Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q 1 Who is a “Foreign National”?
Ans. A candidate is considered as a “Foreign National” who
- Holds a passport/Citizenship of a country other than India. OR
- Has an OCI/PIO card and also holds a Passport of a country other than India.
Note:
- An applicant having an OCI card and studying throughout in India will be considered as a “Foreign National”.
- Non-Resident Indian (NRI) / Indian Citizen whose qualifying examination is from an International Board/Foreign University will NOT BE CONSIDERED as Foreign National.

Q 2 How can a Foreign National applicant get admission to any course/programme (UG/PG/M.Phil./Ph.D./Certificate/Diploma) in the University of Delhi?
Ans. The detailed information regarding the admission of foreign nationals at University of Delhi for the academic year 2019 - 2020 are available on homepage of the Foreign Students’ Registry Office (FSR). The admission of the Foreign Candidates is through one of the following two options:
(a) Interested applicants shall apply through the online application form available at: http://fsronline.du.ac.in/.
Note: There is no off-line application form
Please refer to the Guidelines available on the website for details. The applicant has to complete the Online admission form and submit the hardcopy of the same after due attestation as explained in the Guidelines.
(b) The office of FSR also receives applications through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). ICCR facilitates and provides the scholarship for International applicants to undertake studies in any Indian Universities. For this mode, an applicant must apply through the following ICCR portal: http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in

Q 3 When does the process of admission begin at University of Delhi (DU)?
For the academic year 2019-20 the process for seeking admission in DU has already started in the month of February 2019. Please check the relevant details on homepage of the Foreign Students’ Registry Office (FSR).

Q 4 Is there any authorized agency or organization, other than FSR, University of Delhi for forwarding the application for admission to University of Delhi?
Ans. Other than directly receiving the application which are filled through online mode, the office of FSR also receives applications through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). There is no private agency for forwarding the applications for admission. A candidate can apply in multiple programmes/courses by choosing all the programmes/courses in which you wish to apply through a single online registration form.

Q 5 What are the programmes offered to Foreign Nationals in the University of Delhi?
Ans. The list of programmes at UG, PG, M. Phil, Ph. D, Diploma and Certificate level is provided on the homepage of FSR. Please click here for the list of programmes.

Q 6 Is there any entrance examination conducted by University of Delhi to get admission in Certificate/ Diploma/UG/PG/M.Phil. /Ph.D. Programme for foreign nationals?
Ans. Foreign national applicants are exempted from Entrance exams (if any conducted by University of Delhi) for admission in Certificate/ Diploma/ UG/PG/ M.Phil. / Ph.D. programme. The admission of foreign nationals at University of Delhi shall be made on the basis of the merit/performance in the qualifying examinations, subject to the fulfillment of the eligibility requirement for the said programme and the availability of seats.

Note: The Foreign National Applicants are required to provide the valid GMAT / CAT score for admission in the following courses:
- Master in Business Administration (HRD),
- Master in Business Administration (International Business),
- Master in Business Administration (Business Economics)
- Ph.D. in Management Studies

Q 7 Are foreign nationals required to give an entrance examination like CAT/GMAT etc. for admission to MBA programmes in DU?
Ans. Yes, the Foreign National Applicants are required to provide the valid GMAT/CAT score for admission in the following courses:
- Master in Business Administration (HRD),
- Master in Business Administration (International Business),
- Master in Business Administration (Business Economics),
- Ph.D in Management Studies
Please refer to admission guidelines available for different MBA programmes on the Department websites. For getting details about Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Ph. D Programme in Management Studies, visit concerned departments’ website:

Faculty of Management Studies: [http://www.fms.edu/?q=node/17](http://www.fms.edu/?q=node/17)

Q 8 What are the documents required at the time of registration?
Ans. For the list of documents required by the FSR office, please refer to “Necessary documents to be uploaded” in [Admission Guidelines](http://www.fms.edu/?q=node/17).

Q 9 Is there any requirement of qualifying the English Proficiency Tests like Academic IELTS/ TOEFL etc. for getting admission in the undergraduate (UG) course?
Ans. Yes, it is required for all foreign nationals. However, this may be exempted for the students who passed the last qualifying Examination with English as a subject, either from any Indian Boards or their equivalent.

Q 10 Do I require an English Proficiency Tests like Academic IELTS/ TOEFL etc. if I have done my undergraduate courses in India and my medium of instruction has been English?
Ans. Applicants who have studied from Indian University at the undergraduate level having English as medium of instruction, are exempted from IELTS/ TOEFL.

Q 11 What type of Medical Insurance is required to be produced at the time of admission?
Ans. It is mandatory for all foreign nationals to possess medical insurance policy with evacuation clause for the period of their study and stay in the University of Delhi.
Note: Tibetan candidates and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI card holders)/ PIO cardholders will have to furnish only medical insurance. A simple insurance without an evacuation clause will be enough for these applicants.

Q 12 What is the ‘Evacuation Clause’ in the medical insurance?
Ans. An evacuation clause enables a student to claim reimbursement for his/her evacuation from the country, where he/she is studying, in case he/she has to be sent back to his/her country due to medical reasons.

Q 13 Do I require some sort of approval document from the Indian embassy in my country if I have an OCI card?
Ans. The candidate has to obtain a “No Objection Certificate” from their Country’s Embassy in India.

Q 14 How much tuition fee is payable by a foreign national student?
Ans. The foreign national student’s tuition fee is same as that of an Indian Student. However, they have to pay registration fee at the FSR and also at College/Department. The approximate tuition fee and registration fee is provided in the Guidelines.

Q 15 In which currency a foreign national has to pay tuition fees and other charges?
Ans. The student has to pay the fee in “Indian National Rupee” (INR) online. They may use international credit cards for making this online payment.

Q 16 What type of visa is required for admission to various programmes in DU?
Ans. The following types of visa is required for admission to various degree programmes:

- **Student Visa** for all/UG/PG/M.Phil Programmes
- **Research Visa** for Ph.D programmes.

The visa must be endorsed in the name of the University of Delhi. No other endorsement will be acceptable.

Q 17 Whether foreign national students will be provided hostel accommodation?
Ans. University of Delhi has one **International Students’ House for Men** and one **International Students’ Hostel for Women**. In addition, University of Delhi has 7 Post-Graduate hostels for men and 4 Post-Graduate hostels for women. Few seats are reserved for foreign students in each of these hostels. The seats in the hostel are allocated according to the merit. However, all Foreign Students may not get a hostel seat due to paucity of available Hostel rooms and high demand. Apart from the above, some colleges of the University of Delhi too provide hostel facilities to foreign nationals.

Q 18 What is the procedure of getting into hostels?
Ans. The selection in hostels is strictly based on merit of the candidate. Once a candidate gets admission in a college offering hostel facility then, they have to apply separately for hostels.

Q 19 What is the period of semesters and vacations?
Ans. The details of Semesters and vacations are provided in the academic calendar approved by the university for each academic year. For reference, [Academic Calendar](#) for Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses for the Academic Year 2018-2019 is available at the university of Delhi website.

Q 20 Where should I go if I have health issues?
Ans. There are Health Centres under the aegis of World University Services located in the North (Main) and South Campus of the University of Delhi. You may visit these centres for medical attention.
Q 21  Am I required to register with any office other than FSR after arrival in India? If so, what is the time duration?
Ans.  It is mandatory that you register with the Foreigner Regional Registration Office (FRRO) within 14 days of arrival.

Q 22  I don’t have my passport at present. Can I apply online for admission?
Ans.  Passport is a mandatory document required at the time of online application. However, if the process of obtaining passport is underway, you may apply now. In this case you need to upload the receipt of your application for obtaining passport while applying online. In this case, your admission will be subject to the production of original passport at the time of admission.

Q 23  The result of my qualifying degree will be announced in the month of November 2019. Can I apply online now?
Ans.  You may apply next year (Academic year 2020-2021) as admissions are granted on the basis of the merit in the qualifying examinations, subject to the availability of seats and submission of the result of the qualifying degree before the last date of admission.

Q 24  In the Guidelines it is mentioned that applicants from Afghanistan and Nepal may submit the hard copy of their application to their respective embassies. Since I am from Afghanistan, should I submit my application to Indian embassy in Kabul or Afghanistan embassy in New Delhi or to the FSR office?
Ans.  You may directly send your printed application to the office of FSR after attestation or to the Afghanistan embassy in New Delhi.

Q 25  I would like to apply for B. A (Honours) – Journalism course at DU. In the application form there is a space to put signature, designation and office seal. What should I do here?
Ans.  Please read the Guidelines available on the website, which clearly mentions that the attestation of the form is from the Indian Diplomatic Representative or a responsible Official of the Ministry of Education of applicant’s country or an Official of the applicant’s country’s Embassy /High Commission in India. In case any embassy/ High Commission refuse to attest the application, one should obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the applicants’ country’s embassy clearly stating that the candidate is a foreign national. The signature, designation and office seal refers to the attesting authority or the authority issuing the above mentioned NOC.

Q 26  I am presently studying at one of the Indian universities in India. Do I need to provide migration certificate and recommendation letter from my current university?
Ans.  You will be required to submit the migration certificate from the present university in India at the time of admission in DU.
Q 27 When can I expect communication regarding admission from the office of FSR?
Ans. You will be informed about admission status (selection/rejection) by the month of May/June-2019.

Q 28 How should I put my signature on the online registration form?
Ans. You are supposed to upload the scan copy of your signature in the upload section.

Q 29 I haven’t studied from Indian Boards and I don’t have an AIU certificate at present. Can I provide the certificate later?
Ans. You should apply for AIU certificate immediately and can send it through email to FSR office as soon as it is available, but not later than 30th May 2019. Your application will not be considered without the AIU certificate. Delay in submission of the AIU certificate will cause further delay in processing your application for admission.

Q 30 I don’t have TOEFL/IELTS qualifying scorecard at present. Can I apply online now?
Ans. You may apply online now, but you need to submit the TOEFL/IELTS scorecard at the earliest, so that your application is processed further.

Q 31 Do I need to provide syllabus of papers of my qualifying examination?
Ans. Students who have studied from Indian Boards are not required to provide the syllabus (except in some cases, where equivalence is not clear). For non-Indian Boards, in the absence of AIU certification, the syllabus of papers will be required to be submitted to ascertain the required equivalence.

Q 32 I am a student from China and my transcripts are available in Chinese. What should I do?
Ans. You need to provide an English translation of your transcripts, and the translation should be duly attested by the concerned school/University/Board or by a responsible officer of the Ministry of Education in your country.

Q 33 I forgot my email account using which I created my registration account during "Sign Up". What should I do?
Ans. You should remember your email account used during the "Sign Up" process at the time of registration, failing which we will not be able to help you. You can use “Reset Password” option on the portal. If all fails, you should contact us or call at technical help number.

Q 34 What should be done if the University website link stops or hangs?
Ans. All possible measures are taken during the development phase to avoid such a situation. However, such a problem can arise due to internet issues or if a large number of applicants login simultaneously. You are advised to click on “Submit” button on each page/session separately to save the information. You may proceed with filling up of the remaining online registration form after refreshing the link or re-logging into your account. If all fails, you should contact us or call at technical help number.
Q 35 Will there be any disadvantage for gap year students?
Ans. No, there is no disadvantage to gap year students and they would be treated at par with regular students. They should meet the requisite criteria for admission and must possess the necessary documents/certificates.

Q 36 Will the applicants be given admission on a first come, first serve policy?
Ans. Admissions in the colleges are not based on first come first serve policy. Instead, the applicant who has filled the online registration form and satisfies the criteria for a particular programme/course in a particular college will be considered for admission as per merit. The international students who are awarded scholarship by ICCR, New Delhi, and the sponsored candidates from different Foreign Governments for training and studies shall be given preferential admission and grant of hostel accommodation.

Q 37 I am a science student. Can I apply for Bachelor with Honours in Arts/Humanities subjects?
Ans. You can apply for Bachelor with Honours in Arts/Humanities subjects provided you fulfil specific eligibility condition and meet the requisite cut-off for the programme/course you wish to seek admission.

Q 38 Once I have taken admission in a particular subject, can I change my subject during the programme of study or after completing first year?
Ans. Once you are admitted in a particular subject, you can change your subject only before the last date of admission on a written request from you and approved by the Admission Committee, provided you have applied for that programme in your online registration form, meeting the requisite criteria and provided seats are available. You cannot change your subject during the programme of study or after completing first year of your study.

Q 39 I am studying in India. Can I fill online registration form even if I have compartment in class XII?
Ans. Yes, you can fill online registration form even if you have compartment in class XII. But, you will get admission only if you fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria/meeting cut-off list of that programme/college during stipulated period.

Q 40 I did not have Mathematics in class 12th. Can I opt for Economics (Hons.) or B.Com. (Hons.)?
Ans. No, you cannot opt for Economics (Hons.) or B. Com. (Hons.) without having studied Mathematics at class 12th. You are eligible for B.Com.

Q 41 Is an applicant/candidate required to be present in-person on the day of admission?
Ans. It is mandatory for the applicant to be present on the day of admission along with the desired documents/certificates.

Q 42 Can I take admission in two different programmes or same programme in different colleges?
Ans. No, you cannot take admission simultaneously in two different programmes or same programmes in different colleges. In case you take admission at two places, your admission will be cancelled from both the colleges/programmes.

Q 43 I have an OCI card. I have completed my class 12\textsuperscript{th} from NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling). Can I get admission in regular college?
Ans. Yes, you can get admission in regular college in a particular programme/course provided you have applied in that programme/course and meet the cut-off criteria.

Q 44 I am also interested in applying to colleges having minority status, how can I apply?
Ans. You would complete their registration form separately once their registration process will start. It is mandatory for the candidates who wish to apply to colleges having minority status to mention the university registration number which is generated through the online registration process.

Q 45 I have just passed class 12\textsuperscript{th} with science subjects. Can I apply in Delhi University through online form? I am also interested in applying at St. Stephens and Jesus Mary College.
Ans. Yes, you can apply for undergraduate programmes through online form as per the schedule. This form is applicable for all programmes in various colleges. For applying to minority colleges like St. Stephens and Jesus and Mary, you are also required to visit the portal of these colleges to fill their registration form separately. However, it is mandatory for the Applicants who wish to apply to minority colleges to enter the university registration number in the online form of the minority colleges. These colleges shall follow the admission procedures notified well in advance, on their websites.

Q 46 If my result is awaited, Can I submit the online registration form?
Ans. Yes, you can submit the online registration form by entering “Result Awaited” in the corresponding field while entering the information. However, you will have to fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria during stipulated period.

Q 47 Can I enroll myself for a certificate language programme along with my regular graduation programme?
Ans. Yes, many colleges offer part time certificate programmes in office management, foreign languages etc. However, it is advisable not to enroll yourself for any of these during the 1st year. In first year, you may first try to understand how your regular programme works and you can then plan about your certificate programme accordingly.

Q 48 Can I apply in multiple programmes/courses in an online form?
Ans. Yes, you may select maximum of three programmes/courses of your interest through a single online registration form.
Q 49  Does University follow any policy with regard to the anti-ragging?
Ans.  Yes, the University believes in providing a safe and secure environment to its new entrants. As per the UGC guidelines, 2009 regarding curbing the menace of ragging, the colleges and department strictly adhere to ordinance XV-B of the University related to anti-ragging.

Q 50  What is the mechanism of fee refund in case a student cancels his admission?
Ans.  The fee refund in case of cancellation of admission will be in accordance with the rules of fee refund policy as notified by the University.

Q 51  From where can I get all information about admission?
Ans.  You can get information about admission from the following sources:
   University website: http://www.du.ac.in
   FSR website: fsr.du.ac.in

Q 52  What is my contact point in the college/department after my admission?
Ans.  A Nodal Officer responsible for addressing the concerns of foreign students is appointed in every college/department of the university.

Q 53  What are the mandatory documents to be uploaded at the time of submitting the online application?
Ans.  A photograph taken within the last six months of submitting the application, your signature, and passport are mandatory at the time of application. Other documents applicable have to be submitted before admission is granted.