

SREENARAYANAGURU OPEN UNIVERSITY

FAQS

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. Does Sreenarayanaguru Open University have study centres outside Kerala?

No. The jurisdiction of Sreenarayanaguru Open University is restricted to the geographical boundaries of the state of Kerala alone. Therefore, there are no study centres located outside the state.

3. Can I join a programme offered by Sreenarayanaguru Open University while employed?

Yes. In fact, the flexible programme structure of the University is designed to suit the requirement of learners who are already employed.

4. Are the Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates issued by Sreenarayanaguru Open University officially recognized?

Yes. The Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates issued by the University will be treated on par with those Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates issued by other UGC-approved Universities.

5. 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.

6. What is Registration?

Registration is a one-time activity which each learner will have to undertake at the time of admission.

7. I have completed a Diploma in Engineering after Xth Standard/SSLC. Can I join any of the UG Programmes at Sreenarayanaguru Open University?

No. The minimum educational qualification for joining any UG programme offered by the University is XIIth/Plus Two/Pre-degree.

8. Can Programme Fees be paid in cash?

Cash payments of any kind are not accepted. All payments to the University need to be made through online modes.

9. What is an academic calendar?

An academic calendar means a publication mentioning the period of admission process, the period of academic sessions, the dates of continuous and end semester examinations, the dates of publication of results, etc.

10. Will Sreenarayanaguru Open University follow Reservation Policies?

The University shall follow the Reservation Policy of the Government of Kerala for admission to programmes where seats are limited in number. In all other programmes, any person fulfilling the minimum eligibility prescribed for admission in that programme can join.

11. 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.

12. What are the minimum and maximum durations of UG and PG programmes?

The duration of a programme refers to the time required to complete a programme of study. The minimum period of a general Undergraduate degree (UG) is three years, and Post-Graduate degree (PG) is two years. The minimum period for completion of UG and PG programmes cannot be less than the above-stated durations. The maximum period for general undergraduate degree (UG) is six years and post graduate degree (PG) is 4 years.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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. There are four regional centres as shown below.

1. Thalassery Govt. Brennan College 2. Kozhikode Govt.Arts & Science College
3.Thrippunithura Govt.College 4. Pattambi SNGS College.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. What is a credit?

A study effort of one credit shall mean the time required by a learner to understand the contents equivalent to 30 hours.

19. What is a project?

A project is a structured report on a topic, mutually agreed upon by the student and the University.

20. Are there any mandatory attendance requirements for counselling sessions?

Yes.

21. Can an applicant take admission in two academic programmes of the University simultaneously?

No. A learner is permitted to register for only one Programme in the given academic session. However he/she is allowed to take a certificate programme of 6 months along with other programmes.

22. 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.

23. 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;

24. 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 .

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

The University has now established four regional centres

26. What are the campuses of the University?

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

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. What is the duration of a semester?

A semester means a term consisting of 18 weeks.

31. What is meant by an Examination centre?

An Examination centre means a place where examinations are conducted for the assessment of the learners pursuing the programmes, having the required infrastructure, including adequate manpower for the smooth conduct of examinations, adhering to such minimum standards as specified by the University.