Programme Project Report (PPR)

for Distance Learning Programme
under School of Distance Education

Master of Arts in Philosophy
2018-19

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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 apread 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 Thehnipalam, 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, 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. SDE 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 MA Philosophy Programme

a) Programme's Mission & Objective:

Understanding the nature of philosophical inquiry distinct from other disciplines such as natural science is important. 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.

3.1 MA Programme in Philosophy is Streamlined to:

- Equip learners with analytical and critical thinking

- Help learners to know the way how to philosophize a problem

- To have a detailed account of philosophical issue such that research prowess is upheld

- To familiarize new philosophical paradigms those are developed in Western and Indian thoughts

- To develop a skill to critically evaluate the philosophical issues from their point of view

- To make future research possibilities and better perspectives on life and the world

3.2 Relevance of the Program with HEI'S Mission and Goals:

MA philosophy offered in the distance mode will be closely aligned with the vision and mission of the University of Calicut, in vowing to ensure knowledge based, student centered, and socially responsible education.

MA Philosophy in the distance mode will be a feeder programme for the research programme in philosophy offered by the University of Calicut as well as other Universities, 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 of education persons coming from diverse strata of society.

As far as the MA degree programme in philosophy is concerned there are students who are employed and fresh candidates seeking a career in philosophy. MA programme in philosophy equips the students with scope for higher learning in philosophy as well as other inter disciplinary 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 the 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 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, journalism, 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:

MA 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 notify it to the board of studies in Philosophy of the university when and so required for the final approval.

3.5.1 Programme Details:

First Year

PAPER		TITLE	MARK
Paper-I	Theory	Classical Indian Philosophy	150
Paper-II	Theory	Philosophy of Kant	150
Paper-III	Theory	Recent Developments in Western Thought	150
Paper-IV	Theory	Problems of Philosophy	150
TOTAL			6OO

Final Year

PAPER		TITLE	MARK
Paper-V	Theory	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	200
Paper-VI	Theory	Philosophy of Language	200
Paper-VII	Elective	Existentialism	200
Paper-VIII		Gandhian Philosophy	200
VIVA-VOCE			100
Paper-IX	Optional	Philosophy of Marxism	
Paper-IX		Philosophy of Culture	
Paper-IX		Philosophical Traditions of Kerala	
Paper-IX		Philosophy of Reasoning and Dialectic	
TOTAL			900

3.5.2 Duration of the Programme:

4 Semesters, 2 years

3.5.3 Faculty and Support Staff Requirement:

There is two full time faculty member available to coordinate, one for BA Programme and one for the MA Programme in Philosophy. 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 evaluation.

3.5.4 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 SDE and other institutes drive these classes with their vast experience and help the learners to understand the subject better.

3.5.5 Student Support Service Systems at SDE:

(a) Information Centre (b) Library (c)Reprographic centre

3.6 Procedure for admissions:

The admission notifications for MA Philosophy programme, among others are being issued in leading national and regional dailies during June-July. The detailed information regarding admission is being given on the SDE website.

3.6.1 Minimum Eligibility for Admission:

As per the University norms eligibility for admission to MA Philosophy is Graduation in any subject accepted by the University as equivalent thereto.

3.6.2 Fee Structure

Application fee	Admission fee	Course fee per year	Matriculation fee	Re-Matriculation fee	Registration fee	Postage Charges	Spot Admission fee
200	250	2000	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*

3.6.3 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.

3.6.4 Programme Delivary:

MA Programme is being delivered with the help of learning materials and contact classes. The learning material is being dispatched to the students during each semester by hand.

3.6.5 Academic Planner for the PG Programmes Proposed for the Academic Session July-2018

Sl. No	ACTIVITY	FROM	TO
1	Admission	1st week of June 2018	Last week of June 2018
2	Distribution of Ist Semester Study Materials	2nd week of July 2018	2nd week of August 2018
3	Ist Semester Contact Classeses	Last week of July 2018	Last week of October 2018
4	Commencement of Ist Semester examination	Ist week of January 2019	Last week of January 2019

5	Publication of results	IInd week of May 2019	
6	Distribution of IInd Semester Study Materials	IInd week of February 2019	IInd week of March 2019
7	IInd Semester Contact Classes	IInd week of February 2019	Last week of May 2019
8	IInd Semester Examinations	1st week of July 2019	IIIrd week of July 2019
9	Publication of results	Ist Week of November 2019	
10	Distribution of IIIrd Semester Study Materials	1st week of August 2019	1st week of September 2019
11	IIIrd Semester Contact Classes	Ist week of August 2019	Last week of October 2019
12	IIIrd semester Examinations	Last week of November2019	IInd week of December 2019
13	Publication of Results	IInd week of April 2020	
14	Distribution of IVth semester Study Materials	Ist week of January 2020	Last week of January 2020
15	IVth Semester Contact Classes	Ist week of January 2020	Last week of May 2020
16	IVth Semester Examinations	2nd week of June 2020	Last week of June 2020
17	Publication of Results	Last week of September 2020	

3.6.6 Curriculum Transaction and Evaluation:

Curriculum is transacted in the Distance mode with the help of study materials and contact classes. Evaluation is by end semester examinations. End Semester Examinations are conducted by the Controller of Examinations, University of Calicut. The written exams carry 150 marks per paper in the first year and 200 marks per paper and a viva-voce carrying 100 marks in the final year. The examiners for evaluation are drawn from the panel of examiners available for the corresponding disciplines in the regular mode.

3.7 Requirement of the Laboratory Support and Library Resources :

The SDE has its own library with periodicals and reference books etc. Students can make use of the library resources and the reference services by producing their Student's ID card.

3.8 Cost estimate of the programme and the provisions:

SI. NO	Particulars	Expenditure
1	Expected Enrollment	50
2	Cost of SLM preparation including DTP Charges	112500
3	Printing & Distribution of SLM	18025
4	Contact Class	33174
5	Pay and Allowances of staff at HQ	69051
6	Miscellaneous Expense	758
7	Examination and Valuation	45455
8	Expense per Student	5579
Grand Total of Expenses		**278962**

3.9 Quality Assurance Mechanism and Expected Programme Outcomes :

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.

3.9.1 Expected Programme Outcomes:

- Make students qualify for research programme in Philosophy.

- Philosophy students are moreover moulded to have clarity in their judgements and skill in conceptual analysis.

- Students develop the ability to critically evaluate by the methods provided in the curriculum to situations they explore.

- Students develop the attitude to think through themselves of the philosophical arguments and problems.

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