

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

NOTIFICATION

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Mahatma Gandhi University Regulations for Recognition/Equivalency of Academic Programmes-2016

Preamble

Section 25(ii) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, empowers the Academic Council to make regulations or to amend or to repeal the same. Section 25(xii) of the Act authorises the Academic Council to decide what examinations of other Universities may be accepted as equivalent to those of the University. With the introduction of new academic programmes by Mahatma Gandhi University, various other Universities and Institutions in India and abroad during the past decades it has become imperative to frame a comprehensive regulation to address the needs of the student community. Therefore, it becomes necessary to recognise/equate any programme conducted by a University/Institution to a corresponding programme of the Mahatma Gandhi University, which is more or less equivalent in nature and content. The following **Regulations** are framed for easy disposal of applications for Recognition/Equivalency/Eligibility.

1. Name and Title of the Regulations:

These regulations shall be called "**Mahatma Gandhi University Regulations for Recognition/Equivalency of Academic Programmes-2016**".

2. Scope and Applicability:

These Regulations are made for recognising/derecognizing/equating an academic programme offered by any University/Institution in India and abroad to that of Mahatma Gandhi University, superseding/modifying the existing Orders/Regulations of the University in this area, which are as far as contradictory to these Regulations. These regulations shall also be made applicable to equate two different academic programmes, conducted by the University. These Regulations will come to force **with effect from 18.06.2016**.

3. Definitions:

(a) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (i) "**The Act**" means the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (Act 12 of 1985).
- (ii) "**Statutes**" means Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes, 1997.
- (iii) "**Academic Programme**" means the entire course of study and examination and includes Professional Courses which leads to the award of Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates.

- (iv) "*Recognition*" means formally accepting an academic programme of another University/Institution as qualification for higher studies/employment.
 - (v) "*Equivalency*" means formal acceptance of an academic programme, either of Mahatma Gandhi University or of another University /Institution, as equivalent to another academic programme of Mahatma Gandhi University.
 - (vi) "*Laws of the University*" means provisions contained in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (Act 12 of 1985), Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes, 1997, the Ordinances, the Regulations, Rules and Bye-laws made thereof.
 - (vii) "*Scheme and Syllabus*" means the Scheme and Syllabus of a prescribed Academic Programme, which spell out the systematized plans including the details of the books in which the subjects are suitably treated and/or the examination(s) concerned.
 - (viii) "*The State*" means the State of Kerala.
 - (ix) "*Statutory University*" means a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act and includes any such Institutions purported to and contained in Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Act No. 3 of 1956).
 - (x) "*Subject*" means a branch of knowledge studied or taught.
- (b) Interpretation:- The words and expressions used and not defined in these Regulations, shall have the same meaning respectively assigned to them in the said Act or Statutes.

4. Procedure for recognition of an Academic programme:

The question of recognition of Examinations, Degrees and Diplomas & Other Academic Programmes etc. of other Universities/Institutions/Authorities may be taken up:-

- (i) By the University on its own.

OR

- (ii) On request of other Universities or Institutions concerned.

OR

- (iii) On request of persons for the purpose of higher education under the University or employment or for any other purpose relevant thereto.

OR

- (iv) On request of candidates who are undergoing the Programme

5. Procedure for applying for General Recognition:

- (i) The request for recognition of Examinations, Degrees, Diplomas and other Academic programmes of other Universities/Institutions/Authorities shall be addressed to the Registrar of the University.

- (ii) It shall be accompanied by the copies of the Scheme and Syllabus, Regulations and Rules for the classification of Class/Grade, in respect of the particular Examination(s) duly certified by the Registrar/Attestation Officer of the University/Institution/Authority concerned.
- (iii) Provided that it shall further be accompanied by the certified copies of the Mark lists/Grade Cards, Pass Certificate/Degree Certificate of the said Examination(s)/Programmes passed and Transfer Certificate, when the request for recognition is made by individuals.
- (iv) If Transfer Certificate from the Colleges/Institutions concerned is not produced, a certificate from the College/Institution stating the duration of the programme which the candidate has attended shall be produced. In such cases, it shall also be mandatory to produce a certificate from the College/Institution specifying the name of the University/Institution to which it is affiliated. The candidates from Foreign Universities/Institutions shall produce a certificate stating the genuineness of the Institution from Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Human Resource Development of Government of India or Indian Embassy/Consulate in the foreign country concerned.
- (v) In the case of candidate who is undergoing the Programme but not completed, the request for recognition shall be accompanied by the certified copies of Scheme/Syllabus, Rules and Regulations, duration of the Programme etc. It shall be forwarded through the University/Institution where the candidate is undergoing the Programme.
- (vi) All the applications shall be accompanied by the fees prescribed by the University.

6. Procedure for granting General Recognition:

(i) Power of the Academic Council to grant Recognition:

All requests for granting recognition to Examinations, Degrees, Diplomas, etc. of other Universities/Institutions/Authorities shall be considered and decided by the Academic Council. The Academic Council shall have the power to decide which of the Examinations, Degrees, and Diplomas, other Academic Programmes of other Universities or Authorities may be accepted as recognized and equivalent to those of the University. The Academic Council can grant recognition to any Academic Programme of a University/Institution/Authority without specifying a corresponding equivalence of Degree or Examination of the University for specific purposes. If any Academic Programme of a University/Institution is once rejected, the application for recognition of the same programme will be considered only in the event of revision of the scheme and syllabus of the particular University / Institution of Mahatma Gandhi University.

(ii) Power of the Academic Council to de-recognise an Academic Programme of other University/Institution.

The Academic Council shall have power to de-recognize Degrees, Diplomas and other Academic programmes or Examinations of other Universities/Institutions to which recognition had been already granted, if the conditions on which the said recognition granted were subsequently altered.

(iii) Procedure on receipt of request:

When a request for recognition of an Academic Programme of other Universities/Institutions complies with the requirements specified in Regulations 5 above, the Registrar shall, at the first instance, forward the said application to the Chairman of Board of Studies or the Convenor of Expert Committee and thereafter, the Dean of Faculty of the Subject of study concerned, for their consideration and specific remarks/recommendations regarding the recognition. In the case of Examination at the Under graduate level, the Chairman of Board of Studies or Convenor of Expert Committee, referred to above shall be the Chairman/Convenor of the respective Board of Studies (UG)/Expert Committee (UG) and in the case of Examinations at the Post-Graduate and above post-Graduate level, the said reference shall be to the Chairman/Convenor of the respective Board of Studies (PG)/ Expert Committee (PG). After considering the specific recommendations of the Chairman of Board of Studies concerned or Convenor of Expert Committee and the Dean of Faculty and after calling for such further information as may be deemed necessary, the Vice-Chancellor may, subject to the proviso 6 (i) of the Regulation shall place the question of recognizing the particular Academic Programme before the Academic Council.

7. Recognition of Academic Programmes of Foreign Universities/Institutions

The procedures detailed under Regulations 5 & 6 up to the extent applicable, shall be followed for granting recognition of Graduate and Post Graduate Degrees/Diplomas/any other Academic programmes of Foreign Universities/ Institutions.

8. Ph.D. degrees of Other Universities (Full-time/Part-time)**(i) Universities/Institutions in India**

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy is awarded to a candidate for the research work of unique nature. Hence, Ph.D Degree in a particular topic cannot be equated to another Ph.D. Degree. Nevertheless, Ph.D. Degrees of Statutory Universities/Deemed Universities in a particular topic under a particular discipline/subject shall be equated to the Ph.D. degree of Mahatma Gandhi University in the same discipline/subject. If an applicant requests for equivalency of Ph.D degree in a particular subject/discipline, a certificate equating such Ph.D to the Ph.D in the relevant subject/discipline of M.G. University can be issued, provided the applicant produces a certificate stating the subject of study (in cases where the subject of study is not specified in the Degree Certificates) issued by the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations or an authorised signatory of the Institution/University of Kerala or outside /Deemed University concerned, which is a member of the Association of Indian Universities and approved by the University Grants Commission, from which the applicant acquired the said Degree.

(ii) Universities/Institutions outside India

The Ph.D Degrees in a particular topic/subject of Foreign Universities/ Institutions, who are members of International Association of Universities, have been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. degrees in the same subject of Mahatma Gandhi University, provided that the nomenclature of the subject of study as recorded in the Degree certificate is exactly the same. Such applications for recognition/equivalency of Ph.D. degrees of Foreign Universities/Institutions shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Ministry of

Human Resource Development of Government of India/Indian Embassy/Consulate in the foreign country concerned as to the genuineness of the University/Institution which awarded the degree and an Equivalency Certificate issued by the Association of Indian Universities. If the subject of study is not specified in the Degree certificate, the procedure for recognition laid down in 6 (iii) also shall be followed.

9. Criteria for issuing Eligibility Certificate to the students who have completed Degrees/Diplomas/Other programmes and Examinations of other Universities/Institutions (Full-time & Part-time Programmes)

Eligibility Certificates shall be issued to:

- (i) The Degrees and Examinations/Diplomas/Other programmes of other Universities/Institutions which have already been recognised by the University.
- (ii) All Degrees and Examinations/Diplomas/Other Programmes taken after regular study awarded by Statutory Universities/ Institutions/Deemed Universities/ Private Universities where the qualifying examinations and duration of the programme are the same and such Institutions are recognized by the UGC and are members of the Association of Indian Universities.
- (iii) If there are no corresponding Degrees/Examinations/Diplomas in Mahatma Gandhi University, the matter shall be decided by the Academic Council on the recommendations of Chairman of the Board of Studies/Convenor of Expert Committee and Dean of Faculty in appropriate discipline.
- (iv) In the case of Degrees/Examinations/Diplomas by way of Private Registration/ Correspondence Programme, issue of eligibility certificate shall be decided by the Academic Council on the recommendations of the Chairman of the Board of Studies/Convenor of Expert Committee and the Dean of Faculty concerned. The approval of UGC/AICTE shall be mandatory for the programmes conducted through distance education mode and for the Institutions awarding Degrees, Diplomas and Other Programmes through distance education mode.
- (v) In all other cases, including Degrees obtained from Universities which are not members of the Association of Indian Universities, issue of eligibility certificate shall be decided by the Academic Council on the recommendations of the Chairman of the Board of Studies/Convenor of Expert Committee and the Dean of Faculty concerned.
- (vi) In the case of Degree/Diplomas/Other Programmes of Foreign Universities/ Institutions, issue of eligibility certificate shall be decided by the Academic Council on the recommendations of the Chairman of the Board of Studies/Convenor of Expert committee and the Dean of Faculty concerned.
- (vii) In the absence of Dean of Faculty, the opinion of the Chairman of Board of Studies/Convenor of Expert Committee shall be placed before the Academic Council.
- (viii) If the opinion from both the Dean of Faculty and the Chairman of Board of Studies/Convenor of Expert Committee is negative, it shall be decided by the Vice Chancellor whether to place the matter before the Academic Council or to reject. The matter may be communicated to the candidate, in either case.

- (ix) In the case of Engineering and Technology, where equivalency certificate cannot be given, due to versatility of courses/non availability of the courses in the University, issue of a "Certificate of Subject Relevance" shall be decided by the Academic Council for the purpose of employment as well as higher studies, as per **AICTE Regulation 2010** and the lists of Academic programmes published by AICTE from time-to time under each Branch.

10. Criteria for issuing Equivalency Certificate to the students who have completed Degrees/Diplomas/Other programmes and Examinations of other Universities/Institutions (Full-time & Part-time Programmes)

Equivalency Certificates shall be issued to:

- (i) The Degrees/Examinations/Diplomas/Other Academic Programmes of other Universities/Institutions which have already been recognised as equivalent to the corresponding Degrees/Examinations/Diplomas/Other Academic Programmes of the University.
- (ii) The Particular Degrees/Examinations/Diplomas/Other Academic Programmes of Mahatma Gandhi University which have already been recognized as equivalent to the Degrees/Diplomas/Examinations/ other Academic Programmes of the University.
- (iii) All Degrees, Diplomas, Other Academic Programmes and examinations taken after regular study awarded by Statutory Universities/Institutions/Deemed/Private Universities where the qualifying examinations, duration of the programmes, content and the nomenclature of the subject of study as recorded in the Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates are exactly the same, provided such Universities/Institutions are recognized by UGC and are members of the Association of Indian Universities.
- (iv) The Certificate stating the subject of study, issued by the Vice Chancellor/Pro Vice Chancellor/Registrar/Controller of Examinations/Authorised signatory of the Statutory Universities/Institutions will be accepted along with the Degree certificates in cases where the subject of study is not specified in the Degree certificates.
- (v) In the case of the Degrees/Diplomas/Other Academic Programmes of Foreign Universities/ Institutions, issue of Equivalency Certificate shall be decided by the Academic Council on the recommendations of the Chairman of the Board of Studies/Convenor of Expert committee and the Dean of Faculty concerned.

- 11.** All the actions taken or deemed to have been done prior to the promulgation of these Regulations, shall be in order, which have been done according to the then existing laws of the University.

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