

**Subject : MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE****a) Mission, Objectives and Relevance of the Programme:**

The objective of the Masters programme in Library & Information Science is to impart knowledge to the aspirant students about various theoretical and practical dimensions of the subject. As a discipline, it has its roots in all the aspects of society as well as it has relation with other subjects covered in Social Science. Knowledge of Library & Information Science prepares the learners to develop such skills that prepare them to participate in the process of policy formulation at micro and macro levels. The learners can also undertake research in the contexts which are individual, commercial, related to the government or global in nature.

**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 as those who have long gap in their studies.
- For promotion at work place.
- Those who are preparing for jobs of Assistant Professor, Assistant Librarian, College Librarian and Documentation Officer in all type of Libraries.

**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 Library & Information Science can pursue research.
- After qualifying UGC/NET examination, students can take up teaching as a profession in colleges and universities.
- Students can work as Library Restorers in Sr. Sec. Schools.
- Students can get jobs in Govt. Projects & NGOs,

**d) Instructional Design:**

- The one-year programme has two semesters.



- Personal Contract Programmes (PCPs) are held for 10-12 days during each semester. In addition to the formal lectures, consultation is provided to the learners during the PCPs.
- 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. There are three guest faculty working in the Centre. Services of teachers from other departments, especially the Department of Library & Information Science are sought and provided whenever required.
- 75% attendance is compulsory during the PCPs. In this course, 30% marks are allocated to internal assessment and 70% for the external examinations.

**e) Procedure for Admission, Curriculum, Transaction and Evaluation:**

- A candidate who has passed bachelor of Library and information Science examination with at least 50% marks from any recognized University.
- Our curriculum is at par with the one offered through the regular mode of education.
- Attending the Personal Contact Programme (PCP) for M. Lib. I. Sc. (I & II Sem) student is Mandatory.
- Internal Assessment is an essential component of all eight papers. Internal Assessment will be based on Class Attendance during PCP + Submit Response Sheet. On the basis of that every students must be given viva-voce.
- Teachers are accessible in person on all working days. They can also be contacted on phone or through email.

**f) Requirement of Laboratory Support and Library Sources:**

- No laboratory required.
- Library already exists and is rich in Text Books, Research Books and Journals of Economics.

**g) Cost Estimate of the Programme & the Provisions:**

**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.