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(Award of Bachelor of Engineering/Technology Degree)
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#### PREAMBLE:

The quality of Technical Education depends on many factors but largely on- the outcome-based socially and industrially relevant curriculum, good quality motivated faculty, teaching learning process, effective industry internship and evaluation of students based on desired outcomes. To regulate, in an orderly manner, the process of admission, registration of students, conduct of classes, teaching-learning, Assessment, Evaluation and Grading processes to award Bachelor of Engineering/ Technology degree in Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi and the Colleges affiliated to it, with due consideration to the NEP-2020 policy, and applicable Regulations of UGC and AICTE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 of UGC Act 1956 and under Sections [7(2) and 8(1,2, & 4] of the VTU Act 1994, hereby, makes the following Regulations, namely:-

# 1. SHORT TITLE, APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT:

- 1.1. These Regulations may be called the Visvesvaraya Technological University [Award of Bachelor of Engineering/ Technology Degree] Regulations, 2022.
- 1.2. These Regulations shall apply to all the B.E./ B.Tech. Programmes conducted at the Visvesvaraya Technological University, its constituent Colleges and all other Colleges affiliated to it.
- 1.3. They shall come into force with effect from the date of their notification by the Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi.
- 1.4. These Regulations shall replace all the previousVTUB.E./ B.Tech. Regulations. or These Regulations shall be applicable to the batch of students admitted from the academic year 2022-23 and later and will be in force until revised or withdrawn by a notification.

#### 2. **DEFINITION OF KEY WORDS:**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

2.1. **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC):** The Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), is a National-level facility that will promote the flexibility of the curriculum framework and interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary academic mobility of students across the Higher Educational Institutions in the country with an appropriate "credit transfer" mechanism.

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- 2.2. **Academic Year:** Two consecutive semesters (odd followed by an even),including intervening periods constitute one Academic Year.
- 2.3. **Act**: The Visvesvaraya Technological University Act 1994 including the amendments thereon.
- 2.4. **Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS):** The CBCS provides students with choices from the prescribed set of courses viz. Engineering Sciences, Professional core and electives, Professional and Open Electives, Non-Credit Mandatory Courses, Internships and Skill Courses. Under the CBCS, the requirement for awarding a degree or certificate is prescribed in terms of number of credits to be earned by the students.
- 2.5. **College:** An affiliated or constituent institution of the University and is read as Department of the University, in the context of a programme offered by the Department of a University
- 2.6. **Constituent College**: An Institution operating under the administrative, academic, and financial control of the University and declared as such under the Notification. It is an institution maintained by the University as such and includes an institution admitted to the privileges of the University as an affiliated College of the University in accordance with provisions of the Act.
- 2.7. **Course:** Usually referred to as 'subject'/ 'paper' and is a component of a Programme with defined learning objectives, course out comes and number of credits. The course credits vary depending on the required teaching-learning hours to accomplish the learning outcomes, specified in the course syllabus. A Course may be designed to comprise lectures/ tutorials/ laboratory work/ fieldwork/outreach activities/project work/ vocational training/ viva-voce/ seminars/ term papers/ assignments/presentations/ self-study components etc., or a combination of some of these.
- 2.8. **Course Code:** Courses shall be coded based on the learning outcomes, level of difficulty, and academic rigor. The coding structure is defined as follows:
- a) **0-99:** Basic pre-requisite/ bridge/ introductory courses required to be undertaken, which will be a pass or fail course with no credits.
- b) **100-199:** Foundation or introductory courses that are intended for students to gain an understanding and basic knowledge about the subjects and help decide the subject or discipline of interest. These courses may also be prerequisites for courses in the major subject. These courses generally would focus on foundational theories,

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concepts, perspectives, principles, methods, and procedures of critical thinking to provide a broad basis for taking up more advanced courses. These courses seek to equip students with the general education needed for advanced study, expose students to the breadth of different fields of study; provide a foundation for specialized higher-level coursework; acquaint students with the breadth of (inter) disciplinary fields in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, and to the historical and contemporary assumptions and practices of vocational or professional fields; and to lay the foundation for higher-level coursework.

- c) 200-299: Intermediate-level courses including subject-specific courses intended to meet the credit requirements for minor or major areas of learning. These courses can be part of a major and can be pre-requisite courses for advancedlevel major courses.
- d) **300-399:** Higher-level courses which are required for majoring in a disciplinary /interdisciplinary area of study for the award of a degree.
- e) **400-499:** Advanced courses which would include lecture courses with practicum, seminar
  - based course, term papers, research methodology, advanced laboratoryexperiments / software training, research projects, hands-on-training, internship/ apprenticeship projects at the undergraduate level or First year Postgraduate theoretical and practical courses.
- 2.9. **Credit:** A unit or weightage by which the Coursework is measured. It represents the number of hours of instructions prescribed per week. One credit is equivalent to one hour of lecture or two hours of laboratory/practical Courses/ tutorials/ fieldwork etc., per week.
- 2.10. **Credit Point:** This is the product of grade point and the number of credits for a Course.
- 2.11. **Credit Representation:** Refers to the credit values for different academic activities considered, as per Table 1. Credits for the project phases, project viva-voce and internship shall be as specified in the Scheme of Teaching and Examinations.

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Table-1 Credit Values					
Theory / Lectures(L)	Tutorials (T)	Laboratory/Practical(P)	Credits	Total	
(Hours/week/sem)	(Hours/week/sem)	(Hours/week/sem)	(L:T:P)	Credits	
4	0	0	4:0:0	4	
3	0	2	3:0:1	4	
2	2	2	2:1:1	4	
3	0	0	3:0:0	3	
2	2	0	2:1:0	3	
2	0	2	2:0:1	3	
0	0	6	0:0:3	3	
2	0	0	2:0:0	2	
1	0	0	1:0:0	1	
0	0	2	0:0:1	1	

- 2.12. **Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS):** The education model refers to customizing the Coursework, Core, Professional Elective, Open Electives, Skill-based ability Enhancement Courses, Non-Credit Mandatory Courses, and Internships to provide the necessary support for the students to achieve their goals.
- 2.13. Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE)(also known as Formative Assessment):

  Refers to the evaluation of student's performance in the course during the teachinglearning process. CIE shall be done by the faculty teaching course and evaluation
  components may include tests, assignments, group discussion, quizzes, course-specific
  projects, field surveys, seminars, etc., conducted during the semester tenure with a
  weightage for different activities as specified by the University.
- 2.14. **Course Evaluation:** This represents the measurement of the impact of the teaching-learning process and offers an opportunity for improving the quality of learning in courses and teaching performance. Courses evaluation is done by adopting different methods such as tests, quizzes, assignments, etc., during the teaching-learning period at the end of some modules or chapters of syllabus contents and at the end of the semester. While the former part of the evaluation is called the Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) and the latter part of the evaluation is called Semester End Evaluation (SEE).
- 2.15. **Course Registration:** It is a formal registration to Courses of study every semester by every student under the supervision of a Mentor(also called Faculty Advisor, Counselors) in the college to maintain proper records. Registration on the University portal is mandatory.

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- 2.16. **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** This is a measure of the cumulative performance of a student of all semesters and is computed from the 2<sup>nd</sup>semester onwards. It is a measure of the overall cumulative academic performance of a student over the entire span of the academic program. CGPA is not an arithmetic mean a but weighted mean. It is also a number that lies between 0 and 10.
- 2.17. **Dean:** Dean of concerned Faculty of the University.
- 2.18. First Attempt: A student who has studied in a semester and attended any one of the University examinations of that semester after satisfying attendance and CIE requirements fall the prescribed courses of that semester and has registered for SEE. Such an attempt shall be considered the first attempt. Even if the student is absent for all the semester exams after registering for SEE, such an attempt shall also be considered the first attempt.
- 2.19. **Grade Card:** Refers to the certificate showing the grades earned by a student. A grade card shall be issued to all the registered students after every semester-end examination. The grade card shall have the Program details (Course code, title, number of credits, grades secured, along with the SGPA of that semester and CGPA (except for the first semester) earned till that semester.
- 2.20. **Grade Point (GP):** Refers to a numerical weightage allotted to each letter grade on a 10-pointscale against a range of percentage of marks secured by students in a course.
- 2.21. **Institution:**An institution of higher education engaged in teaching and research at the undergraduate, post-graduate or higher levels.
- 2.22. Letter Grade: Course Letter Grade (or simply letter grade or grade) is an index ofperformance of a student in a said course and refers to a qualitative measure ofachievement of a student in each course, based on the percentage range of marks secured inCIE and SEE put together or CIE alone. Grades are denoted by letters O, A+, A, B+, B, C, Pand F. The rubrics attached to letter grades are as follows: O: Outstanding, A+: Excellent, A: Very Good, B+: Good, B: Above Average, C: Average, P:Pass and F:Fail.Additional letter grades used under special circumstances are, DX: Attendance below 75%, AU: Satisfactory in an Audit course, AB: Absent for the Course, PP: Passed in Non-credit course, NP: Not Passed in Non-credit course, W:

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Dropped/ withdrawn.

- 2.23. Non-Credit Mandatory Courses (NM): In the case of non-credit mandatory courses, students shall attend the classes during the respective semesters to satisfy the attendance requirements as well as CIE requirements. In case, any student fails to register for the saidcourse/fails to secure the minimum 40% of the prescribed CIE marks, he/she shall be deemed to have not completed the course. In such a case, the student has to fulfill the requirements during subsequent semester/s to appear for CIE. These Courses shall not be considered for CGPA calculation and vertical progression, but completion of the courses shall be mandatory for the award of a degree.
- 2.24. **Major Degree:** A Major degree will be awarded along with "Honours" distinction if a student completes a specified additional number of credits related to his/her regular programme as per the Regulations governing Honours Programme. A student admitted to the Programme shall be eligible to register to "Honours" programme if he/she fulfils the conditions as per the Regulations.
- 2.25. **Mentor:**A Faculty Advisor allotted by the principal to guide about 15-20 students about their registration to the courses and progression in the Programme
- 2.26. **Notification:** A notification issued by the concerned Statutory Officer of the University.
- 2.27. **Minor Degree:** A Major degree along with Minors is awarded in a programme if a student completes the required number of credits of another programme as per the Regulations governing Minor Programme. A student shall be eligible to register to a Minor programme if he/she fulfills the conditions as per the Regulations
- 2.28. **Multiple Entryand Multiple Exit(MEME):** The multiple entries and exit points in the academic programmes would remove rigid boundaries and create new possibilities for students. To facilitate flexible learning within the stipulated period (eight years for regular students and 06 years for lateral entry students), multiple-entry and multiple-exit options are offered to needy students.
- 2.29. **Passing Standards:** Refers to passing a Course only when GP is greater than or e qual to 04.
- 2.30. **Principal:** The Head of the College or an Higher Educational Institution (HEI). In the case of programmes offered at University campuses, it shall be read as Head/ Chairperson of the Department through which the programme is offered.

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- 2.31. **Programme:** A planned series of events/activities comprising of a combination of courses leading to the award of degree.
- 2.32. **Semester:** One of the two sessions of an Academic Year, each session beingof sixteenweeks'duration (with not less than 90 working days). The odd and evensemestersshall be as per the University academic calendar.
- 2.33. Semester End Examinations (SEE) (also called Summative Assessment): Also called summative assessment, which refers to the examinations conducted by the University covering the entire course syllabus. For this purpose, syllabi shall be modularized, and SEE questions shall be set from each module asspecified by the University.
- 2.34. **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):** It is a measure of academic performance of a student in a semester. It is the weighted average or weighted mean of the grade points obtained by a student in the various courses of any semester. It results in a number that lies between 0 and 10. It shall be expressed up to two decimal places.
- 2.35. **Teacher:** A member of the regular faculty at the levels of Professor, or Associate Professor or Assistant Professor, and includes adjunct faculty and faculty on a long-term contract of not less than three years.
- 2.36. **Transcript, Grade Certificate and Grade Card:** Grade card shall be issued to candidates indicating the programme details (Course code, title, number of credits, grade secured and grade points) for all the registered courses after every semester. On successful completion of all courses/earning credits, specified in the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation of a semester, the grade certificate is issued indicating the programme details along with SGPA of that semester and CGPA earned till that semester. Transcripts to the successful candidates shall be issued after completion of the programme.
- 2.37. **University:** Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, which is established under the Karnataka State Act as defined in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

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#### **REGULATIONS**

#### 220B1.0. TITLE AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

- **220B1.1:**The Programme of study, which is an undergraduate Programme, shall be called the degree of Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Technology, abbreviated as B.E./B.Tech., followed by specialization indicated within brackets.
- **220B1.2:**The duration of the Programme for B.E./ B.Tech. degree shall be four academic years, organized in eight semesters, with each semester having duration of 16-18 weeks, having provision for Multiple-Entry-Multiple-Exit and award of Honours degree or Minor degrees.
- **220B1.3:** The annual academic calendar of events in respect of the Programme of study approved by the Academic Council, shall be notified at least a month before the commencement of each academic year. It is mandatory for students/ faculty members to strictly adhere to the Academic Calendar for completion of academic activities. Academic Calendar shall be displayed on the Academic Office homepage of the University website.

# 220B2.0. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

The rules specified in the following clauses shall be followed for admission to B.E./B.Tech. Programmes, but the orders issued from the Government/the regulatory bodies from time to time shall prevail.

- 220B2.1.Admission to 1styear: Eligibility for candidatesPassedin second PUC orequivalent,
  - 1) As notified by the Government of Karnataka from time to time.
  - 2) Those students, who have passed a qualifying examination other thanthe PUC II examination of the Pre-University Education Board of Karnataka, have to obtain an eligibility certificate for seeking admission to I year B.E./B.Tech. Degree Programme from the University.
- **220B2.2. Admission to 2<sup>nd</sup> year (Lateral Entry):** Eligibility for candidates who havepasseda 3-year Diploma in Engineering and B.Sc. Degree shall be,
  - 1) As notified by the Government of Karnataka and the University fromtime to time for admission in to 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of B.E./B.Tech. degreeprogramme.
  - 2) Those candidates who have completed an Engineering Diploma fromStates other than Karnataka shall submit the Equivalence/ EligibilityCertificate issued

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by the Director of Technical Education, Karnataka.

#### 220B2.3. Qualification earned from foreign Countries:

With regard to the qualification earned from foreign countries, anequivalence certificate from the Association of IndianUniversities/University is mandatory for admission to B.E./B.Tech. Programmes. In caseof any dispute about the equivalence in qualification earnedfrom foreign countries, the decision of the University in this regardshall be final and binding on all concerned.

# **220B2.3.4 Additional Requirements:**

- 1) All the Diploma and B.Sc. degree holders seeking admission to lateral entry, shall also pass any deficit courses as specified by the University before the completion of the degree.
- 2) Further, all the Diploma and B.Sc. degree holder applicants shall also be required to register and pass the non-credit mandatory Mathematics bridge course(s) specified by the University, within two year of joining the programme. However, applicants with B.Sc. degree (with Mathematics major) may apply to the Dean seeking exemption from the bridge course.

#### 220B3.0. CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK AND ACADEMIC PROCESSES

#### 220B3.1. Semesters - Odd and Even:

The University follows the Choice based credit system and the semester scheme. There are two regular semesters in an academic year. The semester that begins in August (August to December) is known as the Odd Semester and the semester that begins in January (January to May) is known as the Even Semester.

#### **220B 3.2. Curriculum:**

Every Programme has a prescribed course structure which, in general terms, is known as the Curriculum or the Courses of Study or the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation. It prescribes all the courses/ laboratory/ other requirements for the degree and sets out the nominal sequence semester wise.

It provides the syllabus and a list of text/reference books (or other learning material sources) for each course. The Courses of Study details are updated every semester and are made available at the University website: http://vtu.ac.in/BEBTECH/. Curriculum shall also include some SWAYAM and Massive Open Online Courses

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(MOOCs), approved by the University. However, selection of such courses, if any, shall always be within prescribed guidelines of the relevant regulatory bodies.

### 220B 3.2.1. Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):

- 1) A certain quantum of academic work, measured in terms of credits, is laid down as the requirement for completion of B.E/B. Tech. degree in the different available specialization areas. A student earns credits by satisfactorily completing courses/other academic activities every semester.
- 2) The credits are distributed semester wise, as prescribed in the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation for each of the programmes. The courses generally progress in sequences, building competencies as per the course learning outcomes. The positioning of a course indicates certain academic maturity on the part of the students.
- 3) Some courses do, in addition, may specify a grade/pass/exposure for other courses, offered earlier in the programme, as pre-requisites for the course.
- 4) Since the University follows the CBCS system, the students shall be offered the courses as per the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation, and the students are required to register for the courses of their choice before the beginning of every semester.
- 5) Students are required to follow the semester wise schedule of courses specified in Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation; they do, however, have freedom to follow alternative schedules to optimize their academic profile with additional courses, keeping the requirements for each course in mind. For students with backlog courses, such rescheduling may even become necessary. Such departures from suggested schedules need to be done very carefully, and always with guidance from the Mentor.

#### 220B 3.2.2. Types of Courses:

There will be following types of courses in a B.E./B. Tech. programme, namely:

- 1) Humanities and Social Sciences (HS), including Management, Skill enhancement and Economics.
- 2) Basic Sciences (BS) including Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Chemistry.
- 3) Engineering Sciences (ES) including Workshop, Drawing, Basics of Electrical/

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- Civil/ Mechanical/ Computer Engineering, Materials, and Instrumentation.
- 4) Professional Core Courses (PC): These are the courses to be compulsorily studied by a student as a core requirement to complete the requirements of a programme in a said discipline of study.
- 5) Professional Elective Courses (PE): These are the courses from which a student can choose and study as part of the requirement to complete the programme in a said discipline of study.
- 6) Open Elective Courses (OE): These courses are supportive to the discipline/ providing extended scope/enabling an exposure to some other discipline/ domain and they are chosen from the pool of courses.
- 7) Skill development Courses (SD): These courses will be nurturing student proficiency skills. These courses are offered to achieve the programme outcomes not specifically covered by the other courses.
- 8) Ability Enhancement Courses

  (AE):These are the genericskill courses which are basicand needed to all to ensure progression across all careers.
- 9) Non-Credit Mandatory Courses (NM): These are courses on peripheral subjects in a programme, wherein familiarity is considered mandatory.
- 10) Project work (PW), Mini Project work (MP), and Internship (IS) are also considered as courses in the programme.

#### 220B 3.2.3. Offering Courses

The above types of courses in a B.E./B. Tech. programme are offered as follows:

- 1) Humanities and Social Sciences (HS)courses will have 1 to 3 credits per course.
- 2) Basic Sciences (BS) courses will have 2 to 4 credits per course.
- 3) Engineering Sciences (ES) courses are common across all disciplines and will have 2 to 4 credits per course.
- 4) Professional Core Courses (PC) will have 2 to 4 credits per course.
- 5) Professional Elective Courses (PE) will have 2 to 4 credits per course.
- 6) Open Elective Courses (OE) may have 2 to 4 credits per course.
- 7) Skill development Courses (SD) and may have 1 to 3 credits per course.
- 8) Ability Enhancement Courses (AE)may have 1 to 2 credits per course

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- 9) Non-Credit Mandatory Courses (NM) require only a pass in each of the specified courses to qualify for the award of the Degree.
- 10) Project work (PW), Mini Project work (MP) and Internship (IS) are offered which may have 10, 2, and 3credits respectively.

The courses in the above types may be a combination of Lectures, Tutorials and Practical in any combination with suitable credits assigned to them. All the courses registered by a student under any of the above types of courses as required for award of the degree shall beconsidered as heads of passing which shall be Graded according to his/her performance. However, the Non-Credit Mandatory Courses shall be passed by a student for which Grades are not assigned.

The following procedure shall be used for designing and offering the above courses: The courses for a programme under the following types from (a) to (m) shall be designed within the framework of UGC and AICTE guidelines by the concerned Board of Studies and approved by the Academic Senate of the University.

The details of Theory courses from (a) to (i) and Practicals from (j) to (l) are given below.

- (a) Humanities and Social Sciences
- (b) Basic Sciences
- (c) Engineering Sciences
- (d) Professional Core Courses
- (e) Professional Elective Courses
- (f) Open Elective Courses
- (g) Skill development Courses
- (h) Ability Enhancement Courses
- (i) Non-Credit Mandatory Courses

#### (i) **Project work:**

Based on the ability/abilities of the student/s and recommendations of the mentor, a disciplinary or aninter-disciplinary majorproject can be assigned to a group having not more than 4 students. The main project work needs to be taken up within the institute/ research laboratory/industry. It is desirable, that the outcome of the project work may be published/patented.

# (k) Mini Project work:

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A Mini Project is a laboratory/ societal/ Industry-oriented work that will provide a platform for studentstoenhance their practical knowledge and skills through the development of small systems/ applications based on the ability/abilities of the student/s and recommendations of the mentor, a disciplinary or aninter-disciplinary mini-project can be assigned to a group having not more than 4 students.

# (l) Internship:

The internship is an extended period of work experience undertaken by the students aspiring to supplement their degree withprofessional development. The students are allowed to preparethemselves for the workplaceand develop practicalskills. The Internshipshall becompleted during the period specified in the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation.

The institution shall encourage students to take up,

- (i) an interdisciplinary Research Internship or Industry internship and
- (ii) a rural internship, a work-based activity carried out to learn practical experiences in rural areas, for the upliftment of living standards.

With the consent of theinternal guide and Principal of the Institution, students shall be allowed tocarry out the internship in their hometown (within oroutside the state orabroad), provided favorable facilities are available for the internship andthe student remains regularly in contact with the internal guide.

University shall not bear any cost involved in carrying out theinternship by students. However, students can receive any financialassistance extended by the College.

The courseviva-voce examination shall be conducted at the end of theinternship period.

#### **220B 3.2.4. Audit Courses:**

A student desirous of additional exposure to a course, without the rigors of obtaining a good grade, 'audits' a course. The minimum requirement of attendance for an 'Audit Course' is 75%, with any additional requirements as set by the instructor such as submission of assignments and minimum performance in some of the in-semester

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evaluations. Auditing of courses during regular semesters from  $3^{\rm rd}$  semester onwards is permitted under the following conditions:

- 1) Students with CGPA>6.0 will be permitted to 'Audit' a course. A course can be audited provided the course is offered in the semester as a credit course for others, and there is no slot clash. Prior permission of the Instructor is required.
- 2) Audit courses would be restricted to a maximum of two (2) courses per student in the entire period of the programme.
- 3) The Course Teacher would award the 'AU' grade, if the attendance is satisfactory and additional requirements, as set out by the Course Teacher, are met. If the attendance and performance in additional requirements is not satisfactory, the Course Teacher will award 'No Grade'. The grade 'AU' does not carry any grade points and therefore does not figure in SGPA/ CGPA calculations
- 4) The course successfully completed in Audit mode will be reflected in the Semester Grade card and the Transcript as Audit Course.

#### 220B3.3. Prescribed Number of Credits for the Programme

All coursesprescribed by the University, except the Non-credit Mandatory courses, shall have credits and be considered as a head ofpassing for vertical progression. The credits fixed for the courses are awarded to the students on passing the courses registered by him.

- 1) The total number of credits to be earned by students admitted to the first semester of the four year B.E./B.Tech. programme shall be **160**.
- 2) The total number of credits to be earned by students admitted under lateral entry schemeto the third semester of the four year B.E./B.Tech. programme shall be **120**.
- 3) A student shall be eligible to obtain an Undergraduate degree with **Honours/ Minor**, if he/she earns a minimum of **additional 18 credits**, as specified by the University. This clause shall be read along with "VTU (Award of B.E./B.Tech. Honors/ Minors Degree) Regulations, 2022'.

#### 220B3.4. Curriculum Framework

The structure of UG program in Engineering shall have essentially the following types of courses with the breakup of credits as given:

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Table – 3.4 : Credit Breakup for a Programme						
Sl. No.	Category	Credits	% of total Credits			
1	Humanities and Social Sciences including	16	10.00			
	Management courses, including AE					
2	Basic Science courses	22	13.75			
3	Engineering Science courses including workshop,	24	15.00			
	drawing, basics of					
	electrical/mechanical/computer/PL/ET etc.					
4	Professional Core courses relevant to chosen	59	36.88			
	specialization/branch					
5	Professional Elective courses relevant to chosen	12	7.50			
	specialization/branch					
6	Open subjects – Electives from other technical and	12	7.50			
	/or emerging subjects					
7	Project workand internship in industry or	15	9.37			
	elsewhere					
8	Mandatory Courses	(non-credit)	0.00			
	[Environmental Sciences, Induction Program, Indian					
	Constitution, Essence of Indian Knowledge					
	Tradition]					
	Total	160*	100.00			

<sup>\*</sup>Minor variation is allowed as per need of the respective disciplines.

# 220B3.5. Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation

1) The Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation shall be framed by distributing the total credits over eight semesters as follows:

Table - 3.5 : Semester-wise Allocation of Credits				
	Semester	Credits	Total	

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			Credits	Lecture(L): one hour/week : 1 credit
I year	1	20	40	Tutorial(T): Two hours/week: 1 credit
	2	20		
II Year	3	20	40	• Practical/ Lab/ Drawing (P): Two hours/
	4	20	10	week: 1 credit
III Year	5	20	40	
	6	20		- Project Mini project Internahin, gradita as
IV Year	7	20	40	Project, Mini-project, Internship: credits as
	8	20	7 70	recommended by the University.
Total:		160		Credit for the Seminars shall be part of the
				courses.

#### 2) Course Load:

Every student to register for a set of Courses in each Semester, with the total number of their Credits being limited by considering the permissible weekly Contact Hours (typically: 30/Week); For this, an average Course Load of 18-22 Credits/Semester (e.g., 6-7 Courses) generally acceptable; to also include 2 or 3 Units of Non-Credit Mandatory Courses in some Semesters.

### 3) **Teaching-Learning Process**

The theory courses shall be designed to have the syllabus spanning over one semester depending on the credits allocated for them. That is, Four-credit theory courses shall be designed for 55-60 hours of Teaching-Learning process, Three-credit theory courses shall be designed for 40-45 hours of Teaching-Learning process, Two-credit theory courses shall be designed for 25-30 hours of Teaching-Learning process and Onecredit theory course shall be designed for 15 hours of Teaching-Learning process.

- 4) The Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation provides the list of courses offered in a semester, their types, course credits in L-T-P format and the contact hours.
- 5) The Syllabus formulated shall be well structured and enable CBCS implementation, MEME options and incorporate Outcome Based Education (OBE) framework.
- 6) The University/Colleges shall provide necessary class rooms, Laborary equipments, Internet and computing laboratories, Library, qualified faculty and other supporting facilities to meet the standards as specified by the University and

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concerned Statutory bodies to create proper teaching-learning environment for the students.

# 220B 3.6. Course Registration

It is mandatory for every student to register for the semester to attend various courses/ earn credits, using the prescribed Course Registration Form (CRF), till he completes his programme. The registration is normally done on the last two working days of each semester upon completion of the SEE. In all circumstances, registration shall be completed on or before the prescribed last date for registration announced in the Academic Calendar. The registration of courses each semester with the University portal is mandatory.

- 1) On joining the Programme, each student is assigned to a Mentor. A student shall register for required courses each semester with prior permission of the Mentor.
- 2) The student can register for courses he intends to take during a given semester on the basis of his plan for each Programme, as given in the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation and as per the advice given by his Mentor.
- 3) The Mentor is expected to discuss with the student his academic performance during the previous semesters and then decide the number and nature of the courses for which the student can register during the semester within the framework of the Regulations.
- 4) The Mentor may advise the student to drop one or more courses/activities based on his academic performance. The Mentor may even advise a reduced load program over several semesters for students with poor performance at the end of the first semester/year.
- 5) Students are not permitted to reregister for course/(s), which they have already passed.
- 6) Students having outstanding dues to the University/ College, or a hostel may not be permitted to register.
- 7) The registration is deemed to be complete only on approval by the University.
- 8) Without registration, any academic activity (course/seminar etc.) undergone by a student will not be counted towards the requirements of his degree.

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- 9) The minimum number of students registered to any Professional ElectiveCourse /OpenElective Course/Ability Enhancement course (from 3<sup>rd</sup>semesteronward)offer edby the Departments shall not be less than ten.In such cases,If the numberofregistr antsfor the elective course is less than 10, the college must ek permission from the Registrar (Evaluation) within 15 days from the date of commencement of these me steras per the academic calendar of the University, if that Professional Elective Course /OpenElectiveCourse/AbilityEnhancement course is to be offered in that college.
- 10)A student shall exercise the option in respect of a higher semesterProfessional Elective Course/Open Elective Course /Ability Enhancementcourse and register for thesame at the end of the previous semester. However, the student may be permitted to opt for a change of ElectiveCourse/s preferably within 15 days from the date ofcommencement of the semester as per the academic calendar of the University.
- 11) Permitted Maximum credits for registration: The student shall be permitted to register in a semester for total courses not exceeding 30 credits. These 30 credits include the courses of the regular semester and backlogs. The registration of these additional credits includes the courses with a shortage of attendance and the courses with unfulfilled CIE requirements. A student shall pay the prescribed registration fees as notified by the University from time to time.

#### **220B 3.6.1. Procedure for Course Registration:**

#### 1) The procedure involves the following steps:

- a) The students shall decide on the courses to be registered during the ensuing semester immediately after their SEE examinations as per the advice of their Mentor.
- b) They shall fill up the CRF online, stating the courses that they propose to complete during the ensuing semester as per the prescribed curriculum.
- c) They shall take a printout of the completed CRF, take signature of the Mentor and submit to the Dean/ Principal within the date notified by the University for registration.

#### 2) Registration for the Courses:

The Registration is dependent on the academic standing of the student and his/her

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interest. Every student however is permitted to register for a maximum of **28** credits in any semester excluding Minor/ Honours degree courses.

#### 3) Late Registration:

Registration beyond the last date may be permitted only in special cases till the date specified in the Academic Calendar, on payment of a late registration fee.

# 4) Registration for Non-credit Mandatory courses:

Non-credit requirements are assessed as Pass (PP)/ Not Pass (NP) subject to the fulfillment of the minimum requirements of the specified activities and a minimum of 75% attendance. The award of degree is subject to successful completion of these requirements. Formal registration for these courses shall also be done along with other courses, at the beginning of the semesters.

A student will be awarded PP (Pass) grade for the course he is registered for, in that semester, provided the minimum requirement is met during that semester together with attendance criteria.

Not satisfying these requirements will result in a failure grade NP (Not Pass), and the student has to re-register for the coursewhen offered next in the subsequent semesters and pass within two years. The grades shall be submitted to the Dean before the commencement of the SEE.

#### 5) Course substitution:

In case a student obtains F grade four times in a course, other than the Professional core courses, the student is permitted to opt for an equivalent course substitution approved by the University and complete the course requirements within the stipulated duration. The student must re-register the specified equivalent course and complete it. A student shall be permitted to avail this option beyond a maximum of two courses.

#### 220B 3.7. Student Mentoring

On joining the University or College, a student or a group of students' is/are assigned a Mentor from the concerned department offering the Programme. Students are advised to consult the Mentor on any matter relating to their academic performance and the courses they may take in various semesters. Mentor guides the students to complete their courses of study for the required degree in a smooth and satisfactory

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manner.

# 220B3.8. Attendance Requirement

- 1) Every prescribed course shall be considered as a unit for the calculation ofattendance. All students are required to attend all the lectures, tutorials, practical, and other prescribed curricular and co-curricular activities, andearn full attendance. However, astudentshall obtain aminimum attendance of 85% in each of the courses registered. However, if the attendance is below 85%, the shortage upto a maximum of 10% of the attendance bay be condoned by the ViceChancellor on thespecific recommendations of the Dean/ Principal of the college where thecandidate is studying. This provision shall be utilised based on medical grounds, participation in NSS/NCC/Red cross/National level Republic Day and Independence DayParade/participation in University/State/National/ International levelsports and cultural activities, seminars, workshops, paper presentation, etc., of significant value, supported by valid documents. The Dean/course teacher may recommend for condoning the shortage of attendance and submit the application with documents through the Principal along with his recommendation to the office of the Registrar(Evaluation) before the last day of the semester.
- 2) The basis for the calculation of attendance shall be the period prescribed by the University by its academic calendar of events and as notified by the Registrar.
- 3) In case of late admissions, approved by competent authority (KEA/DTE/VTU), for admission to I semester and III semesters (for lateral entry scheme), the attendance shall be reckoned from the date of admission to the Programme.
- 4) The Principal shall also notify every month, the list of candidates who are falling short of required attendance. The Course Instructor/ Mentor/Class-teacher or the College office shallinform the students as well as their parents/guardians about the attendance requirement and the attendance status every month. Students facing an attendance shortageshall be mentored to make up for the shortage.
- 5) A student who does not satisfy the attendance requirement in one or moreCourses (including bridge courses for lateral entry students if any)

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shallnot be eligible toappear for the Semester End Examinations (SEE) of thatcourse(s). The grade card for such courses shall be marked as DX. The candidate shall be required to repeat that course/s whenever that course/s is offered next. However, the student will be allowed to appear for the SEE in other courses of the semester.

6) The student will repeat the course/s in which he/she falls short ofattendance, whenever the course/s is offered next.

#### 220B4.0. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Formative, Summative and other assessments shall be conducted in the courses offered to the registered students, within the framework of Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation approved by the University Statutory Academic Bodies, as per the University calendar of events.

#### 220B 4.1 Assessment and Evaluation Process:

- 1) CIE and SEE constitute the major evaluations prescribed for each course, with only those studentsmaintaining minimum standard in CIE are permitted to appear in SEE of the course.
- 2) In such cases where a laboratory is attached to the course, CIE marks shall be awarded separately for both theory and the laboratory. However, the laboratory may or may not have the SEE component in the evaluation.
- 3) CIE and SEE to carry 50% weightage each, to enable the course to be evaluated for a total of 100 marks, irrespective of its credits.
- 4) The evaluation system of the program is comprehensive and continuous during the entire period of Semester, by the faculty who is teaching the course. For a course, the evaluation and grading will be on the following parameters:

A	Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)	25 marks
В	Internal Assessment Tests (IAT)	25 marks
	Total of CIE (A+B)	50 marks
С	Semester End Examination (SEE)	50 marks
	Total of CIE and SEE (A + B + C)	100 marks

# 220B4.2.Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE)

1) The CIE will carry a maximum of 50% weightage of total marks of a course. Before the

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start of the Academic session of each semester, a faculty may choose for his course **Internal Assessment Test** and a **minimum of two of the following assessment methods** with suitable weightage for each.

- i) Assignments (Individual and/or Group)
- ii) Seminars
- iii) Oral/Online Quizzes
- iv) Group Discussions
- v) Case studies/Case lets
- vi) Practical orientation on Design Thinking, Creativity & Innovation
- vii) Participatory & Industry-integrated learning
- viii) Practical activities / problem solving exercises
- ix) Class presentations
- x) Analysis of Industry/Technical/Business Reports
- xi) Reports on Guest Lectures / Webinars / Industrial Visits
- xii) Industrial / Social / Rural projects
- xiii) Participation in Seminars/ Academic Events/Symposia, etc.
- xiv) Any other academic activity
- 2) The faculty will submit the 'CCE Assessment Plan' to the Dean for approval and notify the same along with the course syllabus before the start of semester. The total marks of the above two assessment components shall be scaled down to 25 marks/ 25% of total marks of the respective course.
- 3) To assess the students in a course under IAT component, two tests will be conducted in a semester. Each test will be conducted for 25 marks. The average marks obtained in these two tests will be taken as IAT Marks. If a student fails to attend the IAT on the scheduled date, an additional test at the end of the semester would be conducted covering the syllabus of the test for which he was absent.
- 4) The CIE marks awarded to students at different stages during the course shall be displayed on the notice board of Faculty of Engineering and Technology to enable the students to point out any discrepancies. After due corrections, if any, faculty shall upload the CIE marks in the University's ERP system and a hard copy of the same shall be submitted to the Registrar (Evaluation) of the University duly signed by the concerned

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faculty and the Dean before the commencement of semester end examinations.

- 5) The student shall obtain a minimum of 40% of marks allotted for CIE in each course to be eligible to appear for the SEE in that course.
- 6) When laboratory is part of a theory course, the student shall obtain a minimum of 40% marks in CIE of the laboratory to be eligible to appear for SEE in that course. This is in addition to the requirement specified under (5) above. The CIE marks obtained by a student in the laboratory, if it is equal to or greater than 40%, shall be retained until he passes in the SEE. Otherwise, he shall re-register for the course when offered next.
- 7) If a student is unable to secure a minimum of 40% in CIE marks in any course, he shall not be eligible to take up SEE/ viva-voce examination in that particular course. It shall be the responsibility of Principal/Dean to scrutinize the list of candidates and permit only the eligible students to take up SEE. In the event of an ineligible student inadvertently being allowed to appear for the theory/viva voce examination, the result of the concerned student shall be withdrawn forthwith.
- 8) The list of such students, whohave not secured the minimum in CIE marks, shall be sent to the Registrar(Evaluation)along with the submission of CIE marks of the successfulstudents.
- 9) After the submission of CIE marks to the Registrar (Evaluation) of the University, any request for changes in the marks by the Principal/Dean shall be considered only after due approval of the Vice- Chancellor obtained through the Registrar (Evaluation).
- 10) The students not obtaining 40% marks in CIE shall re-register for the course during the subsequent semester when ever it is offered.

#### 220B 4.3. Semester End Examination:

- 1) The Semester End Examination for all the courses offered during the semester shall be conducted at the end of each semester except when there are no students taking examination for any course as per the scheme of teaching and examinations.
- 2) Only those students who satisfy the attendance requirement as per 220B3.8 and CIE requirement as per 220B 4.2 shall be eligible to appear for SEE of that course.
- 3) University examination for all Courses under SEE shall be conductedfor amaximum of 100 Marks. The

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marks secured by the students for 100 marks shall be proportionately scaled down to a maximum of 50 marks to add the same with the CIE marks for the award of the letter grade.

- 4) The University examinations for all the Programmes of study shall be conducted at the end of each semester.
- 5) Students having no backlog course/s, may not have more than one examination on the same day. However, students having backlog course/s may face a situation where they may have
  - a) Two examinations scheduled at the same time of the day,
  - b) To take two examinations on the same day, one during themorningsession and theother in the afternoon session, and
  - c) Examinations on consecutive days.
- 6) As changing the examination dates is not an option, the examination time table shall not be modified/ altered/ adjusted in any of the above three cases. In the first case, the students shall select any one of the clashing courses and in the second and third cases, the students shall manage the examinations as per their decision.
- 7) For all theory Courses /drawing Courses/practical/field work, **the maximum SEE marks** shall be 50, the minimum SEE marks to besecured shall be 35 % of the maximum marks (18 marks).
- 8) Mini-Project is not having any SEE component.
- 9) Students who satisfy the conditions (6), (7), and (8) above, and obtain any grade from 0 to P in a course shall be considered to have passed that course.
- 10)A student shall be declared fail if he/she
  - Fails to satisfy the conditions under Section (9) above,
  - Absents himself/herself from the University examinations,
  - The course/s in which student/s fail to satisfy attendance and CIE requirement (AU courses) are also considered as F only.
- 11)If a student secures an 'F' grade in any of the Courses, he/she shall reappear for that Course(s) during the subsequent SEE. The CIE marks awarded to the student at the first attempt in the concerned Course (s) shall be carried forward. Revised

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CIE marks are considered only in NE cases (not eligible to appear for SEE due to non-comply of attendance and CIE).

The sum total of CIE and SEE marks must be 40% of the maximum marks prescribed for a course as per the teaching and examination scheme.

# **220B 4.4.CIE and SEE Assessment in Specific Courses:**

Examination and Evaluation for all the Courses shall be done as specified under Sections 4.1,4.2 and 4.3abovefor SEE and CIE. However, for some specific courses, the procedure is made clear in the following sections.

#### 220B 4.4.1. CAED

The CIE marks for CAED course offered in the 1st year shall be assessed as follows:

- 1) The CIE marks awarded in the case of Drawing shall be based on weeklyevaluation of the classwork(sketching and computer- aided drawing) with each drawing evaluated as mentioned module-wise in the syllabus. The marks for all the drawing sheets areadded and scaled down to 30 marks.
- 2) One class test similar to SEE will be conducted after completion of the syllabusfor 100 marks and scaled down to **20 marks**.
- 3) CIE marks (out of 50) scored by the student is the sum of classwork evaluation and test marks.

# 220B 4.4.2. Engineering Graphics/ Drawing / Field Works (Courses offered in the higher Semesters)

#### 1) Engineering Graphics and Drawing (Laboratory Course)

- a) The CIE marks awarded for higher semester Engineering Graphics/ Drawings/
  Design Drawings offered by various branches shall be based on the
  evaluation of the sheets and one test in the ratio 80:20. Method of assessing
  the CIE for such courses shall be as mentioned in the syllabus of the course.
- b) The SEE shall be conducted and evaluated for a maximum of marks 100.

  Marks obtained shall be accounted for SEE final marks, reducing it by 50%.
  - (i) SEE will be conducted by the two examiners of the same institute one act as Internal Examiner and the other act as External Examiner.
  - (ii) Question paper shall be set jointly by both Internal and External Examiner and made available for each batch as per schedule. Examiners

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may refer question bank.

(iii) Evaluation shall be carried out jointly by both examiners as per the scheme of Teaching and evaluation.

# 2) Field Works

a) Field works include Surveying Practice/ Socio-Economic survey/ Marketing survey/ traffic survey/environmental survey. The CIE marks shall be split into two components with 80% of maximum marks (40 marks) are considered for fieldwork report evaluation and 20% of maximum marks (10 marks) for internal assessment test evaluation.

Fieldwork evaluation includes attendance, data collection through survey, use of datafor design drawing, and report. The split-up of marks for the report shall be decidedby the faculty member who is guiding them for the design drawing and report. The criteria for split-up of marks shall be done to achieve the course outcomes. The report evaluation shall be carried out for 100 marks and scored marks shall be scaled down to 40 marks.

The assessment shall be through a presentation of the report followed by the viva-voce. This test shall be conducted by the fieldwork project guide and fieldwork coordinator. If the fieldwork coordinator happens to be the same faculty, then, HOD or senior faculty member will conduct the test with the guide. A test similar to SEE shall be conducted for 100 marks and marks scored shall be scaled down to 10 marks.

The sum of the report and test marks shall be the total CIE marks for fieldwork.

b) SEE for fieldwork Conducted by the two examiners of the same institute appointed by the university. Report and design drawing evaluation and vivavoce are in the ratio of 60:40. Fieldwork will be jointly evaluated by the Internal and External examiners. The duration of SEE is 03 hours.

#### 220B 4.4.3. Practical Courses:

#### 1) CIE for Practical Work Courses

a) CIE marks for a practical course shall be 50 Marks. The split-up of CIE marks for record/ journal and test to be in the ratio 60:40.

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- (i) Each experiment to be evaluated for conduction with observation sheet and record write-up. Spit up of marks for the evaluation of the journal/write-up for hardware/software experiments designed by the faculty who is handling the laboratory session and shall be made known to students at the beginning of the practical session.
- (ii) Record shall contain all the specified experiments in the syllabus and each experiment write-up be evaluated for 10 marks.
- (iii) Total marks scored shall be scaled downed to 30 marks (60% of maximum marks).
- (iv) Weightage to be given for neatness and submission of record/write-up on time.
- (v) Department shall conduct one test for 100 marks, after the completion of the experiments.
- (vi) In test write-up, conduction of experiment, acceptable result, and procedural knowledge shall carry a weightage of 60% and the rest 40% for viva-voce.
- (vii) The suitable split up of marks can be designed to evaluate each student's performance and learning ability.
- (viii) The test marks out of 100 shall be scaled down to 20 marks (40% of the maximum marks).
  - The Sum of scaled-down marks scored in the report write-up/journal and marks of the test shall be the total CIE marks scored by the student.
- b) Internal tests for laboratory courses with software experiments shall be conducted for a total of 100 marks.
  - In this evaluation, Observation, write-up of procedure/ Algorithm/ program, and execution of experiment shall be assessed for 80 marks and the Vivavoce for 20 marks.

Marks scored out of 100 shall be scaled down to 50 marks.

#### 2) SEE for Practical Work Courses

- 1) The SEE marks for the practical courses shall be 50 Marks.
- 2) SEE shall be conducted jointly by the two examiners of the same institute

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appointed by the University.

- 3) All laboratory experiments are to be included for practical examination.
- 4) Breakup of marks and the instructions printed on the cover page of the answer script are to be strictly adhered to by the examiners. OR

  Based on the course requirement, a split-up of marks for evaluation shall be decided jointly by the examiners.
- 5) Students shall pick one question (experiment) from the questions pool prepared by the examiners jointly.
- 6) Evaluation of write-up/ conduction procedure and result/viva will be conducted jointly by the examiners.
- 7) The split-up of maximum allocated marks for SEE are:
  - (i) procedure/ writeup- 20%,
  - (ii) Conduction and result in 60%,
  - (iii) Viva-voce 20%
- 8) SEE for the practical course shall be evaluated for 100 marks and scored marks shall be scaled down to 50 marks.
- 9) Change of experiment is allowed only once and 20% Marks allotted to the procedure/write-up part to be made zero (Evaluation is to be carried out for 80% of total maximum marks).
- 10) The duration of SEE shall bethree hours.

#### **220B 4.4.4. Internship**

- 1) The Internship shall be taken up during the period specified in the Scheme of Teaching and Examinations.
  - The Department/ College shall nominate faculty member/s to facilitate, Guide, and supervise students under an internship.
  - The students shall report the progress of the internship to the Guide in regular intervals and seek his/her advice. The Guide shall maintain the progress record of the candidates undergoing internship. Duration of the internship shall be as mentioned in the scheme of Teaching and Examination.
- 2) **Report evaluation:**Internship shall be evaluated for 50% maximum marks. The

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split-up of marks suggested for report evaluation shall be based on,

- a) Report formatting (20% of marks of CIE for report)
- b) Presentation of the outcomes in the report (40% of marks for CIE for report) and
- c) Technical content of the report (40% of marks for CIE for report)

  Weightage shall be given for paper publication in reputed journals/refereed

  journals/ Conferences/Product developed/ Patent filed only for

  Industry/Research Internship.
- 3) **Viva-Voce**shall be conducted for 50% of marks of CIE. The split-up of marks suggested are:
  - a) For demonstration of (soft) skills/Engineering Knowledge gained (50% of marks of CIE for Viva-voce).
  - b) Thequestion-answer session will check for the understanding of thefundamentals and concepts (40% of CIE marks for Viva-voce)
  - c) Clarity in answering the questions (10% of CIE marks for Viva-voce) Viva-voce shall be conducted by the Mentor/Guide and Head of the department /one of the senior faculty assigned by the Head of the department.
- 4) Thosewho donot complete the internship shall be declared Fail and shall complete it during subsequentUniversityexaminations after satisfyingthe internship requirements during subsequent semesters.

#### 220B 4.4.5. Seminar

- 1) The maximummarks prescribed for the Seminarand the evaluation process shall be notified by the University/ College before offering the course.
- 2) The Seminar performance evaluation shall be a part of CIE only in a course where required.
- 3) The Seminar shall be assessed as indicated below.
  - a) The Head of the Department shall make arrangements for the conduct of seminars through a committee of faculty members of the Department. The committee, constituted for the purpose by the Head of the Department, shall award the CIE marks for the seminar. The committee shall consist of three senior faculty members of the Department and the most senior among them

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shall be the Chairperson.

- b) The marks awarded for Seminar shall bebased on the evaluation of the Seminar Report, Presentation skill, and Viva-voce (Question & Answer session) in the ratio of 50:25:25.
- c) Split up Marks to be assessed as follows:
- (i) Report marks to be allotted by the seminar guide/s(50% of the maximum marks)
  - A). Formatting of the report (10% of maximum marks)
  - B). Literature survey (20% of maximum Marks) and
  - C). Technical content of the report (20% of maximum marks)
- (ii) Seminar Presentation skill marks to be allotted by the committee: (25% of the maximum marks)
- (iii) Viva-Voce marks to be allotted by the committee: (25% of the maximum marks)
  - A). Understanding of fundamentals and concepts (15%)
  - B). Clarity in answering the questions (10%)

#### **220B 4.4.6. Mini-Project**

- 1) The Mini-Project performance of a student shall be evaluated under CIE only. The maximum marks rescribed for CIE shall be as mentioned in the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation.
- 2) The Head of the Department shall make arrangements for the conduct of vivavoce evaluation of the mini-project. The committee shall consist of a Faculty guide/mentor and two senior faculty members of the Department and the most senior among them shall be the Chairperson.
- 3) The CIE marks awarded for Mini-Project, shall be based on the evaluation of the Mini-Project Report, Project Presentation skill, and Viva-Voce (Question and Answer session) in the ratio of 50:25:25.
- 4) The marks awarded for the Mini-Project report shall be the same for all the students of the batch. The faculty guide/ mentor guiding the Mini-project shall Evaluate the performance for 50% of the maximum marks of CIE for the report.
- 5) This committee shall evaluate Mini-project Work for the rest of 50% of the

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maximum marks considering performance in project presentation and Viva-Voce (question-answer session.

- a) Project presentation: 25% of maximum marks
- b) Viva-Voce (Question and answer session):25% of maximum marks

#### **220B 4.4.7. Project Work**

- 1) The project work shall be evaluated considering both CIE and SEE; The CIE and SEE marks shall be as mentioned in the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation.
- 2) The CIE marks awarded for Project Work shall be based on the evaluation of the Project Report, Project Presentation skill, and Viva-voce in the ratio of 50:25:25.
- 3) The marks awarded for the Project report shall be the same for all the students of the batch.
- 4) The Head of the Department shall make arrangements for the conduct of Viva-Voce for evaluation of the project work. The committee shall consist of the faculty guide/mentor and two senior faculty members of the Department and the most senior among them shall be the Chairperson.
- 5) The faculty guide/ mentor guiding the project shall Evaluate the performance for 50% of the maximum marks of CIE for the report.
- 6) This committee shall evaluate Project Work for 50% of the maximum marks considering the project presentation and question-answer session.
  - a) Project presentation: 25% of maximum marks
  - b) Question and answer session: 25% of maximum marks

#### **220B 4.5. SEE Assessment in Specific Courses:**

#### 220B 4.5.1. Theory Course with 4, 3 and 2 Credits

The SEE for theory coursesshall be conducted by the University as per the scheduled timetable for all, with common question papers for the course. The duration of examination shall be three hours.

- 1) The question paper will have ten questions. Each question is set for 20 marks. The medium of the question paper shall be ENGLISH unless otherwise it is mentioned.
- 2) There will be 2 questions from each module. Each of the two questions under

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- a module (with a maximum of 3 sub-questions), should have a mix of topics under that module.
- 3) The students have to answer 5 full questions, selecting one full question from each module.
- 4) Marks scored will be proportionally scaled down to 50 marks.

# 220B 4.5.2. Integrated Course (I/c) /Integrated Professional Core Courses (IPCC)

For a course where theory isintegrated with Laboratorycourse, the SEE duration for the theory part shall be three hours, as specified in section **220B 4.5.1**. However, the question paper in the SEE examination shall include at least one question from the Laboratory component.

## 220B 4.5.3. Theory Course with 1 Credit

The SEE question paper shall have MCQ(multiple choice questions) set for 50 questions, each carryingone mark. The time duration for SEE is one hour.

#### 220B 4.5.6. Practical Work Courses

- 1) The SEE marks for the practical courses shall be 50 Marks.
- 2) SEE shall be conducted jointly by the two examiners of the University/ College appointed by the University.
- 3) All laboratory experiments are to be included for practical examination.
- 4) Breakup of marks and the instructions printed on the cover page of the answer script are to be strictly adhered to by the examiners. OR

  Based on the course requirement, a split-up of marks for evaluation shall be decided jointly by the examiners.
- 5) Students shall pick one question (experiment) from the questions pool prepared by the examiners jointly.
- 6) Evaluation of write-up/ conduction procedure and result/viva will be conducted jointly by the examiners.
- 7) The split-up of maximum allocated marks for SEE are:
  - a) procedure/ writeup- 20%,
  - b) Conduction and result in 60%,
  - c) Viva-voce 20%
- 8) SEE for the practical course shall be evaluated for 100 marks and scored marks

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shall be scaled down to 50 marks.

- 9) Change of experiment is allowed only once and 20% Marks allotted to the procedure/write-up part to be made zero (Evaluation is to be carried out for 80% of total maximum marks).
- 10) The duration of SEE shall bethree hours.

# **220B 4.5.7. Internship**

- 1) SEE shall be conducted by the Internal and external examiners approved by the University. The internal examiner shall be the guide for SEE. The external Guide for the Internship shall be the external examiner for SEE.
- 2) Examination for internship shall be conducted at the college and the date shall be fixed in consultation with the external Guide. The Examiners shall jointly award the SEE marks.
- 3) In case the external Guide expresses his inability to conduct the Examination at the last moment, the Principal /Chief Superintendent appointed by the University for the concerned examination of the Institute shall appoint a senior faculty of the Department to conduct the Examination along with the internal Guide.
- 4) Split up of marks for evaluation may be the same as suggested for CIE or Internal and external examiners shall devise split up of marks for SEE and the same may be submitted to the University along with evaluation marks.

#### **220B 4.5.8. Project Work**

- 1) The project work shall be evaluated for 200 marks with CIE of 100 marks and SEE of 100 marks.
- 2) The Project Work will be conducted by the two examiners one internal and one external examiner appointed by university.
- 3) SEE marks for the project shall be awarded using appropriate Rubrics based on the quality of work& report, presentation skills, and viva-voce in the ratio 50:25:25 respectively.

#### 220B4.6. Maintenance of Examination Records

1) The candidate shall write tests, assignments/unit-tests /written quizzes inBlue Books, which shall be preserved by the Principal/ Head of theDepartment

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- for at least 3 years after the announcement of Universityresults and shall be made available forverification as per the direction of the Registrar (Evaluation).
- 2) Any corrections or overwriting of CIE marks on the blue book/drawingsheet laboratoryrecord etc., where CIE marks are awarded, shall bear thesignature(s) of the concerned Teacher(s) and the Head of the Department.
- 3) CIE marks shall reach the University before the commencement of examinations as per the notification from the office of the Registrar (Evaluation) from time to time. After submission of CIE marks to the University, any request under any circumstances for a change of CIE marks shall not be considered.
- 4) Students satisfying the attendance requirement but failing to secure the minimum percentage of CIE marks, in any course/s, shall not be eligible for the SEE, conducted by the University and they shall be considered as fail in that Course /those Courses and marked as NE in the grade cards against this course/s. However, they can appear for University examinations conducted for other Courses of the same semester and backlog course/s if any.
- 5) Students who have satisfied the attendance requirement but not the CIErequirementscan be permitted to register afresh and appear for SEE after satisfying the CIE requirements in the same Course(s) when offered during the next immediatesemester/s or later.
- 6) Each appearance to SEE or absence after completing CIE and attendancerequirements to complete a course shall be treated as an attempt.
- 7) The student shall be permitted to register for total courses not exceeding 30 credits. These 30 credits include the courses of the regular semester and backlogs. The registration of these additional credits includes the courses with a shortage of attendance and the courses with unfulfilled CIE requirements. A student has to pay the prescribed fee as notified by the University from time to time.
- 8) CIE marks of those students, who come under 220B4.6(4) and (5), shall also be sent to the Registrar (Evaluation) along with other course CIE Marks.
- 9) The final list, incorporating corrections (if any), of CIE marks awarded to the students in the Theory/Practical/Internship/ Technical Seminar/ Mini Project

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Work/Major-Project Work shall be displayed on the notice board of the college much before the closure of the semester.

10)The college/institution shall enter the CIE marks of each semester in the format of the University's online CIE marks portal and submit acertified copy of the same to the University Examination Sectionwithin the stipulated date notified by University. Every page of the CIEmarks sheet (hardcopy) shall bear the signatures of the concernedTeacher/Teachers, Head of the Department, and Principal.

#### 220B4.7. Review Committee for CIE

- 1) Review of assessment is an organized procedure that ensures the useof valid assessment methods and consistent application of criteria, toprovide fair academic judgment and reliable outcomes in the form of marks or grades. It assures appropriate designing and implementation of assessment activities along with the generation of valid and reliable results.
- 2) There shall be a reviewing Committee for Internal Assessments in everyDepartment, which shall be chaired by the Head of Department and twosenior faculty members to be nominated by the Principal. This Committeeshall be responsible for the entire process of Internal Assessment in theDepartment, including redressal of grievances if any.

#### 3) Guideline for the Review Committee:

Review may be conducted after each test or after the tests in casethere is a large number of fail grades or higher letter grades, or whenlarge numbers of students who have received the same grade or clusteringof students on letter grades, or when there are discrepancies betweenmarks allocated to individual students in different courses,

- a) Split-up of marks used for each of the different types of assessment in the course to be checked
- b) Checking of the questions whether it maps with course outcomes.
- c) Checking of the level of difficulty of questions paper i.e is difficulty level on the extremes, very easy or otherwise.
- d) Whether the assessment modes are used to cover the entire syllabus or not.

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- e) Checking the manner of awarding the marks, i.e has correction been at the extremes, liberal or tough?
- f) Moderation should not be restricted to just assessment but also includes the assessment design (scheme of evaluation).
- g) Each college has to submit the moderation committee report to Registrar(Evaluation) along with the CIE marks.

# 220B4.8. Rejection of Result

- 1) A student may, at his/her desire, can reject the total performance of a semester (includingCIE marks) or reject only the result of his/her performance in university examinations(SEE) of a semester. The rejection is permitted only once during the entire Program ofstudy.
- 2) Students who desire to reject the SEE results of a semester shall reject the totalperformance(irrespective of the earned Course grades) in all the Courses of the semester either rejecting or retaining the CIE marks. However, rejection of the performance of the VIII semester project shall not be permitted.
- 3) Students who desire to reject the total SEE performance of an odd or even semester including CIE marks, have to repeat that odd or even semester of the prevailing scheme by taking readmissionduring the subsequent academic year/s. They shall also be governed by readmission and Maximum duration clauses.
  - a) If the rejection of SEE results excluding CIE marks is of the oddsemester, students shall be allowed to take admission to theimmediate next even semester.
  - b) If the rejection of SEE results excluding CIE marks is of an evensemester, then students shall be allowed to take admission to the next odd semester.
  - c) Readmission to odd/even semesters shall not be considered as fresh admission and therefore students shall continue to have the same University Seat Number, which was allotted earlier. The maximum duration of the Program shall be counted with reference to the University Seat Number (USN).
  - d) Applications for rejection of results excluding CIE and approval to reappear for University examinations shall be sent to the Registrar (Evaluation) through the Principal of the College within 30 days from the date of announcement of the results, with prescribed fee as notified by the university from time to time. Late

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submission of applications shall not be accepted for any reason.

- e) Application for rejection of results including CIE and approval for readmission shall be sent to the Registrar through the Principal of the College within 30 days from the date of the announcement of the results with prescribed fee as notified by the university from time to time. Late submission of application shall not be accepted for any reason.
- 4) Registration for SEE is compulsory if the student/s has satisfied the attendance and CIE requirement of ODD /EVEN semester.

In case, the students fail to register for SEE of the odd semester after satisfying the attendance and CIE requirements of the semester, they shall be permitted to move to an even semester of that academic year.

However, such students have to register for odd semester examinations conducted at the end of the academic year for all the semesters and registration shall be considered for the first attempt.

In case, students fail to register for the odd semester SEE after completing successfully the even semester, they shall not be permitted to move to the higher odd semester of the subsequent academic year. Irrespective of a student appearing for SEE, he/she has to register for SEE for odd and even semesters before completing the academic year.

5) Students who opt for rejection of results of the University examination shall be eligible for the award of the degree and Minor Degree but not for the award of ranks and Honors degree.

#### 220B4.9. Academic Malpractice

Academic malpractices shall be seriously viewed, and appropriate action taken. In case of malpractice during any of the examinations like assignments, quizzes, tests, and SEE, the Course Teacher/Invigilator shall report the matter to the Principal/ Dean. If the Principal/ Dean finds that the offence is serious enough or the candidate appeals in writing to the University, then the matter shall be further referred to the Academic Malpractice Committee of the University.

#### 220B5.0. MAXIMUM DURATION FOR PROGRAMME COMPLETION

#### 220B5.1:Multiple-Entry-Multiple-Exit Options

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While earning credits towards their B.E./B.Tech degree, the students may judiciously use the options provided to them through CBCS and MEME clauses in the Regulations, to obtain additional certificate and a B.Sc. degree. However, they shall earn the required credits for the award of the degree within the maximum specified duration.

The following distinctions are awarded under MEME options:

#### 1) Certificate in Respective Programmes of Engineering

A student who exit at the end of II year of the programme shall be awarded a certificate, if he/she successfully passes the registered courses and earns:

- (i) Atleast 50% of the credit requirements of B.E./B.Tech. programme. (i.e. 80 credits) However, it is 25% for lateral admission candidates (i.e. 40 credits).
- (ii) Atleast 50% of the programme professional core courses (some specific courses may be specified, so the leaving student has decent skills), and
- (iii) A minimum CGPA of 5.0.

#### 2) B.Sc. in Respective Programmes of Engineering

A student who exit the end of III year of the programme shall be awarded a B.Sc. degree, if he/she successfully passes the registered courses and earns:

- (i) Atleast 75% of the credit requirements of B.E./B.Tech. programme (i.e. 120 credits); and completed atleast 3 years (80 credits and 2 years respectively for lateral admission candidates) in the programme.
- (ii) 100% of programme professional core courses
- (iii) A minimum CGPA of 5.0.

With B.Sc., the student is eligible for entry into programmes which take B.Sc. as eligibility criteria.

#### 3) Re-entry to complete the programme

A student exiting with a certificate or B.Sc. should be entitled to re-enrol in the programme. All the credits will be transferred, if the student enrols back within a limited period of 3 years of exiting. In case a student enrols after that, then the transfer of credits should be examined by looking at the change in the curriculum from what the student did. Exits are permitted by the University within 15 days of announcement of II year and III year University results, on written request for the award of certificate and B.Sc. degree by a student when he/she is eligible. Corresponding to these two exits, a maximum of two re-entries are permitted with the

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condition that he/she complete the programme within the maximum specified duration.

#### 4) Completion Possibility in other Institutions.

The University permits a student to earn a certificate/B.Sc. in one institution and complete the degree programme in another. This will enhance the value of certificates and B.Sc

# 220B5.2. Minimum and Maximum Duration for Programme Completion

Students admitted to first-semester B.E./B.Tech., shall complete the program within eight academic years from the year of the first admission, failing which they will not be eligible for the award of a degree Students admitted to third semester B.E./B.Tech., under the lateral entry category shall complete the program within six academic years from the year of the first admission, failing which they will not be eligible for the award of degree.

#### 220B5.3. Readmission

- 1) Students who are temporarily discontinuing the program and getting readmitted or rejoin to the eligible semester are subject to a maximum duration of eight (for Regular students) / six (for lateral Entry students) years as applicable.
- 2) The permission for readmission is only on request through the principal and is not treated as a matter of right. Such students shall not claim any benefits based on the readmission.
- 3) Students who take re-admission to any semester of the existing scheme from another scheme, as a repeater/fresher because of various reasons, shall attend and complete all the remaining semester/s of the program adhering to the regulations of theprevailing scheme and shall complete additional Course/s, if any, as per the decision of equivalence committee in concurrence with concerned Board of Studies on establishing the equivalence between two schemes. Such a candidate shall not be eligible for the award of rank.
- 4) Readmission to odd/even semester shall not be considered as fresh admission and therefore students shall continue to have the same University Seat Number, which was allotted at the time of admission to the program. The maximum duration of the Program shall be counted with reference to the USN (University Seat Number) allotted during admission to the program.
- 5) A student who has not obtained the eligibility for III semester even after three

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- academic years from the date of admission to I semester shall discontinue the Programme or get readmitted to I semester of first year B.E./B.Tech., with a new University SeatNumber(USN) but retaining the same year of admission.
- 6) The candidates who have temporarily discontinued the Program of study or changed the scheme of study from one to another because of various reasons or transferred with credits from the autonomous college of the University/other University to non-autonomous constituent/affiliated college of the University, shall be eligible for the award of degree provided the credits earned at that stage are equal to orgreater than the credits decided by the University in the individualcases.
- 7) In case, he forecasted or estimated credits are going to be less thanthat of the credits prescribed by the University on the completion of all the semesters of the program under the prevailing scheme, the candidate shall register for a course or courses not studied earlier and make up the credits which are equal to or greater than the University prescribed credits.
- 8) In case of any difficulty, Vice-Chancellor shall decide on individual cases, which shall be final.

### 220B6.0. GRADING AND VERTICAL PROGRESSION

#### 220B6.1. Award of Grades:

1) The University adopts absolute grading system wherein the marks are converted to grades, and every semester result will be declared with semester grade point average (SGPA) on successful completion of all courses of that semester.

Letter Grade and corresponding Grade Points on a typical 10 - Point scale								
Letter Grade	0	A+	A	B+	ВС		P	F
	Outstanding	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Above Average	Average	Pass	Fail
Grade Point	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	0

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- 2) The total marks obtained by the student in CIE and SEE of a course is expressed as a percentage to compute the grade points and the letter grade is awarded as indicated in the table below:
- 3) If there is no SEE for a course, then the CIE marks alone will be the basis for the determination of letter grade.

#### 220B6.2. Other Letter Grades:

The letter grades specified in 220B 6.1 are used as student performance measures in all kinds of assessments. However, the following letter grades are also awarded under the circumstances defined below (Letter Grade: Grade Point - Circumstances).

- 1) NE: 0 Credits are not included in CGPA, Attendance below 75%, hence Repeat the course (In case of electives, course change is permitted)
- 2) AU: 0 Satisfactory in an Audit course
- 3) AB: Absent for the Course
- 4) PP: 0 Passed in Non-credit course
- 5) NP: 0 Not Passed in Non-credit course
- 6) IC: No credits Incomplete (a place holder; gets converted to an appropriate grade after clearing SEE examination else converted to "F") else automatically converted to "F".
- 7) W: No credits Dropped/ withdrawn (W is not a grade but only a place holder indicating that the course has been dropped/withdrawn and it must be cleared in subsequent semesters).
- 8) DX: Attendance below 75%

#### 220B 6.3. Passing Standards

#### 1) Maximum and Minimum CIE Marks:

The maximum weightage of CIE mark shall be 50. To appear for the SEE, the minimum CIE marks to be secured in each of the courses shall be 40 % of the maximum marks of CIE.

#### 2) Maximum and Minimum SEE Marks:

The maximum weightage of SEE marks shall be 50 and marks to be secured for

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passing shall be 35 % of the maximum marks of SEE.

# 3) Eligibility for Passing a Course:

The overall passing marks shall be 40% of the maximum marks (the sum of the CIE and SEE should be 40% of the maximum marks) of the course. That is, Minimum passing grade in a course (head of passing) shall be "E".

# 4) Semester Passing Standards:

- a) A student shall be declared successful or 'passed' in the entire UndergraduateProgramme, only when he secures a Grade Point of 4 ("E" Grade) or above in every registered Course in each Semester during the entire programme for the Degree Award, as required.
- b) A Student shall be declared successful or 'passed' in any Non-Credit Course if he secures a 'Satisfactory Grade (PP)' for that Mandatory Course.

# 220B 6.4. Vertical Progression

- 1) All the below clauses are subject to a maximum duration of eight years (six years for Lateral Entry Students) of the programme.
- 2) A theory, standalone practical or Theory with practical shall be treated as a head of passing.
- 3) The Non-credit Mandatory courses (NMCs) shall not be considered for the eligibility criterion prescribed for promotion, award of Class, calculation of SGPA and CGPA. However, a pass in these courses is mandatory before the completion of Degree.
- 4) There shall be no restriction for promotion to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester from 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
- 5) Third semester onwards, a student is permitted to register for higher semester/level courses
- 6) In the case of students admitted to the first semester (First year):
  - a) Students shall fulfill the attendance and CIE requirements to appear for SEE of 1st year courses.
  - b) Students having F grades for the courses totaling to more than 16 credits (credits for theory and practical are to be treated separately for vertical progression) in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters of the first year of the programme shall not be eligible to move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester (Second year) of the programme. These courses include courses marked as NE.

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- c) The students who fail to satisfy CIE and attendance requirements shall repeat the courses whenever offered next and become eligible for the  $2^{nd}$  year.
- d) **Obtaining CIE:** From the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester (Second year) onwards the student who obtains the required attendance for the course, but not the required CIE marks is allowed to move forward to the next semester. However, the student shall obtain the required CIE by registering to the course in the subsequent semester. Obtaining minimum CIE marks in a course registered is mandatory. It may also be noted that the student shall not be permitted to appear for SEE in such courses until he/she obtains the required CIE.
- e) Carryover of backlog courses: From 3<sup>rd</sup> semester onwards the students who obtain the required attendance& CIE in a course and appears for University examinations but fails (F Grade) is allowed to register for the next semester (odd /even) irrespective of a number of F grades. However, for the award of degree, the student has to pass in all courses as per applicable Scheme &Regulations and earn the prescribed number of credits within the permitted maximum duration of the Programme. It mandatory for a student to pass all the courses of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters as per the Scheme of Teaching and Evaluation to Register for the 7<sup>th</sup> semester (IV year).
- f) From the second year onwards there shall be no restriction for promotion from an even to next odd semester (or odd to next even semester) even if the student has not satisfied the attendance requirement in one or more courses (including bridge courses for lateral entry students) shall not be eligible to appear for the Semester End Examination (SEE) of that course(s). The student shall be required to repeat that course whenever offered next.

# g) Permitted Maximum credits for Registration:

The student shall be permitted to register for total courses not exceeding 30 credits. These 30 credits include the courses of the regular semester and backlogs. The registration of these additional credits includes the courses having a shortage of attendance and the courses whose CIE requirements are not fulfilled. A student has to pay the prescribed fee as notified by the University

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from time to time.

## h) Successive Failures and alternate course selection:

- (i) If a student fails in a course other than the professional core course even after four attempts, he may drop that course but shall choose an alternate course of his/her choice with the same number of credits from the pool of courses suggested by the concerned Board of Studies.
- (ii) The course so selected should not have been studied by the student or to be studied in future at higher semesters. The faculty advisor shall guide/advise the student in this regard.
- (iii) The college shall make arrangements for the registration and conduction of CIE for the alternate course selected.
- (iv) This provision is given only for two courses (one at a time) during the entire maximum duration of the programme.
- (v) This provision is optional; the student/s can continue registering for the same course without opting for a change of course.

# **220B6.5. Condition for Re-Registering a Course:**

- 1) Students who do not pass the course as per Secion 220B 6.3(3) and awarded "F" Grade may Re-Register and improve their performance.
- 2) Such student, after passing the failed course in subsequent examination/s, will be awarded letter grade based on the marks he scores in the subsequent examination/s.

#### **220B6.6.Computation of SGPA and CGPA:**

- 1) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) will be awarded at the end of each Semester and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be awarded at the end of the program. However, CGPA is calculated at the end of each semester from the second semester onwards and reflected in the grade card for indicating the progress of the student.
- 2) Each course in a program is associated with number of credits (C). Based on the number of Credits for a course and obtained Grade Point (GP) for that course in a Semester, the GPA is calculated as given below:
  - a) The SGPA is the ratio of sum of the product of the number of credits with the grade points secured by a student in all the courses taken by him and the sum of the

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number of credits of all the courses undergone by a student, i.e.,

$$SGPA = \sum (Ci \times Gi) / \sum Ci$$

Where Ci is the number of credits of the ith course and Gi is the grade point scored by the student in the ith course.

b) The CGPA is also calculated in the same manner considering all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a programme, i.e.,

$$CGPA = \sum (Ci \times Si) / \sum Ci$$

Where Si is the SGPA of the ith semester and Ci is the total number of credits in that semester.

Finally, the SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the grade cards. An illustrative example to calculate SGPA and CGPA for one academic year is shown in **Annexure-I**.

# 220B6.7. Conversions of CGPA into Percentage of marks and Class Equivalence

There is no formula for the conversion of CGPA into the percentage ofmarks.

However, the following formula for conversion of the CGPA on a10-point scale into the the the three th

Percentage of marks secured, M = CGPA Earned x 10

Illustration for a CGPA of 8.20:

Percentage of marks secured M = 8.20× 10= 82.0 %

#### 220B6.8. Class Equivalence

Subsequent to the conversion of final CGPA, after successful completion of the Program, into the percentage of marks (M), a graduating student is reckoned to have passed in

- (i). First Class with Distinction (FCD) if M≥ 70
- (ii). First Class (FC) if  $60 \le M < 70$
- (iii). Second Class (SC) if  $50 \le M < 60$
- (iv). Pass Class (P) if  $40 \le M \le 50$

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#### 220B 6.9. Award of Grade Cards, Certificates and Transcripts:

- (1) **Grade Cards:** At the end of each semester, a Grade Card shall be issued to all the registered students of that semester, indicating the Course code, Title, Number of credits, Letter grade awarded, and Credits earned, for all the Courses as specified in the scheme of teaching and evaluation, along with total credits earned, SGPA, and CGPA as applicable. This may have F grades and other temporary grades awarded to the student.
- (2) **Grade Certificate:** The Grade Certificate, having the same format of Grade card but indicating the month and year of clearing a course, is issued to the student on demand only on clearing all the temporary grades specified in the Grade Card.
- (3) **Transcripts:** Transcript is the consolidated statement of a student's academic performance for all the semesters since joining the programme and is generally given to a student on successful completion of the programme along with the degree certificate.
- (4) For those students who have taken multiple attempts to clear a course, the transcript given on successful completion of the programme will only contain earned pass grade ('O' to 'E', AU and PP); the courses cleared subsequently will however be shown in the respective semester with Month and Year in which the student has finally cleared the course. The transcript will show only the overall CGPA based on all the courses taken by the student. Credits earned beyond the requirement for the award of the degree shall be shown as additional courses separately, indicating the grade earned by the student. Additional copies of the transcript can be obtained if needed, on request submitted along with payment of applicable fee.
- (5) Students who have not yet completed the programme can obtain an interim Transcript at the end of any semester, if needed, on request and upon payment of applicable fee. The interim Transcript includes failed courses, which have not been cleared at the time of issue.

# 220B7.0. ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD OF DEGREE, PRIZES, MEDALS, AND RANKS 220B7.1. B.E./B.Tech. degree

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- (a) Students shall be declared to have completed the Program of B.E./B.Tech. degree and is eligible for the award of degree provided the students have undergone the stipulated Course work of all thesemesters under the Scheme of Teaching and Examinations and have earned the prescribed number of credits within the permitted maximum duration.
- (b) For the award of degree, completion of bridge courses, if any as applicable is compulsory.
- (c) Mandatory Earning of Activity points:

Sl. No.	Student Category	Activity Points prescribed by AICTE
1	Regular Students admitted to the 4	100
	year Degree Programme	
2	Students entering 4 year Degree	75
	Programme through lateral entry	
3	Students transferred from other	50
	Universities. To the 5 <sup>th</sup> Semester	

The Activity Points earned shall be reflected on the student's eighthsemester Grade Card.

- (i) AICTE Activity Points (non-credit) have no effect on SGPA/CGPA.

  In case a student fails to earn the prescribed activity Points before the commencement of 8th semester examinations, the Eighth Semester Grade Card shall be issued only after earning the required activity Points. Students shall be admitted for the award of the degree only after the release of the Eighth Semester Grade Card.
- (ii) The Guidelines and suggestive activities under Activity points are listed in Annexure –VII

#### 220B7.2. B.E./B.Tech. (Honors) Degree

(a) A student shall be declared to have completed the Program of B.E./B.Tech., degree and shall be eligible to get undergraduate B.E./B.Tech.,degree with Honours,

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provided,

- (i) the student has undergone the stipulated Course work of allthe semesters under the same Scheme of Teaching and Examinations and has earned the prescribed number of credits, i.e.160 credits for I semester admitted students and 120 for IIIsemester admitted students.
- (ii) has earned additional 18 or more credits through University-approved online courses.
- (iii) satisfied the Regulations Governing the Award of Honors at B.E./B.Tech.

  Degree Programs (refer the regulation uploaded on VTU web portal)

#### 220B7.3. B.E./B.Tech. with Minor Degree

- a) A student shall be declared to have completed the Program of B.E./B.Tech. Degree and shall be eligible to get an undergraduate B.E./B.Tech,degree with minors,provided,
  - (i) The student has undergone the stipulated Course work of allthe semesters under the same Schemeof Teaching and Examinations and has earned the prescribed number of credits, i.e.160 credits for the I semester admitted student and 120 for IIIsemesters admitted student.
  - (ii) Has earned additional 18 or more credits through aUniversity-approved online courses list submitted by the board ofstudies. For Guidelines refer to regulations governing the minordegree program uploaded on VTU web portal.

#### 220B7.4. Award of Degree for an Extraordinary Student:

The University through college can offer a fast-track degree for an extraordinary student. The same is done by offering courses of his/ herchoice to fulfill the requirement of the programme in three and half years.

However, the degree shall be awarded on completion of 04 years.

However, the course completion letter may be issued jointly by the University and the Institute immediately after completion of the programme, notwithstanding the minimum duration.

Aspirant students have to register with University through the Principal of the college at the 4<sup>th</sup> semester level, with the prescribed registration feeas fixed by the University from time. Such students shall register for more credits other than regular

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semester credits, along with 5th semester registration

The extraordinary student is one with a CGPA  $\geq 9$  in  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  semesters and continue to maintain the same in all the semesters. Otherwise,his/her registration shall stand canceled automatically. Aspirent students shall register with the university through the principal of the college at  $4^{th}$  semester level.

# 220B7.5. Noncompliance Cases

#### (1) Noncompliance of Mini-project

The mini-project shall be considered as a head of passing and shall beconsidered for the award of degree. Those, who do not take up/completethe mini-project shall be declared fail in that course and shall have tocomplete the same during subsequent University examinations aftersatisfying the Mini-project requirements.

#### (2) Noncompliance of Major-project

The Project Work shall be considered as a head of passing and shall be considered for the award of degree. Those, who do not take up/complete the Major-project shall be declared fail in that course and shall have to

#### (3) Noncompliance of Internship

All the students of B.E./B.Tech. shall have to undergo mandatoryinternship The internship shall be considered as a head of passing andshall be considered for the award of degree. Those, who do not takeup/complete the internship shall be declared fail in that Course and shallhave to complete the same during subsequent University examinationsafter satisfying the internship requirements.

#### (4) Non compliance to earn credits in Honours and Minors

In case a student registers for minor or honours degree and is unable to complete all the required courses or earn the required credits within the maximum programme duration, he/she may withdraw from these additional degree programmes and request for the award of certificates for those courses passed by considering them as Value Added courses by the University

#### 220B7.6. Award of Prizes, Medals, and Ranks

For the award of Prizes and Medals, the conditions stipulated by the Donor shall be considered subject to the provisions of the statutes framedby the University for such awards.

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- (1) For the award of rank in a Specialization of Bachelor of Engineering/Technology, the CGPA secured by the students from III to VIII semesters shall be considered.
- (2) The additional credits earned for the award of Honours/ Minors degree shall not have any bearing for the Rank declaration.
- (3) A student shall be eligible for a rank at the time of award of the degree of Bachelor of Engineering/ Technology, provided that the student,
  - a) (i) Has passed all the Courses of I to VIII semester in the firstattempt only in case of Candidates admitted to I year.
    - (ii) Has passed all the Courses (including bridge courses) of IIIto VIII semester in the first attempt only in case of Candidatesadmitted under lateral entry scheme.
  - b) Is not a repeater in any semester because of rejection of result of a semester/ shortage of attendance /temporarily discontinued and rejoined/readmitted etc.
  - c) Has completed all the semesters (I to VIII or III to VIII for lateral entry students) in VTU constituent college or in any VTU affiliated college, excluding the autonomous colleges.
  - d) Has not been transferred from any autonomous college affiliated to VTU or any other University.
- (4) The total number of ranks awarded shall be 10% of the total number of students who appeared in the VIII semester subject to a maximum of 10 ranks in a specialization.
- (5) For an award of ranks in a specialization, a minimum of 10 students should have appeared in the VIII semester examination.

#### Illustration:

- a) If 1228 students appeared for the VIII semester in Electronics and Communication Engineering Program, the number of ranks to be awarded for Electronics and Communication Engineering shall be10.
- b) If 90 students appeared for the VIII semester in Biomedical Engineering, the number of ranks to be awarded for Biomedical Engineering will be 09.
- c) In case of a fractional number of ranks, it is rounded to a higher integer only

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when the first decimal place is greater than or equal to 5.

**220B7.7.** Ranks shall be awarded based on the merit of the students as determined by CGPA. If two or more students get the same CGPA, the tie shall be by considering the number of times a student has obtained a higher SGPA. If it is not resolved even at this stage, the number of times a student has obtained higher grades like S, A, B, etc., shall be taken into account to decide the order of the rank.

# 220B8.0 Change of College: Transfer of students:

The Regulations Governing the Change of College shall be followed [Appendix-II].

#### 220B9.0 Change of Branch:

The Regulations Governing the Change of Branch shall be followed [Appendix-III].

#### 220B10.0 Miscellaneous

- 1) Guidelines for using Online content in courses at the University and Colleges [Appendix-IV].
- 2) The Regulations Governing the Academic Bank of Credits shall be followed [Appendix-V] **220B 11. Applicability and Power to Modify** 
  - i) The regulations governing the degree of Bachelor of Engineering/ Technology of Visvesvarava Technological University shall be binding on all concerned.
  - ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing, the University shall have the power to issue directions/ orders to address and removal of any difficulty.
  - iii) Nothing in the foregoing may be construed as limiting the power of the University to amend, modify or repeal any or all of the above.



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**Appendix – I**An illustrative example to calculate SGPA and CGPA for one academicyear is given below:

(a) SGPA and CGPA Calculations: An Illustrative Example for one academic year								
Semester (Odd :1, Even: II)	Course Code	Credits	Grade	Grade Points (GP)	Credit Points (CrP)	SGPA, CGPA		
I	XX11	3	В	8	3x8=24			
I	XX12	3	Absent(F)	0	3x0=00	$SGPA = \frac{101}{20}$		
I	XX13	3	A+	9	3x9=27	20 = <b>5</b> . <b>05</b>		
I	XX14	3	F	0	3x0=00	= 5.05		
I	XX15	3	В	6	3x6=18			
I	XX16	1	С	5	1x5=05			
I	XX17	1	A+	9	1x9=09			
I	XX18	2	В	6	2x6=12			
I	XX19	1	В	6	1x6 = 06			
	Total	20(14*)		Total	101			
			cluding the credi ive semesters und		_	ade. Considered for the		
II	XX21	3	B+	7	3x7=21			
II	XX22	3	Α	8	3x8=24	$SGPA = \frac{178}{26}$		
II	XX23	3	В	6	3x6=18			
II	XX24	3	С	5	3x5=15	= 6.85		
II	XX25	3	A+	9	3x9=27			
II	XX26	1	F	0	1x0=00	CGPA		
II	XX27	1	Α	8	1x8=08	$= \frac{(101+178)}{14+25}$ $= \frac{279}{39} = 7.15$		
II	XX28	2	A+	9	2x9=18	$\frac{14+25}{279}$		
II	XX29	1	Α	8	1x8=08	$=\frac{275}{39}=7.15$		
I semester								
I	XX12	3	В	6	3x6=18			
I	XX14	3	B+	7	3x7=21			
	Total 26(25*) Total 178							
(25*): Tota	(25*): Total credits of the semester excluding the credits of the courses under F grade. Considered for the							

(25\*): Total credits of the semester excluding the credits of the courses under F grade. Considered for the calculation of CGPA of the two consecutive semesters under consideration.

(b) CGPA Calculation of the Program: An Illustrative Example								
Semester	I	П	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Credits of the semester	20	20	20	20	20	20	24	16
SGPA	5.0	6.73	9.20	6.86	8.18	7.73	9.18	9.40
∑CrP	100	175	220	165	204	185	184	169

$$CGPA = \frac{[100 + 175 + 220 + 165 + 204 + 185 + 184 + 169]}{160} = \frac{[1402]}{160} = 8.76$$

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$$CGPA = \frac{[220 + 165 + 204 + 185 + 184 + 169]}{120} = \frac{[1127]}{120} = 9.39$$

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# Appendix - II

The Regulations Governing the Change of College:

(@https://vtu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Notified-COC-Regulations.pdf)

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# Appendix - III

The Regulations Governing the Change of Branch:

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#### Appendix - IV

### **Guidelines for Using Online Content in Courses at the University and Colleges.**

#### 1.0. Background

A lot of online high-quality content is available today either free or at a low cost. Besides the Government supported NPTEL, there are companies who aggregate courses from several Universities (and even private commercial organizations) and offer them to students all over the world. There are other companies who offer courses designed and developed by them. Further, a lot of companies have online content available to students.

On the other hand, most of the Computer Science (and related) departments face serious shortage of faculty, particularly in areas where there is a significant demand in the industry.

So, on one hand, we have quality content available for free or low cost, and on the other hand, we don't have faculty to teach such courses. The natural solution is to find ways to use online content for the courses in the curriculum (with credits). This way, either a knowledgeable faculty can "teach" a much larger class, or a faculty member with inadequate background in the topic can still "teach" the course better than what he/she would have done without the support of such online content.

#### 1.1. Issues

The online content has been around for several years. The regulatory bodies have also been encouraging use of such content (particularly, NPTEL). And yet, the online content has not been integrated with the curriculum in most colleges. The pandemic has allowed people to take a fresh look at online content and the mental barriers to using such content in the curriculum have been breached. At this time, it is felt that a lot of colleges would want to use this content. However, there are two primary academic issues that need to be addressed (besides logistics, financial, and HR issues). These are:

- 1. How do we decide what material to use? This has two sub-issues. One, what content would be equivalent to the content that is mentioned in our curriculum (course mapping). Note this is a challenge because there may not be a single module which covers all parts of the curriculum. So we may need to select more than one module. Two, given the plethora of content, which content is of reasonable quality.
- 2. How would a college do evaluation of students in order to assign marks/grades?

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#### 1.2. Modes of Learning

There are several ways of using the online content in the curriculum.

The simplest mode (Mode 1) is to use online content as additional reference material. In this mode, the normal teaching is anyway being done and the faculty is referring to online content in the same way he/she would refer to a book. This mode requires no change or suggestions and hence is outside the scope of this document.

The next mode (Mode 2) is the flipped classroom model where the students go through the online content (including writing programs, small quizzes, etc.), and the local faculty takes discussion sessions and does all the evaluation. This mode still requires a knowledgeable faculty member to be the course Teacher. However, given that we can now reduce the contact hours for the students and faculty, the same faculty can handle a much larger class (or multiple sections in case there is an upper limit on the size of the class).

The next mode (Mode 3) is that the students are studying only through the online mode and there is very little interaction with the faculty at the college. May be there can be some sessions once in a while, but mostly, the role of a local faculty is only to handle evaluation (exams, assignments, projects, etc.). This partially addresses the issue of lack of faculty in certain areas since the expertise required for handling evaluation is arguably lesser than the expertise required to teach the course.

The last mode (Mode 4) is where the online provider does everything, including evaluations. We don't need any faculty member at the college to offer this course. We only need to decide how to translate the evaluation done by an outsider to an equivalent grade/ mark on the college transcript.

The table below illustrate the four models in brief.

S. No.	Model	Local Part	Online Part	Guidelines
1	Reference	All lectures,	Additional	No additional recommendations.
	Mode	home works,	Reference material	This requires no additional details.

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2	Flipped	Discussion	Lectures, Home	Requires local faculty with some
	Mode	sessions,	works, Quizzes,	knowledge in the subject area.
		evaluations	Project options	Large sections/class sizes can be
				handled
3	Screen	Evaluations	All lectures,	Place reasonable limit on the number of
	Mode		Home works,	credits that can be earned in this mode.
			Projects	Use in cases where there is faculty
			Trojects	shortage in critical areas
4	Fully		All lectures,	Place reasonable limit on the number of
	online		evaluations,	credits that can be earned in this mode.
			Projects, Tests	Advised not to repeat this model for the same course more than two times.
				Local faculty also to register and go through the course.
				Official score/grade to be suitably added to the student transcript.

#### 1.3. Course Mapping

Each course in the curriculum has course outcomes and the content defined by the University. Typically, we may have some course outcomes which are important ones, and may be some outcome which is desirable or optional. Similarly, the curriculum may also define the rough duration of each topic. Sometimes the curriculum will also include the kind of projects or assignments that the student shall be asked to do in the course.

The key to course mapping is to realize that any two individuals defining a course will have some differences and we must be flexible to accept differences to some extent. The committee trying to do course mapping should have an understanding of what are the important components (in all three: outcomes, topics, and projects) and should ensure that the online content meets all the important requirements. But looking for identical course would be usually futile.

Also, what is noticed is that typical online courses are often available in smaller modules than a typical 4- credit course in our curriculum. And therefore, one may need to consider more than one online courses together to be equivalent to one course in the college. It may also be noted that just like some

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small aspects of the course may not be present in the modules chosen, there may be some aspects of the online modules which were not part of the college course. This amount of flexibility should be acceptable to the college. Typically, if the online content covers 80% of the college course, it may be accepted.

While autonomous colleges and Universities do have this flexibility, the affiliated colleges may not have the flexibility of not teaching even 20% of the content. In case of affiliated colleges, one will have to either be stricter in course mapping, or find a way to cover the gaps through a local faculty or a visiting faculty. It is assumed that it is easier to find a visiting faculty for a small part of the course and hence it is still a useful mode.

It may also be noted here that for Core courses, the overlap needs to be significantly higher while for the elective courses, the overlap could be relaxed somewhat. It is because the core courses typically are prerequisites for other courses. Also, core courses have been defined to be such because it is assumed that that content is more important for the graduates than what is taught in electives.

However, course mapping is still not an easy thing to do. It requires an understanding of important versus less important components, and quality of content among the plethora of options available. It may require someone to go through the content patiently.

And hence it is recommended that for courses recommended in the curriculum, a course mapping may be suggested for the benefit of colleges by the University.

#### 1.4. Evaluation

In Modes 1, 2, and 3, the complete evaluation is local, and hence there is no issue. In Mode 4, we need to consider an external evaluation and use that internally. This is a challenge. There is a difference in how to handle this in a University versus an affiliating college. In a University, a simple way of handling this would be to assign a Pass/Fail grade to the student. In case of an affiliating college, where only the internal marks need to be forwarded to the University, one could consider the external evaluation since it impacts only 30% of the marks, and the University will anyway have its own exam of 70% marks.

There are other models like normalizing the external evaluation to the college's internal policy or average distribution of marks in other courses.

It is assumed that in Mode 4, there is a formal way of communicating performance of the student by the provider of the online courses since colleges and Universities will not accept screen shots, emails, etc.

#### 1.5. Other Issues

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- a) **Financial:** If there is a fee to be paid for online content, the college should have a policy on that. Typically, if the savings due to reduced faculty requirements are significant, then the fees for the online provider may be reimbursed by the college.
- b) **Teaching Load:** Faculty member supporting the course whether by taking a few discussion sessions (in Mode 2) or by evaluating the students (in Mode 3) is still putting in substantial effort in managing the course, and an appropriate credit should be given to the faculty member when his/her teaching load is computed.
- c) Training the teacher: When a course is being done in Mode 3, the local faculty member should also be expected to register for the course and go through the course (with load being appropriately counted). After a faculty member has gone through the course in two academic sessions, he/she would be well prepared to teach the course in the class in a much better way. Even if the course is being offered in Mode 4, there is no harm in asking a faculty member to register for the course and go through it. Some responsible person in the college would know the level of the course and what exactly students have done, and again, after two such sessions, the faculty member would be well prepared to teach the course. Hence this mode will also lead to better training of the teachers.
- d) **Limits on Credits:** The University recommends that there should be a limit on the number of credits students can earn through online courses. In case of Mode 4, where even the evaluation is done by the online course provider, the proposed limit is 8 credits only. As the technology for online exams or the processes for evaluation by online providers improve over a period of time, this limit may be increased. In case of Mode 3 where the content is delivered online but evaluation is local, the limit can be high. For Mode 3 and Mode 4 combined, the limit can be what the regulatory bodies like UGC have announced for online courses, which is currently 40% of the total credits. In Modes 1 and 2 where the online content is really the reference material, there is no need for any limit.

Another constraint the committee would want the colleges to consider is that in a sequence of courses in one stream of Computer Science, at least one course should be in class. For example, if we consider the sequence of systems courses – Operating Systems, Databases, Networks, Architecture, at least one course should be in class. This is to ensure that if there were some gaps in online courses, the faculty in the face to face class can try to cover that to some extent.

e) **Faculty Incentive:** There is a need to provide some incentive to faculty members who would manage the course that is being taught in the online mode. If a course is being taught in Mode 2,

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the load on the faculty is only marginally less than the load of teaching an in person course. So the full teaching load should be considered for the faculty. In Mode 3, the load is much less, and in Mode 4, the load is only that we are asking the faculty to also go through the course along with the students. In these two modes, the college may consider this as reduced load. However, their learning the course may be treated as equivalent to having done a Faculty Development Program when it comes to their appraisal and promotions.

f) Consideration in NBA Accreditation: One of the prime reason why online courses haven't become popular with colleges is that they must recruit faculty with a certain faculty to student ratio for accreditation and ranking. And once they have recruited faculty, one would always want the faculty to teach and not keep them under-loaded. If one can consider online courses as equivalent to faculty strength while deciding faculty-to-student ratio, then colleges would be attracted to online courses. A typical faculty member teaches about 100 students in a semester (across 2-3 courses). If 100 students do a course in Mode 4, we may consider this as equivalent to having one additional full time equivalent (FTE) faculty member on the rolls of the college for that semester. Similarly, if 200 students do a course in Mode 3, we may consider this as equivalent to having one additional FTE faculty member for that semester.

### g) Online offering of AICTE Model Curriculum Courses by Experts

It is known that a significant number of colleges do not have adequately qualified faculty to teach the courses in the model curriculum properly. This proposal tries to alleviate this challenge by utilizing our newly acquired comfort level with online education. Essentially, the suggestion is that AICTE incentivizes top faculty to offer the AICTE model courses online, and publishes a calendar of such courses well in advance, so colleges/HEIs can use them for teaching the AICTE curriculum.

The following would be the salient features of the proposed scheme.

- 1. All the identified core courses and later on some key electives of the AICTE curriculum may offered regularly (maybe every semester) with a predefined calendar enabling colleges to plan using them for their students.
- 2. For each course AICTE identifies through a process a set of "Distinguished National Technical Teachers" who are subject experts and who also have experience teaching the course at the undergraduate level.
- 3. These "Distinguished Teachers" are offered financial reward for offering one course online once every 2 to 3 years. The reward must be substantial to make it prestigious as well as attractive.

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Suitable funding is also made available to the instructor for engaging TAs for help sessions as well as laboratory exercises.

- 4. AICTE can also recognize industry professionals in the panel of distinguished faculty as they can make these courses more interesting and industry oriented. They could teach jointly with academics appointed as Distinguished Teachers and handle certain components of the course. The Distinguished Teachers will be encouraged to actively invite guest faculty from industry and/or professional associations (e.g. ACM) to give lectures in these courses to make them more interesting and industry oriented.
- 5. There is a registration procedure for colleges (not individual students) to register for making this course available to their students. They should also commit to assigning an instructor for coordinating classes including infrastructure, conducting assessments, help in grading etc.
- 6. Colleges may be asked to pay a reasonable amount as registration charges so that the scheme is self-sustaining.
- 7. This will be an AICTE scheme for teaching its model curriculum courses by experts. It can be managed by AICTE directly, or it can offer it to other institutions/consortium to manage them. Any platform (e.g. NPTEL) can be used to deliver these courses.

This approach differs from the currently available online courses from NPTEL and other platforms substantially.

- 1. Syllabus for each course is the approved AICTE syllabus.
- 2. The courses would be available against a set calendar each semester making it possible for colleges to rely on them.
- 3. It empowers the college rather than individual students to make use of the online course in a "mixed" mode and thus addresses the deficiency of expertise in specific areas in that college.
- 4. With suitable incentive (both prestige and financial) top experts may be motivated to offer these courses.

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The Regulations Governing the Academic Bank of Credits: (to be framed)

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