The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), established by an Act of Parliament in 1985, has continuously striven to build an inclusive knowledge society through inclusive education. It has tried to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) by offering high-quality teaching through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. It has been conferred with the awards of excellence by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) which is the highest Forum for Open Distance Learning in the Commonwealth countries. The University began by offering two academic programmes in 1987, i.e., Diploma in Management and Diploma in Distance Education, with a strength of 4,528 students. Today, it serves the educational aspirations of over 3 million students in India and other countries through 21 Schools of Studies and a network of 67 regional centres, around 2,667 learner support centres and 29 overseas partner institutions. The University offers about 228 certificate, diploma, degree and doctoral programmes, with a strength of nearly 810 faculty members and 574 academic staff at the headquarters and regional centres and about 33,212 academic counsellors from conventional institutions of higher learning, professional organisations, and industry among others.

IGNOU has certain unique features such as:

1. International Jurisdiction
2. Flexible admission rule
3. Nationwide student support services network
4. Cost effective programmes
5. Use of latest information and communication technologies
6. Modular approach to programmes
7. Convergece of open & conventional education systems
8. Individualised study: flexibility in terms of place, pace and duration of study
9. Resource sharing, collaboration and networking with conventional universities, open universities and institutions/organizations.
10 Socially and academically relevant programmes based on student need analysis.

The IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin was established on 17th November, 1988 to provide open and distance education in the State of Kerala and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep. Over the years, the activities of IGNOU in the region grew and a number of Study Centres were established with substantial student enrolment in various academic programmes of the University. The Regional Centre, Cochin caters to seven districts of Kerala viz., Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kottayam, Idukki and Alappuzha and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

The University offers round the year walk-in-admission for its programmes. The programmes in Commerce are offered in both the cycles of admission, i.e., January and July Cycles. Admission notifications are issued by the University in the leading national and regional dailies.

IGNOU admissions are done through an online admission system. Applicants can conveniently submit their application form through IGNOU website. The online link for admission is https://onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in/. The detailed information on the admission procedure and the online application forms are available on the University website at www.ignou.ac.in.
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| 1     | Bachelor of Commerce with Major Accountancy and Finance | B. Com (A&F) | i) 10+2 or its Equivalent  
ii) Passed Common Proficiency Test/PE-I/Foundation from ICAI.  
iii) Registration in Professional Competence Course/PE-II/Intermediate/IPCC/(Chartered Accountancy First Stage) of ICAI or already passed Professional Competence Course/PE-II/Intermediate. | Rs.6,000/- English only | To develop skills and competencies of the students in the field of Accountancy and Finance |
| 2     | Master of Commerce in Finance and Taxation | M. Com (F&T) | i) Graduate in any discipline or equivalent from a recognized University/Institute.  
ii) Admitted in the Chartered Accountancy Final Course. OR  
Who has already passed Chartered Accountancy | Rs. 7000/- English only | To develop skills and competencies of the students in the field of Accountancy and Finance and Taxation |
| 3     | Bachelor of Commerce with Major in Corporate Affairs and Administration | B. Com (CA& A) | i) 10 +2 or its equivalence; and  
ii) Registration in Company Secretaryship Foundation Programme.  
iii) Students who have passed Company Secretary ship Intermediate/Executive Programme shall also be eligible for admission, subject to successful completion of condition | Rs. 6000/- English/Hindi | To develop skills and competencies of the students in the field of Corporate Affairs and Administration |
| 4     | Master of Commerce in Finance and Taxation | M.Com (BP & CG) | i) Graduate in any discipline or equivalent qualifications from a recognized University/Institute.  
ii) Passed in Company Secretary ship Executive Programme.  
Candidates who have already passed the Company Secretary ship course shall also be eligible for admission. | Rs.7000/- English only | To develop skills and competencies of the students in the field of Business policy and Corporate Governance |
| 5     | Bachelor of Commerce with Major in Financial Cost Accounting | B. Com (F & CA) | Candidates with following qualifications are eligible for admission.  
a) 10 + 2 or its equivalence; and  
b) Registration in ICAI Foundation Course.  
Students who have passed ICAI Intermediate Course shall also be eligible for admission, provided that they had passed all the papers of Foundation Course. Subject to successful completion of condition | Rs.6000/- English only | To develop skills and competencies of the students in the field of Finance and Cost Accounting |
| 6 | Master of Commerce in Management Accounting & Financial Strategies | M. Com (MA&FS) | Candidates with the following qualifications are eligible for admission:
  a) Graduate in any discipline or equivalent qualifications from a recognized University / Institute.
  b) Passed the Intermediate Course of Cost Accountants of India. Candidates who have already passed the ICAI Final Course shall also be eligible for admission. | Rs. 7000/-
English only | To develop skills and competencies of the students in the field of Management Accounting and Financial Strategies. |
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| 7 | Bachelor of Commerce | B. COM | 10+2 or its equivalent or BPP from IGNOU | Rs.2000/- per year
English/Hindi | This Programme aims at helping a learner to develop competency in the basic aspects of Commerce. |
| 8 | Master of Commerce | M.Com | Bachelor Degree or a Higher Degree from | Rs.5500/- per year
English and Hindi | To create a learned talent resource pool for the front end with a career path to become future managers through continuing education/graduation |
| 9 | Post Graduate Diploma in International Business Operations | PGDIBO | Bachelor Degree in any Discipline | Rs. 6000/-
English and Hindi | To equip the students with the necessary conceptual, entrepreneurial and analytical skills required for the handling of Business Operations, particularly in International Business. The curriculum focus on the applied aspects. |
| 10 | Certificate in Business Skills | CBS | 10+2 or its equivalent | Rs 2500/-
English | To enable NGOs and other agencies to develop business skills among the unemployed youth, rural and urban disadvantaged sections and women, so that these groups can avail gainful self-employment opportunities. |
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The Study Centre conducts counselling session on weekends for the various programmes. In addition, it offers the following support services to its learners at the Study Centre.

1. Pre-admission counseling
2. Conduct of Induction meeting for newly registered learners.
3. Schedules theory and practical Counselling sessions.
4. Arranges audio and video programmes and teleconferencing.
5. Organize workshops, seminars, extended contact programmes, field visits, teaching practice etc., depending on the nature of the programme.
6. Providing library facility to the learners.
7. Evaluation of Assignments and providing feedback to the learners.
8. Conducting Term End Examinations and Practical Examinations (in cases where the centre has been identified as an Examination Centre).

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