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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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F.No.2-10/2018 (DEB-I)

Date: August, 2018

The Registrar,  
Tamil Nadu Open University,  
No. 577, Ann Salai, Saldapet,  
Chennai - 600015 (TN)

14 AUG 2018

**Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 26 read with clause (j) of Section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017, had been notified in the Gazette of India on 23.06.2017. The first and the second amendment in the principal regulations were notified in the Gazette of India on 11.10.2017 and 06.02.2018 respectively.

2. Part-II; sub-regulations (3) to (5); of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 describes the Recognition process of Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes. The sub-regulations (3) describes the process of recognition of Higher Educational Institutions offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode, whereas sub-regulations (4) describes the process for withdrawal of recognition and sub-regulations (5) provides right to appeal to Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the decision of the Commission.

3. The Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes from the academic session 2018-19 vide public notice F.No. 74-1/2018 (DEB-IV) dated 28.03.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018. It was also mentioned that the duly certified hard copies of the application submitted online mode along with annexures shall reach UGC (DEB) office at 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001 within 10 working days of submission of online application. In response to the public notice dated 28.03.2018, **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

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4. Application received from **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu** had been scrutinized by the Expert Committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated and time period as prescribed in University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 was given to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. The **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on **5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018** in the Commission head office, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi. The Expert Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for deficiency(s) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the interface meeting and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

6. The Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018 considered the recommendations of the interface Expert Committee. Based on the decision of the Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, there by communicating the programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards by the **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu** as detailed in point no. 7 below.

7. Programme wise recognition status

**7(A) Programmes Recognized**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition *
1.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION)	2018-19 to 2022-23
2.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION)	
3.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
4.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (FUNCTIONAL TAMIL)	
5.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HISTORY AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT)	
6.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HISTORY)	
7.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HUMAN RIGHTS)	
8.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (POLITICAL STUDIES)	
9.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	
10.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL WORK)	
11.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
12.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL LITERATURE)	
13.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL)	
14.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (TOURISM AND TRAVEL STUDIES)	
15.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
16.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (COMPUTER APPLICATIONS)	

17.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MARKETING MANAGEMENT)	2018-19 to 2022-23
18.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (RETAIL MANAGEMENT)	
19.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	
20.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE)	
21.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (BANK MANAGEMENT)	
22.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (COMPUTER APPLICATIONS)	
23.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP)	
24.	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	
25.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)	
26.	MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION)	
27.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
28.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
29.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)	
30.	MASTER OF ARTS (HUMAN RIGHTS)	
31.	MASTER OF ARTS (ISLAMIC STUDIES)	
32.	MASTER OF ARTS (POLICE ADMINISTRATION)	
33.	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
34.	MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	
35.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIAL WORK)	
36.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
37.	MASTER OF ARTS (TAMIL)	
38.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)	

\*According to UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017, Regulations 3, sub-regulation (1) (viii) shall not be applicable to Open Universities till the time they become eligible for National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation and it shall be mandatory for Open Universities to get National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation within one year of their becoming eligible for the same.

The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres is available on UGC website at <https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9969719-UGC-RECOGNITION-FOR-ODL-PROGRAMMES-2018-19-ONWARDS.pdf>

**7(B) Programmes found deficient**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiency
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	1. Non submission of prior approval of respective Regulatory Authorities for the academic session 2018-19 and onwards as per sub regulation 2 (p) of Part -I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.
2.	BACHELOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (MR, VI, HI)	
3.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
4.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION)	
5.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT)	
6.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SHIPPING)	

	AND LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT)	
7.	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	2. Inadequate faculty as per Part-II of Annexure VI of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017
8.	MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	
9.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (BUSINESS ECONOMICS)	Inadequate faculty as per Part-II of Annexure VI of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017
10.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
11.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ISLAMIC STUDIES)	
12.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (URDU)	
13.	BACHELOR OF PERFORMING ARTS (DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES)	
14.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE)	
15.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (APPAREL AND FASHION DESIGN)	
16.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BOTANY)	
17.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CATERING AND HOTEL ADMINISTRATION)	
18.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)	
19.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (GEOGRAPHY)	
20.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS WITH COMPUTER APPLICATIONS)	
21.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	
22.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MULTIMEDIA)	
23.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)	
24.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY)	
25.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (VISUAL COMMUNICATION)	
26.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ZOOLOGY)	
27.	MASTER OF ARTS (ANTHROPOLOGY)	
28.	MASTER OF ARTS (COMPARATIVE LITERATURE)	
29.	MASTER OF ARTS (DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION)	
30.	MASTER OF ARTS (GENDER STUDIES)	
31.	MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)	
32.	MASTER OF ARTS (LINGUISTICS)	
33.	MASTER OF ARTS (TOURISM AND TRAVEL STUDIES)	
34.	MASTER OF ARTS (TRANSLATION STUDIES)	
35.	MASTER OF ARTS (WOMEN STUDIES)	
36.	MASTER OF COMMERCE	
37.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPAREL AND FASHION DESIGN)	
38.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (BOTANY)	
39.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)	
40.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY)	
41.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (GEOGRAPHY)	
42.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	
43.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)	
44.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY)	
45.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (ZOOLOGY)	

8. For the programmes recognized in 7(A) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the terms and conditions, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode, as per the provisions detailed in Part-III, Part-IV, Part-V, Part-VI and Annexure-I to Annexure-XI of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure -1**.

9. For the programmes found deficient in 7(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of this order as per the provision at clause 4 (i) of sub-regulation (3) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

10. If the HEI fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (4), Part - II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

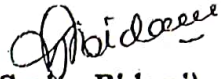


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1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, National Informatics Centre, Ground Floor, Multi Storeyed Building, Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Fort St George, Chennai- 600 009 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.
2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi - 110070
4. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary, Rehabilitation Council of India, B-22, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016.

6. The Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, No. 577, Ann Salai, Saidapet, Chennai – 600015 (TN)
7. The Joint Secretary, State University Section, UGC for information.
8. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
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