



## **SCHEME FOR LATERAL ENTRY TO SECEOND YEAR OF MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMME**

With the approval of the Board of Management the following scheme for Lateral Entry to Master Degree Programme for the students who have done Diploma/Post Graduate Diploma has been formulated:

1. Students of UGC recognized Higher Educational Institutions or State/Central Government Higher Educational Institutions having PG Diploma will be eligible under the lateral entry scheme.
2. Diploma/Post Graduate Diploma holders of Odisha State Open University shall apply for internal credit transfer from Post Graduate Diploma to Master's Degree Program subject to the condition that entry qualification of Post Graduate Diploma course is same as admission to Master Degree Programme and the syllabus of Post Graduate Diploma is same as first year of Master Degree Programme.
3. Student having a Post Graduate Diploma from Universities/Institutions other than OSOU as referred in Para-1 above shall apply for lateral entry and credit transfer through a different application format giving the details of the syllabus, eligibility criteria and evaluation methodology for further scrutiny to ascertain equivalence by an Equivalence Committee to be constituted for each programme. Admission shall be offered through the lateral entry based on the recommendation of the equivalence committee.
4. Duration of the programme for students admitted through lateral entry shall be minimum one year and maximum three years.
5. The minimum qualification for admission to Master Degree Programme through Lateral Entry is graduation. Students having Diploma/PG Diploma without graduation will not be considered under the Lateral Entry Scheme.
6. Students having a certificate of six month duration shall not be eligible for Lateral Entry in to the concerned Post Graduate Programme. However such students having graduation degree along with certificate can apply for credit transfer.
7. Fees for one year as per the programme will be charged from the student doing Master's Degree Programme through lateral entry.
8. The date of the commencement of the scheme for Lateral Entry into Master's Degree Programme shall be July 2019 admission session.
9. OSOU students having successfully completed the Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Journalism and Mass Communication and Rural Development shall apply for admission to Master Degree Programme through lateral entry and the minimum duration of completion of the programme shall be one year.
10. OSOU students having successfully completed PG Diploma in Cyber Security shall apply for admission to Master of Science in Cyber Security (MSCS) subject to the condition that they possess entry level qualification as prescribed for MSCS programmes. The minimum duration of completion of the programme shall be one year.