

Comparative Study of Library and Information Science (LIS) course offered by C.V. Raman University and Gopal Narayan Singh University

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ABSTRACT

This is a comparative study of Library and Information Science (LIS) courses offered by Gopal Narayan Singh University and C. V. Raman University. Both of the Universities are private. This is a primary data-based study. A web questionnaire is used for data collection in this study. These universities were selected to analyse their programs, admission processes, curriculum, faculty, and infrastructure for LIS education, specifically focusing on BLIS (Bachelor of Library and Information Science), MLIS (Master of Library and Information Science), and Ph.D. programs.

KEYWORDS: Comparative study, LIS Education, courses in library science, Universities in Bihar.

INTRODUCTION

Library and information science courses come under the professional courses. The core of the curricula is the people about the information itself and the technology that enables the provision of this information. This is a comparative study of Library and Information Science (LIS) courses offered by Gopal Narayan Singh University and C. V. Raman University. Both of the Universities are private. This is a primary data-based study. A web questionnaire is used for data collection in this study. These universities were selected to analyse their programs, admission processes, curriculum, faculty, and infrastructure for LIS education, specifically focusing on BLIS (Bachelor of Library and Information Science), MLIS (Master of Library and Information Science), and Ph.D. programs.

COURSE OFFERS

Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS), Master in Library and Information Science (MLIS), Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) and Ph.D. in Library and Information Science are some of the most chosen course choices of students willing to pursue LIS courses. The Bachelor's Degree Programme in Library and Information Science is commonly known as the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS). It is meant to impart necessary training and skills for effective organization and management of libraries and information units. Discipline minimum eligibility criteria for admission in this program is graduation in any discipline (10+2+3 Pattern) with a minimum 50 % marks. Whereas Master's Degree Programme in Library and Information Science is commonly known as Master in Library and Information Science (MLIS). MLI S course trains the students in the organization, retrieval and dissemination of information using the latest relevant technology, particularly information technology to meet the challenges of the knowledge society. The eligibility criteria for MLIS one academic year programme is a Bachelor Degree in Library and Information Science and eligibility criteria for integrated MLIS is the same as BLIS. DLIS is an entry-level course in Library and information science, which educates students on the basics of theoretical and practical applications of librarianship. Minimum eligibility criteria for admission DLIS is Matriculation (10th). The candidates must fulfill other conditions as may be laid down by the University/ Admission committee published from time to time. Both universities offer BLIS, MLIS and Ph. D. in Library Science.

Table 1.1: LIS Course offers by universities

| Sl. No. | University Name | BLIS | MLIS | Ph.D. | DLIS |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | Gopal Narayan Singh University | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| 2. | C V Raman University | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |

ADMISSION PROCESS

Gopal Narayan Singh University conducts entrance exams for admission in LIS courses. And C. V. Raman University offers admission in LIS courses on a merit base (merit is made by calculating the marks obtained in 10th, 12th and Graduation). There is a relaxation in marks for OBC, SC, ST category's students for the same. There are some general rules which all the University imposes on candidates for the admission process. Reservation of seats for admission shall be as per the reservation policy of the state/ central government. No admission will be entertained after the last date of the submission of the application form. No request for admission will be entertained once the admission is closed. A student must complete the program within double the duration as stipulated for the said course. In case the student is not able to secure the prescribed marks/ credit on the said period are liable to take readmission in the first semester of the course.

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Table 1.2: Admission Process Followed by Universities

| SL. No. | University Name | Admission Process |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Gopal Narayan Singh University | Entrance Exam |
| 2. | C. V. Raman university Darbhanga | Merit |

DLIS is an entry-level course in Library and information science, which educates students on the basics of theoretical and practical applications of librarianship. The duration of DLIS is varied from 06 months to 3 years. There are types of BLIS courses BLIS one year duration (after Graduation) and 4 years BLIS as per NEP (after 12th). There are two types of MLIS courses. MLIS for one academic year and MLIS integrated. The minimum duration for completing Ph. D. is 3 years.

Table 1.3: Duration of the Library and Information Science Courses (BLIS, MLIS, DLIS)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Course | Duration of the Course |
|---------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | DLIS | 06 Month/10 Months |
| | DLIS | 1 Year |
| | DLIS | 3 Years |
| 2. | BLIS | 1 Year |
| | BLIS | 4 Years |
| 3. | MLIS | 1 Year |
| | MLIS | 2 Years |
| 4. | Ph.D. | 3 Years |

STUDENT INTAKE

The student's intake strength per batch is different in both universities. This number may be revised only by the order of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Board of Studies from time to time. As per Table 1.4 In Gopal Narayan Singh University takes 40 students in MLIS and 60 students in BLIS and C. V. Raman University take 200 students in MLIS and 150 students in BLIS. the intake capacity of C. V. Raman University is way higher than Gopal Narayan Singh University. Both universities take Ph.D. admission as per the UGC Norms.

Table 1.4: Students intake by universities

| Sl. No. | University Name | MLIS | BLIS | Ph.D. | DLIS |
|---------|--------------------------------|------|------|------------------|------|
| 1. | Gopal Narayan Singh University | 40 | 60 | As per UGC Norms | 0 |
| 2. | C. V. Raman University | 200 | 150 | As per UGC Norms | 0 |

FACULTY DETAILS

As per the table, 1.5 total no. of faculty is four in Gopal Narayan Singh University and three in C.V. Raman University. Both universities higher permanent faculty which means other than exceptional conditions permanent recruitment has no end date till the employee reaches their retirement.

Table 1.5: Faculty details of universities

| Sl. No. | University Name | No. of faculty | Nature or post |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | Gopal Narayan Singh University | 04 | Permanent |
| 2. | C. V. Raman University | 03 | Permanent |

FEE DETAILS

As per Table 1.6 the fee structure of selected Universities for Libraries and Information science courses are different in both universities. As per the data, MLIS and BLIS fees is higher at Gopal Narayan Singh University whereas the Ph.D. fee is huge at C. V. Raman University.

Table 1.6: Fee Details of various LIS courses

| Sl. No. | University Name | MLIS Fee | BLIS Fee | Ph. D. Fee | DLIS Fee |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| 1. | Gopal Narayan Singh University | 25000 | 21000 | 128000 | 0 |
| 2. | C.V. Raman University | 18750 | 18750 | 236000 | 0 |

CONCLUSION

As per the findings of the study both universities are playing crucial role in imparting LIS education in Bihar. Both universities offer BLIS, MLIS and Ph.D. courses and does not offer DLIS course. Student intake capacity is higher in C. V. Raman University. Both have permanent faculty, but student faculty ration is good in Gopal Narayan Singh University. MLIS and BLIS fee is higher in Gopal Narayan Singh University whereas Ph.D. fee is huge in C. V. Raman University.

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