



OSMANIA UNIVERSITY
HYDERABAD – 500 007

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ORDERS

Sub: OU –Guidelines for Pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously – Implementation from the academic year 2023-2024 - Orders - Issued.

Ref: 1.UGC Lr. No. D.O.No. 1-6/2007 (CPP-II) (New) dated 13-04-2022
2.UGC Lr. No. D.O.No. 1-6/2007 (CPP-II) (New) pt.II dated 10-01-2023

Vide references cited, the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi has issued guidelines for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously. All the Universities were requested to implement these guidelines for the benefit of the students and to devise a mechanism through Statutory Bodies that could facilitate the students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously.

The Osmania University has constituted a committee to look into the feasibility. The committee has submitted its recommendations, which were placed before the Standing Committee at its meeting held on 20-05-2023 and has resolved to approve the recommendations for implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

The following are the terms and conditions for pursuing two academic programs simultaneously.

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 Institutions, 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 postgraduate program (primary programme) and one Certificate/Diploma program (secondary program) 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 programme 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.

Definitions:

1. **Regular Programme of Study:** A course offered physically in a HEI or its college which runs for at least five hours a day continuously with an additional half an hour recess every day and running not less than thirty hours of working schedule per week.
2. **Online Programme:** A formal program of study that is delivered to learners via the Internet and can include both synchronous and asynchronous technologies and as defined by the UGC (ODL&OL) Regulations 2020.
3. **Open and Distance Learning (ODL):** means mode of providing flexible learning opportunities by overcoming separation of teacher and learner using a variety of media, including print, electronic, online and occasional interactive face-to-face meetings with the learners of Learner Support, and as regulated by the UGC (ODL&OL) Regulations 2020.
4. **Primary Programme:** A programme of study chosen by the student as main course, leading to the award of a Degree at graduate and postgraduate levels in a higher educational institution including Certificate or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma and as declared by the candidate.

5. **Secondary Programme:** A programme of study in addition to the primary course and chosen by the student as subsidiary course, leading to the award of a Degree at graduate and postgraduate levels in a higher educational institution including Certificate or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma: and as declared by the candidate.
6. **Professional Programmes:** A programme including Engineering, Medicine, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Architecture, Physiotherapy, Law and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any Statutory Councils or Regulatory Authorities to be conducted by the Higher Educational Institutions Under Open and Distance Learning mode or Distance Education mode and as approved by the respective Statutory Councils or Regulatory Authorities.
7. **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC):** An academic service mechanism as a digital/virtual/online entity established and managed by MOE/UGC to facilitate students to become its academic account holders and paving the way for seamless student mobility, between or within degree-granting Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) through a formal system of credit recognition, credit accumulation, credit transfers and credit redemption to promote distributed and flexible teaching-learning.
8. **National Academic Depository (NAD):** An online store house of academic awards (Degrees, Mark-Sheets, etc) lodged by the Academic Institutions in a digital format to facilitate students to get authentic documents/certificates in digital format directly from their original issuers anytime, anywhere, without any physical interference.
9. **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.**

These guidelines shall come into effect from the date of issue these orders. No retrospective benefit can be claimed by the students who have already done two academic programmes simultaneously prior to the orders of these guidelines.


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