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Distance Education Bureau
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To,

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The Vice Chancellor,
Sikkim Manipal University,
5th Mile, Tadong-737102.
Gangtok,
Sikkim.

Sub : *Continuation of recognition to Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok Sikkim for offering programmes through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for academic year 2017-18 – reg.*

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. SMU/VC/2016-74 dated 14.12.2016 requesting for continuation of recognition for distance education programmes of Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok, Sikkim for the academic year 2017-18.

In this regard, I am directed to inform that it has been decided to accord recognition to your institution to offer 12 programmes as mentioned at Annexure, through distance mode for academic year i.e. 2017-18 subject to strict adherence and compliance of the conditions mentioned in this letter.

2. The university shall scrupulously abide by the following terms and conditions, while offering the programmes through distance learning mode in accordance with the Affidavit dated 20.02.2017, duly notarised and signed by Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Sharma, Registrar of the University, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 22.02.2017.

3. The recognition accorded to the institution will be valid only for the programmes/courses as mentioned in the list attached with this letter.

i) The University shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and also by UGC and wherever necessary by the apex regulatory bodies in the country.

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- ii) It is the responsibility of the University to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory bodies such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE/any other and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required.
- iii) The University shall not start any new programme without prior approval of UGC and other concerned regulatory authorities in anticipation of recognition.
- iv) The nomenclature of all the programmes to be offered under distance mode shall be strictly as per UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014.
- v) No teacher education programme shall be offered without prior approval of the NCTE (as per new NCTE regulations, 2014)
- vi) The Ministry of HRD's directions prohibiting B.E/ B.Tech through distance mode vide its letter dated 29.07.2009 shall be adhered to strictly.
- vii) The programmes in Engineering and Technology e.g. B.E/ B.Tech/ Diploma and courses in Medicines/ Nursing/ Physiotherapy etc. are not allowed in ODL mode and the University shall not be offering the same.
- viii) The university shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered, through distance mode by the respective apex body/ies.
- ix) No online programme leading to award of Degree/ Certification shall be offered by the University, until a policy is framed and approved by UGC in this regard.
- x) The minimum duration of a programme, offered in ODL mode shall not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode. Nomenclature of programme and the minimum eligibility criteria for admission should be as per UGC norms and Regulations.
- xi) The University shall run its ODL programmes only in those subjects/ fields which are offered by it through regular mode, except that in case of Open Universities.
- xii) The university shall have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
- xiii) The eligibility conditions for admissions to each course to be offered through distance learning mode shall be as per norms of UGC/AICTE and other regulatory bodies.
- xiv) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of University for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-1/2012(CPP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is also posted on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb.
- xv) The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and /or through any private institution /college





xvi) The Institution shall have necessary infrastructure at its HQ as well as its Study Centres (if any) for conduction of practical work, wherever required within its territorial jurisdiction.

4. Moreover, the University shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree), Regulation 2016.

5. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.


6. It may also be noted that:

i) If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition for which the Affidavit, as mentioned above has been submitted or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition at any stage. The University will be solely responsible for the same.

ii) The recognition will be reviewed depending on change of policy with respect to ODL Regulations or otherwise.

iii) In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of University/institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the all consequences arising out of the same.

Yours faithfully,


(Megha Kaushik)
Education Officer

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Technical and Higher Education Department, Govt. of Sikkim.
2. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), 7th floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi -110001.
3. The Joint Secretary (TEL), Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110015.
4. Concerned File
5. Master File
6. Publication Officer (Web), UGC for updating website.


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List of programmes approved by UGC to Sikkim Manipal University, Sikkim to be offered through distant mode during the academic year 2017-18 only, as per the terms and conditions contained in the UGC letter F.No. UGC/DEB-II/SMU/Recog/2015/Vol. V dated March, 2017

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Duration
1.	Master of Computer Applications	3 years
2.	Master of Science (Information Technology)	2 years
3.	Diploma in Infrastructure Management Systems	1 year
4.	Bachelor of Science (Information Technology)	3 years
5.	Bachelor of Computer Applications	3 years
6.	Bachelor of Science (IT in Infrastructure Management System)	3 years
7.	Master of Business Administration	
	(a) Finance	
	(b) Marketing	
	(c) Human Resource Management	
	(d) Information Systems	2 years
	(e) Banking	
	(f) Project Management	
	(g) Total Quality Management	
	(h) Operations Management	
	(i) International Business	
8.	Master of Commerce (Information Systems)	2 years
9.	Bachelor of Business Administration	3 years
10.	Bachelor of Business Administration (Retail Operations)	3 years
11.	Bachelor of Commerce (Information System)	3 years
12.	Certification in Export and Import Trade	6 months

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