



Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY

ELURU, ELURU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH

(Established under the A.P. Open University Act, 1982 — Act No. 11 of 1982)

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STUDENT PROSPECTUS

Academic Year 2026–27

**Undergraduate (UG) Programmes
Open & Distance Learning (ODL) Mode**

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1. About the University

1.1 Our History

The University was originally established on 26 August 1982 as the Andhra Pradesh Open University, through an Act of the Andhra Pradesh State Legislature (APOU Act, 1982) – the first open university in India. It was inaugurated by the then President of India, Gyani Zail Singh, under the guidance of its founding Vice-Chancellor, Professor G. Ram Reddy.

On 26 October 1991, the University was renamed Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University through the A.P. Open University (Amendment) Act, 1991, in honour of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, architect of the Indian Constitution, on the occasion of the centenary of his birth.

Following the reorganisation of the State of Andhra Pradesh into Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in 2014 (under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014), the university continued to serve learners in both states through parallel arrangements. Subsequently, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, by G.O.Ms.No.24, Higher Education Department, dated 23 May 2025, shifted the University's headquarters to Eluru, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh, consistent with the establishment of the new state capital at Amaravati.

By G.O.Rt.No.210, Higher Education Department, dated 15 October 2025, Prof. S. Vijaya Bhaskara Rao, Professor of Physics, Sri Venkateswara University, and Vice-Chairman of the A.P. State Council of Higher Education, was appointed In-Charge Vice-Chancellor to administer the University and its network of 76 study centres (which includes 12 Regional Centres) across the State of Andhra Pradesh. On 11 May 2026, the University received fresh recognition from the UGC under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

1.2 Vice-Chancellor's Message

“Empowering minds through borderless knowledge, innovation, and global excellence.” The Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vijaya Bhaskara Rao describes the University as one “envisioned to expand the frontiers of inclusive, accessible, and transformative higher education,” committed to reaching learners “irrespective of age, geography, gender, socio-economic background, or professional status,” in keeping with Dr. Ambedkar's vision of education as an instrument of social justice and equality.

1.3 Vision

To democratise access to quality higher education through open and distance learning, empowering every learner regardless of geographical, social, or economic barriers, in the spirit of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's commitment to equality and inclusion.

1.4 Mission

- Provide flexible, affordable, and accessible undergraduate and postgraduate education through the Open & Distance Learning mode.
- Expand the University's network of Regional and Learning Support Centres across the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- Promote digital literacy, skill development, and lifelong learning opportunities for all sections of society.
- Maintain academic quality and student support in compliance with UGC-DEB norms.

2. Recognition, Accreditation & Regulatory Compliance

Particular	Status (as published by the University)
AISHE Code	U-1464
UGC Section 2(f) Recognition	Granted 11 May 2026, under the UGC Act, 1956
Governing Act	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Act, 1982 (Act No. 11 of 1982)
Regional Centres	12 Regional Centres across the State of Andhra Pradesh.
Study/Learning Centres	The University is having 76 study centres (which includes 12 Regional Centres) covering the State of Andhra Pradesh to provide services to the Student Community who wish to take admissions into various courses offered by the University.

3. Academic Programmes Offered

The University currently lists 6 active programmes (Undergraduate) and shown in the official website. Programme Project Reports (PPR), syllabi, and Self-Learning Material (SLM) for each course are published on the respective UG pages of the website.

3.1 Undergraduate (UG) Programmes – Duration: 3 Years

S.No	Course	Subject Combination	Duration
1	B.A.	Political Science, Sociology, Public Administration	3 Years
2	B.A.	History, Economics, Political Science	3 Years
3	B.Sc.	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry	3 Years
4	B.Sc.	Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science	3 Years
5	B.Com.	Computer Applications	3 Years
6	B.L.I.Sc.	Bachelor of Library and Information Science	1 Year

Course lists, subject combinations, and durations are as currently published on drbraouap.ac.in (UG page).

4. Admission Guidelines (as per UGC-DEB Norms)

4.1 General Eligibility

Eligibility Criteria for Admission into the Under Graduate Programme (BA, B.Com, B.Sc.). Candidates who have passed:

- a) The Intermediate or its equivalent examination (equivalence certificate must be obtained from the Board of Intermediate, Govt. of A.P., Andhra Pradesh)
- (or)
- b) 10+2 from National Institute of Open Schooling (or)
- c) The two year ITI or two year vocational course after S.S.C. and other examinations
- d) For opting B.Sc. programme, the student must study Science Subjects at 10+2 or in Intermediate level to get admission into B.Sc. courses.

Medium of Instruction: A student can study UG Programme, i.e. B.A., B.Com., & B.Sc. in Telugu or English medium as per his / her choice and B.A. Programme in Political Science, Public Administration, History and B.Sc. Programme.

Once medium is chosen by the student in the I year U.G. Programme, it will continue till the completion of the programme. It means that the student must write all papers of all semesters in one medium only.

Duration of the Programme: The minimum duration of the U.G. Programme under Choice Based Credit System (B.A., B.Com., and B.Sc.) is three years consisting of 6 semesters and the maximum period Six years from the year of Admission. On expiry of sixth year, the student whosoever left with backlogs may seek readmission for another three years on payment of requisite fee. If a student takes readmission immediately after 6 years, the duration of readmission period will be 3 years. If he takes readmission after 7 years, the duration of readmission period will be 2 years. Similarly, if a student takes readmission after 8 years the duration of readmission period will be one year only.

4.2 Mandatory Steps Before Admission (UGC-DEB Requirement)

- Create an ABC-ID (Academic Bank of Credits ID), if not already held, via the Digi Locker/ ABC portal.

- Generate a DEB-ID on the UGC-DEB portal (deb.ugc.ac.in), linked to your ABC-ID. This is mandatory for every student enrolling in an ODL or online programme and remains valid for lifelong ODL/online learning.
- Verify, on the same portal, that Dr.BRAOUAP and your chosen programme are currently entitled to offer that course in ODL mode for the 2026-27 academic session.
- Confirm that the Learning Support Centre you intend to use is an officially notified centre of the University, and falls within the University's approved territorial jurisdiction.

4.3 How to Apply

- Register and apply online through the University's admissions portal (linked from drbraouap.ac.in) and detailed notification will be issued separately.
- Upload scanned copies of academic certificates, identity proof, category/income certificate (if applicable), and a recent photograph.
- Pay the prescribed application/admission fee through the online fee payment gateway.
- Retain the system-generated application number and fee receipt for all future correspondence.

4.4 Payment of Tuition and Lab Fee for First Year:

The annual tuition fee payable for first year is Rs. 3300/- for B.A. B.Sc. and B.Com. and is payable in one instalment only. The students who have opted for science subjects (other than mathematics) must pay Rs. 1600/- towards laboratory fee for each science subject along with tuition fee only. For Mathematics and Statistics, the student has to pay Rs. 800 each towards practical fee. For Computer Science the students have to pay Rs. 4,000/- towards practical fee. Students who paid lab fee but couldn't attend practical's should pay the lab fee once again to attend the practical classes.

Fee particulars for UG Courses		
1	I Year	Rs.3300/-
2	II Year	Rs.3000/-
3	III Year	Rs.3000/-

Refund of Fee:

- Fee once paid will not be refunded or adjusted under any circumstances.

5. Student Support Services

5.1 Regional & Learning Support Centres

The University operates through a network of Regional Centres and Learning Support Centres across Andhra Pradesh, providing counselling sessions, practical classes, library access, and examination facilitation closer to students' home districts. The current temporary headquarters function is being carried out from the Dr.BRAOUAP Regional Centre at SRR & CVR Govt. Degree College (A), Machavaram, Vijayawada – 520008, pending completion of the permanent Eluru campus.

5.2 Student Cells & Committees

- Grievance Redressal Cell
- Anti-Ragging Cell
- Anti-Drug Cell
- Career Guidance Cell
- Women Empowerment Cell

5.3 Student Clubs & Innovation Bodies

- English Club, Language Club, and Health Club – co-curricular engagement for distance learners.
- Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and NSDC-linked skilling initiatives.

5.4 Learning Materials & Digital Support

- Self-Learning Material (SLM) for each course, published/distributed course-wise.
- Academic counselling sessions at Learning Support Centres.
- Online Learning Management System (LMS) portal for recorded/live lectures (per the University's admissions portal listing).
- Online fee payment, admit card download, and results access through the student portal.

6. Examinations:

Examinations are conducted under the Controller of Examinations, following the University's Academic Calendar and also Examination Notifications issued from time to time. Students may access the following through the student portal/ website:

- Examination notifications and data sheets
- Online examination fee payment for examinations
- Admit card (hall ticket) download
- Results
- Revaluation requests, where permitted
- Examination guidelines and model question papers

Applicants and enrolled students should regularly check the Examinations section of the website, as specific dates for the 2026-27 cycle are updated closer to each semester.

7. Contact Information

Particular	Details
University	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Eluru, Eluru Dist., Andhra Pradesh
Temporary HQ	Dr.BRAOUAP Regional Centre, SRR & CVR Govt. Degree College (A), Machavaram, Vijayawada - 520008
Toll-Free Helpline	1800-425-4868
Phone	0866-2434847
Email	registrar@drbraouap.org
Website	https://drbraouap.ac.in
UGC-DEB Verification Portal	https://deb.ugc.ac.in

Important Notice to Prospective Students

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Eluru, is a newly re-constituted successor entity of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Open University, following the bifurcation of the State and the Government of Andhra Pradesh has established the Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University during the year 2025 and relocation of the university's headquarters to Eluru, Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh. Prospective students are strongly advised to keep the following points before applying:

- **Verify UGC 2(f) status:** The University has been recognised by the UGC under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956, with effect from 11 May 2026. 2(f) status alone does not automatically entitle a university to offer Open & Distance Learning (ODL) or Online programmes.
- **Separately verify ODL/Online entitlement:** Under the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 (as amended), a Higher Education Institution must hold specific, programme-wise entitlement from the UGC Distance Education Bureau (DEB) to offer any ODL or online degree. Before paying any fee, check the current entitlement status of Dr.BRAOU, AP and the specific programme you wish to join on the official DEB portal: deb.ugc.ac.in.
- **Generate your DEB-ID:** Students enrolling in any ODL or online programme are required to generate a DEB-ID (Distance Education Bureau ID) linked to their ABC-ID (Academic Bank of Credits ID) on the DEB portal. This is mandatory for the programme to be recognised for further studies or employment.
- **Check the restricted subjects list:** Certain disciplines (e.g., programmes requiring laboratory/clinical/practical training such as most professional, medical, engineering, and certain science programmes) are not permitted to be offered in ODL/online mode. Confirm that your chosen programme is on the University's approved list.
- **Confirm territorial jurisdiction:** ODL institutions are permitted to admit students and operate learning support centres only within the jurisdiction approved by the UGC-DEB and the state government. Confirm that your Learning Support Centre is an approved, listed centre of the University.
- **No franchising:** UGC regulations prohibit ODL/online programmes from being offered through franchised arrangements with unauthorised study centres or private coaching institutes. Deal only with officially notified Regional/Study Centres of the University.

For the latest admission notifications, fee structure, and centre list, applicants should refer to the University's official website www.drbraouap.ac.in.