

University of Mumbai

Institute of Distance & Open Learning

The programs run by University of Mumbai have not been derecognised; the process of approval still on

Recently various newspapers & other sources of media published news that the courses or programmes run by University of Mumbai through are not recognized by UGC. In fact, the news is based on partial and inadequate information. IDOL's programs are not cancelled by the University Grants Commission, but the process of getting approval is still going.

The University Grants Commission passed UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 in the month of November 2017. As per this Act every open and distance education institute in India is required to get recognition to the programs from the University Grants Commission. One of the important criteria to recognize the ODL programs is to have the higher education institution i.e. University assessed and accredited by National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) and should have scored CGPA of 3.26 on a 4-point scale and should have completed 5 years. The assessment and accreditation process of University of Mumbai has already started, and still continues. Subsequently, the University Grants Commission made the third amendment in the regulation on September 6, 2018. As per the third amendment the ODL institutes have been given relaxation for the process of NAAC till the end of the academic year 2019 -20.

IDOL, University of Mumbai submitted the fresh application with compliances to the UGC on 5th October, 2018 to get the recognition for IDOL programs. The scrutiny of the proposal is in progress and soon the UGC is expected to respond.

Therefore, the approval of the University of Mumbai's Institute of Distance & Open Learning has not been cancelled and the process of approval is in progress.

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