



भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय  
**INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY**  
(A Central University under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, GoI)  
**HEADQUARTERS**

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Sub: Direct Admission of Foreign Nationals to Non-DGS UG programmes and PG Programmes through DASA and IMU Direct Portal - reg

Ref: (i) UGC Guidelines for Admission and Supernumerary seats of International Students in Under Graduate and Post Graduate programmes in HEIs in India

(ii) Executive Council Resolution vide Agenda No. EC-2025-82-09- dated 11.02.2025

Sir,

1. The internationalisation of higher education promotes the exchange of best academic and research practices through interactions between diverse education systems. It also fosters the development of global citizens through student and scholar mobility. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes achieving the highest global standards in the quality of higher education.
2. UGC has issued guidelines for admission of International students in Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes in Higher Educational Institutions in India. A copy is enclosed for ready reference. As per these guidelines, Higher Educational Institutions may create up to 25% of supernumerary seats for international students, over and above of their total sanctioned intake. The decision regarding 25% supernumerary seats has to be carried out by the institutions considering the infrastructure, faculty and other requirement.
3. IMU has earmarked seats for Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme of Ministry of Education. However, students getting admissions to IMU programmes through DASA have been "Nil", except on two occasions, one candidate each in 2018 - 19 and 2021-22 who got admitted to B.Tech (NAOE) and B.Sc (NS) programmes, respectively.
4. IMU has received enquiries from foreign nationals regarding direct admission to DGS approved programmes and Non- DGS Programmes. While admission of foreign students for the UG marine programmes needs DGS approval,

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for Non-DGS UG programmes and PG programmes, IMU can admit foreign students on its own.

5. The issue of admission of foreign students to IMU's Non-DGS UG programmes and PG programmes was deliberated in the statutory bodies (Academic Council and Executive Council). To heighten the presence of IMU on the global map with its unique Maritime related programmes, the Executive Council in its 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025, has approved admission of foreign students from the Academic Year 2025-26 to Non-DGS UG programmes and PG programmes directly through IMU Portal. This is in addition to the present process of admission through DASA. Regulations to admit International Students have also been approved by the Executive Council.

6. It is informed that IMU will admit foreign students to Non-DGS UG programmes and PG programmes from the Academic Year 2025-26 through direct registration on IMU website as well as DASA programme of Ministry of Education.

7. IMU is in the process of developing a separate web portal to enable foreign nationals to apply for admission to Non-DGS UG programmes and PG programmes of IMU.

8. Further, DGS is requested to consider the following;

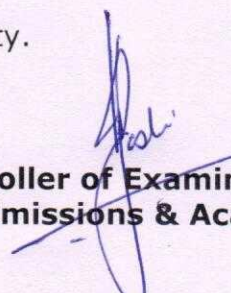
(i) To permit foreign students to be admitted through direct registration on IMU website in DGS approved programmes based on JEE (Main) rank or equivalent Qualifying Examination (10+2) from an Indian or Foreign University/Institution.

(ii) To sanction a batch of 40 supernumerary seats each for B.Sc. (NS) and B.Tech. (Marine Engineering) at Chennai Campus to admit foreign students directly through IMU portal.

(iii) To guide and decide on means to verify medical certificate for admission to the DGS recognised programmes.

(iv) The policy of DG (S) that the Indian CDC will not be issued to the foreign nationals may also be reviewed.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
**Controller of Examinations &  
Head (Admissions & Academics)**

Encl : UGC Guidelines

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