

HISTORY/BACKGROUND



In 1996, Dr. Manuel T. Corpus, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) President conceived of a program that could be offered through distance mode. This would enable people with remote resources to have greater access to higher education. With the Board of Regents approval (BOR No. 96-042), the first program, Local Government Administration through Distance Education (LAPDE) was offered during the first semester of SY 1996-1997 at DMMMSU Graduate College of Mid-La Union Campus. In this program, students have to finish first a Proficiency Certificate in Local Government Administration before finally getting the degree, Master in Development Administration.

The program offering through distance education has expanded with the creation of the DMMMSU Open University System (DOUS) on October 21, 1996 through the approval of the Board of Regents (BOR No. 96-0644). Aside from the courses or subjects leading to Master in Development Administration (MDA) major in Local Government Administration, short term and/or further education skills trainings were offered.

DOUS was able to offer many courses during the first and second years of operation through the initiative of the DMMMSU President. He found a sponsor in the person of former Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr. with the assistance of former Congressman Victor C. Ortega.

A 4.8 million pesos grant through the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) was given during the first year (1996) and 2.8 million pesos during the 2nd year (1997). In 1998, DOUS has 2.3 million budget integrated in the regular budget of the University.

On March 26, 1998, pursuant to BOR Resolution No. 98-024, DMMMSU Open University System was recognized as an Operating Unit of the University directly under the Office of the University President. On February 25, 1999, the Board of Regents approved the Budget Allocation (1999) Scheme of DOUS as an operating unit of the University (BOR No. 99-05).

Since the time DOUS functioned as an operating unit of the University, DOUS has offered degree and non-degree programs and short term trainings.

PHILOSOPHY

Total human development with appropriate competencies

“Naan-anay a pannakamuli ti tao iti umiso ken nadumaduma a kabaelan”

VISION

A premier and globally competitive university

“Kangrunaan ken mabigbigbig nga Universidad iti sangalubungan”

MISSION

Provides relevant quality instruction, research and extension

“Mangipaay iti maiyanatup ken dekalidad a panagisuro, panagsukisok ken ekstensiyon”

GOAL

To lead in transforming human resources into productive, self-reliant citizens & responsible leaders

“Mangidaulo iti pannakatubay dagiti tao a managparnuay, makapagwaywayas ken nanakman a mangidalan”

DOUS GOAL

To provide distance education to people who have no access to schools, colleges, and universities or to those who, for one reason or another, cannot avail themselves of the conventional mode of instruction.

CURRICULUM

Graduate Programs

- Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration (PhD DA)
- Master in Development Administration (MDA)
- Major in Local Government Administration (LGA)
- Major in Law Enforcement Administration (LEA)
- Master of Arts in Science Education (MASE)

Post-Baccalaureate Programs

- Diploma in Local Government Administration
- Diploma in Law Enforcement Administration
- Diploma in Teaching/Certificate in Teaching
- Certificate in Early Childhood Education
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship

Baccalaureate Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor in Elementary Education

Special Programs

Continuing Education Program (CEP) – Short Term Trainings

- a. Language Proficiency Trainings/Courses
 - Basic English Communication
 - English Proficiency Skills for Professionals and Job Seekers
 - Basic Japanese Language and Culture
 - Iloko Creative Writing
- b. Agri-based Training Courses
 - Orchid Culture: Propagation, Production and Management
 - Mushroom Production
 - Pomology (Fruit Production)
 - Olericulture (Vegetable Production)
 - Floriculture and Landscaping
- c. Secretarial, Finance, and Entrepreneurship Training Courses
 - Business Correspondence
 - Office Practice and Relations
 - Accounting for Non-Accountants
 - Entrepreneurship Development Training
 - Project Development and Management
- d. Information Technology Trainings/Courses
 - Basic Information Technology Course
 - Java
 - Web Development
 - Visual Basic
 - C Language
 - C++

TEACHING MEDIA

a. Main Media

Course Modules/printed materials serve as the main learning materials. It contains the discussions of lessons/topics, course descriptions, course objectives, study methods, instructions on how to use the modules, self-evaluation of every lesson, learning exercises and reports, together with summative tests for each module.



b. Supplementary Media

Tutorials/Consultations. The unit provides tutorials to individualized learners at the DMMMSU Learning Centers. The purpose of tutorials is to expand student's knowledge and understanding of the course content, which they study on their own. The unit utilizes communication tools such as fax, telephone, mobile phone for short messaging services and internet for electronic mails.



c. Student Support Services

- Scholarship Grants, Student Loan Assistance
- Students' Awards
- Guidance and Counseling and Testing
- Accommodation Services
- Student Body Organization
- Library and other IT-related Services
- Students' Publication

d. Online Services

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Form 138 HS Report Card
(for baccalaureate programs)
2. Honorable Dismissal – OTR
(for transferees, post baccalaureate to graduate programs)
3. Certificate of Good Moral Character
(for baccalaureate programs)
4. Certificate of Employment
5. NSO Birth Certificate
6. Medical Certificate with chest x-ray
7. 6 pcs. 2X2 Picture w/ white background
8. 3 pcs. Long folder w/ fastener

DOUS LEARNING CENTERS

DMMMSU Open University System

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