

IGNOU Project Guidelines: Overview by Course

Updated October 2026. Replaces our January 2026 overview, which printed 1.5 spacing and Times New Roman as general rules. Checked against IGNOU documents read in October 2026: the July 2026 Common Prospectus, the June 2026 online project portal page, the December 2026 SED fee notice and the MMPP-001, BMPP-001, MLIS (MLIP-002) and MCSP-232 project guidelines. Prepared with AI-assisted drafting; published by BK Sahni under his editorial responsibility. Your own course booklet and session notice always decide.

1. One word, different rules

An IGNOU project is a course of its own inside a programme. Its rules are written course by course in the project guide booklet that IGNOU provides with the study material. Do not copy a rule from a friend in another programme.

Course	Credits	Synopsis goes to	Report, as the guideline prints it	Length	Viva
MMPP-001 (MBA)	8 (one course, equivalent to two)	Regional Director of your Regional Centre; MBA Online: LMS	One typed copy to the Registrar (SED), Maidan Garhi; MBA Online: LMS	About 50 to 60 double-spaced pages, approx. 18,000 words excluding appendices	Only if the evaluator recommends it
BMPP-001 (BBA)	8, 5th semester	Regional Director of your own or designated Regional Centre	Registrar (SED), Maidan Garhi	About 60 to 80 double-spaced pages	Not mentioned
MLIP-002 (MLIS)	4	Programme Coordinator, MLIS, SOSS, Maidan Garhi	One copy to the Registrar (SED)	Not stated	Not stated
MCSP-232 (MCA_NEW)	12	Regional Director, never SOCIS	Regional Director, by registered post	About 100 to 125 pages excluding coding	Compulsory: report 150 marks, viva 50
MPAP 2 (MPA)	8, optional	-	-	Dissertation of 10000-15000 words	-
MESP135 (PGDET)	8	Guide and synopsis submission not required; follow the project manual	-	-	-

2. Order of work

Most courses follow two stages: an approved synopsis first, then the report on the approved title. The MMPP-001 and BMPP-001 guidelines say approval or non-approval is sent in writing within two to three months of the proposal reaching the Regional Centre, and the project work starts after written approval.

3. Guide rules

MMPP-001: management faculty of the School of Management Studies; approved academic counsellors of the Management Programme at study centres; management faculty with 5 years of PG teaching; or professionals with a master's in management or an allied discipline and 5 years of relevant experience. A guide may not guide more than five students at a time; the guide's bio-data,

signed in original and dated, goes with the synopsis unless the guide is an approved counsellor.

MCSP-232: Ph.D. or M.Tech in Computer Science with one year of experience, or B.E./B.Tech (Computer Science), MCA or M.Sc. (Computer Science) with two years; not more than 5 MCA students at a time.

4. Format

MMPP-001 and BMPP-001: A-4, typed in double space, bound volume, with the approved proposal "properly bound in the project and not just stapled". MLIS: double space, A4, bound form. The MMPP-001 guidelines name no font and no margin, and the BMPP-001 guidelines give no font rule; 1.5 spacing and Times New Roman are habits, not rules of these courses.

5. Fee and dates

Project evaluation fee (Common Prospectus, from the January 2023 admission cycle): Rs 300 up to 4 credits, Rs 500 above 4 credits, non-refundable. December 2026: the SED notice says the fee is paid only through your IGNOU Samarth Portal login, last date 30 November 2026. Report upload dates are set per cycle: 15-Jun-2026 for June 2026, 31-May-2025 for June 2025, 30-Nov-2024 for December 2024. For MMPP-001 and BMPP-001, 1 December to 31 May and 1 June to 30 November are result windows.