

University Grants Commission

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Universities/Colleges

1.	What are the functions of UGC?
	The mandate of the UGC is to take all steps as it may think fit for the promotion and co-ordination of University education and for the determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in Universities
2.	How many types of Degree granting Institutions are there in India? Which type of Institution(s) can award degrees?
	<p>The following are various types of degree granting Institutions in India:-</p> <p>Central Universities – These Universities are established by the Act of Parliament and are funded by the Central Government.</p> <p>Institutions of National Importance – These Institutions are established/declared by the Act of Parliament (IITs, NITs, IIMs, IISERs, etc.)</p> <p>State Universities – These Universities are established by the Act of the State Legislature concerned and are funded by the State Government.</p> <p>Private Universities – These Universities are established by the Act of the State Legislature concerned and are self-financing Institutions.</p> <p>Institutions Deemed to be Universities – These Institutions are declared by the Notification of the Government of India, on the advice of UGC, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.</p>
3.	What is the difference between a University and a Deemed to be University?
	Both are degree granting Institutions. The criteria and procedure of their establishment is different. Universities are established by Central/State Act under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 whereas an Institution Deemed to be University is declared by a Notification of the Central Government, on the advice of UGC, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.
4.	What are the criteria/norms for establishment of State Private University?
	The criteria/norms to establish a State Private University is as decided by the concerned State Government. The Higher Education Department of the concerned State can be contacted in this regard.

5.	What are the criteria/norms/eligibility for declaration/establishment of an Institution Deemed to be University?
	Institution Deemed to be Universities are declared by the notification of the Central Government, on the advice of UGC, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The criteria/norms/eligibility criteria for declaration of these Institutions is as stipulated in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 and can be accessed at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2128779_DU_Regulations-2016.pdf .
6.	How can a University be included in the UGC list of Universities under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956?
	UGC is maintaining list of Universities on its website. Name of a University is included in this list after receipt of the University Act as passed by the Parliament/State Legislature.
7.	What does inclusion of a University/College under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956 mean?
	UGC provides financial assistance to only those Universities/Colleges which are included in the list maintained by the UGC under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956.
8.	How can a College/University be included in the list of Universities under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956?
	The University/College has to apply to UGC in a prescribed format available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8699284_2f_colleges.pdf . In case the University fulfills the eligibility criteria as stipulated in the UGV 12 B rules, an Expert Committee of UGC visits the University for on the spot assessment of infrastructure, faculty and other facilities available. The recommendations of the Committee are placed before the Commission and final decision on the inclusion is taken by the Commission. In case of College, the inclusion is decided on the basis of the fulfillment of the criteria for inclusion of Colleges under UGC 12 B Rules.
9.	What are 12 B Rules?
	Rules notified by the Government of India for inclusion under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956 to become eligible to receive central assistance including UGC assistance. These rules can be accessed at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2128779_DU_Regulations-2016.pdf .
10.	How can I establish a College in India?
	A college can be established by any Society/Trust/Company as per the norms specified by the State Government where the College is to be established.

11.	How can I establish a Private University in India?
	A State Private University can be established by any Society/Trust/Company as per the norms specified by the State Government where such University is to be established.
12.	Whether my University is recognized by UGC or not?
	The Universities established by an Act of Central or State Government are valid Universities.
13.	Whether my Deemed to be University is recognized by UGC or not?
	All the Institutions Deemed to be Universities which are declared by the Notification of the Central Government are valid Deemed to be Universities.
14.	Whether my degree is recognized by UGC or not?
	<p>Degree awarded by a valid University and specified by UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 is recognized, subject to the approval of the programme by the concerned Statutory Professional Council(s), wherever applicable.</p> <p>In case of Institutions Deemed to be Universities, only those degrees are valid which are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956; (b) Approval to offer the programme is granted by the UGC; (c) Approval is granted by the concerned statutory professional council(s), wherever required
15.	I have obtained a degree through distance mode. Whether my degree is valid?
	Degrees obtained through distance mode are valid only if approval is given by the UGC to the University/Deemed to be University to offer the programme. Details of the Universities/ Deemed to be Universities empowered to offer courses under distance mode are available at UGC website.
16.	Whether my degree is included under list of Degrees specified by UGC?
	List of the degrees specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 is available on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in .
17.	How can I know whether a University is a fake University?
	List of the Fake Universities and valid Universities is available on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in . Kindly confirm from UGC list.
18.	I have obtained a degree from a Fake University list on UGC website but when I studied in this University, it was not in the UGC list of Fake Universities. Whether my degree is valid?

	Degree awarded by a Fake University is not valid whether or not the name of the University is on the UGC website.
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