



UP Open University • Faculty of Education MASTER OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

The Master of Distance Education program of the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) is designed for individuals who would like to develop knowledge and skills in designing, implementing, and managing formal and non-formal distance education and e-learning programs.

The MDE curriculum consists of 18 units of core courses, 12 units of elective courses, a comprehensive exam, and a 6-unit Thesis. This is a fully online program offered on a trimestral basis (i.e. three 10-week terms per year). The mode of study consists of:

- Guided independent study of specially prepared course packages consisting of modules, readings, and Web-based resources; and
- Computer-mediated communication and collaboration at UPOU's MyPortal and using relevant Web 2.0 and m-learning applications.

MDE students who have completed 18 units of course work with a general weighted average of 2.0 or better and who are unable to complete the program may apply to be granted the Graduate Certificate in Distance Education.

Program Goals

Graduates of the program are expected to be able to:

- Use their knowledge of theories, models, and principles of open learning and distance education (DE) to critically examine various aspects of DE programs from a variety of perspectives;
- Lead in designing, developing, and delivering distance education programs that are underpinned by effective pedagogy and appropriate and sustainable use of technology;
- Lead in managing DE programs in different contexts—educational, business and non-profit organizations—to meet the needs of target learners;
- Understand and critique broader policy, regulatory, and social issues related to DE; and
- Contribute to the body of knowledge regarding open learning and distance education by conducting research and evaluation studies, and through materials, course, and program development.

Mode of Instruction

All courses are taught online following the principles of guided independent study and collaborative inquiry.

Admission Procedures

Step 1: Apply for admission and upload the admission requirements through the Online Application System. Monitor the progress of your application through the OAS.

Step 2: As soon as the online application is accomplished, mail the complete and valid admission documents to the address below:

The Admission Section
Office of the University Registrar
UP Open University
Los Baños, Laguna 4031
Philippines

Refer to the UPOU Academic Calendar for the deadline for submission of application documents.

Step 3: If required, take the admission exam. The details of and instructions for taking the exam will be emailed by admissions.

Step 4: Complete the DE Readiness Module (DERM). The link to the DERM will be emailed by admissions.

Step 5: Wait for an email from the OUR for the admission results. Results of the evaluation will be released after the evaluation of the respective Admissions Committee and before the registration/enrollment period of the applied term.

