



University Grants Commission

Commission Circular No. 13 /2016

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Vice Chancellors of Universities
Rectors of Campuses
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Amendment to the Policy Framework and Guidelines for Offering External Degrees and Extension Programmes by Universities/ Higher Educational Institutes

This has reference to the Commission Circular No. 932 of 15.10.2010 issued pertaining to the Policy Framework and Guidelines for Offering External Degrees and Extension Programmes by Universities/ Higher Educational Institutes.

The Commission, at its 947th meeting held on 18.08.2016 decided to amend the clause No. 1.6 of the Policy Framework as follows.

- 1.6. Admission Committee of the Senate in each University/Higher Educational Institute will be responsible for selecting the External students based on the UGC Circular No. 932 of 15.10.2010. The total number of students registered annually for External degree programmes of a Faculty should not exceed the exact number of students admitted to the internal degree programme/s of that Faculty for that year.

However, the Universities/ Higher Educational Institutes may take initiatives to introduce/ promote innovative, nationally and globally relevant External degree programmes with the approval of the University Grants Commission within the exact number of students admitted to the internal degree programme/s of a Faculty for that year.

Accordingly, the paragraph 1.6 of the Policy Framework of Commission Circular No. 932 is hereby withdrawn and re-placed by this Circular with effect from 01.10.2016 for admission of students to External degree programmes from the next academic year.

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Chairman

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