

SREENARAYANAGURU OPEN UNIVERSITY

FAQS

General

1. What is the status of Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kerala?

Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kollam, Kerala was established by an Act of the Government of Kerala. It is a State Open University, governed by the Sreenarayanaguru Open University Act 2021 (1 of 2021). The Hon. Governor of Kerala is the Chancellor of the University.

2. After completing an M.A.Programme from Sreenarayanaguru Open University, can I appear for the UGC-NET?

Yes. You can appear for the UGC-NET since the degrees offered by the University will be treated on par with degrees issued by other UGC-approved Universities.

3. Does the University offer any online programmes?

No.

4. What is meant by an Academic session?

An academic session means a duration of twelve months, beginning either in January-February or July-August, as the case may be, of every calendar year.

5. Is there any provision for changing Study Centres?

Yes. Change of study centre is allowed, provided that the programme, in which the student has taken admission, is activated in the new centre. Students can change their study centres from the student login page.

6. What will be the mode of teaching followed by Sreenarayanaguru Open University ?

The University follows the Distance Education mode for teaching. Self-Learning Materials (SLM) will be provided to students both in print and digital forms (made available on the University website). Counselling Sessions will be held at study centres. There will also be contact classes for the learners.

7. What mode of examination is followed by Sreenarayanaguru Open University?

Currently, the University conducts offline examinations, with pen-and-paper examinations at allotted examination centres.

8. What is a Regional Centre?

A Regional Centre means a centre established or recognized by the University for the purpose of coordination and supervision of the functioning of any study centre in the state. Such Regional Centres will have powers and duties as specified in the Sreenarayanaguru Open University Act 2021 and the statutes made under it. \

9. Does the University offer franchise agreements with private institutions?

No programme will be offered through franchise agreement with private institutions and no study centres will be opened through franchises.

10. I am a native of Karnataka State, will a Campus Centre/Study Centre be available in the state of Karnataka?

No Off-Campus Centres /Study Centres will be opened beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the University ie., the State of Kerala.

11. What are Self-Learning Materials ?

Self Learning Materials for Open and Distance Learning mode include contents in the form of course materials, either in print or digital forms, which are self-explanatory, self contained, self-directed to the learner, and amenable to self-evaluation. They enable the learner to acquire the prescribed level of learning in the course of study, but do not include text-books or guide-books.

12. What is meant by Learner Support Services?

Learner Support Services means services which are provided by the Higher Educational Institutions in order to facilitate the acquisition of teaching-learning experiences by the learner to the level prescribed by the Commission for Open and Distance Learning modes and Online mode.

13. What is the difference between “Online mode” and “Open and Distance Learning mode”?

Online Mode means a mode of providing flexible learning opportunities, overcoming the difficulties in the separation of teacher and learner, using a variety of media, including print, electronic, online and face-to-face meetings.

Open and Distance Learning mode means a mode which provides flexible learning opportunities by overcoming separation of teacher and learner, using a variety of media, including print, electronic, online and face-to-face meetings with the learners including practical or work experiences;

14. What is a Post- Graduate Diploma programme?

A Post Graduate Diploma means a programme with a minimum duration of two years, in which a minimum entry level qualification of graduation is required, covering a minimum of 80 credits and nomenclature as recognised by the University Grant Commission and the regulatory authority or statutory council, as applicable .

15. How many regional centres have been established by the University?

The University has now established four regional centres

16. What are the campuses of the University?

University Centre, Regional Centres, Study Centres and other academic institutions.

17. What is meant by a Learner Support Centre?

A Learner Support Centre means a Study Centre/ Programme Centre/ Work Centre, established or recognized by the University for advising, counseling, or providing interface with the teachers, and other related services and assistance required for the successful delivery of programmes.

18. What is meant by CIQA?

Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) means a centre established by the

University for ensuring the quality of Programmes being offered.