

M.A. HISTORY

a) **Mission, Objectives and Relevance of the Programme:**

The objective of Masters programme in History is to impart knowledge to aspirers with discovery of self and our culture. History is mother of all social sciences so by studying other civilizations and cultures we hope to gain perspective on our own. As a subject History helps to develop critical, analytical and interpretative skills. It helps to understand contemporary issues such as politics, gender, race and society as whole. The learners can undertake research in ancient, medieval, post classical, modern periods at regional and national level.

b) **Nature of Prospective Target Group of Learners:**

- Those who belong to the rural and semi-urban areas.
- Those who cannot afford regular education in terms of time or money, especially the female students who are desirous of obtaining higher education but cannot do so due to personal or family reasons.
- Those who are employed at remote places, especially the army and para-military personnel as well those who have long gap in their studies.
- For promotion at work place.
- Those who are preparing for competitive examinations like Civil and Administrative Services, SLET/NET etc.

c) **Appropriateness of the Programme to be Conducted in Open and Distance Learning Mode to Acquire Specific Skills and Competence:**

- Students after completing post-graduation in History can pursue research.
- After qualifying UGC/NET examination, students can take up teaching as profession in colleges and universities.
- Students can work as lecturers in Sr. Sec. Schools.
- Students can get jobs in archeologist, senior administrative officers, professors, museum educators and archivists.

d) **Instructional Design:**

- The two-year programme has four semesters.
- Personal Contract Programmes (PCPs) are held for 10-12 days in each semester. In addition to the formal lectures, consultation is provided to the learners during the PCPs.
- 75% attendance is compulsory.
- Print/Online lessons are provided to the learners. Along with English medium Learning material is also made available in the vernacular (Punjabi, in our case).



- Faculty is available in accordance to the prescribed UGC norms. Research fellows in the department also extend support in teaching in case of a need. Services of teachers from other departments, especially the Department of History are sought and provided whenever required.
 - Video lessons on several topics of the syllabi have been prepared.
- e) **Procedure for Admission, Curriculum, Transaction and Evaluation:**
- Anyone with a score of 35% at under-graduate level (from any discipline, e.g. Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering, Medical Science etc. can seek admission to the course.
 - Our curriculum is at par with the one offered through the regular mode of education.
 - Students are made to prepare two assignments for each paper and take tests (Offline/Online).
 - Attendance during the PCPs (mandatory) is taken into account while preparing Internal Assessment.
 - Teachers are accessible in person on all working days. They can also be contacted on phone or through email.
 - Internal marks 30 and External marks are 70 for each paper.
- f) **Requirement of Laboratory Support and Library Sources:**
- No laboratory required.
 - Library already exists and is rich in Text Books, Research Books, Maps and Journals of Social Science.
- g) **Cost Estimate of the Programme & the Provisions:**
As per norms of the university.
- h) **Quality Assurance Mechanism and Expected Programme Outcomes:**
- Regular updating of the syllabi that have been prepared time to time by the concerned Board of Studies of the University following the UGC guidelines for curriculum. The Syllabi of the ODL is at par with that of Regular Department.
 - The course has been designed to facilitate students to compete for SET/NET and other competitive examinations.

