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# **Guidelines/ Policy For E-Content Development**

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# **The Context**

University of Lucknow proposes to encourage development of e-content to facilitate enhanced learning environment. It is proposed to harness the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in University's learning ecosystem. The 'Teaching - Learning - Knowledge Triad' will be further facilitated and empowered by these e-content guidelines. This will also feed into and become an integral part of the University's Learning Management System (LMS). E-contents (as is well known) are Electronic Content or Digital Content. These are produced and stored electronically rather than in print and are the result of electronic publishing (e-publishing). These are viewed on screen and not on paper and these can be transmitted over a computer network such as Internet. These guidelines outline the contours of e-content development and transmission/dissemination these are expected to bring a new dimension of creativity in University's learning ecosystem.

### General Guidelines to Authors

- 1. A covering page should describe the Name, Designation, Address of the Organization, Topic of the content, and a Declaration.
- 2. An author can submit any number of e-learning materials preferably on the subject(s) they are teaching/experts.
- 3. Each e-learning material should cover one topic related to the unit/syllabus.
- 4. The e-learning materials can be submitted either in English or Hindi version.
- 5. It is advised to provide the content with examples rather than merely reproducing the bookish information.
- 6. At the end of each content, a summary should be given.
- 7. The content should be grammatically and typographically error free.
- 8. Plagiarism of the content/material should be self-checked as per the UGC norms.
- 9. The pdf content should be in 1.5 line spacing, 12 font size, and in Times New Roman font.

# **Typesof E-Content Encouraged By University:**

- Digital Textbooks
- ➤ Workbooks
- ➤ Articles
- ➤ Videos
- > Audios
- > Textual and Pictorial Presentation
- > Multimedia Presentations

# **Expected Features of E-Content**

E-content is expected to focus on the following features:

- E-content should investigate the implications of new forms of social networking, knowledge sharing and knowledge building.
- **E**-content should encourage the learner in an effective manner.
- **E**-content should attract the attention of the learners.
- ➤ E-content should eliminate the inconsistency among the learners through effective material.
- > E-content should enhance the knowledge level of learners in which it leads to creative thinking
- E-content should include web links so that it gives the future ideas on the basis of given links and references.

(List is suggestive. Departments may make relevant additions)

# **Permitted Forms Of e-Content**

- > Assembled form,
- > Created form.

#### **Assembled E-content:**

Assembled E-content constitutes compiled and assembled contents from several resources and books with due care taken for Copy Right & Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Here the author will be main content provider. Content assembled will be given credit as compiled by and edited by (as applicable).

#### **Created e-content**

Content developed by the author using various resources, as well as his/her own work. Here the authorship will be of the content creator. The content developer has to provide the written material in standard module format.

## **Preservation of e-content**

Preservation of e-content is as important as developing them. University will provide storage space:-

# Online preservation

- Cloud storage space
- University Website

# Offline preservation

- Compact disks
- Digital Video disks
- Memory sticks (used in digital camera)
- USB Flash Drives
- Smart cards
- University Server

# Important features for preparing e-content

E-content should be developed considering following approaches:

#### **Annotation**

Annotation means (ranging from 200-300 words) brief description of the e-Content.

#### E-Text/E-Tutorial

Content Writer is expected to write detailed write-up on the topic of module as per content structure in a simple language enriched with multimedia supplements, wherever applicable.. Topic should be presented in systematic and logical manner for independent learning consisting of:

- Self-check exercises
- Examples & Applications from day to day life, if needed
- Illustrations (Images, Maps, Graphics
- Appropriate web links wherever required
- Summary

(These are only suggestive and are some of the possible options)

# **Generally Expected Format**

- Title
- Name of the E-Content Writer
- Objectives
- Learning Outcomes
- Subject Mapping/Structure
- Subject Content (Typed in text format fordownload)
- Summary
- Text Case studies (if Applicable)
- Frequently asked questions (FAQ's) with regard to content of themodule.
- Video and audio (if needed)
- Assignments
- Assessment/Evaluation
- References
- Suggested Readings

- Glossary of terms used in the E-Content
- Web Links
- Contact details

# (List is suggestive. Departments may make relevant additions)

Where ever necessary or useful chunking of content may be resorted to i.e. content may be divided into module, unit, and granule.

# **Training and Orientation**

The development of e-content requires the fundamental knowledge. Some of the faculty may not be adequately oriented for development of e-content. University will organise necessary training/ orientation programs for the same. These programs will attempt at addressing the following:

- ➤ Basic computer skills (Offline e-content)
- ➤ Web skills (Online e-content) and so on.

## e-Classes

Faculty is holding online Classes. They are encouraged to convert these lectures into econtent. These can subsequently be made available online and hosted like other econtent.

# **MOOCs**

Faculty is encouraged to create MOOCs. Such content creation should strictly comply with norms laid down by UGC.

# **Necessary Clearances**

Wherever necessary UGCs approval (or approval of any relevant body) will be obtained and pending necessary approval no e-content will be shared or disseminated.

# Copy Right/ Intellectual Property Right on Created e-content

Copy Right/ Intellectual Property Right on e-Content shall belong to the Author/ Creator. However, university along with Author will have the unrestricted right of sharing it.

# Royalty

If some royalty/or revenue is generated by sharing of e-content then the earnings will be shared in following manner:

- (a) Author/ creator will receive 60% of the earnings
- (b) University of Lucknow will receive 40% of the earnings

# Copy Right/ IPR Violation

If there are any copy right or IPR violations than Author/ creator will be fully responsible for any such violations. University of Lucknow will remain INDEMNIFIED FROM ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY

# **Approval of e-Content**

Only those e-content which are approved by the 'Proposing Committee' and the 'Empowered Committee' will be included in University's repository of e-content.

# **Proposing Committee**

- 1. Head of Department/ Director/ Coordinator of the Institute(Chairperson)
- 2. Two Senior Most Professors/Associate Professors of the concerned Department/ Institute or Expert of ICT field from the same department
- 3. Hon. VC's Nominee
- 4. Wherever necessary expert of specific super specialisation may be included

# **Empowered Committee**

- 1. Dean Academics (Chairperson)
- 2. Dean Research
- 3. Dean of Concerned Faculty
- 4. Hon. VCs Nominee
- 5. Hon. VC's Nominee

Proposing Committee will identify and approve the e-content and send the same for final approval of the Empowered Committee.

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