

Savitribai Phule Pune University
Department of communication and Journalism
Frequently Asked Questions

How many courses does the department run, and what are those?
The department runs FOUR regular courses 1) MA (JMC): two year (four semesters) full time master's course 2) PG Diploma in Journalism: One-year (Two terms/semesters) part time course run in Marathi ONLY. 3) PG Diploma in Mass Media: One-year (Two terms/semesters) part time course 4) PG Certificate Course in Photojournalism: One semester, part-time, weekend course. <i>Ph. D. (by research) is also offered as per available vacancies.</i>
What is the Eligibility Criteria?
For Ph. D. the eligibility is Master's degree in Communication and Journalism. For all other courses Bachelor's degree in any subject.
What is the Admission Process?
Students have to apply online. Details are usually made available in May every year. The link is available on the homepage of www.unipune.ac.in > PG Admissions
How many seats are available for each course?
1) MA (JMC): 36 (norms of reservation of seats apply) 2) PG Diploma in Journalism: 40 (norms of reservation of seats apply) 3) PG Diploma in Mass Media: 40 (norms of reservation of seats apply) 4) PG Certificate Course in Photojournalism: 40 (norms of reservation of seats apply)
For Ph. D. admissions are announced as and when there are vacancies. For all other courses, admission process starts in May every year. Admissions are given STRICTLY on the basis of Entrance Exam.
How is the Entrance test conducted?
Online. MCQ pattern.
What is the nature of Entrance Test?
Details will be made available at the time of admissions to AY 2022-23. But generally, language skills, general knowledge, media information, logical thinking etc is tested through MCQs.
Are sample Entrance Test Papers/questions available?
www.unipune.ac.in > Academics > Department > Interdisciplinary Studies > Communication and Journalism > Sample Entrance Test Questions.

What are the fees of the courses?
The fees are being revised, so it is not possible to indicate the amount at this stage. Until last year they were approximately Rs. 10,000/- (for PGCPJ Rs.15, 000/-)
If we do the diploma courses can we get jobs in the media?
Yes, the Diploma courses train students adequately to work in different media. Many diploma alumni are working in renowned media houses.
What is the difference between the two diploma courses?
PGDJ is primarily a journalism course, and is run only in Marathi. It is run in the morning from 8 am to 10.30 am. PGDMM includes subjects related to all media, and is run in English (students have the permission to write the tests and exam in Marathi). It is run in the evening from 6 pm to 8.30 pm.
Where can I find the syllabus of the courses?
www.unipune.ac.in > Academics > Department > Interdisciplinary Studies > Communication and Journalism > Syllabus (Syllabi of the part-time courses are likely to be revised.)
Are the courses available in the online/hybrid mode?
NO. Classes are designed to be conducted in the OFFLINE mode only. In case of unprecedented circumstances like the pandemic, even if it becomes necessary to conduct classes online for a little while, as soon as possible completely OFFLINE classes will resume.
Is attendance compulsory?
Yes. 75% attendance is mandatory to be allowed to appear for exams.
Does the department have a Placement Cell and are placements guaranteed?
NO. The department does not have a formal placement cell, and placements are NOT guaranteed. However, all leading media houses approach the department during recruitment drive, and students are referred to them, or campus tests/interviews are arranged as per the needs of the recruiters.
Is hostel facility available?
Limited number of hostel seats are available ONLY for MA (JMC) students (to those who have not availed university hostel before). Students of part-time courses do not get hostel facility.

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