

EXAM SYLLABUS

IGNOU BA Syllabus 2026 — Core, Elective, and Skill-Based Courses

6 subjects · 29 topics

IGNOU BA Syllabus 2026 covers Core, Discipline Specific Electives, Ability Enhancement, and Skill Enhancement Courses across 14 disciplines. Priority to foundational subjects.

WHAT TO STUDY FIRST

Begin by familiarizing yourself with the overall credit structure and the distinction between Core Courses, Discipline Specific Electives, Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses, and Skill Enhancement Courses. Prioritize understanding the foundational concepts within your chosen disciplines and the compulsory communication/environmental studies courses. Referring to the IGNOU Common Prospectus is crucial for detailed course information.

EXAM PATTERN

Mixed

Bachelor of Arts (BA General)

Marking: The IGNOU BA program operates on a credit system. Core courses typically carry 6 credits each, while AECC and SEC courses carry 4 credits each. For a 50-mark paper, a minimum of 18 marks is required to pass, and for a 100-mark paper, a minimum of 35 marks is required. Specific question counts and marks per question can vary by course and semester. Negative: Not specified in general program structure.

Core Courses (CC)

Varied, including assignments and examinations.

Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

Varied, including assignments and examinations.

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)

Varied, including assignments and examinations.

Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

Varied, including assignments and examinations.

Generic Electives (GE)

Varied, including assignments and examinations.

- 3-year duration, extendable up to 6 years.
- Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) implemented.
- Offers 14 disciplines including English, Hindi, History, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, etc.
- Total of 132 credits required for degree completion.
- Semester-wise structure with typically 22 credits per semester.

SUBJECT-WISE SYLLABUS

01 Core Courses (CC)

3 topics · 72 credits

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Discipline-specific textbooks
- IGNOU Study Material

- 1 Discipline-specific Core Courses (e.g., CC-1A, CC-1B, etc.)
- 2 Language Core Courses (English/Hindi/MIL)
- 3 Interdisciplinary learning modules

02 Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

4 topics · 24 credits

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Advanced textbooks in chosen disciplines
- IGNOU Study Material

- 1 DSE-1A
- 2 DSE-2A
- 3 DSE-1B
- 4 DSE-2B

03 Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)

2 topics · 8 credits

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Environmental Studies textbook
- English/Hindi Communication skills book

- 1 Environmental Studies
- 2 English/Hindi Communication

04 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

4 topics · 16 credits

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Skill-specific workbooks
- IGNOU Skill Development Modules

- 1 SEC-1
- 2 SEC-2
- 3 SEC-3
- 4 SEC-4

05 Generic Elective (GE)

2 topics · 12 credits

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

— Textbooks from other disciplines

— IGNOU Study Material

- 1 GE-1
- 2 GE-2

06 Disciplines Offered

14 topics · N/A

- 1 Anthropology
- 2 Economics
- 3 History
- 4 Political Science
- 5 Psychology
- 6 Public Administration
- 7 Sociology
- 8 Mathematics
- 9 Hindi
- 10 Urdu
- 11 English
- 12 Sanskrit
- 13 Education
- 14 Philosophy

6 subject(s), 29 topics listed above. Verify critical details with the official exam notification before applying.