

Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University

Centre for Collaborations & Special initiatives: Prospectus for Army

About YCMOU

The Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) was established on 1 July, 1989 through Act XX of 1989 of the Maharashtra State Legislature. It is recognized by the University Grants Commission under Section 12B as well as the Distance Education Council, New Delhi.

Envisioning a system of distance education that percolates to the remotest corner in the State, the university has already created a name for itself. It has been honoured with the prestigious 'Award for Institutional Excellence in Distance Education' from the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada and is listed among the 'mega open universities' of the world.

The academic programmes offered by the university span the full range from the Certificate to the Post-graduate level and encompass diverse academic disciplines. The study material developed for these programmes is self-instructional in nature. The programmes are carried to the students through an extensive network of over 4500 programme wise Study Centres. Student enrollment has shown a consistent increase over the years and the average annual enrollment is over 4, 00,000.

Objectives

- To make higher, vocational and technical education available to large sections of the population.
- To give special attention to the needs of the disadvantaged groups, in particular, people in rural areas and women.
- To relate all courses to the developmental needs of individuals, institutions and the State.
- To provide an innovative, flexible and open system of education by using distance learning methodology and by applying modern communication technologies in education.
- To provide continuing adult and extension education. Special attention to be paid to retraining adults in new skills to enable them to adjust to a changing technological environment.
- To provide opportunities in postgraduate studies and research in all fields of knowledge, especially in

educational technology, distance education and developmental communication.

Salient Features

- Programmes and activities geared towards becoming a 'mass varsity'.
- Emphasis on imparting vocational / technical skills.
- Use of latest advances in Information and Communication Technologies.
- Relaxed entry rules, flexibility in course combinations and credit transfer facilities.
- Wide network of Study Centres.
- Scientific system of Student Evaluation.
- Special attention to Quality.
- Global Outreach.

About the Centre for Collaborations & Special Initiatives (CCSI)

The Centre for Collaborations and Special Initiatives (CCSI) was established by the university in December, 2010. This was in recognition of the need to give a sharp thrust to several socially oriented ventures designed for specific target groups. The focus is on catering to the educational needs of different sectors of society, especially the unreached and disadvantaged ones through a wide variety of academic programmes that are not confined to any particular School of Studies.

It is an accepted fact in today's times that working in isolation is not going to lead us anywhere. With the scarcity of the required human resources in any single university, there is a need for joint ventures and sharing of resources through collaborative arrangements. It is from this point of view too that the Centre for Collaborations and Special Initiatives was created in the university to co-ordinate the development of sustained collaborative relationships.

Vision

To empower different sectors of society through need-based educational provisions.

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Mission

To undertake focused initiatives for mainstreaming marginalized groups or communities and for providing a path of upward mobility through skill development or knowledge enhancement for those working in specific service sectors.

The ‘Yash Vidya’ Initiative: Collaboration between the Indian Army and YCMOU

On 14 March, 2011, the Indian Army and YCMOU signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide academic opportunities to the serving personnel in the Indian Army and also over a period of time, empower their family members through education.

Under this MoU, a number of academic programmes will be developed and offered for the Army personnel, all under the banner, ‘Yash Vidya’. The main Objectives behind this collaboration are as stated herein

Objectives

- To provide avenues for higher education to the serving personnel.
- To create opportunities for acquiring professional and vocational skills and competencies without disturbing regular duty.
- To enhance the overall educational qualifications of the Army as a whole.
- To facilitate the personnel in re-settling post retirement.

Programmes Offered

• **Certificate level**

Preparatory (Marathi, Hindi, Urdu & English)

• **Bachelor Level Programmes**

Bachelor of Arts (Marathi, Hindi & English)

Note:

Although the above programmes are being currently offered, other new academic programmes are also being developed.

The Preparatory Programme

The Preparatory programme has been specially designed for those who, for a variety of reasons, family circumstances and pressures have not been able to complete schooling at various stages or are unable to complete successfully Std XII or its equivalent and have joined the Army at a very young age. It serves as a bridge course for moving from the School level to the university level. It has been specially designed with a view to providing the students with basic skills required for studying on their own. Successful completion of this programme can make a student directly eligible for admission to the First Year of the BA programme offered by YCMOU. The Certificate of Passing the Preparatory programme issued after successful completion, remains valid whenever the student decides to pursue graduation studies with YCMOU.

Programme name & Code: Preparatory (C19)

Medium: Presently offered in Marathi, Hindi, English and Urdu. Will gradually be offered in some other Indian languages.

Eligibility: Army personnel who have not completed Std XII. There is no minimum educational level.

Fees: Rs 250/- (Inclusive of study material and one time examination)

Duration: 6 months

Study material: There will be one book for study consisting of 3 parts with the following titles:

- Basic Study Skills
- Basic Language Skills
- Mathematics for All.

Examination & Evaluation Procedure

- There will be one End Examination of the objective type, carrying 75 marks. This will be conducted ONLINE and students will get their performance certificate immediately after the examination.
- The duration of this exam will be of 1 hour.

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- Students will be required to appear for the examination in their respective study centre.
- Students getting a minimum of 40% marks in the examination will be considered to have successfully completed this programme.
- Students remaining absent or not clearing the examination will be required to reappear for this examination as and when conducted by the university and those not clearing in the first attempt will be required to pay separate examination fees as may be stipulated by the university.

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) Programme

The Bachelor's degree Programme designed for the Army personnel gives special recognition to the in-service training/Army courses completed during service by providing exemption from studying certain courses. Apart from the highly subsidised fees charged, the courses offered for study by the university have been carefully selected on the basis of their relevance and overall usefulness.

Programme name and Code: Bachelor of Arts (G 26)

Medium: Presently offered in Marathi, Hindi and English

Eligibility

(i) HSC or its equivalent passed.

OR

(ii) YCMOU Preparatory Programme passed.

An attested photocopy of the certificate of 10+2 or YCMOU Preparatory programme certificate must be attached with the application form.

Fees

- FYBA: Rs. 300/-
- SYBA: Rs. 400/-
- TYBA: Rs. 750/-

(Note: The total fees of Rs. 1,450/- must be paid in one installment at the time of admission. The fees include study material cost as well as the one time examination fees.)

Duration: Minimum 3 years from the year of registration.

Programme Structure

- **First Year B.A.**

Compulsory Courses

- OPN101: Foundation course in Self Study Skills.
- OPN141: Theory & Practice of Map Craft
- OPN142: History, Customs & Traditions of the Service.
- OPN143: Theory & Practice of Physical Education & Drill.
- OPN144: Theory & Practice of Basic Weapon System.
- OPN145: Integrated Character & Leadership Training (ICLT).

In F.Y.B.A. except OPN101 all other courses will be exempted.

- **Second Year B.A.**

A] Compulsory Group:

- ECO202: Economics for All.
- SOC222: Social Changes & Social Movements.
- OPN183: Advanced Military Training

B] Optional Group (Exempted Courses):

Students can opt for any four of the following:

- OPN161: Map Reading II
- OPN162: Hindi II
- OPN163: English II
- OPN164: Kshamta
- OPN165: Potential NCOs Cadre

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- vi. OPN166: Any Army Courses
- vii. OPN181: Trade upgrading IV to III
- viii. OPN182: Trade upgrading III to II

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• **Third Year B.A.**

A] Compulsory Group:

- i. PSY271: I and my Social Behavior.
- ii. POL225: Our Rights & Their Fulfillment.
- iii. ICT301: ICT literacy and Soft Skills.

B] Optional Group (Exempted Courses): -

Students can opt for any three of the following:

- i. OPN171: Map Reading I
- ii. OPN172: Hindi I
- iii. OPN173: English I
- iv. OPN174: Naik to Havaldar Cadre
- v. OPN175: Any Resettlement Course
- vi. OPN164: Kshamta
- vii. OPN166: Any Army Course
- viii. OPN182: Trade Upgrading III to II
- ix. OPN184: Trade Upgrading II to I
- x. OPN185: Havaldar to Nb Subedar Cadre

(while opting these 3 courses students must opt courses other than those which he has opted in Second Year)

Evaluation & Exam Procedure

- Assessment in the First Year will be based on one examination for the course on Self Study Skills (OPN101). On successful completion of the First Year, students will be awarded a 'Diploma in Self Empowerment'.
- The assessment in the Second Year will be based on the examination at the end of the Second Year of the two compulsory courses.

- The End Examination conducted at the end of the Third Year will cover the Compulsory Group courses of Third Year.
- These FY, SY & TY examination will be an ONLINE objective type, multiple choice questions and will be conducted at the respective Study Centre. Marks will be given out of 75 and a minimum of 40% will be required for passing.
- Those getting a minimum of 40% marks in each course will be declared successful and will then become eligible for the award of the Bachelor's degree.
- Students not clearing successfully or remain absent in the examination of any course/s will be required to reappear for the concerned examination as and when organized by the university.
- Students not successfully completing the First Year will be permitted to move to the Second Year and likewise to the Third Year. However, they will not be eligible to receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts until they clear all their courses successfully and also complete all the required Army courses.

Registration Procedure (Preparatory & BA)

- The admission form along with the Prospectus should be procured from the recognised Study Centre (Respective Training Centre) or the website <http://ycmou.digitaluniversity.ac>
- The Applicant must study the prospectus, familiarise himself / herself about the programme rules and ensure that he/she is eligible for admission.
- If eligible, the applicant should carefully fill in the form in BOLD legible (readable) letters, without overwriting, in ENGLISH language. Care should be taken to fill in the forms perfectly and accurately because a computerised system will be used for data entry. The applicant will be solely responsible for the correctness of the information submitted. He/she should attach the attested photocopies of proofs of qualification, date of birth and other important documents asked for.

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- The applicant should obtain the signature and seal of the Commanding Officer on the form.
- The eligible Applicant should pay the applicable fees (Rs 250/- for Preparatory OR Rs. 1450/- for BA) by bank draft in favour of **Finance Officer, YCMOU** payable at Nasik.
- He/she should also retain a photocopy of the application form (Admission form) for himself/herself.
- The Application forms must be filled in and the above the process should be completed within the stipulated time limit. No admission form shall be accepted after the stipulated time frame mentioned herein.
- All filled admission forms should be submitted to YCMOU with the endorsement of the designated officer in the Study Centre / Unit.
- No admission form will be received/accepted at the university headquarters after the last date under any circumstances.
- The Applicant must keep in touch with his/her Study Centre for details about the programme and the examination schedule. The confirmation of admission should be checked with the Study Centre. The applicant shall not be allowed to appear for any examination without confirmation of admission.
- The university reserves the right to reject any admission wrongly granted by the Study Centre to ineligible applicants if ineligibility is discovered at any stage during the registration process.
- Attested photocopies of proof of qualification, date of birth must be attached with the application form. Those seeking admission to the BA programme must submit a photocopy of their HSC / Preparatory passed certificate.
 - The period of valid registration will be for two years from the date of admission in the case of the Preparatory programme and fifteen years in the case of the BA programme.

Academic Calendar

Preparatory Programme

Admission Period: (2 Batches)

- Batch 1: 1st Jul-16th Aug, 2012
- Batch 2: 15th Dec, 2012- 31st Jan, 2013

End Examination: -

- Batch 1: 16th Nov-31st Dec, 2012.
- Batch 2: 15th May 2013- 30th Jun, 2013.

Bachelor of Arts Programme

Admission Period: 1st Jul- 31st Aug, 2012.

Admission for all three years will be done on the basis of one form filled at the first time of registration.

Examinations: -

- First/Second/Third Year: 15th May - 30th Jun, 2013.

**Address for Sending the Admission Forms:
(only by Speed Post or Courier)**

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