

OAC-6 Ordinance Regarding Medium of Instruction

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The primary medium of instruction for all academic programmes, courses, and curricula, across all levels of higher education, shall be English. In keeping with this standard, all examinations, assessments, and evaluations, including both internal and external, shall ordinarily be conducted in the English language.

However, in recognition of India's rich linguistic diversity and the importance of preserving and promoting regional and classical languages, it is hereby stipulated that courses dedicated to the study of languages other than English — including but not limited to Hindi, Konkani, Marathi, Sanskrit, shall be taught and examined in the medium of the respective language concerned. Instruction, classroom discourse, and assessment in these courses shall employ the target language itself to ensure proper pedagogical practice and to encourage fluency, proficiency, and cultural appreciation.

Wherever necessary, and in specific programs or courses, appropriate academic and administrative measures may be taken to facilitate comprehension for students whose first language may not be English, without compromising the fundamental principle that English shall remain the primary medium of instruction and evaluation across disciplines.