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Clarification Regarding Types of Programs

(Based on Mode of Conduct of Classes)

The aim of Higher Education in India is to provide access, equity, quality with accountability at affordable cost to all aspiring students with utmost transparency to ensure sustainable economic development of the Nation. Education cannot be in watertight compartments anymore and effective reorganization of classes is possible by permitting the students to attend the Programs as per their convenience and that of faculty & Institute. Accordingly, AICTE has made the Policy with only two types of programs, viz. Regular and Open & Distance Learning (ODL)/Online.

Regular Programs: Regular programs are those where classes are held in face to face mode (with 20% credit transfer permitted through MOOCs SWAYAM as of now, which may change in due course of time (Ref: https://swayam.gov.in/about) & Approval Process Hand Book 2020-21 (Chapter-VII, Clause 7.12, page number 101)) and the classes can be held in normal day timings (first shift, second shift, evening shift, part-time, week end etc.) In other words, as long as classes are held and students physically attend classes this is a Regular Program. All nomenclatures used earlier, i.e. first shift, second shift, evening shift, week end, part-time, etc., have been dispensed with (Ref: Approval Process Hand Book 2020-21: Chapter-VII, Clause 7.10, page number 101). As long as student registers for the courses as per university curriculum (either for all the courses of that semester or part of them and hence takes longer time to complete the program) it is a regular course. The class schedule has to be arranged for all students with proper prior transparent announcement (website, etc.), with the faculty, students agreeable to that time table (Prior intimation to the University/Affiliating Body & State Admission Authorities (Necessary Permission, if required should be obtained)).

Open and Distance Learning(ODL) / Online Programs: In ODL (or) Online programs the students attend / take the classes through receipt of study material in pdf files (or) books (or) notes (or) video lectures and difficulties are addressed either in an interactive mode in a class room once in a while as announced (or) through a LMS portal, discussion forum etc.

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