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Online Learning (OL) - FAQ's*

We are here to guide you with our smooth and easy application process.

1. **What are rules and regulations governing Online Education offered by the Institutions in India?**

   UGC has notified University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 4th September, 2020 in the Gazette. Subsequently, amendments have been notified on 1st July, 2021 and 18th July, 2022 in the Gazette which is available on UGC website.

   These regulations are applicable to a University referred to under clause (f) of section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956) and an Institution Deemed to be University under section 3 of the said Act.

2. **What are the programmes which are permitted and prohibited in Online Education?**

   UGC regulations lay down the minimum standards of instruction for the grant of degrees at the undergraduate and post graduate levels and grant of post graduate diploma of duration of two years.

   Programmes in the disciplines (including their allied domains) of Engineering, Medical, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and other Para-Medical disciplines, Pharmacy, Nursing, Dental, Architecture, Law, Agriculture, Horticulture, Hotel Management, Catering Technology, Culinary Sciences, Aircraft Maintenance, Visual Arts and Sports are prohibited in ODL and/or Online mode. The research based programmes such as M.Phil and Ph.D. are also prohibited.

3. **Whether the degree acquired through distance mode is equivalent to the degree acquired through regular mode?**

   Regulation 22 of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 stipulates as under:
   Degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level in conformity with UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 and post graduate diplomas awarded through Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode by Higher Educational Institutions, recognised by the Commission under these regulations, shall be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level and post graduate diplomas offered through conventional mode.

4. **Whether the degree acquired during recognised period stands recognised?**

   Regulation 23(2) of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 stipulates as under:

Admission taken in a recognized programme under Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode during the recognition period stands recognised till the completion of programme, even if the Higher Educational Institution does not have recognition for further years, provided the programme is offered as per the UGC norms of territorial jurisdiction and in conformity with the extant guidelines and/or UGC regulations and regulations of respective regulatory bodies.

5. **Whether the learner residing in any part of the Country can enrol in any university recognized by UGC?**

   Regulation 23(3) and 23 (4) of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 stipulates as under:

   Learner's enrolment (for online mode): A Learner residing within or outside India may enrol in any programme being offered by a Higher Educational Institution recognized by the commission for offering programme under online mode.

6. **Whether all Higher Educational Institution can offer Certificate or Diploma programmes in online mode?**

   No.
   Only Higher Educational Institution recognised for offering programmes at Under Graduate Degree or Post Graduate Degree or Post Graduate diploma levels in or Online mode may offer Certificate or Diploma programmes in or Online mode provided HEI has the approval of its statutory authorities and Regulatory Authorities or Councils.

7. **What are the necessary documents I have to submit?**
   - Aadhar ID Card
   - Photograph
   - 10th class certificate
   - 12th class certificate
   - Graduation degree

   It is mandatory to upload the scanned copy of original documents.

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8. **Is it possible to take the examination from any location?**
   Yes, you can take online AI proctored examinations from anywhere.

9. **Are live online session attendances mandatory?**
   While not compulsory, attendance is essential. You must participate in all activities with a minimum attendance of 75%.

10. **Are the programs entirely online, and is learning material downloadable?**
    Absolutely. All aspects, from application to certification, are conducted online, and you can access learning materials through your Learning Management System. Additionally, some materials are downloadable.

11. **What system requirements do I need to have to pursue the course?**
    Basic system requirements. In Hardware you need: Multimedia PC, Laptop, Tablet or Smartphone and Internet with at least 1 Mbps speed. In Software you need: Internet Explorer/Chrome/Firefox (latest version), Flash Plug-in and Java updated on computer

12. **How do I access my course material?**
    Access to the course material will be provided through the Parul University-LMS.

13. **Do I need to buy textbooks or software?**
    No, all necessary materials are available on your Parul University-LMS.

14. **Can we communicate with faculty members outside of live classes?**
    Yes, you can submit queries through your learning portal, and the faculty will respond.

15. **How can I interact with my peers?**
    The discussion forum is the medium where you can connect with your faculty and peers.

16. **Will I get recorded lectures of live sessions?**
    Yes. Recordings of the live sessions will be available to students post the session.

17. **How will examinations be conducted?**
    Examination will be conducted in online mode only.

18. **What is the assessment method for UG and PG?**
    Each semester's examination consists of two components:
    - End Sem Examination, weighted at 70%
    - Mid Sem Examination, weighted at 30%

19. **What is the maximum duration to complete a degree programme?**
    For PG programs, it's a 2-year program with a maximum duration of 4 years. For UG programs, it's a 3-year program with a maximum duration of 6 years.

20. **Do online programs include projects?**
    Yes. Online programs incorporate projects for practical exposure.

21. **Whom should I contact for further queries?**

Parul University will assign an Academic Mentor for academic queries and a Technical Mentor for technical queries.

22. Can a learner pursue two degree programs simultaneously?
Yes, according to UGC regulations, you can pursue both an on-campus regular degree and an online degree concurrently.

23. How can I obtain my Degree and Mark sheet if unable to attend the Convocation?
Parul University will deliver your degree to your mailing address via courier.

24. Is Parul University's online education approved by the UGC?
Parul University offers UGC-entitled degree online programs.

25. Will the mode of learning be indicated on the final certificate?
Yes, following UGC guidelines, the mode of course delivery will be printed on the certificate.

26. Do Online Degrees have a validity period?
No, the Online Degree from Parul University Online is valid for a lifetime.

27. Can I pursue UPSC examination, competitive examinations, Ph.D., or apply for Government jobs after completing an online program?
Yes, UGC recognizes Parul University's online education, and Parul University's online degrees are acceptable and acknowledged for UPSC examinations, competitive examinations, pursuing Ph.D., and applying for Government jobs.

28. Can I Work While Pursuing An Online Course?
One of the most appealing aspects of online education is its flexibility, allowing learners to work while studying. With online education, learners can set their own pace and study from anywhere at their convenience.

29. Will I get Placement Support?
Yes. Training and placement assistance will be given to online learners.

* Subject to change