

Norms and Structure for Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication/ MA(JMC) **w.e.f. Academic session 2020-21***

*** Changes/additions made to semester III and IV shall be applicable to students admitted in Academic Session 2019-20 as well.**

Programme Information

Duration: Two years (Full-time)

Total credits: 100

Total marks: 2500

Pass marks: 1250

Total seats: 30 (15 subsidized + 15 non-subsidized)

Supernumerary seats: As per Himachal Pradesh University norms.

Reservation: As per Himachal Pradesh University norms. The reserved seats shall be worked out on the basis of the existing 120-point roster.

Fee structure:

- For subsidized seats: Fees and charges as per Himachal Pradesh University Rules
- For non-subsidized seats: Rs.20000 per semester along with other charges/fees of Himachal Pradesh University

Eligibility Criteria

Age Limit: As per Himachal Pradesh University norms.

Educational Qualifications: Graduation (or equivalent) degree in any discipline from a recognized University established by law with at least 50% marks (45% marks) in case of SC/ST candidates).

Admission: The admission shall strictly be on the basis of merit achieved in the entrance process. The entrance process will be of 100 marks and will be held in two stages: Written Test (80 marks); and Personal Interview (20 marks). The minimum qualifying marks in the written test are 35. The marks of both the written test and personal interview will be added for the final merit. A maximum of three-times the candidates in each category will be invited for the personal interview stage.

Degree Requirements

- i. A candidate must secure at least 50% of the aggregate marks to be eligible for the grant of the degree of Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication.
- ii. In each individual course, a candidate must secure a minimum of 40% marks each in internal assessment, practical exam, and semester-end theory exam. The aggregate of these marks should at least 50% of the total marks allotted to the course for a candidate to pass that course.
- iii. Attendance: 75% of total lectures delivered in all courses/papers

Internal Assessment (IA): Internal Assessment shall be based on the performance in the class (CCA) along with attendance. CCA shall be done by the course teacher based on one or some of the following: class tests, quiz, assignments, classroom participation, seminars, presentations, discussions, group exercises, etc. The marks for attendance shall be awarded to regular students as follows:

Classroom Attendance Incentive: Those having greater than 75% attendance (25% will be added to percent attendance of students representing the University in co-curricular activities) will be awarded IA marks as follows: $\geq 75\%$ but $< 80\%$ – 1 mark; $\geq 80\%$ but $< 85\%$ – 2 marks; $\geq 85\%$ but $< 90\%$ – 3 marks; $\geq 90\%$ but $< 95\%$ – 4 marks; and $\geq 95\%$ – 5 marks.

Internal Assessment for ICDEOL students: The criteria for the internal assessment for the candidates pursuing their degree through distance-education mode shall be evolved by the ICDEOL, Himachal Pradesh University.

**Details of Written Test for admission to
Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication**

The written test will be of 90 minutes. There will be no negative marking. The written test shall have two parts, A and B, as follows:

Part A – General Aptitude Test – 60 marks

Part B – Subjective-type Test– 20 marks

General Aptitude Test (60 Multiple Choice Questions of one mark each)

1. Quantitative Ability – 10 marks
2. Current Affairs – 10 marks
3. General Knowledge – 10 marks
4. English Language Ability – 15 marks
 - One Comprehension para graph (to evaluate analytical and logical ability) – 5
 - Vocabulary – Synonyms (2); Antonyms (2)
 - Grammar – Sentence improvement (2); Word substitution (2); Spotting the errors (2)
5. Hindi Language Ability – 15
 - One Comprehension para graph (to evaluate analytical and logical ability) – 5
 - Vocabulary – Synonyms (2); Antonyms (2)
 - Grammar – Sentence improvement (2); Word substitution (2); Spotting the errors (2)

Subjective-type Test (Two long-answer questions of 10 marks each)

1. English paragraph – 10 marks
 - One paragraph in English in 200 words on one out of the two given current affairs topics.
 - The candidate should strictly adhere to the word limit.
2. Hindi paragraph – 10 marks
 - One paragraph in Hindi in 200 words on one out of the two given current affairs topics.
 - The candidate should strictly adhere to the word limit.