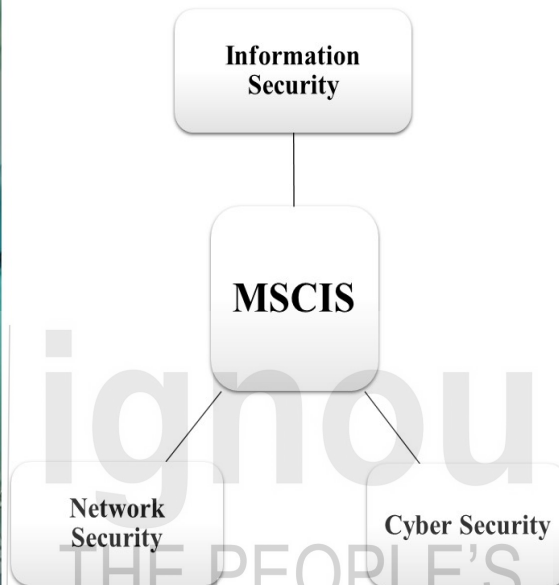


# Programme Guide



**Master of Science (Information Security) (MSCIS)**  
*(With an exit option of PG Diploma in Information Security  
(PGDIS) after successful completion of the first Year)*



**School of Vocational Education and Training**  
**Indira Gandhi National Open University**  
**Maidan Garhi, New Delhi 110 068**

*“Education is a liberating force, and in our age it is also a democratizing force, cutting across the barriers of caste and class, smoothing out inequalities imposed by birth and other circumstances.”*

— *Indira Gandhi*



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Dear Student

We welcome you to our 'Master of Science (Information Security) (MSCIS)' programme. The broad objective of this programme is to prepare you for productive courses in information security which aim is to (a) provide protection and security to personal data and to build data-oriented infrastructure in the workplace; (b) raise high professional ethics in the individuals towards providing information security, and (c) experiment and learn the skills and techniques needed for providing protection and security to our information. Over the year, the information security jobs have been increasing day by day. It is a concern for the present business situation since most business organizations depend on information analysis in their day-to-day work. It protects computer networks by monitoring and responding to threats. While the industry is unable to find a suitable person as per their need. Keeping in view of this important objective in mind, the School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), has taken the initiative in developing the 'Master of Science (Information Security) MSCIS programme for untrained and under-trained youth.

The present booklet titled 'Programme Guide' will serve as a ready reference details about the programme, assignment, counselling sessions, practicals, etc. You will receive support from IGNOU through web pages ([www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in)) and Web Enabled Academic Support (<https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/weas>) as well as through the network of our Regional and Study Centres. You will be attached to the Regional/Study centre, which will offer counselling sessions (Both theory and practical). You are advised to attend theory and practical counselling sessions regularly. You need to submit requisite assignments before the due dates to become eligible to appear for Term End Theory Examinations. The university gives you the option to get the hard copy of the study material through registered post and a soft copy that you can download from <https://egyankosh.ac.in>. You can also download the assignments from the IGNOU website <https://webservices.ignou.ac.in/assignments>. The students are specifically instructed to submit online Examination Forms through IGNOU Website. **Programme Guide is a very important document for you; as a distance learner you may have several queries, many of which would be answered by this booklet. Preserve it until you complete this programme.**

With best wishes  
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## 1. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

### 1.1: Introduction

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), established by an Act of Parliament in 1985, has continuously striven to build an inclusive knowledge society through inclusive education. It has tried to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) by offering high-quality teaching through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. The mandate of the University is to:

- Provide access to higher education to all segments of the society;
- Offer high-quality, innovative and need-based programmes at different levels, to all those who require them;
- Reach out to the disadvantaged by offering programmes in all parts of the country at affordable costs; and
- Promote, coordinate and regulate the standards of education offered through open and distance learning in the country.
- To achieve the twin objectives of widening access for all sections of society and providing continual professional development and training to all sectors of the economy, the University uses a variety of media and latest technology in imparting education.

### 1.2: Prominent Features

IGNOU has certain unique features such as:

- International jurisdiction
- Flexible admission rules
- Individualised study: flexibility in terms of place, pace and duration of study
- Use of latest information and communication technologies
- Nationwide student support services network
- Cost-effective programmes
- Modular approach to programmes
- Resource sharing, collaboration and networking with conventional universities, open universities and other institutions/organisations
- Socially and academically relevant programmes based on students need analysis..

### 1.3: The Schools of Studies

With a view to develop interdisciplinary studies, the University operates through its Schools of Studies. Each School is headed by a Director who arranges to plan, supervise, develop and organize its academic programmes and courses in coordination with the School staff and different academic, administrative and service wings of the University. The emphasis is on providing a wide choice of courses at different levels. The following Schools of Studies currently are in operation:

- School of Humanities (SOH)
- School of Social Sciences (SOSS)
- School of Sciences (SOS)
- School of Education (SOE)
- School of Continuing Education (SOCE)
- School of Engineering & Technology (SOET)
- School of Management Studies (SOMS)
- School of Health Sciences (SOHS)
- School of Computer & Information Sciences (SOCIS)
- School of Agriculture (SOA)
- School of Law (SOL)
- School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS)

- School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS)
- School of Tourism Hospitality Service Sectoral Management (SOTHSSM)
- School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS)
- School of Social Work (SOSW)
- School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET)
- School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS)
- School of Foreign Languages (SOFL)
- School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST)
- School of Performing & Visual Arts (SOPVA)

#### 1.4: Academic Programmes

The University offers both short-term and long-term programmes leading to Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees, which are conventional as well as innovative. Most of these programmes have been developed after an initial survey of the demand for such Programmes. They are launched with a view to fulfill the learner's needs for:

- Certification,
- Improvement of skills,
- Acquisition of professional qualifications,
- Continuing education and professional development at work place,
- Self-enrichment,
- Empowerment

(For further details of the University, you can visit at our web page <http://ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou>)

## 2. BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMME

### 2.1: Introduction

- This **Master of Science (Information Security) (MSCIS)** (With an exit option of PG Diploma in Information Security (PGDIS) after successfully completion of first year of 32 Credits) programme has been designed to bridge the gap in the awareness and competency required by various categories of people as the users of Internet and various IT enabled services about deeper aspects of Information Security, responsible use and management of IT services. This is a Master level programme with an exit option of PG Diploma in Information Security (PGDIS) after successfully completion of first year having 64 credits of worth. Student can complete this programme in minimum period of two year or the maximum period of four years.

The programme aims at imparting:

- To provide protection and security to personal data and to built data oriented infrastructure in the companies.
- To raise high professional ethics in the individuals and students towards providing information security.
- To experiment and learn the skills and techniques needed for providing protection and security to our information.

### 2.2: Programme Code

- **MSCIS: Master of Science (Information Security)**  
(With an exit option of PG Diploma in Information Security (PGDIS) after successfully completion of first year of 32 Credits)

### 2.3: Credit System

- The University follows the ‘Credit System’ for its programmes. Each credit is of 30 hours of study comprising all learning activities. This helps the student to understand the academic effort one has to put into successfully complete a course. **Completion of the Programme requires successful completion of both assignments and the Term-end Examination of each course in the programme. Overall programme credit is 64.** This programme has an exit option of PG Diploma in Information Security (PGDIS) after successfully completion of first year of 32 Credits

### 2.4: Student Support Services

- In order to provide individualized support to its learners the University has created a number of Regional Centres/Study Centres throughout the country for this programme. These centres are the contact points for the participants on all major aspects of the programme. These include counselling sessions, practicals, library facilities, disseminating information and advice and facilities for online/audio-visual training aids/Gyan Vani/Gyan Darshan programmes. These centres are also equipped with some useful books on the subjects of this programme. **The University may not always be able to communicate to all the students individually. You are advised to keep in touch with your Regional/Study Centres on regular basis for support services of your programme.**

### 2.5: Duration of the Programme

- You can complete this programme in minimum period of two year or the maximum period of four years.

### 2.6: Medium of Instruction

- The medium of instruction is English only.

### 2.7: Eligibility

- Bachelor’s degree in any discipline or its equivalent from a recognized University/ Institute.

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## 3. INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEM

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The methodology of instruction in this university is different from that in the conventional universities. The Open University system is more learner-oriented, and the student has to be an active participant in the teaching-learning process. Most of the instructions are imparted through distance rather than face-to-face communication. The University follows a multi-channel approach for instruction. It comprises a suitable mix of:

- ☞ self-instructional printed material (SIM/SLM)
- ☞ audio and video cassettes (A/V)
- ☞ audio-video programmes transmitted through Radio and Doordarshan
- ☞ face-to-face counselling at Study Centres by academic counsellors
- ☞ web based academic support
- ☞ assignments
- ☞ practicals
- ☞ Gyan Darshan Channel, EDUSAT
- ☞ Gyan Vani
- ☞ Through Virtual Platform like Google Meet, Zoom
- ☞ Through OER and MOOC



### 3.1 Self-Instructional Print Material

- Printed materials are the primary form of instructional materials. These are supplied to the participants in the form of several booklets. A course, which comes in the form of a booklet comprises several units. The size of a unit is such that the material given therein may be expected to be studied by a student in a session of about 2 to 6 hours of study. Therefore, you have to concentrate mainly on the print materials. However, the fast pace of computer industry necessitates that students must do some additional readings. Students are advised to study reference books without fail. Studying the printed material alone may not be sufficient to write assignments and prepare for the term-end Examinations. It may not be sufficient to just study course material that is received by you from university to pass all the courses. You are hereby advised to study the Reference books also.

### 3.2 Audio-Video Material

- There are video-cassettes or CDs meant for clarification and enhancement of understanding. The audio-video material is supplementary to print material. Hence, we advise you to make use of it as that will help you to understand the subject better. However, audio-video material will normally not be supplied to the students individually but will be made available at the Regional/Study Centers. You can watch these programmes during counselling sessions. The telecast schedule of transmission of programmes is communicated through IGNOU's web page.

### 3.3 Counselling Sessions

- In distance education, face-to-face contact between the learners and their tutors/counsellors is relatively less and, therefore, is an important activity. The purpose of such a contact is to answer some of your questions and clarify your doubts which may not be possible through any other means of communication. It also intends to provide you an opportunity to meet your fellow students. There are academic counsellors at the Regional/Study Centres to provide counselling and guidance to you in the courses that you have chosen for study. Normally, these sessions will be held at these centres during week-ends (**Saturdays and Sundays**). Counselling can also be organised through Virtual Platform like Google Meet, Zoom. The students can use OER and MOOC during the course of study. It will be informed during the counselling sessions.

*You should note that the counselling sessions will be very different from the classroom teaching or lectures. Counsellors will not be delivering lectures as in conventional teaching. They will try to help you to overcome difficulties which you face while studying for the programme. In these sessions, you must try to resolve your subject-based difficulties and any other related problems.*

**Before you go to attend the counselling sessions, please go through your course materials and make a plan of the points to be discussed. Unless you have gone through the Units, there may not be much to discuss.**

### 3.4 Practical

These programmes has practical component also. The schedule for the practicals sessions will be communicated to you by your Regional centres.

### 3.5 Web Based Support

The learners can have access to IGNOU's website at [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in). This website offers relevant information to the general public and student support facilities to the learners. You can also have support services through single window i.e. Web Enabled Academic Support (WEAS) (<https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/weas>). You can have information on the following:

- Results of the term End Examinations
- Downloadable prospectus/application forms of various programmes
- Catalogue of audio/video programmes
- Schedule of Gyan Darshan/Gyan Vani/EDUSAT programmes
- Admission announcements
- Addresses of regional and study centres
- Update on the latest happenings at the University
- Checking of student's mailing address
- Online submission of Term-End Examination Form
- TEE date-sheet
- Examination Hall Ticket
- Course Completion Status
- Access-eGyanKosh: using this web site (<https://egyankosh.ac.in>) you can download your course material and view video related to your courses. You can download Assignments from website <https://webservices.ignou.ac.in/assignments>.

## 4. PROGRAMME-OBJECTIVES, STRUCTURE & CONTENTS

### 4.1 Programme Objectives

This programme aims at imparting:

- To provide protection and security to personal data and to build data oriented infrastructure in the companies.
- To raise high professional ethics in the individuals and students towards providing information security.
- To experiment and learn the skills and techniques needed for providing protection and security to our information.

### 4.2 Programme Structure

The basic structures of the programmes are as follows:

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#### Semester-I

Sl.No.	Course Code	Title of the course	Type of course compulsory/optional	Credits	Theory/Practical/Project
1.	MSEI-021	Introduction to Information Security	Compulsory	4	Integrated (Theory & Practical)
2.	MSEI-022	Network Security	Compulsory	4	Integrated (Theory & Practical)
3.	MSEI-023	Cyber Security	Compulsory	4	Integrated (Theory & Practical)
4.	MSEI-024	Policy, Standards and Laws	Compulsory	4	Theory
Total				16	

## Semester-II

Sl.No.	Course Code	Title of the course	Type of course compulsory/optional	Credits	Theory/Practical/Project
5.	MSEI-025	Application and Business Security Developments	Compulsory	4	Integrated (Theory & Practical)
6.	MSEI-026	BCP, DR Planning and Audit	Compulsory	4	Integrated (Theory & Practical)
7.	MSEI-027	Digital Forensics	Compulsory	4	Integrated (Theory & Practical)
8.	MSEP-028	Project-I	Compulsory	4	Project
Total				16	

## Semester III

Sl.No.	Course Code	Title of the course	Type of course compulsory/optional	Credits	Theory/Practical/Project
9.	MSE-029	Cyber Attack: use of Technology in Cyberspace	Compulsory	2	Theory
10.	MSE-030	Cloud and Infrastructure Security	Compulsory	2	Theory
11.	MSE-031	Cyber Security using Python	Compulsory	4	Theory
12.	MCS-226	Data Science and Big Data	Compulsory	4	Theory
13.	MSEL-032	Practical (Cyber Attacks, Cloud Security and Data Recovery etc.)	Compulsory	4	Practical
Total				16	

## Semester IV

Sl. No.	Course Code	Title of the course	Type of course compulsory/optional	Credits	Theory/Practical/Project
14.	MSE-033	Web Application Testing and Audit	Compulsory	4	Theory
15.	MSE-034	E-commerce and Cyberspace	Compulsory	2	Theory
16.	MSE-035	IoT Security	Compulsory	2	Theory
17.	MSE-036	Latest Trends in Information and Cyber Security	Compulsory	2	Theory
18.	MSEL-037	Practical (Web Application, Audits, e-commerce security and IoT )	Compulsory	4	Practical
19.	MSEP-038	Project-II	Compulsory	2	Project
Total				16	

## 5. CONDUCT OF PRACTICAL SESSIONS

Practicals are essential components of these programmes. The number of available computers restricts the number of participants per Study Centre. It is, therefore, imperative that the allotted practical sessions on computers are put to the best use. For successful completion of the programme,

a participant is required to have a minimum of **75% attendance in the practical sessions**. A **participant will not be eligible to appear in the term-end practical examinations if the percentage of attendance in practical sessions falls below 75%**. He/she can, however, appear for the theory papers. In order to make up deficiency of attendance in practical sessions, the student will be required to pay the requisite fee as per directions issued by the University from time to time.

## 6. PROJECT

There are two projects in this Programme i.e. MSEP-028 (1<sup>st</sup> Year/Second Semester) and MSEP-038 (2<sup>nd</sup> Year/4<sup>th</sup> Semester). You can download guidelines from IGNOU's website (<http://ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/school/sovet/programmes>).

## 7. EVALUATION

The weightage of marks of each course varied from course to course. However, the weightage of continuous evaluation is 30% and term-end examination is 70%.

☞ **A student needs to secure at least 50% marks in continuous assessment and term end examination (Theory and Practical) separately in a course to be declared successful in that particular course. This requirement is applicable for all the courses of MSCIS.**

### 7.1 Assignments

- The main purpose of assignments is to test students' comprehension of the learning materials and reference books for the courses and also to help them before to comprehend the courses by providing feed-back to them. If the students have easy access to other books, they should make use of them. But the assignments are designed in such a way as to help them concentrate on the printed course material, reference books and exploit their personal experience with some additional readings.

### 7.2 (a) Guidelines regarding submission of assignments

1. It is compulsory for the students to submit the prescribed assignments. They will not be allowed to appear for the term-end examination of a course if they do not submit the assignments in time for that course. As mentioned above, you can download, **assignments from website** <https://webservices.ignou.ac.in/assignments>.
2. The assignment responses should be complete in all respects. Before submission, the students should ensure that they have answered all the questions in all assignments. Incomplete answer sheets bring poor grades.
3. The University/ Regional/Study Centre have the right to reject the assignments received after the due date. Therefore, the students are advised to submit their assignments before the due
4. In case the students have already done some assignments prescribed in a course, they are required to do the **left-over assignments before taking the Term-end Examination**. If they have qualified in a course on the basis of lesser number of assignments and Term-end Examination, they will **not be eligible to re-do the assignments** with a view to improve the overall qualifying score of that course.
5. In case any student fails to submit the assignments or fails to score minimum qualifying marks, s/he has to wait for fresh assignments meant for the current batch of students.
6. For their own record, students should retain a copy of all the assignment responses, which they submit to the Co-ordinator of their Study Centre/SED Division at the Headquarters. If they do not get back their duly evaluated assignment within a month after submission, they should try to get it from their Study Centre or respective RC personally. This may help them to improve upon future assignments.
7. Once the students get the pass marks in an assignment, they can not re-submit it for improvement of marks. If the student secured requisite marks in Term-End Examination and Assignments, but did not get requisite overall percentage, then the student can either

resubmit the assignment or reappear for the term-end examination for securing the requisite overall percentage.

8. Assignments are not subject to re-evaluation except for factual errors, if any. The discrepancy noticed by the students in the evaluated assignments should be brought to the notice of the Regional/Study Centre, so that the correct score is forwarded by him to the SED (Student Evaluation Division) at the Headquarters.
9. Assignments can also be submitted in the soft copy to the Email of the concerned study centre available at the concerned regional centre website or can be uploaded on the Google link provided by the concerned regional centre on their website.

## 7.2 (b) Instructions for Doing Assignments

While answering Assignments, the following guidelines are required to be observed:

1. The student should write their Complete correct Enrolment Number, Name, Full Address, Signature and Date on the top right hand corner of the first page of the response sheet.
2. The students should write the Programme Title, Course Code and Course Title on the left hand corner of the first page of their response sheet. Course code may be reproduced from the assignment.

The top of the first page of your response sheet for each assignment should look like this:

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PROGRAMME TITLE: ..... ENROLMENT No.: .....  
COURSE CODE: ..... NAME : .....  
COURSE TITLE: .....  
ADDRESS:.....  
SIGNATURE: .....REGIONAL/STUDY CENTRE.....  
DATE: .....

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3. The students should write the responses in their own hand. **They should not print or type the answers. They should not reproduce their answers from the units sent to them by the University. If they reproduce from units, they will get poor marks for the respective question.**
4. The students should write each assignment separately. All the assignments should not be written in continuity.
5. The students should write the question number with each answer.
6. The students should use only foolscap size paper for their response and tie all the pages carefully. Avoid using very thin paper. They should allow a 4 cm. margin on the left and at least 4 lines in between each answer. This may facilitate the evaluator to write useful comments on the margins at appropriate places.
7. The students should not copy from the response sheets of other students. If copying is noticed, the assignments of such students will be rejected, and disciplinary action can be taken against the students as per rules of the University.
8. Please remember that it is compulsory to send the scanned copies of handwritten assignments through email to the respective Regional Centre through email or upload on the link provided on the respective Regional centre's website before you can take the Term End Exams or else you will not be issued hall tickets. **Under no circumstances should they be sent to the (SED) for evaluation.**

## 7.3 General Guidelines Regarding the Term-End Examination

1. To be eligible to appear for the Term-end Examination in any course, the students are required to fulfil the following conditions:
  - a. they should have opted and pursued the prescribed course
  - b. they should have submitted the on-line examination form in time along with the requisite fees.

- c. they should have submitted the required number of assignments within due dates before taking the examination
- d. their registration for the programme should be valid.
2. The University conducts term-end examinations twice a year, in June and December.
3. Examination date schedule indicating the date and time of examination for each course is displayed on the IGNOU's website.
4. The student can submit the on-line examination form as per guidelines through IGNOU website at ([www.ignou.ac.in/studentzone/form 1](http://www.ignou.ac.in/studentzone/form1)).
5. University uploads hall-ticket to the students two weeks before commencement of Term-end Examination. **Please download the hall-ticket from the website and report to the Examination Centre with your Identity Card issued by the University.**
6. Results of Term-end examination are available on University website <http://www.ignou.ac.in/ignou/studentzone/results/1>.
7. Students will be allowed to appear in Term-end Examination for those courses only whose registration is valid and have completed the prescribed minimum duration of study.
8. Students should carry their **Identity Card and Hall Ticket** (received from SED indicating Centre & Date of Examination) to the Examination Centre.
9. The students will be entitled to appear for the examination only at the examination centre allotted to them and **NOT** at any other centre without specific permission from the University.
10. Although all efforts will be made to declare the results in time, there will be no binding on the University to declare the results of the last examination before the commencement of next examination. The students may, therefore, fill up the examination form without necessarily waiting for the result. In case the student gets result after filling up the exam form, s/he should not re-appear in the course qualified by her/ him with a view to improve the qualified score.
11. Students who fail to complete the minimum required number of course(s) prescribed for the Programme within the allotted period of study shall cease to be on the rolls of this University for that programme till they re-enroll themselves, if they wish to do so. For completing re-registration formalities students are advised to get in touch with the Regional Director concerned or the Registrar,(SRD) Division at the Headquarters.

#### 7.4 Early Declaration of Results

The student can apply for early declaration of Term-End-Examination result with a fee of Rs. 1000/- per course. **The application for early declaration of result shall be entertained only if the student has been selected for any post or applied for further studies.** The student must compulsorily submit documentary evidence (proof) in support of the reason for early declaration of result to the concerned Evaluation Centre whose details are available on the University website.

Early declaration is permissible in Term-End-Examination only. This facility is not applicable for Lab/Practical courses, Project, Assignment, Workshop, Seminar etc. based courses. The Application for Early Declaration of result shall be entertained for Final Year.

#### 7.5 Re-evaluation of Answer-script(s)

After the declaration of result, if the students are not satisfied with the marks awarded, they can request the University to re-evaluate their answer Scripts on payment of Rs. 500/- per course. The request for re-evaluation by the student must be made within one month from the date of declaration of result to the concerned Evaluation Centre in the prescribed format alongwith the fee of Rs. 750/- per course in the form of Demand Draft in favour of IGNOU payable at the city where submitting the Re-evaluation form. Format is available in the IGNOU's website [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in).

☞ **To whom to contact for examination related queries**

Activity	E-mail ID	Phone No
Practicals related grievances	<a href="mailto:practticalised@ignou.ac.in">practticalised@ignou.ac.in</a>	29572212 29536103
Assignment related grievances	<a href="mailto:assignment@ignou.ac.in">assignment@ignou.ac.in</a>	29571319

## 8. UNIVERSITY RULES

The University reserves the right to change the rules from time to time. However, latest rules will be applicable to all the students irrespective of the year of registration.

### 8.1 Refund of Fee

- Please visit IGNOU's Website.

### 8.2 Change/Correction of Address

- Please visit IGNOU's Website.

### 8.3 Change of Region and Programme Study Centre

- Please visit IGNOU's Website.

### 8.4 Official Transcripts

- The University provides the facility of official transcripts on request made by the learners on plain paper (with prescribed fee) addressed to Registrar, Student Evaluation Division (SED), Block 12, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.

### 8.5 Disputes on Admission & other University matters

- The place of jurisdiction of filing of suit, if necessary, will be only New Delhi/Delhi.

### 8.6 Recognition

- IGNOU Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates are recognized by all member Universities of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and are at par with Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates of all Indian Universities/Institutions, as per UGC Circular letter no. F.1-52/ 2000(CPP-II) dated 5th May, 2004, AIU Circular No. EV/11(449/94/ 176915-177115 dated January 14, 1994 & AICTE Circular No. AICTE/Academic/MOU-DEC/2005 dated May 13, 2005.

### 8.7 Prevention of Malpractice/Notice for General Public

- Students seeking admission to various academic programmes of Indira Gandhi National Open University are advised to directly contact IGNOU headquarters or Regional Centres at New Delhi. Students interacting with intermediaries shall do so at their own risk and cost.

As per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India ragging is prohibited. If any incident of ragging comes to the notice of the authority the concerned student shall be given liberty to explain and if his/her explanation is not found satisfactory, the authority would expel him/her from the University.

### 8.8 Pre-admission Enquiry on these Academic Programmes

- If you have any queries on academic aspects of these programmes please contact the Programme Coordinator as indicated below on the address of the University.

*For further information, contact:*  
**Programme Coordinator, MSCIS**  
**School of Vocational Education and Training**  
**SOVET, Block-15E, New Building**  
**Indira Gandhi National Open University**  
**Maidan Garhi New Delhi- 110068**  
**Email:mscis@ignou.ac.in**

For any further detail please visit at <http://ignou.ac.in/userfiles/Common-Prospectus-English.pdf>

## 9 LIST OF REGIONAL CENTRES

- Please visit at <http://www.ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/regional/website>