



# MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) M.A. (Education)



School of Education  
Indira Gandhi National Open University  
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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Indira Gandhi National Open University, one of the largest universities in the world, was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985, to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge by a diversity of means, including the use of information and communication technology, to provide opportunities for higher education to a large segment of the population. The enrolment (fresh and re-registration) in 2017-18 was 10,72,578. The University offers 239 academic, professional, vocational, awareness generating and skill-oriented programmes at the level of Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree through its 21 Schools of Studies, 67 Regional Centres, 3084 active Learner Support Centres (LSCs). These programmes are offered through multiple instructional packages with the convergence of different methodologies and technologies. The University is making all efforts to take higher education to the doorsteps of the hitherto unreached. Based on its contribution in Distance Education, it has been conferred with Award of Excellence by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada, in 1993.

The recent initiatives of the university to provide technology-enabled education within the framework of blended learning include; SWAYAM based Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), 24x7 SWAYAMPURABHA, e-Gyankosh and IGNOU e-Content App for digital study material.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education is one of the Schools of Studies in the University. It prepares specialists to be engaged in educational discourses and knowledge generation. It offers academic programmes for the professional development of teachers and educational managers at different levels of education. The School also functions as a centre for documentation of teacher education materials in the form of print and non-print media and is engaged in promotion of technology-enabled learning. The School of Education (SOE) has been given the mandate to develop academic programmes in education as an area of knowledge and as a field of professional practice.

## MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)

The Master of Arts (Education) Programme is an innovative programme, which would provide learners a wider and more

comprehensive understanding of education as a field of knowledge and would accommodate a wide variety of learner needs. Needs may range from understanding the concept of education to knowing how knowledge gets generated in the area of education to acquiring higher level of specialization in specific aspects of education.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The M.A. (Education) programme aims at producing a team of well-trained individuals knowledgeable in education and its various dimensions. More specially, the M.A (Education) programme intends to:

- provide learning-experience, which will enable students to understand and appreciate knowledge structures and paradigms of education;
- develop professional for effective participation in educational actions in different areas of education; and
- create a community of scholars adequately equipped for participation in educational discourse.

## ELIGIBILITY

A Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with or without a Degree in Education from a recognized university.

## DURATION

The M.A (Education) programme can be completed by a student in a minimum of two years time and in a maximum of five years time.

## MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The Medium of instruction is English. However, students of M.A. (Education) can write their assignments, Term-end Examinations and Dissertation in Hindi.

## PROGRAMME FEE

Rs. 16,200/- for the full programme (Rs. 9000/- for 1<sup>st</sup> year & Rs. 7,200/- for 2<sup>nd</sup> year respectively).

## PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

The M.A. (Education) programme comprises four groups of courses with differential weightage. The total number of credits will be 68 and each student is expected to cover 34 credits in each year.

**Group A:** Basic Course on Education

**Group B** : Core Courses

**Group C** : Courses on Knowledge Generation in Education

**Group D** : Specialized Areas in Education

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

#### Group A: Basic Course on Education (4 credits)

S. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credits
1.	MES-011	Understanding Education	4 credits

#### Group B: Core Courses

S. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credits
1	MES-012	Education Nature and Purposes	6 credits
2	MES-013	Learning, Learner and Development	6 credits
3	MES-014	Societal Context of Education	6 credits
4	MES-015	Operational Dimensions of Education	6 credits

#### Group C: Courses on Knowledge Generation in Education

S. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credits
1	MES-016	Educational Research	6 credits
2	MESP-001	Dissertation	10 credits

#### Group D: Specialized Areas in Education

Under Group D, a student has to complete four or five courses worth 24 credits in one specialized area. The specialized areas offered are Higher education, Distance Education, Educational Technology, Educational Management, and Adult Education.

S. No.	Specialized Area	Course Title	Course Code	Credits
<b>A. Higher Education</b>				
1	Higher Education:	Its Context and Linkages	MES-101	6 credits
2	Instruction in Higher Education		MES-102	6 credits
3	Higher Education: The Psycho-social Context		MES-103	6 credits
4	Planning and Management		MES-104	6 credits
<b>B. Distance Education</b>				
1	Growth and Philosophy of Distance Education		MES-111	4 credits
2	Design and Development of Self-Learning Print Materials		MES-112	4 credits
3	Learner Support Services		MES-113	4 credits

4	Management of Distance Education	MES-114	6 credits
5	Communication Technology for Distance Education	MES-115	6 credits
<b>C. Educational Technology</b>			
1	ET- An Overview	MES-031	6 credits
2	Communication and Information Technology	MES-032	6 credits
3	Computer Technology	MES-033	6 credits
4	Designing Courseware	MES-034	6 credits
<b>D. Educational Management</b>			
1	Growth and Development of Educational Management	MES-041	6 credits
2	Dimensions of Educational Management	MES-042	6 credits
3	Organizational Behaviour	MES-043	6 Credits
4	Institutional Management	MES-044	6 Credits
<b>E. Adult Education</b>			
1	Understanding Adult Education	MAE-001	6 credits
2	Policy Planning and Implementation of Adult Education in India	MAE-002	6 credits
3	Knowledge Management, Information Dissemination and Networking in Adult Education	MAE-003	6 credits
4	Extension Education and Development	MAE-004	6 credits

### INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEM

The instructional system of the programme includes:

- Self-learning Print Materials
- Audio and Video Programmes
- Assignments
- Academic Counselling Sessions
- Teleconferencing
- Interactive Radio Counselling
- Dissertation Work

### EVALUATION

The system of evaluation for theory courses is as follows:

- Check your progress within each unit of study (non-credit).
- Continuous evaluation in the form of periodic compulsory assignments which carries a weightage of 30% for each course.
- The term-end examination has a weightage of 70% of the total

weightage for each course.

- For dissertation course, evaluation comprises student performance both in dissertation report and the Viva-voce.

(Note: Data pertaining to IGNOU quoted in the Brochure are from the IGNOU Diary 2019.)



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