



# **CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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**Which UGC-DEB regulation about ODL programs offered by HEIs is the most recent?**

The 2020 Regulations for Online and Distance Learning Programs by the University Grants Commission is the recent and latest one. [Click Here to learn more.](#)

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**Are degrees earned through the ODL mode equal to degrees earned through the traditional mode?**

Degrees at UG & PG level in conformity with UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 and PG diplomas awarded through Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode by Higher Educational Institutions, recognized by the Commission under the regulations, shall be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Degrees at UG & PG level and PG diplomas offered through conventional mode. Please find the link for UGC Notification [Click Here](#)

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**What is the meaning of ODL ?**

Open and Distance Learning (ODL) is a method that offers adaptable learning opportunities, bridging the gap between teacher and learner through diverse mediums such as print, electronic, online platforms, and occasional face-to-face interactions. These interactions may include learner support services, facilitating teaching-learning experiences, including practical or work-related engagements.

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**When was Bharathidasan University established ?**

Bharathidasan University was established by an Act of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature in 1982.

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**Is Bharathidasan University recognized by the UGC?**

Yes. Bharathidasan University is recognized by the UGC.

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**Whether Bharathidasan University is a Private University ?**

No. Bharathidasan University is a State Government University.

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## **Where is Bharathidasan University situated ?**

Bharathidasan University is situated at Palkalaiperur, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu State.

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What are the other credentials of Bharathidasan University ?

- UGC-Category-2
  - Accredited with A<sup>+</sup> Grade by NAAC in the Third Cycle
  - NIRF Rank 42 (University category)
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## **When was the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) established?**

Centre for Distance Education was established in 1992 and renamed as Centre for Distance and Online Education in 2021.

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## **Is it necessary for Distance Education students to visit University Campus for studying?**

Not always required. Students have the flexibility to study from home or any location that suits them. Nevertheless, specific programs mandate practical sessions or similar activities, necessitating student attendance at Bharathidasan University or designated PCP Centers for theory classes, practical courses, labs, or units spanning approximately 2-3 weeks.

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## **Whether the Distance Education programmes of offer are recognized by the UGC?**

Yes. The CDOE programmes are recognized by the UGC. You can view the approval status given by UGC and other regulatory bodies in the link. [Click here](#)

## **What are the Territorial Jurisdiction norms of the HEI offering ODL programmes?**

A University established or incorporated by or under a State Act shall offer programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and operate all other related activities only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the state of its location

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## **What is CIQA?**

Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) is a Centre established at CDOE for ensuring the quality of programmes being offered in Open Distance Learning mode and Online Mode. CIQA Annual Reports are available at University's website.

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**How many programmes have been offered under Distance Education mode?**

41 programmes (UG-20, PG-21). Please find the details in the link

[View Prospectus](#)

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**What is the fee for different programmes under Distance Education mode?**

Please find the details in the link [Click Here](#)

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**What are the norms for admission to Distance Education programmes?**

A Learner residing in any part of the Country may enrol in any programme being offered by a Higher Educational Institution recognised by the Commission for offering programme under Distance Learning mode provided that the Higher Educational Institution shall conduct all activities such as admissions, contact programmes, examinations etc. for learner strictly within the territorial jurisdiction of the Higher Educational Institution as specified in the regulation.

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**How does a student seek admission in Bharathidasan University Distance Education programmes?**

Student(s) can seek admission in person or through University website in the CDOE of University itself at Tiruchirappalli as direct students. Candidates can also enroll through authorized Learning Support Centres (LSCs). There are two sessions of admission; (i) July - August, (ii) January – February of every year. Please find the online link for admission [Click Here](#)

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**Whether Bharathidasan University admits students through any franchise mode?**

No. Bharathidasan University never encourages such franchise mode of admission.

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**Is there any age restriction in joining programmes offered by Distance Education?**

No, there is no age restriction for admission, provided that a minimum qualification required for admission is to be fulfilled.

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### **What is the meaning of LSC?**

LSC Stands for Learner Support Centre and means a centre established/recognised by the Higher Educational Institution for advising, counselling, providing interface between the teachers and the learners, rendering any academic & other related service and assistance required.

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### **What are the Learning Support Centres addresses and contact numbers?**

Please find the details in the link [Click Here](#)

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### **What is the meaning of SLM?**

Self-Learning Material (SLM) for Distance Learning mode means and includes contents in the form of course material, whether print or in e- form, which is inter alia self-explanatory, self-contained, self-directed at the learner, and amenable to self-evaluation, and enables the learner to acquire the prescribed level of learning in a course of study, but does not include text-books or guide-books.

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### **Whether the students admitted get hard copies / printed copies of SLM?**

Yes. Admitted students will get hard copies of SLM. Students admitted in the Head Quarters students will get the SLM from the University through post or in person. Learning Support centre students will get the SLM through their Learner Support Centres.

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### **When and where will be the PCP conducted for admitted students?**

The students can find the updates in the University website from time to time in the link given below.

<https://www.bdu.ac.in/cde/notifications.php>

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### **When and where will the exams for the end of the semester be held?**

The details and updates can be found from the University's website from time to time in the link

<https://www.bdu.ac.in/cde/notifications.php>

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**Whether students of Distance Education programmes of the University are allowed to write examinations in exam centres situated outside Tamil Nadu?**

No. In compliance to the UGC notification, the Exam centres situated outside the State of Tamil Nadu were closed down since 2015-16

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**What is the communication postal address of the Controller of Examinations?**

The Controller of Examinations, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli – 620 024, Tamil Nadu

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**What is the e-mail address of the Controller of Examinations?**

[coe@bdu.ac.in](mailto:coe@bdu.ac.in), [cde.exams@bdu.ac.in](mailto:cde.exams@bdu.ac.in)

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**What is the link to make online payment for Admission / Examination fee?**

Please find the link [Click Here](#)

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**How can I see the results of my examination appeared?**

Results are published in the University website. Please find the link [Click Here](#)

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**Who should the students contact for a duplicate certificate, transcript, revaluation, etc.?**

Apply to the Controller of examinations with necessary fee. Fee details are given in the website <https://www.bdu.ac.in/downloads/>

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**How can the students get semester mark cards / consolidated mark cards?**

Direct students will get their mark cards dispatched from the University by post. Learning Support Centre students can get their mark cards through their Centres.

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### **How can the completed students get provisional / Degree Certificate?**

Direct students will get their certificates dispatched from the University by post. Learning Support Centre students can get their certificates through their Centres.

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### **I have completed my Distance programme, but I have not received the certificates. Why?**

If a student has pending in the payment of tuition fee/ exam fee, the certificates are withheld; on the receipt of pending tuition fee/ exam fee, the certificates are dispatched accordingly

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### **How to get PSTM Certificate?**

If a student completed a distance program in this University in Tamil medium, such students may apply to the CDOE for Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) certificate through the Centre for Distance and Online Education

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### **What is the time slot for phone enquiry?**

On working days (Monday to Friday), 10.00 am to 1.30 pm & 2.00 pm to 5.30pm.

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### **What is the contact number and email for enquiry related to general aspects?**

Academic Queries - 83001 74010, 83001 84010, cde@bdu.ac.in

Examination Queries – 83001 84050, cde.exams@bdu.ac.in

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### **What is the postal address of the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE)?**

The Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli - 620024

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### **What is the Grievance Redressal Mechanism for Distance Education students?**

- Level 1 : Lodging the grievance either through post or through email cde@bdu.ac.in
  - Level 2 : Lodging the grievance to the Student Grievance Redressal Committee
  - Level 3 : Lodging the issue to the [e-Samadhaan](#) portal available at UGC website.
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