

# **Programme Project Report (PPR)**

**for Distance Learning Programme**

**under School of Distance Education**

**Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy**

**2018-19**

**School of Distance Education**

**University of Calicut**

**Malappuram District**

**Kerala 673635**

# **UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT**

## **SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION**

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#### **1. University of Calicut**

The University of Calicut is the largest university in Kerala. Established in the year 1968, it is the second university to be set up in Kerala. The University aims to nurture excellence in education and research in its catchment areas of Northern Kerala, historically consigned to the periphery of Kerala's academic map. The university lay its emphasis on fostering quality human resource and promoting productive research that benefit both local communities and wider humanity.

The university was created through a Government plan bifurcating Kerala University. As per the plan, the four post graduate departments of the university of Kerala operating in Calicut were annexed to the new university along with 54 constituent colleges spread across seven northern districts. With 'Nirmaya Karmana Sree' as it's motto, the university has been able to surmount all challenges and emerge as the largest residential cum affiliating University in Kerala. With 30 post graduate departments and 480 colleges it has become a beacon of hope and enlightenment for hundreds of thousands of young men and women in North Kerala.

The university campus, located a Thehnpalam, 24 km south of Calicut is the main hub of academic activities. Situated here besides the 28 post graduate teaching and research departments are: the Vice chancellors Office, the Administration block, Pareeksha Bhavan, School of Distance education, Academic Staff College, educational and Multimedia Research Centre, Computer Centre, and the University Library. The departments on the campus include Arabic, Botany, Biotechnology, Centre for women studies, Chemistry, Commerce & Management studies, Computer Science, Education, English, Hindi, history, West Asian Studies, Mass Communication & Journalism, Life Science, Life long Learning & Extension, Malayalam and Kerala Studies, Mathematics, Nano science and Technology, Philosophy, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Russian & Centre for comparative literature, Sanskrit, school of folklore Studies, Statistics and Zoology.

#### **2. The School of Distance Education**

The School of Distance education, formerly known as the 'Institute of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education, University of Calicut, started functioning in the Academic year 1981-82. Now it is one of the major Departments of the university and has also emerged as one of the major distance education providers. School of Distance Education is making all its effort to extend its support

to reach the unreached and has been keen in providing facilities in distance mode for the benefit of the deprived sections of the society.

It caters to the needs of thousands of students from various parts of the country. School of Distance Education, University of Calicut now runs 14 Under Graduate Programmes and 12 Post Graduate Programmes.

### **3.Details of the proposed BA philosophy programme**

#### **3.1 Programme's mission & objective**

Understanding the nature of philosophical enquiry, how philosophy as a discipline can deal with wide variety of human concerns. Usually a person trained in philosophy will have better clarity of concepts and hence makes judgements possible regarding matters which are complex. We could observe generally that issues that affect humanity at large which needs solutions should be taken up by a mind which is more tolerant. By having sound philosophical bent of mind one can reach amicable solutions to diverse social issues.

Attain subject specific knowledge ,intellectual and transferable skills such that students stands chance for further academic study and employment.

BA programme in philosophy is streamlined to -

- To make aware of philosophical issues from both Western and Indian perspective such that critical and analytic thinking is imbibed
- Make students qualify for higher studies in philosophy as well they stand chance of employment.

Developing logical thinking such that arguements held are sound and critically evaluate others arguments.

- By having sound reasoning skills one can redefine and justify ones own position and have a solid foundation to it.
- Students have the ability to critically evaluate by the methods provided in the curriculum to situations they explore.
- Students are made to think through themselves of the philosophical arguments and problems.

### **3.2 Relevance of the program with HEI's mission and goals**

Offered in the distance mode, BA philosophy will be closely aligned with the vision and mission of the University of Calicut, in vowing to ensure knowledge based, student focused, quality and cost conscious but socially responsible education.

BA philosophy in the distance mode will be a feeder programme for the MA Philosophy programmes offered by the university, and it follows moreover the same syllabus of the programme offered in the regular mode through the affiliated colleges of the University of Calicut.

### **3.3 Nature of prospective target group of learners**

To cater to the needs of society at large, no one who aspire to reach the heights of wisdom should be left alone, society has the responsibility take them ashore by providing adequate resources and infrastructure. In the field of education those responsibilities are taken up by the open and distance learning mode (ODL). University of Calicut (SDE) has been catering to the needs education of persons coming from diverse strata of society.

As far as the BA degree programme in philosophy is concerned there are students who are employed and fresh candidates seeking a career in philosophy. BA programme in philosophy equips the students with scope for higher learning in philosophy as well as other subjects. There are job prospects in areas where expertise in this subject is required. Training in philosophy provides with conceptual clarity, which aids in dealing with complex situations especially managerial and administrative lines. The Philosophical language can be tapped in for employment related to advertising, Law firms, Journalism, Public relations etc.

### **3.4 Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning mode to acquire specific skills and competence:**

- Students who are unable to enroll to regular mode of education due wide variety of concerns like social economic and so on. Only a small percentage of students get admission through regular mode, distance education provides a support system for students who aspire to reach great heights in their career.
- Study materials available in website makes easy access for students.
- Those who are employed in other professions and is aspiring for a career in philosophy.
- Some jobs require certain talents and upgradation of those, persons employed in professions which are demanding can hone their skills. Analytical ability, logical reasoning and complex problem solving skills require the aspect of

philosophizing. Persons employed in the field of administration, management, public relations could gain tremendously.

- Persons who are employed in professions that require creative bent of linguistic expression like advertisement, public relations and who aspire to hone their skills will certainly get an opportunity by the way of distance education programmes.

### 3.5 Instructional Design

BA philosophy programme has been approved by the statutory bodies of the University. The syllabus is designed in such a way that best learning experience is possible for students. Academic staff and experts in the area of Philosophy propose changes in the curriculum and syllabus at certain intervals and notify it to the board of studies in Philosophy of the university when and so required for the final approval.

#### 3.5.2 Programme Details

##### BA PHILOSOPHY - I SEMESTER

Code	Title	Paper
A01	Transactions ,Essential English Language Skills	Common Eng
A02	Ways with words; Literature in English	Common Eng
A07	Malayalam literature-1 or	Common Addl Language
	Prose and Drama(Hindi)	Common Addl Language
	Communicative skills in Arabic or	Common Addl Language
	Kavya Literature and Applied Grammer	Common Addl Language (Sanskrit)
PHL1B01	Introduction to Philosophy	Core
	Political Science(An Introduction) OR Indian Constitution and Politics(Basic Features)	Complementary
	Psychological Processes 1	Complementary



**BA PHILOSOPHY - II SEMESTER**

Code	Title	Paper
A03	Writing for Academic and professional success	Common English
A04	Zeitgeist- Reading on Contemporary culture	Common English
A08	Malayala Sahityam 2 or	Common Addl Language- Malayalam
	Grammer Correspondence and Translation	Common Addl Language- Hindi
	Reading Arabic literature-1	Common Addl Language- Arabic
	Prose and Applied Grammar	Common Addl Language- Sanskrit
PHL2B02	Logic and Scientific Method	Core
	Political Science: An Introduction(1 sem) Ideas and Concepts (II sem) Indian Constitution and Politics:Basic Features(I sem): Governmental Structure(II sem)	Complementary
	Psychological Processes - I	Complementary
	Psychological Processes -II	Complementary

**BA PHILOSOPHY - III SEMESTER**

Code	Title	Paper
ENG3A05	Native media in English	Common English
MAL3A03	Malayala Sahityam 3	Common Addl Language- Malayalam
ARB3A09	Literature in Arabic	Common Addl Language- Arabic
A09	Literature in Hindi	Common Addl Language-

		Hindi
SKT3 A09 (01)	Drama and Alankara	Common Addl Language- Sanskrit
PHL3B03	Methodology of Humanities and Philosophy	Core
PHL3B04	Symbolic logic and informatics	Core
	Political Science : Structures and Processes(POL3 C03) or Indian Constitution and Politics: Political Dynamics(ICP3 C03)	Complementary
PSY3C05	Abnormal Psychology	Complementary

#### BA PHILOSOPHY - IV Semester

Code	Title	Paper
ENG4 A06	Reading fiction and Non-fiction	Common-English
MAL4A04	Malayala Sahityam 4 or	Common Language- Malayalam
ARB4A10	Culture and Civilisation or	Common Language- Arabic
A10	Culture and Civilisation or	Common Language- Hindi
SKT4A10	History of Sanskrit Literature, Kerala Culture and Translation	Common Language - Sanskrit
PHL4B05	Classical Indian Philosophy	Core
PHL4B06	Classical Western Philosophy	Core
	Political Science: Political Ideologies(POL 4C04)/Indian Constitution and Politics: Federal Dynamics(ICP 4 C04)	Complementary
PSY4C05	Psychology of Social Behaviour	Complementary

### BA PHILOSOPHY - V Semester

Code	Title	Course
PHL58 07	Systems of Indian Philosophy	Core
PHL58 08	Modern Western Philosophy	Core
PHL58 09	Fundamentals of Ethics	Core
PHL58 10	Philosophy of Education	Core
	Project	
	Open Course(Offered by other Departments)	Open

### BA PHILOSOPHY - VI Semester

Code	Title	Course
PHL6B 11	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	Core
PHL6B 12	Philosophical Critique of Caste	Core
PHL6B 13	Recent Developments in Western Philosophy	Core
PHL6B 14	Applied Ethics	Core
PHL6B 15	Philosophy of Religion	Elective
	PROJECT	



Sl.No.	Course	No. of courses	Credits	Marks
1	Common courses (English)	6	22	600
2	Common courses (Additional Language)	4	16	400
3	Core courses	15	62	1500
4	Project (Linked to the core courses)	1	2	50
5	Complementary courses	4	16	800
6	Open courses	1	2	50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>120</b>	<b>3400</b>

### 3.5.3 Duration of the Programme

**6 Semesters, 3 years.**

### 3.5.4 Faculty and support staff requirement:

There is two full time faculty member available in Philosophy. One for BA programme and one for MA programme. Supporting staff from the School of Distance Education are performing the administrative functioning for all the programs. The service of qualified guest teachers and experts from panels approved by the Vice Chancellor are used in preparation of study materials, for taking contact classes and conducting internal evaluation.

### 3.5.5 Instructional delivery mechanism :

The academic contents are being delivered to the students through study learning materials and contact classes as stipulated by norms of the Distance Education Programme. Normally, contact classes are held as per a schedule drawn beforehand by the Study Centre Coordinator. They are held on weekends. Eminent teachers from School of Distance Education and other institutes drive these classes with their vast experience and help the learners to understand the subject better.

### 3.6.6 Evaluation :

Evaluation is by end semester examinations. End Semester Examinations are conducted by the Controller of Examinations, University of Calicut. Of the 100 marks per paper the external examination carry 80 marks. The examiners for evaluation are drawn from the panel of examiners available for the corresponding disciplines in the regular mode.

### 3.6.7

#### ACADEMIC PLANNER FOR THE UG PROGRAMMES PROPOSED FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION JULY 2018.

SI No	Activity	From	To
1	Admission	1 <sup>st</sup> week of June 2018	Last week of June 2018
2	Distribution of I <sup>st</sup> Semester Study Materials	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of July 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August 2018
3	I <sup>st</sup> Semester Contact Classes	Last week of July 2018	Last week of October 2018
4	Commencement of I <sup>st</sup> Semester examination	Last week of January 2019	Last week of February 2019
5	Publication of results	Last week of June 2019	
6	Distribution of II <sup>nd</sup> Semester Study Materials	1 <sup>st</sup> week of March 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> week of April 2019
7	II <sup>nd</sup> Semester Contact Classes	Last week of March 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May 2019
8	II <sup>nd</sup> Semester Examinations	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May 2019	Last week of May 2019
9	Publication of results	Last Week of September 2019	
10	Distribution of III <sup>rd</sup> Semester Study Materials	1 <sup>st</sup> week of June 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> week of July 2019
11	III <sup>rd</sup> Semester Contact Classes	Last week of June 2019	Last week of September 2019
12	III <sup>rd</sup> semester Examinations	Last week of November 2019	II <sup>nd</sup> week of December 2019
13	Publication of Results	II <sup>nd</sup> week of April 2020	
14	Distribution of IV <sup>th</sup> semester Study Materials	Last week of December 2019	Last week of January 2020
15	IV <sup>th</sup> Semester Contact Classes	I <sup>st</sup> week of January 2020	Last week of March 2020
16	IV <sup>th</sup> Semester Examinations	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of April 2020	I <sup>st</sup> week of May 2020
17	Publication of Results	Last week of August 2020	

### 3.5.6 Student Support Service System at SDE

(a) Information Centre (b) Library (c) Reprographic centre (d)ATM  
(e) Notifications through website of the SDE(School of Distance Education) (f)  
Rest room (g) Snack bar.

### 3.6 Procedure for admissions, curriculum transaction and evaluation

The admission notification for BA philosophy programme, among others are being issued in leading national and regional dailies. The detailed information will be given in Calicut University School Distance education website.

#### 3.6.2 Minimum eligibility for admission

Eligibility for admission to BA Philosophy is a pass in Higher Secondary Examination of the State or an Examination accepted by the university as equivalent thereto.

#### 3.6.3 Fee Structure

Registrat ion fee	Course fee per year	Matricula tion fee	Re- Matricula tion fee	Recognit ion fee	Postage Charges	Spot Admissio n fee
1200	1400	100	150	100	50	50

- Matriculation fee for those who are enrolling in University of Calicut for the first time
- Re-matriculation fee for those who have migrated from the University of Calicut to other Universities
- Recognition fee for those who have qualified from Boards/ Universities of other States
- Postage charges for those who not availing the facility of Spot admission
- Spot admission fee for those who are availing the spot admission facility

#### 3.6.4 Financial Assistance

Concession for tuition fee will be given to SC/ST and OEC students. The students belonging to SC/ST and OEC category will be admitted to the programme without remitting the tuition fee, only if they are not employed in Govt/Quasi Govt/Public Sector Services. They should submit the duly filled in application form (available in the SDE website) for fee concession with relevant documents at the time of admission. No fee concession for OBC students.

Visually challenged candidates are also eligible for fee concession on production of Medical Certificate.

#### 3.6.5 Programme delivery :

The programme is being delivered with the help of Student learning materials and contact classes. The learning material for BA philosophy programme is usually available in the school of distance education website.

18	Distribution of V <sup>th</sup> Semester Study materials	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of May 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of June 2020
19	V <sup>th</sup> Semester Contact Classes	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of May 2020	Last week of September 2020
20	V <sup>th</sup> Semester Examinations	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of October 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of November 2020
21	Publication of results	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of March 2021	
22	Distribution of VI <sup>th</sup> Semester Study Materials	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of November 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of December 2020
23	VI <sup>th</sup> Semester Contact Classes	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of December 2020	Last week of February 2021
24	VI <sup>th</sup> Semester Examinations	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of March 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of April 2021
25	Publication of results	1 <sup>st</sup> week of July 2021	

### 3.7 Cost estimate of the programme and the provisions:

Approximate Cost Estimate of BA programme in Philosophy proposed to be offered from July 2018

Sl.No	Particulars	Cost Estimate
1	<b>Enrollment</b>	50
2	<b>Cost of SLM preparation including DTP charges</b>	3,75,000
3	<b>Printing &amp; Distribution of SLM</b>	54,775
4	<b>Contact Classes</b>	51,174
5	<b>Pay &amp; Allowances Of staff At HQ</b>	69,051
6	<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	758
7	<b>Examination &amp; Valuation</b>	45,455
8	<b>GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,96,213</b>
9	<b>Expense Per Student</b>	11924




### **3.8 Quality assurance mechanism and expected programme outcomes :**

University of Calicut(SDE) has constituted the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) as per UGC(Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 to ensure the delivery of high quality programmes to its learners.

### **3.9 Expected Programme Outcomes:**

- o Make students qualify for higher degrees in philosophy.
- o Philosophy students are moreover moulded to have clarity in their judgements and skill in conceptual analysis.
- o Students develop the ability to critically evaluate by the methods provided in the curriculum to situations they explore.
- o Students develop the attitude to think through themselves of the philosophical arguments and problems.
- o To improve logical reasoning skills so that one can think and act clearly in all spheres of life.

  
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