

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Distance & Continuing Education (DDCE) under the aegis of Campus of Open Learning, University of Delhi, is the oldest provider of degrees through distance and flexible learning in India. All the programmes offered by the DDCE are based on the syllabus of University of Delhi and our students are examined in same standard as those studying in regular mode. All the programs offered by DDCE, COL, are recognized by the Distance Education Bureau (DEB), UGC for the Year 2022-23 and is accessible to students across India. This year DDCE has initiated the Library and Information Science program.

The Library and Information Science programmes offered by DDCE fulfil the needs of skilled human resources required in the field of library and information science. Such human resources are needed at various levels in the country's libraries, documentation centres, and information and knowledge centres/institutions. Professionally trained personnel at various levels, for example, are required to manage libraries in schools, colleges, universities, government departments, commercial and industrial establishments, scientific research institutions, R&D establishments, public libraries, and other institutions established by central, state, local, and corporate bodies.

To address this need, DDCE has launched distance education programmes for the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLISc) and Master of Library and Information Science (MLISc) courses. Education is provided in this modality through a variety of media, including written courses, audio cassettes, video films, face-to-face counselling, and tele and radio counselling sessions. During academic counselling sessions at study centres, modern day communication technologies are used to impart educational inputs to students in a calm and easy manner, with the goal of providing students with the chance of periodic face-to-face connection with the counsellor. These versatile ways render flexibility and aid in the self-learning process.

The key objectives of the programmes are:

1. To prepare students for the challenges of present day's information workplaces by fostering consistent engagement and both formal and informal partnerships with information professionals and librarians, as well as maximising student opportunities for professional development, leadership, and growth through a variety of academic, professional, and extracurricular options.
2. To train LIS professionals who can relate individual librarians' and information professionals' activities and roles to larger organisational, professional, political, economic, social, and technical contexts