Detailed Syllabi of Interdisciplinary Courses (IDCs)

IDC 104

Distance Education

Course Objectives

- To orient the learners with the nature and need of Distance Education in the present day Indian society.
- To provide the exposure to the learners to different kinds of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and apprise them with their use in teaching-learning process.
- To help the learners understand various modes of student support service (SSS) and develop their skills to manage such services for various kinds of programmes through Distance Education.

Course Outcomes

After going through this course, the graduates will be able to:

- acquire knowledge and understanding on the current field of education, particularly distance education
- develop the basic understanding on the emerging issues of open and distance education
- gather the procedural knowledge which are required for performing multidisciplinary and skill based programmes in the 21st century
- apply the acquired specialized technical or theoretical knowledge, cognitive and practical skills in the practical field of life
- employ the right approach to generate solutions to problems related to various approaches of modern higher education.
- acquire the cognitive and technical skills for performing and accomplishing complex tasks relating to the subject on education and other interdisciplinary courses

Syllabus

UNIT 1: DISTANCE EDUCATION

Growth of distance education, distance education in India

UNIT 2: LEARNER-SUPPORT SERVICE

Role of study centre, counselling classes, self-learning materials, different audio-visual aids and other electronic devices

UNIT 3: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL

Need of Self Study Materials in distance education, designing and preparing self-learning material, Planning and development of Study materials, modification and up-gradation of Study Materials.

UNIT 4: STUDY SKILLS

Study skills in distance education, strategies for developing study skills

UNIT 5: CURRICULUM

Concept, curriculum development process-major approaches

UNIT 6: CURRICULUM AND EVALUATION
Need for curriculum evaluation, aspects of curriculum evaluation

UNIT 7: ROLE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
Distance education for rural development, Distance education for women empowerment

UNIT 8: QUALITY ASSURANCE IN DISTANCE EDUCATION
Quality enhancement, monitoring, feedback and evaluation

UNIT 9: ASSESSMENT IN DISTANCE EDUCATION
An overview on assessment, purposes of assessment, assessment in open and distance learning
UNIT 10: INTERVENTION STRATEGIES
Information and communication technologies and their application in distance education.

UNIT 11: NEW INTERVENTIONS IN OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING
MOOCs and Open Educational Resources and its application for opening knowledge movement in India

Reading List

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Siddiqui, Mujibul Hasan: Distance Education, Theory and Research, A.P.H. Publishing Corporation, Ansari Road, New Delhi, 2007
Shardindu: Open and Dual Mode University System in India, Vani Prakasan, New Delhi, 2008