



Dr. B. R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY

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Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA)

Policy
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ENVIRONMENT**



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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University, initially known as Andhra Pradesh Open University, was set up on 26th August 1982 through an Act of the A.P. State Legislature (APOU Act 1982). Subsequently, the University was renamed as Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Open University on 26 October, 1991 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The establishment of this University, the first of its kind in India, heralded an era of affirmative action on the part of the Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide opportunities of higher education to all sections of society to meet the changing individual and social needs. The University offers services to defense personnel, prison inmates and learners from remote and tribal areas who are not having access to education. All the programmes offered by the University are recognised by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. The motto of the University is "EDUCATION FOR ALL". The university is adapting all the latest ICTs regarding teaching, learning and evaluation to reach the unreached.



- ◆ Enrichment of ongoing academic programs.
- ◆ Competency building through education and training programs. Interactive individual-based teaching-learning processes.
- ◆ Reliable and credible student evaluation systems.
- ◆ Result-oriented, accountable, and transparent administrative and logistic support systems. and
- ◆ Research, innovation, training, and networking for system development and staff development.



Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's social philosophy of education as a means of creating an egalitarian society is the vision of this University. Access to relevant, quality education and training programs for diverse sections of society with a focus on hitherto deprived sections at lower costs by using modern technologies in teaching-learning processes as well as in administrative and support services is the goal of this University. The University programs aim at making education and training instruments for living and for making a living.

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DISABLED-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad offers academic programs in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, thereby reaching out to a wide spectrum of students across the state of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. The University intends to develop a comprehensive inclusive teaching-learning environment, in which disabled students or disabled employees do not become distraught or treated unfavorably. The university aims to design its programs, administrations, and activities accessible to all students. The university offers a helping hand to differently-abled persons and makes sure that the benefits of all its programs, admissions, teaching and learning, and all other activities reach the disabled. These guidelines apply to all the students of the University, Faculty, and staff.

POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, of 2016, prohibits discrimination against individuals with physical and mental disabilities. The University is against all kinds of discrimination, including disability.

OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

1. To create Inclusive Culture in the institution and to avoid discrimination, exploitation, and exclusion of Disabled Students and Disabled Staff from all spheres of work and education.
2. To create a suitable regulatory mechanism for the effective delivery of services to Disabled Students and Staff Disabled in the University and its study centers.
3. To ensure implementation of all legislations that are concerned with the disabled.
4. To provide accessible and inclusive education at the Headquarters and the University Study centers.
5. To ensure full participation of persons with disabilities and to provide them with equal development opportunities.
6. To provide the necessary budget allocation to achieve the above objectives. (The terms used in the policy have meaning mentioned in Chapter I of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016).

ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

Providing access means making all the services, activities, and benefits thereof, fully available to people with disabilities. The University should provide various provisions for creating a disabled-friendly campus. The University and Faculty members should ensure appropriate/reasonable accommodation for the differently disabled and be willing to resolve their problems. The campus should be barrier-free and accessible for differently abled persons.

THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF ACCESSIBILITY WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED

- All UG and PG programs and activities must be accessible.
- To provide accessible textbooks and study material to all students with disabilities.
- To ensure that awareness programs for all the teachers and non-teaching staff are conducted regarding issues of accessibility to the disabled.
- Providing counseling for students with disabilities on the types of courses they can study in higher education.
- Ensuring admission to as many disabled students as possible.
- Collection of orders dealing with fee concessions, examination procedures, reservation policies, etc., which apply to persons with disabilities as per the government policies formulated from time to time.
- Assessing the educational needs of persons with disabilities who are enrolled in the University.
- Conducting awareness programs for teachers about the approaches to teaching, evaluation procedures, etc, which they should adapt for students with disabilities.
- Providing support to students with disabilities and assisting them in getting appropriate employment after their studies.
- Conducting regular Remedial Coaching Classes for persons with disabilities.

The University will ensure the representation of all types of disabilities listed in Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2016 and as stipulated by government regulations from time to time.

EXAM POLICY

The University made reasonable changes in the educational plan and assessment framework to meet the special needs of students with disabilities. The convenience of the disabled is made the utmost priority and initiatives to meet the necessities of a considerable number of Students with disabilities are introduced. Suitable guidelines have been issued by the examination department for employing scribes in exams for the disabled. Considering the various functions and activities of the unit, support staff for assisting the disabled will be provided by the University. The exam branch works in coordination with Learner Support Services Branch and Computer Section, for the identification of the disabled and implementation of the University policy formulated for disabled persons.

DISABILITY FRIENDLY FACILITIES

The University recognizes the importance of creating a climate of understanding and mutual respect to cater to the dignity of each person so that they can contribute wholeheartedly to the development of Self, Institution, Society, and Country at large. The Institution strategizes and promotes equal rights and access to education for all those who are underprivileged because of physical disability. Moreover, the Persons with Disabilities Act, of 1995 indicates that differently-abled persons should have access to education at all levels. Because of this, the institution has created Disability Friendly Facilities (DFF) at University HQ and in all its RCs, to provide access to the differently abled students of varied programs, services, and activities. Besides, the DFF would also encourage them in obtaining the highest levels of academic and personal achievement; and provides an accessible environment for them. The policy has been devised to promote the holistic development of differently-abled students. It takes care to nurture them right from helping them to seek admission, to their exit from the institution.

1. Students with disability will have equitable access and practical support to participate fully in the life of the Institution viz:
 - a. Access to academics, co, and extracurricular activities.
 - b. Access to buildings and facilities.
 - c. Receiving information in accessible formats.
 - d. Receiving high-quality service from Faculty members and staff.
 - e. Opportunities to make complaints and provide feedback.
 - f. Opportunities for employment at the institution.
2. To facilitate the personal and professional growth of students with different abilities.
3. To encourage them to participate in all the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY

1. Priority in admission
2. Concession in fees
3. Easy access to Classroom through the lift
4. Easy access to laboratories on the ground floor
5. Ramps & Rails
6. Lifts
7. Disabled Friendly Washroom
8. Wheel Chairs
9. Bank of Scribes
10. Human Assistance Group for reading and movement on the campus
11. Signage of tactile paths
12. Signage of Display Boards
13. Provision of guidance and counseling to differently-abled individuals
14. Screen reading software



Screen Reader	Website	Free
Screen Access For All (SAFA)	http://safo-readersoftware.informer.com/download/	Free
Non Visual Desktop Access (NVDA)	http://www.nvda-project.org/	Free
System Access To Go	http://www.satogo.com/	Free



Monitoring and Review Committee

1. Director, Academic
2. Director, Learner Support Services
3. Dean, Student Affairs
4. Registrar
5. Finance Officer





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PROGRAMMES ON OFFER - 2023-24



(A) Bachelor's Degree Programmes		Course Duration	Tuition Fee Rs.
B.A. - Bachelor of Arts (English, Telugu & Urdu Medium)		3 years	2,700/- 1st Yr
B.Com. - Bachelor of Commerce (Telugu & English Medium)		3 years	2,500/- 11nd Yr
B.Sc. - Bachelor of Science (English, Telugu & Urdu Medium) (Lab. Fee Rs. 1000/- for each Science & Psychology Subjects)		3 years	2,500/- 11rd Yr
(B) Master's Programmes		Course Duration	Tuition Fee Rs.
M.A. English, M.A. Hindi, M.A. Telugu, M.A. Urdu,		2 years	5,300/- 1 year 5,000/- 2 year
M.A. Economics, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology - (Telugu Medium)		2 years	5,300/- 1 year 5,000/- 2 year
M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication (English Medium)		2 years	7,800/- 1 year 7,500/- 2 year
M.Sc. Mathematics & Applied Mathematics (English Medium)		2 years	7,800/- 1 year 7,500/- 2 year
M.Sc. Botany, M.Sc. Environmental Science (English Medium)		2 years	15,300/- 1 year 15,000/- 2 year
M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Zoology, M.Sc. Psychology (English Medium)		2 years	15,300/- 1 year 15,000/- 2 year
M.Sc. Chemistry (English Medium)		2 years	18,300/- 1 year 18,000/- 2 year
M.Com. (English Medium)		2 years	7,800/- 1 year 7,500/- 2 year
(C) Professional Programmes (Post Bachelor's Level)		Course Duration	Tuition Fee Rs.
M.B.A. - Master's Degree in Business Administration (English Medium)		2 years	15,300/- 1 year 15,000/- 2 year
M.B.A. - (Hospital and Health Care Management) with AHERF, KIMS & DET (English Medium)		2 years	1,20,000/-
Master's Degree in Library & Information Science (MLISc) (English Medium)		1 year	10,300/-
Bachelor's Degree in Library & Information Science (BLISc) (English & Telugu Medium)		1 year	5,300/-
Bachelor's of Education (B.Ed - ODL) (Telugu Medium)		2 years	40,000/-
Bachelor's of Education (B.Ed - Special Education - ODL) (English & Telugu Medium)		2 ½ years	40,000/-
(D) Diploma Programmes		Course Duration	Tuition Fee Rs.
Diploma in Marketing Management (English Medium)		1 year	8,000/-
Diploma in Financial Management (English Medium)		1 year	8,000/-
Diploma in Human Resource Management (English Medium)		1 year	8,000/-
Diploma in Operations Management (English Medium)		1 year	8,000/-
Diploma in Business Finance (English Medium)		1 year	5,200/-
Diploma in Writing for Mass Media in Telugu		1 year	5,200/-
Diploma in Environmental Studies (Telugu Medium)		1 year	5,200/-
Diploma in Human Rights (English Medium)		1 year	4,000/-
Diploma in Women's Studies (English Medium)		1 year	4,000/-
Diploma in Culture & Heritage Tourism (English Medium)		1 year	5,200/-
(E) Certificate Programmes		Course Duration	Tuition Fee Rs.
Certificate Programme in Food and Nutrition (Telugu Medium)		6 months	1600/-
Certificate Programme in Literacy & Community Development (Telugu Medium)		6 months	2100/-
Certificate Programme in NGO's Management (Telugu Medium)		6 months	2100/-
Certificate Programme in Early Childhood Care & Education (English Medium)		1 year	5,400/-
(F) Research Programmes (Ph.D in)		Course Duration	Tuition Fee Rs.
English, Hindi, Education, Economics, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Commerce, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Environmental Science (English Medium)		3 years	15,000/- 1year 15,000/- 2year 15,000/- 3year

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