

Postgraduate Programme
M.A. Urdu (MAUD)
(ODL Mode)

Programme Guide



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Introduction: The School of Humanities at Indira Gandhi National Open University offers the M.A. in Urdu (MAUD) programme, designed to provide an in-depth exploration of Urdu language, literature, and its rich cultural heritage. This program aims to equip learners with advanced knowledge of Urdu literary traditions and critical analysis, fostering both academic and practical skills in language and literature.

Programme Objectives:

1. **Historical and Cultural Understanding:** Introduce students to the history of Urdu language and literature, with a focus on significant literary movements and cultural influences. Courses such as *MUD-001 (Urdu Zuban O Adab Ki Tareekh)* offer insights into the evolution of Urdu.
2. **Poetic Analysis:** Cultivate a comprehensive understanding of Urdu poetry, exploring its classical and modern forms. Courses like *MUD-002 (Urdu Ghazal)* and *MUD-007 (Jadeed Urdu Nazam)* develop an appreciation of Urdu's poetic traditions and its renowned poets.
3. **Exploration of Fictional Prose:** Provide in-depth study of Urdu fiction, including short stories and novels, to enhance students' grasp of narrative techniques and themes in Urdu literature, as seen in *MUD-003 (Urdu Ka Afsanwi Adab)*.
4. **Non-Fiction Prose Mastery:** Broaden students' literary exposure through non-fiction, covering essays, biographical works, and travel literature with courses such as *MUD-004 (Urdu Ka Gair Afsanwi Adab)*.
5. **Literary Figures Study:** Focus on influential writers like *Prem Chand*, *Qurait-ul-Ain Haider* (*MUD-005*) and poets such as *Nazir Akbarabadi* and *Allama Iqbal* (*MUD-006*), enabling students to analyze their unique contributions to Urdu literature.
6. **Classical Urdu Poetry:** Develop skills in interpreting classical Urdu poetry with *MUD-008 (Classical Urdu Shayeri)*, fostering an understanding of its stylistic richness and historical context.
7. **Criticism and Research Skills:** Equip students with critical and research skills necessary for literary analysis through *MUD-009 (Tanqeed O Tehqeeq)*, which covers essential methods of literary critique and investigation.
8. **Study of Iconic Poets:** Analyze the works of foundational poets like *Mir Taqi Mir* and *Mirza Ghalib* through *MUD-010*, encouraging detailed study of their influence on Urdu poetry.
9. **Mass Media and Translation:** Train students in Urdu for media and translation with *MUD-011 (Urdu Mass Media Aur Tarjuma Nigari)*, preparing them for careers in journalism, translation, and content creation.
10. **Women's and Diasporic Literature:** Expand literary perspectives by examining women's contributions to Urdu literature and diaspora literature in *MUD-012 (Urdu Mein Khawateen Ka Adab Aur Mehjari Adab)*, highlighting gender and migration themes.

Through these courses, the MAUD programme develops a nuanced understanding of Urdu language and literature, equipping graduates with the skills for careers in education, media, translation, research, and cultural organizations.

Programme Structure:

Course Code	Title of the Course	Credits
I Year		
MUD-001	History of Urdu Language and Literature	8
MUD-003	Urdu Fiction	8
MUD-004	Urdu Non-Fiction	8
MUD-009	Criticism and Research	8
Optional Courses		
MUD-002	Urdu Ghazal	8
MUD-010	OR Special Study of Meer Taqi Meer and Mirza Ghalib	
*There is flexibility of multiple exit options. Learner may choose to exit the programme after completing first year with 40 credits. At this stage, they are awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Urdu.		
II Year		
MUD-005	Premchand aur Qurrat-ul-Ain Hyder ka Khusoosi Mutala	8
MUD-006	Nazeer Akbar Abadi aur Allama Iqbal ka Khusoosi Mutala	8
MUD-007	Urdu Nazm	8
MUD-008	Classical Urdu Poetry: Qasida, Masnavi, Mersiya	8
Optional Courses		
MUD-011	Urdu Mass Media aur Tarjuma Nigari	8
MUD-012	OR Urdu Mein Khawateen ka Adab aur Mehjari Adab	
Total Credits		80

Eligibility: A Bachelor's degree or higher from a recognized university is required. Prior study of Urdu at the undergraduate level is not mandatory, but learners must be proficient in reading and writing Urdu. No entrance test is needed.

Medium of Instruction:

- Urdu

Duration:

- Minimum: 2 years
- Maximum: 4 years

Fee Structure:

- Total: ₹12,200/-
- Annual Fee: ₹6,100/-
- Registration Fee: Additional ₹300/- (to be paid annually)

Credit Method:

- 1 credit equals 30 hours of learner's study time.
- Students study 240 hours for an 8-credit course.
- Study time includes written material, audio-visual material, teleconferences, telecommunication, assignments, and activities on platforms like Gyan vani, Gyan Darshan, Swayam prabha, and e-GyanKosh.

Teaching Methodology:

- 30 hours in 1 credit encompass various study activities, ensuring a holistic learning experience.
- Incorporates study of written material, audio-visual material, teleconferences, telecommunication, and time spent on assignments.
- Platforms like Gyanvani, Gyandarshan, Swayamprabha, e-Gyankosh, etc., contribute to the overall study hours.

M.A. Urdu (MAUD) programme at IGNOU is designed in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes a multidisciplinary and holistic approach to higher education. This program integrates traditional Urdu language and literature studies with modern pedagogical practices, encouraging learners to engage with the rich cultural heritage of Urdu while developing critical thinking, research, and analytical skills.

The courses in the MA Urdu programme, such as *MUD-001 (Urdu Zuban O Adab Ki Tareekh)*, *MUD-002 (Urdu Ghazal)*, and *MUD-003 (Urdu Ka Afsanwi Adab)*, provide a solid foundation in the historical and literary aspects of Urdu, aligning with NEP 2020's focus on promoting a deep understanding of subjects while fostering an appreciation for diverse cultures and languages. By incorporating studies of classical poets like *Mir Taqi Mir* and *Mirza Ghalib* (*MUD-010*), as well as modern literary giants like *Prem Chand* and *Qurat-ul-Ain Haider* (*MUD-005*), the programme adheres to NEP's goal of ensuring learners gain insights into the evolution of literary forms over time.

Courses like *MUD-007 (Urdu Nazm)* and *MUD-011 (Urdu Mass Media Aur Tarjuma Nigari)* meet the NEP's objective of integrating contemporary relevance in education, equipping students with skills necessary for the modern workforce, including media, translation, and critical writing. The programme also aligns with NEP's emphasis on encouraging research and analytical thinking through *MUD-009 (Tanqeed-O-Tahqeeq)*, which nurtures the critical analysis and evaluation of texts.

The M.A. Urdu programme not only enhances the linguistic proficiency of learners but also integrates a broader intellectual framework that aligns with NEP-2020's vision of a flexible, inclusive, and multidisciplinary education system. By combining rigorous academic training with an emphasis on practical application, the programme ensures that students are well-prepared for a variety of career paths, including teaching, research, media, and cultural institutions.

Examination Structure and Flexibility:

At IGNOU, we prioritize flexibility to meet the diverse needs of our learners. The M.A. Urdu (MAUD) programme is designed to accommodate various learning preferences, ensuring that you can tailor your academic journey according to your schedule and personal commitments.

1. Programme Duration:

-The M.A. Urdu programme is structured to provide flexibility in terms of completion. You can complete the programme in a minimum period of 2 years or extend your studies for up to a maximum of 4 years, depending on your personal pace and availability.

2. Commencement of Programme:

- The programme offers two annual cycles, beginning in January and July. This ensures that you have the option to select the entry point that best suits your academic and personal schedule.

3. Term End Examinations:

- To provide flexibility in examination scheduling, term end examinations are conducted twice a year. You can choose to appear for the examinations either in June or December, giving you the opportunity to plan your preparation according to your readiness.

4. Convenient Scheduling:

- The ability to choose your examination dates offers significant convenience, allowing you to balance your academic, professional, and personal commitments. This feature is particularly beneficial for working professionals and those with other responsibilities.

5. Term End Examination Preparation:

- IGNOU offers comprehensive resources for examination preparation, including study materials, online resources, and guidance from experienced faculty members through regional and study centers. This support is designed to help you thoroughly prepare and excel in your exams.

By offering such flexibility in the examination system, IGNOU enables you to design an academic schedule that fits your unique needs. Whether you are balancing work, family, or other commitments, our goal is to empower you to achieve academic success on your own terms.

Term End Evaluation Grading: The Term End Evaluation for the M.A. Urdu programme uses a detailed grading system to assess your performance, which is outlined as follows:

1st Division (With Distinction):

- **Percentage: 75% and above**

2. 1st Division:

- **Percentage: 60% to 74.9%**

3. 2nd Division:

- **Percentage: 50% to 59.9%**

4. Pass:

- **Percentage: 40% to 49.9%**

5. Unsuccessful:

- Percentage: Below 40%

This evaluation system ensures that your academic progress is fairly assessed, providing a clear indication of your mastery of the subject and guiding you toward further academic and professional growth.

