

Indira Gandhi National Open University

Regional Centre: Vijayawada

(A Central University, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India)

B.Com. Programme with major in Accountancy & Finance for CA (Chartered Accountant) Learners

The University

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 has continuously striven to build an inclusive knowledge society through inclusive education. It has tried to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) by offering high-quality teaching through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. It has been conferred with the awards of 'Centre of Excellence' and 'Excellence for Distance Education Materials' by the Commonwealth of Learning which is the highest Forum for Open Distance Learning in the Common Wealth countries.

The University began by offering two academic programmes in 1987, i.e., Diploma in Management and Diploma in Distance Education, with a strength of 4,528 students. Today, it serves the educational aspirations of over 28 Lakh students in India and 36 other countries through 21 Schools of Studies and a network of 67 Regional Centres, more than 3,000 Learner Support Centres and 67 overseas centres. The University offers more than 150 Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Doctoral programmes, with a strength of 560 faculty members and academic staff at the Headquarters and Regional Centres. More than 51,000 faculty and other professionals of conventional institutions of higher learning, professional organizations, industry etc are associated with the University in imparting education in ODL mode.

Recognition

IGNOU is a Central University created by an Act of Parliament and all Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees awarded by the University are at par with all such degrees issued by other Universities under the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) as per the University Grants Commissions (UGC) circular no. F.1-52/2000 (CPP-II) dated May 5, 2004 and AIU circular no. EV/II/(449/94/176915-177915, dated January 14, 1994) and AICTE circular no. AICTE/academic/Nov. Dec. 2005, dated May 13, 2005.

Regional Centre, Vijayawada

Indira Gandhi National Open University established a Regional Centre at Vijayawada, an economically, culturally and politically vibrant city in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. IGNOU Regional Centre, Vijayawada is carved out of Regional Centre, Hyderabad and it became operational in July 2008.

The Regional Centre, Vijayawada comprises 5 districts viz, Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore of Coastal Andhra and Khammam district of Telangana Region. The Regional Centre is headed by a Regional Director who is supported by a team of Academic, Administrative and other Supporting Staff.

Sub - Regional Centre, Tirupati

IGNOU has also established a Sub-Regional Centre (SRC) at Tirupati which will be operational from July 2013 session. Regional Centre, Vijayawada is the Mentor Regional Centre for Sub-Regional Centre, Tirupati. SRC has the jurisdiction of four districts viz., Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool.

List of Learner Support Centres in Vijayawada Region and Sub Regional Centre, Tirupati

S.No.	Code No.	Study Centre Address	Contact Details		
1	0102	V.R. College, Nellore- 524 001	0861-2301316, 2322226		
2	0103	KBN College, Kothapeta, Vijayawada-520 001	0866-2566015		
3	0104	TJPS College, Ring Road, Guntur-522 006	0863-2244955		
4	0148	Kavitha Memorial Degree College, Khammam - 507 002	08742-223799, 253949		
Sub Regional Centre, Tirupati LSCs					
5	0159	Sri Padmavathi Mahila Vishwavidyalayam, Tirupati-517 502	0877-2284593		
6	0106	Sri Saibaba National (SSBN) Degree College, Opp: ZP Office, Govt. Hospital Road, Anantapur - 575 001	08554-235970, 241141		
7	0108	Osmania College, Kurnool - 518 001	08518 - 243834		

The above are the Learner Support Centres of Vijayawada Region of IGNOU. For all practical purposes, these study centres are the colleges of the University. The infrastructure and other services of the college/institution will be utilized by IGNOU in the weekends and in the non-working hours of the college/institution. IGNOU will provide the following support services to its learners at the Study Centres:

- Pre-admission counselling, Sale of Student Handbook and Prospectus.
- Conduct of Induction meeting for newly registered learners.
- Preparation and organizing theory and practical counselling sessions.
- Arrange audio and video programmes and teleconferencing.
- Organize workshops, seminars, extended contact programmes, field visits, teaching practice etc., depending on the nature of the programme.
- Providing library facility to the learners.
- Evaluation of assignments and providing grades/marks and feedback to the learners.
- Conducting Term End Examinations and Practical Examinations (in case the centre has been allotted Examination Centre).

Admission cycles

The University offers round the year walk-in-admission. Most of the academic programmes are offered in both the cycles of admission i.e., January and July cycles. Admissions to the academic programmes are under three modes i.e., through entrance examination, merit and direct admission, depending on the nature of the programme. Admission notifications are issued in the leading national and regional dailies for Walk in Admission during April-May for July session and October-November for January session. The detailed information on admission and application forms are available on the University website at www.ignou.ac.in. Filled in applications are to be submitted to Regional Centre, Vijayawada with the requisite fee as per university guidelines.

B.Com. (Accountancy & Finance)

IGNOU in Collaboration with ICAI has launched B.Com programme by signing a Memorandum of Understanding in March 2007 exclusively for ICAI Students.

The objectives of the programme are to develop skills and competencies of the students in the field of Accountancy and Finance. The students can simultaneously study B.Com with Major in Accountancy and Finance programme with Chartered Accountancy First Stage offered by ICAI. The programme comprises 104 credits, out of which 32 credits are from IGNOU and 72 credits are part of Chartered Accountancy course (First Stage). Once a student completes Chartered Accountancy First Stage, automatic credit transfer is given in this B.Com (A&F) programme for all those Chartered Accountancy First Stage courses. This scheme facilitates the student to obtain dual degree simultaneously from both IGNOU and ICAI.

Programme Structure

To be eligible for the award of the degree, B.Com with Major in Accountancy and Finance, a student is required to complete courses as shown below. Completion of CPT/PE1/Foundation is a pre-condition to seek admission in B.Com (A & F). All the students admitted to B.Com (A & F) will get automatic credit transfer for **Part-A** courses. All the 6 courses of **Part-B** shall be delivered by IGNOU and the student has to pursue them as per the IGNOU system. All the 6 courses of **Part-C** shall be delivered by ICAI as part of Chartered Accountancy First Stage and the student has to pursue them as per the ICAI system.

Programme Fee: Rs. 6000/-

PART-A: Courses of Common Proficiency Test (CPT) offered by ICAI

S. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Status
1	BCO - 001	Fundamentals of Accounting	4 credits	Automatic Credit Transfer
2	BCO - 002	Mercantile Law	4 credits	Automatic Credit Transfer
3	BCO - 003	General Economics	4 credits	Automatic Credit Transfer
4	BCO - 004	Quantitative Aptitude	4 credits	Automatic Credit Transfer

Note: Courses already passed by students as part of CPT or PE-I or Foundation and automatic credit transfer given to all the students admitted in B.Com (A & F).

PART-B: Courses offered by IGNOU

S. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Status
1	a) FEG-1	Foundation Course in English 1	4 Credits	Compulsory
2	b) FEG-2	Foundation Course in English 2	4 Credits	Compulsory
		OR		
	a) BHDF-101	Foundation Course in Hindi 1	4 Credits	Compulsory
	b) FHD-2	Foundation Course in Hindi 2	4 Credits	Compulsory
3	BEGE-104	English for Business Communication	8 Credits	Compulsory
		OR		
	BHDE-108	Prayojan Mulak Hindi	8 Credits	Compulsory
4	BSHF-1	Foundation Course in Humanities and Social Sciences	8 Credits	Compulsory
		OR		
	FST-1	Foundation Course in Science and Technology	8 Credits	Compulsory
5	ECO-13	Business Environment	4 Credits	Compulsory
6	AED-1	Export Procedures and Documentation	4 Credits	Compulsory

Note: To be studied by all B.Com (A&F) programme students from IGNOU.

PART C: Courses of Professional Competence Course (PCC) offered by ICAI

S. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Status
1	BCO - 005	Advanced Accounting	8 Credits	Credit transfer on completion
2	BCO - 006	Auditing and Assurance	8 Credits	Credit transfer on completion
3	BCO - 007	Law, Ethics & Communication	8 Credits	Credit transfer on completion
4	BCO - 008	Cost Accounting & Financial Management	8 Credits	Credit transfer on completion
5	BCO - 009	Taxation	8 Credits	Credit transfer on completion
6	BCO - 010	Information Technology and Strategic Management	8 Credits	Credit transfer on completion
7	BCOL - 001	100 Hours IT Training through Accredited Institutions	8 Credits	Credit transfer on completion

Note: These Courses are to be passed as part of Chartered Accountancy First Stage and students get credit transfer in this B.Com (A&F) Programme.

Students once admitted to this programme shall be deemed to have been admitted for 3 years. Therefore, there is no need to re-register in 2nd year and 3rd year, as in the case of the existing B.Com programme of the University.

Duration of the Programme

Students who have already completed the Chartered Accountancy First Stage (intermediate/ PE-II/PCC), the minimum period of study shall be proportionately reduced. Such students can complete this programme within a minimum period of one year (with the condition that the total period including one year at IGNOU should not be less than three years from the date of passing CPT) and a maximum period of 4 years.

Evaluation System

Part A Courses: These 4 courses are the same as covered in Common Proficiency Test (CPT) or PE-I or Foundation. Since passing of CPT/PE-I/Foundation is a pre-condition to join B.Com (A&F), all the students who ever join this programme will get exemption for these courses. The marks secured in CPT/PE-I/Foundation courses are automatically transferred against these 4 courses.

Part B Courses: A student shall pursue these 6 courses of Part B with IGNOU and complete them as per the IGNOU evaluation system.

Part C Courses: A student shall pursue 7 of the Part C courses with ICAI as a student of Chartered Accountancy First Stage (Intermediate/PE-II/PCC). Once these courses are passed as per the examination scheme of the Chartered Accountancy First Stage, she/he is deemed to have passed all the Part C Courses in B.Com (A&F) and credit transfer is given.

- 1. The Evaluation System for IGNOU courses (i.e., Part-B Courses) consists of two components:
- a) Continuous evaluation through assignments (Tutor Marked Assignments).
- b) Term-end examinations.

In the final results, assignments carry 30% weightage, while 70% weightage is given for term-end examinations.

- 2. All the assignments and term-end examinations will be scored as a numerical marking scheme.
- 3. To claim B.Com (A&F) degree, one has to secure at least 35% marks in both continuous evaluation (assignments) as well as term-end examination of each course. The scores of continuous evaluation and term-end examination are not complementary to each. The above condition is mandatory for all IGNOU courses of this B.Com programme.

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