABC/APAAR ID of the candidate		
Details of the Primary programme		

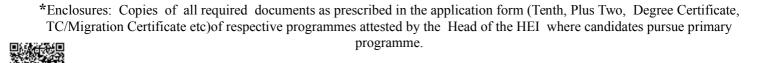|	
Name of the Primary Programme	
Name of the Institution/University from which the candidate is pursuing Primary Programme	
Year of admission to Primary Programme	
Course period of the Primary Programme	
Mode of Study	Regular Study Private Study Online Course Distance Education
Details of the documents enclosed	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that I pursue only two academic programmes simultaneously including the programme which I have opted from this University. I shall neither insist on change of schedule nor challenge the academic calender approved by HEI incase of any conflict in the examination schedules of the two programmes.Also, I will abide by the rules and regulations of the University of Kerala in this matter.

Station:
Date:

Signature of Applicant

Space for Office Use

*Enclosures: Copies of all required documents as prescribed in the application form (Tenth, Plus Two, Degree Certificate, TC/Migration Certificate etc)of respective programmes attested by the Head of the HEI where candidates pursue primary programme.

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