

DIRECTORATE OF OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING

ABOUT OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME (ODL)

Open and Distance Learning reflects both the fact that all or most of the teaching is conducted by someone removed in time and space from the learner, and that the mission aims to include greater dimensions of openness and flexibility, whether in terms of access, curriculum or other elements of structure. Contributing to social and economic development, Open and Distance Learning is fast becoming an accepted and indispensable part of the mainstream educational systems.

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar is accredited as A++ grade (highest level) by NAAC (as per modified criteria, notified on 27/07/2017), conferred 'University with Potential for Excellence' and 'Category-I University' by UGC, New Delhi

As per the UGC notification F.No. 1-8-2017 (CPP-II) "**Categorization of Universities (Only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018**" dated 12th Feb, 2018, Guru Nanak Dev University has been categorized as 'Category-I University'. Guru Nanak Dev University being Category-I University has been given the privilege to run Open & Distance Programme without seeking the permissions from UGC as per below given notification:

4.10 *"University may offer courses in the open and distance learning mode, without approval of the commission, provided it satisfies all the conditions laid down under UGC (Open and Distance Learning) and amendments from time to time."*

Under this provision, with the permissions from Academic Council, Senate & Syndicate, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar has established the Directorate of Open and Distance Learning in the main campus of GNDU, Amritsar. As per the provisions under ODL programme, new programmes have been introduced in the University, its Regional Campuses and its Colleges (Both University and Constituent) from Session 2018-19. For session 2018-19, The Directorate is offering 13 different courses in areas of Arts, Humanities, Business Management, Commerce and Computer Science.