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दूरस्थ व ऑनलाईन शिक्षण केंद्र (सीडीओई)
(पूर्वीची दूर व मुक्त अध्ययन संस्था)
CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION (CDOE)
(FORMERLY INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING (IDOL))

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Notification

Date: 14th August 2025

for Students Enrolled in Academic Year 2025-26

M.A. Psychology Programme

In pursuance of the University Grants Commission (UGC) directive, and based on recommendations of the Expert Group constituted under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, the UGC has withdrawn approval for Psychology and other allied and healthcare programmes under the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode with effect from the July-August 2025 academic session for all universities across the country.

Accordingly, the University of Mumbai, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), shall not be able to continue the M.A. Psychology programme in distance mode from the Academic Year 2025-26. Students who have already been admitted to the M.A. Psychology programme (2025-26) are hereby informed of the following options to avoid their academic loss:

1. Change of Programme:

Students may apply for a transfer of admission to any other M.A. programme offered by CDOE for the Academic Year 2025-26. The fees already paid will be adjusted accordingly.

2) Cancellation & Refund:

Students who do not wish to opt for another programme may apply for cancellation of admission and will be eligible for a refund of their admission fees.

All concerned students are advised to submit their option (Change of Programme / Cancellation & Refund) through the prescribed online form available on the CDOE website (www.mu.ac.in/cdoe) on or before 31st August 2025. For further queries or assistance, students may contact the CDOE Helpdesk at:

Phone: 8657584301 & 8657584311; Email: info@idol.mu.ac.in

The inconvenience caused is deeply regretted. This decision is being implemented in compliance with UGC directives.

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FAQs for Students Enrolled in M.A. Psychology at CDOE

University of Mumbai

Academic Year 2025-26

1) Why is the M.A. Psychology course being discontinued in distance and online mode?

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has withdrawn approval for Psychology and other allied/healthcare programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from July–August 2025 onwards. This applies to all universities across India.

2) I have already taken admission in M.A. Psychology. What will happen to my admission?

- You have two options:
 1. Change your admission to another M.A. programme offered by CDOE.
 2. Apply for cancellation of admission and receive a refund of your admission fees.

3. Which other M.A. programmes are available at CDOE?

- CDOE offers M.A. programmes in subjects such as English, Hindi, Marathi, History, Political Science, Economics, Geography, Communication & Journalism, Public Relations, Sociology (Distance mode + Online mode) and Education (only for BA Education or B.Ed. students).

You can transfer your admission to any of these available programmes.



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4. Will my fees be adjusted if I change to another programme?

- Yes. The fees already paid for M.A. Psychology will be adjusted against the new programme. If the new programme has lower fees, the balance will be refunded.

5. How long will it take to receive my refund if I cancel admission?

- Refunds will be processed as per University rules. You will be informed by email once your application is approved and the refund is initiated.

6. Will CDOE offer M.A. Psychology again in future?

- Currently, as per UGC directives, Psychology and other allied/healthcare subjects cannot be offered in distance mode. The University can only restart the programme if UGC issues fresh approval in the future..

7. Who can I contact for help?

- Phone: 8657584301 & 8657584311 ; Email: info@idol.mu.ac.in

•Helpdesk Timings: Monday to Friday and all working Saturdays: 10:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Students are advised to act promptly to avoid academic loss. The University is committed to supporting you through this transition and ensuring your concerns are addressed.

Director

Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE)

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F. No. 4-1/2025(DEB-NER)

21 श्रावण, 1947 / 12th August, 2025

सार्वजनिक सूचना

Commission decision regarding the feasibility of offering programmes in the specialization of healthcare and allied disciplines falling under the NCAHP Act, 2021, in ODL and Online mode.

Commission in its 592nd meeting held on 23.07.2025 deliberated on the feasibility of offering programmes in the specialisation of healthcare and allied disciplines falling under the NCAHP Act, 2021, in ODL and Online mode. Accordingly, the Commission decided as under:

Commission considered and approved the following recommendations of the 24th DEB Working Group (DWG) meeting held on 22nd April, 2025 regarding offering of programmes in the specialization of Psychology, Microbiology, Food and Nutrition Science, Biotechnology and Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics in ODL mode and Online mode:

- a) No HEI shall be permitted to offer any allied and healthcare programmes covered in NCAHP Act, 2021, including Psychology as specialization under ODL/Online mode, from the academic session July-August, 2025 and onwards.
- b) For HEIs already granted recognition to offer such programmes for upcoming academic session July-August 2025 and onwards:
 - i. Any recognition already granted to HEIs for offering such programmes for the academic session July-August 2025 and onwards shall be withdrawn by the UGC. In the case of programmes with multiple specialization such as Bachelor of Arts (English, Hindi, Punjabi, Economics, History, Mathematics, Public Administration, Philosophy, Political Science, Statistics, Human Rights and Duties, Sanskrit, Psychology, Geography, Sociology, Women Studies), then only those specialization covered in NCAHP Act, 2021 shall be withdrawn.
 - ii. HEIs shall be directed not to admit any student in such programmes from the upcoming academic session July-August 2025.

All stakeholders are requested to take note of the above and adhere to the Commission's decision.

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सार्वजनिक सूचना


एनसीएचपी अधिनियम, 2021 के अंतर्गत आने वाले स्वास्थ्य देखभाल एवं संबद्ध विषयों में विशेषज्ञता वाले कार्यक्रमों को ODL एवं ऑनलाइन मोड में संचालित करने की व्यवहार्यता के संबंध में आयोग का निर्णय।

आयोग ने 23.07.2025 को आयोजित हुई 592वीं बैठक में एनसीएचपी अधिनियम, 2021 के अंतर्गत आने वाले स्वास्थ्य देखभाल एवं संबद्ध विषयों में विशेषज्ञता वाले कार्यक्रमों को ODL एवं ऑनलाइन मोड में संचालित करने की व्यवहार्यता पर विचार-विमर्श किया। तदनुसार, आयोग ने निम्नलिखित निर्णय लिया:

आयोग ने 22 अप्रैल, 2025 को आयोजित 24वीं डीईबी वर्किंग ग्रुप (DWG) बैठक में मनोविज्ञान, सूक्ष्मजीव विज्ञान, खाद्य एवं पोषण विज्ञान, जैव प्रौद्योगिकी तथा नैदानिक पोषण एवं आहार विज्ञान में विशेषज्ञता वाले कार्यक्रमों को ODL मोड एवं ऑनलाइन मोड में संचालित करने से संबंधित निम्नलिखित अनुशंसाओं पर विचार किया और उन्हें अनुमोदित किया:

- अ) कोई भी उच्च शिक्षण संस्थान (HEI) को एनसीएचपी अधिनियम, 2021 के अंतर्गत आने वाले किसी भी स्वास्थ्य देखभाल एवं संबद्ध कार्यक्रम जिसमें मनोविज्ञान एक विशेषज्ञता के रूप में शामिल है, ODL/ऑनलाइन मोड में जुलाई-अगस्त, 2025 के शैक्षणिक सत्र एवं उसके बाद से संचालित करने की अनुमति नहीं दी जाएगी।
- आ) वे उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों (HEIs) के लिए जिन्हें आगामी शैक्षणिक सत्र जुलाई-अगस्त, 2025 एवं उसके बाद के लिए ऐसे कार्यक्रम संचालित करने की मान्यता पहले ही प्रदान की जा चुकी है:
 - i. ऐसे कार्यक्रमों के संचालन के लिए जुलाई-अगस्त, 2025 के शैक्षणिक सत्र एवं उसके बाद हेतु उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों (HEIs) को पूर्व में प्रदत्त किसी भी मान्यता को UGC द्वारा वापस ले लिया जाएगा। ऐसे कार्यक्रमों के मामले में, जिनमें एक से अधिक विशेषीकरण हैं, जैसे बैचलर ऑफ आर्ट्स (अंग्रेजी, हिन्दी, पंजाबी, अर्थशास्त्र, इतिहास, गणित, लोक प्रशासन, दर्शनशास्त्र, राजनीति विज्ञान, सांख्यिकी, मानवाधिकार एवं कर्तव्य, संस्कृत, मनोविज्ञान, भूगोल, समाजशास्त्र, महिला अध्ययन), तब केवल वे विशेषीकरण, जो एनसीएचपी अधिनियम, 2021 के अंतर्गत आते हैं, वापस लिए जाएंगे।
 - ii. उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों (HEIs) को यह निर्देश दिया जाएगा कि वे आगामी शैक्षणिक सत्र जुलाई-अगस्त, 2025 से ऐसे कार्यक्रमों में किसी भी छात्र का प्रवेश न लें।

सभी हितधारकों से अनुरोध है कि उपर्युक्त का संज्ञान लें और आयोग के निर्णय का पालन करें।


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