

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL (EOC)

Q.1 What is the objective of Equal Opportunity Cell in University of Delhi?

Ans. The Equal Opportunity Cell was established by the University of Delhi on 27th June, 2006 to address the issues related to students belonging to Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe, Other Backward Caste and minorities and the Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) on a continual basis. The main objective of the Equal Opportunity Cell is to help and empower the persons with disabilities students to participate fully in the academic, intellectual, social and cultural life of University on an equal basis.

Q.2 What are the facilities provided by Equal Opportunity Cell in University of Delhi?

Ans. The various facilities provided to the persons with disabilities students by Equal Opportunity Cell in University of Delhi are mentioned as under:

- Provision of free state of the art laptops with state of the art software, especially for Students with Disabilities.
- State of the art, training cum recourse centers equipped with latest assistive technologies for the daily use of students.
- Waiver of fees as per University rules.
- Braille Library
- Audio- book Resource Centre (ABRC)
- Computer Lab equipped with best assistive software and devices like Screen Reading Software, Screen Magnification Software, OCR Software Braille Display & Voice Recognition Software
- Free accessible transport facility
- Assistive Devices for Persons with Disabilities i.e. Braille Reader/ Embosser, pocket players, accessible computers and reading materials, Wheelchairs etc.
- Assistance to Visually Impaired students for day to day course work.
- Examination writing policy for the conduct of free, fair and hassle free exams.
- Writers Bank
- E-learning Support Systems like Talking Books and E- Text books.
- Facility of conversion of reading material in accessible formats
- Facility of screen reader at D.U. intranet
- Signers and carers for persons with hearing impairment and locomotive impairment respectively.
- DVDs and Books on Disability issues
- Orientation Workshops for Persons with Disabilities
- Day to day support by volunteers
- Monitoring of the enabling units of the colleges/ departments through regular visits by the officials.
- Special initiative to provide accessibility in terms of mobility.
- Provision of Medical Health checkup.
- Placements
- Provision of free Bharat Darshan by a special train.
- Counseling Sessions
- Capacity building classes

Q.3 Is there any special provision for persons with disabilities students in University of Delhi?

Ans. University of Delhi has recently notified reserving additional 2 seats out of every 100 seats for Person with Disabilities (PWDs) in all College Hostels/ Halls of Residence, over and above the usual 3% seats already reserved.

Q.4 What is the reservation policy for admission?

Ans. 3% seats are reserved for persons with disabilities in all colleges and departments.

Q.5 Is there any special provision in admission eligibility criteria for persons with disabilities students in University of Delhi?

Ans. University of Delhi provides for 5% relaxation in admission eligibility criteria for persons with disabilities students. However, when entrance to a course is based on a written test, the student must take the same in order to qualify for admission.

Q.6 Is there any provision of concession of fees in respect of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in University of Delhi?

Ans. The students with physical disabilities pursuing various courses of study in the Faculties, Departments, Centres, and Institutions/Colleges of University of Delhi are exempted from payment of fees, including examination fee and other examination fees, except Admission fee, subscription towards Delhi University Student's Union and Identity Card fee.

Q.7 What are the short term courses offered by Equal Opportunity Cell in University of Delhi?

Ans. The short term courses offered by Equal Opportunity Cell in University of Delhi are as mentioned below:

<u>COURSES</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
(i) Sign Language Interpretation(A Level & B Level)	6 Months
(ii) Communicative English (Basic)	6 Months
(iii) Communicative English (Advance)	6 Months
(iv) Information & Communication Technology	4 Months
(v) Disability & Human Rights	3 Months
(vi) News Reading & Cinematography	

*For more details please visit www.eoc.du.ac.in

Q.8 What are the future projects of Equal Opportunity Cell in University of Delhi?

Ans. The future projects of Equal Opportunity Cell in University of Delhi include the following:

- Free study tour in the coming months for students to International Locations for better understanding and awareness of facilities and programmes for students with special needs and disabilities.
- Provision of providing free metro card to students with disabilities is in progress.
- Provision of a lift and parking space reserved for the persons with disabilities persons.
- Implementation on the Access Audit reports.
- Removing all infrastructural pitfalls within the University premises, which inhibit access to University resources for the persons with disabilities students.

Q.9 Where can one contact for further clarification?

Ans. Students can contact at the following address for further clarification:

- Equal Opportunity Cell
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