

This is a general introduction to three levels of formal education involving 22 years from School to University. It is basically meant for first generation learners, who may not be having access to such information or may be facing difficulty in obtaining such information.

Open Schools and Open Online Universities are available to enable those who can study on their own. These are ideal for girls and women who know to read and write, but have not been able to continue their school or graduation studies. Links to a few such institutions is provided here: Details of courses are available on these websites.

IG National OpenUniversity <http://www.ignou.ac.in>. Its regional centre 1 provides the complete list of courses more easily than the main website. Access at <http://rcdelhi1.ignou.ac.in> Courses include an online Certificate course in digital film making

ISRO education portal www.ncert.nic.in

National Skill Development Corporation of India

<http://www.nsdcindia.org/>

www.du.ac.in/du/index.php?page=academic-resource

www.nielit.gov.in/student41015.him National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology offers online courses in computer skills for Rs.500/- per course plus examination fee. Exam centres are across India.

www.nielit.gov.in/elearning.aspx

www.nielit.gov.in/education/digitalliteracycourses.aspx

<http://tamilcube.com/hindi-books/> for free download of books in Indian languages

www.openculture.com/2011/09/popular_high_school_books_available_as

[freebooks_audiobooks/html](http://www.openculture.com/2011/09/popular_high_school_books_available_as_freebooks_audiobooks/html)

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (D/o Commerce, GoI) offers courses in export and import at Delhi and Kolkata www.iift.edu email for admission admissions@iift.ac.in

Information can be had from various university websites and advertisements in newspapers.

Newspapers are available on the internet as e-papers.

<http://epaper.timesofindia.com>

<http://epaperindianexpress.com>

<http://epapernavbharattimes.com>

The 22 years of formal education:

I. The levels of formal education broadly include the following:-

1. **Classes 10 + 2** = Secondary School and Senior Secondary School. This Board Examination Certificate is needed throughout one's professional life as it is the legally accepted proof of age. Therefore, it is to be kept very safely.

Note the Number, date of issue and the office of the issuing authority, and keep it in a separate place. This information will be needed to get a duplicate copy issued, in case the original certificate is lost.

Open School allows for registration of school dropouts to enable them to complete their CBSE Board Examination

2. **Classes 13 to 15** = B.A. or the Bachelor degree also called the Graduation level in a College where there are three streams called (Pass) stream and (Honours) stream.

The three year graduation degrees in many subjects are available Online, from most of the reputed Universities such as Delhi University and University of Mysore.

Illustrative list for Under Graduate courses

Social Sciences and Arts:

- a) **Bachelor of Arts (Pass)** or B.A. (Pass) has two language subjects as compulsory, and two optional subjects. The

same subject are studied over a period of three years, with a higher difficulty level in every successive year.

- b) **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)** or B.A (Hons.) has different aspects on one subject only. The combination of compulsory and elective papers exists here also. The chosen subject for Hons. could of Social Sciences – All Languages, History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Law, Botany, and other Humanities.

Business and Commerce:

- c) **Bachelor of Commerce** or B. Com. Or BA Business Studies, for graduating in Commerce, Accountancy, and Business Studies

Mathematics and Science and Technology related:

- d) **Bachelor of Science (General)** or B.Sc. and B. Sc. (Honours) in Physics, Chemistry, Life Sciences and other Science subjects
- e) **Bachelor of Technology** or B. Tech for Engineering related branches.
- f) Bachelor of **Architecture**

Classical Vocal and Instrumental Music and Dance:

- g) Bachelor of Dance with specialization in one of the various classical dances
- h) Bachelor of Music with specialization in vocal and instrumental music
- i) Bachelor of Arts and Painting

Medical and Nutrition Sciences

- j) MBBS is Bachelor of Medical Sciences for graduation level
- k) Bachelor of Home Science and related field of Nutrition and Diet.

1) 5 ½ year integrated Bachelor in Ayush www.ayush.nic.in

Five year Integrated B.A. courses and the Semester system:

All the 42 Central Universities and many other Institutions offer the [five year Integrated B.A. courses](#) in subjects of Commerce, Languages, Law, Arts, Social Sciences, Interior Designing, Dress Designing, etc. These are for regular students only. For Common Law Admission Test for admission to 17 National Law Colleges see www.clat.ac.in

These courses follow the ‘semester’ pattern that is different from the traditional annual system. In it the final exam is at the end of every six months. To continue in the next semester, a student has to clear the requirement of ‘Tutorial Papers’ on each subject offered plus the final exam every six months. The final degree at the end of five years is based on marks received through all the ten semesters.

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Open University and Online Certificate Courses:

IGNOU is an Open University with study centres across India. The University offers degrees for all levels of Higher Education, as well as many one year certificate courses. However, attendance of a minimum number of classes, in its nearest Study Centre, is a compulsory requirement for appearing in the examination. <http://www.ignou.ac.in>

Regular Classes or through Online Courses:

For most of the Languages, and Social Sciences subjects, option is available to enroll for Graduate and Post-Graduate degree courses as

(a) Regular student, under which classes in a college have to be attended as per schedule. Failure will make a student ineligible to appear for the year end examination.

(b) Through Online and/or Correspondence: All major Universities have a separate School of Online Courses offering many graduate and post graduate degrees. However, fee for these is above 1000/- plus stationery and postal expenses for sending of completed response sheets/ worksheets for each paper. In a few States, such as Rajasthan, University level education for women is free, while certain Universities, give scholarships. The University websites will give the information on free education and scholarships.

In the Online / Correspondence system, Self Study Materials (SSM), are received through post, at the address indicated in the enrolment form. For each paper the student has to study the lessons and send by post, the answers to questions as instructed. The corrected answers, as sent by the student, with comments of the teacher, are returned to the student. by post. The comments on the answers help the student to improve. Therefore, they must be sent as soon as possible after receiving the SSM.

At the end of each year, the Online / correspondence students have to appear, in the final Examination, conducted by the University, along with regular students.

For this the Online / correspondence student, one has make special efforts to obtain the Examination Admit Card in time. It is important to submit the Examination Form in time, and keep checking the university website for latest information. The Admit Card should be received at least 15 days before the examination date. Without admit card, the student will not be allowed to appear in the examination and one year will be lost.

POST GRADUATION LEVEL:

1. **Classes 16 and 17** = Post Graduate level called Master of Arts or M. A Master of Science or M.Sc. or, Masters of Commerce or M. Com. , Master in Technology or M. Tech. , and M.D or Doctor of Medicine. All MA courses are for two academic years. Academic year may begin from January or from June /July and end after twenty four months.

3. **Classes 18 and 19** = Master of Philosophy or M.Phil in any subject of choice. The Research level begins from here and this is the qualification needed to be a lecturer in a College. The duration of MPhil courses vary from one year to three years.
4. **Classes 20, 21, and 22** = Doctorate or Doctor of Philosophy called Ph.d is for a total of five years. It is research in one subject only, in which the applicant has completed M.Phil. There is generally no age limit for Ph.d. The formal education level ends with a Ph.d.
5. After the Phd. degree one gets to write the prefix ‘Dr.’ before one’s name. This ‘Dr.’ is the **highest degree in a non-medical subject**.
6. It is different from the ‘Dr.’ in medical stream, who gets the pre-fix after the graduation level of MBBS.
7. For starting a career in teaching in Universities, one needs to clear the all India examination conducted by the University Grants Commission. Thereafter, one can be appointed as a Lecturer, an Associate Professor, a Professor in a University.
8. A Sample of University of Delhi annual schedule for 2015 for start and end of term classes, examination etc is given on next page, for a general idea on how the year is scheduled at Graduation level

II. What is studied at the different levels of formal education?

Graduation and Post Graduation level:

- a) Students have to show greater self reliance, and collect information on their own, by checking the Notice Boards regularly, for information on what is required to be done. In school the teacher generally announces the relevant notices in class and all students get to know. In college if

you miss out on the lectures, making up for the loss becomes very difficult.

- b) The selected subject is studied in greater details, and Term Papers, Research Papers are required to be submitted in a time bound manner.
- c) The students have to study more on their own, assimilate and collate information, through notes, from a larger number of books on one topic / subject. Often, students form small groups among themselves, and share notes / discuss.
- d) Group discussion enables to bring clarity of concepts, and highlight areas where one needs to read further.

RESEARCH LEVEL

- a) In M. Phil, there are 8 to 10 mandatory papers including 'Research Methods' in the first year. In the second year one 'Research Paper' is to be completed.
- b) For the Research Paper, all major books and articles and different views on the selected topic are to be summarized under 'Literature Review'. This will show the aspects that have already been covered in the past.
- c) This is to be followed by collection of original data and one's own research analysis thereon to give the findings.
- d) In Ph. D for 3 to 5 years, Literature Review is to be done on the topic selected for Research. Original data is to be collected from the village, city, and field level, presented in proper format, analyzed to get the findings. Generally, the data from the research is sufficient to enable a book to be published on the research topic.
- e) The period of three to five years for Ph. D appears to be long but in fact it is too short. The quantum of information on any topic is vast, when online and hardcopy works are taken together. Preparing a good Bibliography and collecting all the articles and books

available, itself is a challenge, and can take up to three months.



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NOTIFICATION

The following Academic Calendar to be followed for the Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses for the academic year 2015-16, is hereby notified for necessary compliance by all concerned:

SEMESTER I//III/V/VII	
Classes Begin	20 st July, 2015 (Monday)
Mid-Semester break	21 st October, 2015 (Wednesday) to 25 th October, 2015 (Sunday)
Classes begin after Mid-Semester break	26 th October, 2015 (Monday)
Dispersal of Classes, Preparation leave and Practical Examinations begin	13 th November, 2015 (Friday)
Theory Examinations begin	26 th November, 2015 (Thursday)
Winter Break	19 th December, 2015 (Saturday) to 3 rd January, 2016 (Sunday)
SEMESTER II/IV/VI/VIII	
Classes Begin	4 th January, 2016 (Monday)
Mid-Semester break	23 rd March, 2016 (Wednesday) to 27 th March, 2016 (Sunday)
Classes begin after Mid-Semester break	28 th March, 2016 (Monday)
Dispersal of Classes, Preparation leave and Practical Examinations begin	26 th April, 2016 (Tuesday)
Theory Examinations begin	9 th May, 2016 (Monday)
Summer Break	21 st May, 2016 (Saturday) to 19 th July, 2016 (Tuesday)

REGISTRAR

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1. All Deans/Heads/Principals/Directors/Prof-In-Charges
2. The Dean Students' Welfare/ The Proctor/ The Dean (Examinations)/
3. The Chairman, Delhi University Sports Council/The Director-SOL/NCWEB
4. The Joint Dean, University Information Centre
5. The JR-SDC/VCO/Examination-SDC
6. The DR (Teaching)/AR -Colleges/SDC/Registrar Office
7. The PS to VC/PVC/DC/DSC/Registrar

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