



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY



Mahatma Gandhi University
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(Re-accredited by NAAC with A Grade)

Student Support Policy

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Mahatma Gandhi University aims to provide a partnership framework for facilitating self learning with the active support of the University. This expects to create an atmosphere for innovative teaching and supportive learning which in turn help in valuable personalised learning experiences. The University strive to identify the potential of each student and respond to their personal and academic issues through which the students proceed to their achievements irrespective of gender and community.

The policy explains the responsibilities of staff and students to ensure that the students are benefitted by the policy. It also aims to identify student needs and explains how timely interventions are to be done, for the personal and academic support. The policy covers all the students of all programmes of this University.

University Responsibilities

For the timely, consistent, fair and equitable responses to student issues, the University will:

- Support the well being of the students through improving mental and physical health, through facilities viz., counselling centres, yoga and fitness centres etc.
- Have procedures for identifying students' issues and remedial actions.
- Have proper information services for making the students aware but various schemes and services available to support them.
- Support the needy students with scholarships and other support schemes.
- Provide an avenue for complaints and redressal.

Faculty Responsibilities

The teachers of the University can monitor and support the students in various ways viz., evaluating the performances regularly, identifying weaker courses, conducting remedial classes etc. The class advisors can have regular communications with the parents/guardian of the student to get more insight student issues to support them.

Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to cooperate with the University in its student support activities. They need to contact the class advisor or relevant authorities of any issue which affect their academic performances. They also need to adhere with the rules and regulations of the University time to time.

Various scholarships are issued to students

University supports the student community with various scholarships to the students of various categories. This is offered to the Post Graduate, Ph. D., M. Phil. and Post Doctoral students. There are various financial assistance schemes through Student Welfare Fund viz., Scholarship for NCC/NSS candidates participated in Republic Day Parade, Financial

assistance to critical diseases, scholarships to differently-abled and transgender students, scholarship to Youth Festival winners etc. Apart from the own funded scholarships, the University also extend the scholarships to students from around 30 external entities.

Counselling Centre

A counselling centre is established associated to School of Behavioural Sciences, where the students can take the services of professionally trained councillor.

Career Counselling and Employment Bureau

A unit of the Government assisted Career Counselling and Employment bureau is there inside the campus, which conducts coaching classes for competitive examinations viz., UGC, CSIR etc. They also conduct Job Fairs and assist the students in placements.

Medical centre

A full-fledged Medical centre with 3 Doctors is there in the campus providing free of cost services to the students and staff.

Training & Placement Cell

Training & Placement cell conducts various training programmes and equip the students with better skills

Student Council

There is a student council which addresses the student issues and grievances. The tenure of elected council members is one year and the meetings are conducted regularly, which is being chaired by the Hon. Vice chancellor.

University Union

The Mahatma Gandhi University Union shall have the following powers and Functions:

- To promote corporate social and cultural life of the students of the university and to train them in the duties and rights of citizenship
- To promote opportunities for the development of character, discipline, efficiency, knowledge, democratic, secular, scientific and socialist outlook and the spirit of service among its members;
- To organize youth centres, clubs or groups like student writers' club, student farmers' forum- study circles, training campus, work campus, debates, seminars, state and interstate tours and to undertake such other activities and programmes;
- To impart training in leadership and in the conduct of public works in collaboration with voluntary organizations;
- To organize arts festivals to promote and develop the artistic talents of students;
- To organize sports, physical culture clubs and recreational clubs;

- To organize work squads and operate in urban and rural areas to encourage students and teachers to co-operate with farm and factory workers;
- To organize programmes encouraging students in various constructive activities in the content of national development;
- To encourage such other activities as would be in keeping with the general objectives of the union.

Anti-Ragging Cell

Anti-ragging Cell is there in the University. The student grievances related to ragging will be communicated by UGC Anti-ragging Cell on which the University conducts the enquiry. The reports are sent to UGC. The reports are submitted to the Hon. Governor of the State every month from the University.

Sexual Harassment

A Sexual Harassment Redressal Cell is there headed by a Lady Professor of the University, for the students to submit complaints of this nature.

Accident Claim/Life Insurance

All the students of the University are life insured, which is provided by the University in collaboration with a Life Insurance Company. Personal Accident Claim also is available for the students.