CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Regulations for Post-Graduate Programmes under Choice Based Credit and Semester System (Revised as per National Education Policy 2020)

Scope

1. These Regulations shall apply to all 4-semester post graduate programmes of the University. These shall supersede all existing regulations in the matter and shall come into force with effect from the batch admitted in 2022.

Definitions

- 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - i) 'Academic Programme' means an entire course of study comprising of its programme structure, evaluation schemes etc. designed to be taught and evaluated in a teaching Department/Centre in the University, or jointly under more than one such Department/Centre.
 - ii) Credit means the value assigned to a course which indicates the level of instruction; One Lecture hour or 2-4 hours of laboratory work/field work would constitute one credit.
 - iii) 'Course' means a segment of a subject that is part of an Academic Programme.
 - iv) 'Core Course' means a course that a student admitted to a particular programme must successfully complete to receive the Degree and which cannot be substituted by any other course.
 - 'Elective Course' means an optional course to be selected by a student out of such courses offered in the same or any other Department/Centre, subject to availability of such courses, consent of the teacher concerned, and provisions in the programme structure. Elective courses shall include 'Core Electives' offered in the department as part of the Programme which may lead to a specialization within the subject, or 'open electives' where the student is free to choose from among elective courses offered in the same department or any other course offered in other departments to be selected with the consent of the instructor.
 - vi) 'Audited Course' means an optional course taken by a student from the same or any other Department/Centre, which shall not be counted for evaluation of Credit/grades, but which shall find mention in separate Certificates issued by the Department/Centre.
 - vii) 'Programme Committee' means a committee of consisting of all teachers of a Department/Centre, with the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre as the Chairman.
 - viii) 'Programme Structure' means a list of courses (core, elective, audited) that make up an Academic Programme, specifying the syllabus, Credits, hours of teaching, evaluation/examination schemes, minimum number of Credits required for successful completion of the programme, etc. prepared in conformity to the

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- general pattern accepted by the University, which shall also specify the eligibility criteria for admission to that programme.
- ix) 'Instructor' means a faculty member attached to a department/center on regular/contract/adjunct/guest basis and who is authorized by the faculty council to handle a course (to teach and to make assessment and grading) of the programme offered in the department/center.

Eligibility

- 3. Students who have obtained a Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university under a minimum of 10+2+3 system are eligible to apply to the PG programme concerned provided they have studied the subjects and secured the minimum marks/grades prescribed in the respective Programme Structure. However, separate eligibility criteria may be prescribed for programmes such as, MBA, LLM, M.Ed. etc.
- 4. Candidates who have appeared for their final examinations and are awaiting results may be provisionally admitted for the entrance test, if any, subject to their producing evidence of successful qualification at the time of admission.
- The upper age limit for admission to postgraduate programmes shall be 25 years as on the first day of July in the year of admission, unless otherwise specified for a given programme.
- 6. Candidates who have taken their degrees in any other system, if found suitable, may be provisionally admitted subject to the approval of admission committee.
- 7. Relaxation in the minimum marks and reservation of seats for students from special categories identified by the Government of India from time to time will be applicable.

Entrance Test and Admission

- 8. Admission to postgraduate programmes shall be based on a written entrance test and/or an interview to test the knowledge of the applicants in the subject of study at the undergraduate level.
- 9. The Controller of Examinations shall be responsible for the conduct of the entrance test.
- 10. An Admission Committee, headed by the Vice-Chancellor and comprising of members nominated by him every year, shall decide upon all matters regarding the process of admission such as conduct of entrance test/interview, publication of rank list, criteria for breaking of ties, if any, in the rank list, conduct of counseling/ admission, filling up of vacant seats, date of closure of admission, etc.
- 11. The result of the entrance test in each subject shall be published soon after the test by the Controller of Examinations in the form of a rank list of applicants arranged in the order of merit. General merit rank lists as well as reservation-category wise rank lists shall be published and made available to the Departments/Centres.

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- 12. All admissions shall be purely provisional in nature until confirmation is made by the Admission Committee upon completion of the entire process of admission.
- 13. Admission of students shall be done by the Head of the Department, in the order of merit, subject to the reservation policy adopted by the University from time to time, verification of credentials of the applicant as per the following documents/certificates to be produced in original, and payment of required fees at the time of counseling:
 - i) Documents relating to entrance test Hall ticket, Score card etc.
 - ii) Proof of age, personal details (SSLC, SSC etc.)
 - iii) Qualifying Degree Certificate or Provisional Degree Certificate
 - iv) Consolidated mark statement of qualifying degree
 - v) Transfer Certificate from institution last attended
 - vi) Conduct Certificate issued from institution last attended within 6 months
 - vii) Community Certificate/Non-Creamy layer certificate issued by the competent authority within a period of six months from the date of counselling
 - viii) Self-authenticated Anti-ragging declaration as required from time to time
 - Any other documents/certificates as may be stipulated from time to time by the Admission Committee

The documents/certificates at (i) to (iv) shall be returned to the student after verification and admission. However, these should be produced whenever required by the University.

- 14. Roll numbers shall be assigned to all admitted students by the Head of the Departments in the format: Department/Programme code- Level of study year codenumber. (Example: PHY092201) (Level of study for PG: 9)
- 15. Nominal rolls containing the name of student, registration number, gender, date of birth, category of admission, name of parents/guardian, permanent residential address and electronic address of admitted students shall be prepared and maintained by all Departments/Centres.
- 16. Besides the nominal roll, an admission register shall be maintained in each Department/Centre as a record of all information entered in the nominal roll, along with details of qualifying degree, and photograph of each admitted student.
- 17. The last date of admission shall be determined based on the mandatory attendance of 75% of the total instructional days in the first semester. After this date, admission shall be deemed to be closed.
- 18. As soon as the process of admission is completed, the Head of the Department or Coordinator/Director of the Centre shall submit the nominal roll of students admitted to each postgraduate programme in the Department/Centre to the Dean of the School concerned, who shall place it before the Admission Committee for its approval. Any issues related to admission, as regards to qualifying degree, or special conditions needing consideration etc. shall also be placed in the Admission Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- 19. If approved by the Admission Committee, the Dean of the School concerned shall retain the nominal roll and shall forward a copy of the nominal roll to the Controller of Examinations, academic, administration and finance sections, the respective Head of the Department/Centre, and to the Dean of Students' Welfare for further appropriate action at their ends.

- 20. Corrections, if any, required in the nominal roll shall be made by the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre, only with the consent of the Dean of School and the Vice-Chancellor. The corrected and authenticated copy of the nominal roll shall be retained by the Dean of School, and a copy shall be forwarded to the Controller of Examinations, academic, administration and finance sections, the respective Head of the Department/ Centre, and to the Dean of Students' Welfare. Previous versions of the nominal rolls shall be cancelled and destroyed.
- 21. Those students who have not completed all formalities regarding the admission process, including submission of migration certificate (wherever applicable) shall not be allowed to register for the courses in the second semester.
- 22. Original Degree Certificate of the qualifying degree shall be produced by a student for verification latest before the commencement of the final semester.
- 23. Students, once admitted, shall remain on the rolls of the University till the expiry of the normal duration of the programme. Thereafter, if the student has to complete any course or other requirement, he/she shall not be treated as a regular student, but shall be treated to be in an extended period and facilities of a regular student shall not be available to them.

Lateral Entry into the second Year/Third Semester

24. Students who have successfully completed first year of postgraduate programme, or four years of an integrated MSc/MS programme, may be granted admission to the third semester of the PG programme in the respective/allied discipline, subject to the availability of vacancy, academic background in terms of courses studied so far, recommended by the faculty council of the department, and on approval of the Dean. University will not call for admission to such entry, but consider them case by case as per application made by students to the University. The consolidated mark-list shall indicate CGPA gained by the student in the courses taken in this University in the second year. Students should not have previously enrolled and completed a two-year Masters' programme using the same credentials for lateral entry anywhere before.

Programme-Structure and Credits

- 25. The Programme Structure of a postgraduate programme, prepared and approved by the respective Board of Studies, may be revised periodically to absorb current trends in the subject. Core and elective courses offered in the programme, Programme learning outcomes and the optional outcomes for Postgraduate diploma (in case of exit option to be availed) are to be specified, along with course content (syllabus) of each course. Elective courses may be added by faculty council whenever needed, which shall be ratified in the meeting of the subsequent Board of Studies.
- 26. The syllabus for a course shall contain the title of the course, the pre-requisites, instructional hours of lectures, tutorials, practical/labs, field work etc, the number of Credits, course learning outcome and an outline of the course content, suggested reading list, and the scheme of evaluation/examination (if any).
- 27. The normal duration of a postgraduate programme shall be 4 semesters. No student shall be permitted to complete the programme earlier than 4 semesters or take more than 6 semesters.

- 28. There shall be 90 instructional days in a semester and a minimum of 30 hours per week.
- 29. Besides the Core Courses, Elective Courses and Audited Courses, every postgraduate programme shall have a Project/Dissertation, which shall be considered as Core Course or Core Elective.
- 30. Elective Courses may be offered in any of the semesters while the Project/Dissertation shall be carried out either in the III or in the IV semester.
- 31. No course shall have more than 4 Credits, provided however that Project/Dissertation, may have a maximum of 12 credits.
- 32. Value added courses including participation in any one activity like NCC/NSS/Community Service/Indian knowledge system etc. shall be made mandatory from time to time and bear a credit of zero. Similarly one course on computing/data processing/statistics may be prescribed as a mandatory course to be selected as an open elective, in the Programme Structure.
- 33. Audited Courses are regular courses which a student might want to attend to enhance his/her academic potential. Such Courses may be attended with the written permission of the teacher concerned. Audited Courses shall not be considered for accumulation of Credits, but shall be indicated in a separate 'Audit Course Certificate' issued by the Department/Centre at the end of the programme, on the request of the student and on the basis of the recommendation of the teacher(s) offering such course.
- 34. Students may choose open elective courses from among a group of electives offered in the Department/Centre (from core elective or open elective), and any course from another department/center, subject to the satisfaction of the pre-requisites and consent of instructor.
- 35. The student acquires the Credits assigned to a particular Course on successful completion of the Course.
- 36. A student has to register for at least one Course per semester to continue in a postgraduate programme. No student shall be permitted to register for Courses exceeding 30 Credits in a semester including those of repeat (re-registered) Courses, if any.
- 37. The weighted average of grade points earned by a student in a semester is known as Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA), whereas the same calculated with all courses the student has taken is called Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). The calculation may be done as follows:

$$GPA = (G1xC1 + G2 x C2 + ... + Gn x Cn)/(C1 + C2 + ... + Cn)$$

where Gi refers to the grade point of the course i and Ci is the credit assigned to that course. The GPA calculated for a semester is SGPA, and the GPA calculated for all courses completed by the student at any point of time is CGPA.

38. The final CGPA shall be worked out by considering only the minimum number of best performed Electives completed by the student, subject to the requirements of 80 Credits. Such additional Credits acquired would be separately shown in the consolidated grade card.

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39. The Post-graduate Degree may be classified based on CGPA obtained into various classes as follows:

Division	First class with distinction	First class	Second Class	Pass
CGPA	8.0 and above	6.0 and below 8.0	5.0 and below 6.0	4.0 and below 5.0

- 40. The minimum number of Credits, including those of Core Courses, Elective Courses, and Project/Dissertation, required for the successful completion of the 4-semester programme and award of the postgraduate Degree shall be 80.
- 41. The general structure of the postgraduate programme is given below (unless otherwise specified by BOS), except for multidisciplinary specialization.

Normal duration of the Programme	Four semesters	
One semester	90 instructional days	
One Credit	1 hour lecture or 2-4 hours of laboratory work/field work, per week, or one week of internship/summer project	
Credits from Core Courses	40 Credits	
Credits from Core Electives	20 Credits	
Credits from Open Elective	20 Credits (Minimum)	
Maximum Credits per semester	30 Credits	
Credits for Dissertation/Project (Core/Core Elective)	4-8	
Credits for Internship/ Summer Research (Core, Core Elective, or Open Elective)	1-8 credits general. Minimum 6 for those intending to take exit.	
Minimum attendance required for each Course	75%	
Accumulated minimum Credits for successful completion of the programme	80 Credits (Core + Electives)	

Registration of Courses and Programme Progression

- 42. Students shall register for all Core courses listed in the Programme Structure. No student shall be permitted to register for any course without satisfying the prerequisites for that course.
- 43. The Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre shall nominate a faculty member as 'Faculty Advisor' for every batch.
- 44. Students shall be guided by the Faculty Advisors in their choice of Elective/Open Elective and/or Audited Courses available to them.
- 45. With the advice of the Faculty Advisor and the consent of the teacher concerned, every student shall fill up the Course Registration Form (Form No.1), either as hard copy or as electronic copy, within the first three days of the commencement of the semester, obtain the consent of the teacher concerned and submit it for the approval of the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre. Students shall submit the requisite semester fees along with registration of courses.
- 46. If, after submission of Form 1, a student feels that he/she has registered for more courses than he/she can do, the student has the option to de-register from one or more of the courses he/she had registered for, with the consent of the Faculty Advisor and the teacher concerned, before the end of the third week of the semester, subject to the condition of Clause 35 above.
- 47. Every teacher has the freedom to specify the maximum number of students he/she can engage in a Course offered by him, taking into account the infrastructure and other facilities available, provided that in core courses all students in the programme shall be accommodated.
- 48. Joint instruction may also be adopted in the case of specific courses, where more than one faculty member act as teachers. In such cases one faculty member may act as the teacher-in-charge of the course and shall perform duties related to evaluation and communication of results etc.
- 49. Project/Dissertation shall be treated as practical oriented course (to be offered under either core or core elective), for which the teacher shall perform the role of a Supervisor. At the time of course registration in the semester that comprises the Project/Dissertation, the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre shall assign Supervisors to individual students. Issues if any, in the allotment of Supervisors may be brought to the notice of the Dean concerned for appropriate action, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 50. When a course is offered by a teacher who is not a member of the faculty appointed for that purpose in the Department/Centre, the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre shall assign a member of the regular faculty to coordinate the conduct of the course and its evaluation. If no such member is available in a Department/Centre, a member of the regular faculty of a sister Department/Centre may be invited and assigned this role.
- 51. University may enter into a credit transfer agreement with another Institution. Similarly, MOOC (or similar) courses can be taken by a student as per the direction of BOS in this regard, and the course may be registered in an appropriate semester for the results of the MOOC course as and when announced to be accommodated. Faculty

Council shall identify a faculty member, if needed, to supervise students taking such a course and to conduct assessment for that course in-house if needed, including additional examinations to facilitate declaration of results in time, under the supervision of the Dean. Students are free to take MOOC course as part of open elective.

Internship

- 52. Internship/summer research project is an integral part of the PG programme, and must be registered in third semester. Credits for internship shall be included in either Core, Core Elective or as an Open Elective course upto a maximum of 8 credits. A credit of 1 unit per week spent at the host institution shall be awarded subject to maximum of four credits which shall be incorporated in the third semester results, under the title 'Internship' or 'Summer Research Project'.
 - (i) Students shall find admission to practical/job-oriented internship opportunities in areas connected to their study in Academic/Industrial/commercial/NGO establishments before the end of second semester, and shall apply to the Head for approval. They shall completed the programme and produce a certificate of the same from the place of work.
 - (ii) A student intending to undergo summer research project in reputed institution may apply for the same to the Head of the Department, and shall obtain an invitation/selection letter from the host institution. The Faculty Council shall moderate the number of students to be permitted based on the academic performance of the student and the merit of the proposed proposal. The students shall prepare a term paper/report and the evaluation shall be done by the faculty incharge, based on the reports of the external mentor (if available) or internship/project completion certificate and a Viva-voce examination conducted based on the term paper/report.
 - University will not offer any financial support for undergoing internship or summer research project.
 - Other students shall undergo summer research/internship in the University itself, and the Head shall allocate students under faculty members for the same. Students may choose faculty members from other departments as mentors.
 - (v) Internship/research projects shall usually be carried out during the vacation between second and third semesters. However students who prefer to do internship in-house, may do so during the third and/or fourth semester, or as stipulated by BOS.
 - The credits for Internship/Summer Research and grades shall be awarded by the Head or faculty-in-charge based on the report of Internship and Viva (for Research) or report of mentor (in-house internship).

Exit with Post-graduate Diploma

53. A student intending to take exit option at the end of second semester shall be allowed so, subject to the approval of the Faculty Council and the Dean, and a 'Post-Garduate diploma' in the discipline shall be awarded, subject to the successful completion of the first two semesters, followed by an exit 10 credit bridge course lasting two months,

including at least 6-credit job specific internship/apprenticeship. Faculty council shall assign a faculty member as mentor for the bridge course to moderate the internship and evaluate the performance based on the report. The mentor shall also act as instructor for a 'self-study' course designed for each student (who intends to exit) and approved by FC, to be completed within the summer term of two months. The FC shall recommend to the Dean of the School the award of the Post-Graduate Diploma (in the subject of the Masters Programme) based on the successful completion of the internship and self-study component with minimum of 10 credits, evaluated by the mentor and approved by FC.

Multidisciplinary Specialization

54. A student can opt for moving to a 'Multidisciplinary specialization' during the second year of the PG programme which may be offered from time to time. The joint faculty council managing such programmes shall evolve selection criteria, subject to the additional regulations mentioned in Appendix 2.

Evaluation

- 55. System of continuous assessment (CA) shall be followed for every course. Methods for assessment (written examinations, quizzes, viva-voce, assignments, practical work, projects etc.) for each course shall be decided by the instructor and approved by the Faculty Council. Instructors shall announce these methods along with details of course at the beginning of the semester.
- 56. End semester assessment (ESA) is to be considered as part of CA, and shall not have more than 40% of weightage in grading, whereas for practical oriented courses this may be 25%. A proportion of weightage like 20:20:20:40 may be adopted for evaluation of theory courses at equally spaced stages. For practical oriented courses, the evaluation can be conducted continuously at finer intervals or at task-based stages, and a component of ESA may be used along with CAs.
- 57. All written examinations for assessment including CA and ESA shall be conducted internally (both question paper setting and evaluation of answer paper) by the instructor.
- 58. Evaluated answer papers shall be made available to the respecting students for scrutiny, and their concerns shall be addressed before publishing the results.
- 59. Results of all components of assessment (CA and ESA) shall be published immediately after the evaluation at instructor's level from time to time, and students can discuss any issues in evaluation with instructor and they can register any further complaints immediately within 3 teaching days to the head of the department in writing. Complaints registered after this duration, without valid reason, shall not be entertained. Head of the department shall take steps for redressal of such complaints through faculty council.
- 60. Dissertation and student's projects may be evaluated as a practical course, and carries minimum 75% weight for CA, to be awarded by the supervisor or project guide. The ESA may be conducted by the faculty council through student's presentation before a subcommittee of FC including the supervisor or guide, by optionally including faculty members from other departments.

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- 61. Instructors shall enter the attendance and results of CAs of students in their classes in Form #2, during the course. The Form #2 shall be made available to students for verification before the beginning of ESA.
- 62. Instructors shall complete evaluation of ESA within a period of three days after the date of examination and enter the details in Form #3, and award letter grades, as given below, by taking into account performance of each student in various CAs and ESA.

Grade	Rage of Scores out of 100	Grade Point	
O (Outstanding)	95 – 100	10	
A+ (Excellent)	85 – 94	9	
A (Very Good)	75 – 84	8	
B+ (Good)	65 – 74	7	
B (Above Average)	55 – 64	6	
C (Average)	45 – 54	5	
P (Pass)	40 – 44	4	
F (Fail)	Not applicable	0	
Ab (Absent)	Not applicable	0	

Optionally, Faculty Council may decide on adopting relative grading for a course, which shall be minuted in the Programme Committee meeting.

- 63. No student shall be awarded an O grade, solely based on the performance in ESA. Instances of poor performance in CA which may lead to F grade should be intimated to students in writing during the course. Similarly lack of attendance for any course where the attendance has fallen below 75% should be communicated to students in writing from time to time, otherwise students are to be permitted to appear for ESA. Students need to pass the CAs taken together before allowed to take ESA, and shall pass separately the ESA component wherever applicable (pass percentage is 40%).
- 64. All instances of fail (F) grade and top grade (O) shall be discussed and minuted in FC meeting.
- 65. Once all courses in the department have been evaluated by instructors, and program committee (FC for finalization of grades) shall be convened and form #3 of each course be presented. Once approved, the Head shall publish all form #3 in the department for students feedback if any, and arrange to prepare form #4 for the semester performance (after grades of students enrolled for courses in other departments are available). Form #4 shall be provisionally published in the department, which shall be communicated to the office of Controller of Examinations for scrutiny. Any issues raised by student within three days after the publication of

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- results (Form #3 and #4) shall be resolved by the Head in discussion with the instructor and FC if needed. Similarly, any issue in computing GPA of the semester results noticed by the office of Controller of Examinations shall be communicated to the Department and shall settled by the Head and FC if needed.
- 66. Controller's office shall scrutinise the GPA calculation is Form # 4 for each batch and prepare Form #5 and shall be forwarded to the Dean of School for approval, and once approved, semester results are declared. Grade cards shall be issued by the Controller of Examinations through the Heads of Departments, after obtaining Vice-Chancellor's approval.
- 67. CUK has adopted CBCS and basic indicator of students' performance in a course is letter grade. No mention to marks is implied in awarding grades. In any case of a reference to marks in a course is needed, grade point out of 10 is to be referred to.
- 68. Form #2 and #3 shall not be kept in the University Department beyond a period of six months after the ESA of fourth semester.
- 69. Declaration of results of a student may be withheld by the Dean only on reasonable and valid grounds including dishonesty/indulgence in unfair practices as reported by the respective Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre.
- 70. The Dean of School shall arrange to obtain feedback on teachers from the respective students before the end of the semester through formats prescribed for the same.
- 71. A student getting an F grade in a Core course may either repeat that course to qualify for the degree, or opt for supplementary examination for that course (if permitted by the teacher concerned and the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre).
- 72. A student getting an F grade in an Open Elective course may either repeat the same course, or substitute it by another elective course, or apply for a supplementary examination. In case of Core Elective courses, students need to repeat the same course or substitute with any Core Elective Course.
- 73. A student shall not be permitted to repeat any course for the purpose of improving the grade. A student getting an FA grade shall not be eligible to apply for supplementary examination, she/he can only repeat the course (or replace it with another course, if it is an elective).
- 74. A student who misses an End Semester Assessment due to genuine reasons as evidenced by documents submitted to the Dean, may be permitted to take a supplementary examination only once for each course, upon the permission from Dean.
- 75. Students who have failed in CA (taken together) has to repeat the course.
- 76. Students can apply for repeating a course to Dean, through the Head, and on approval necessary fees proportional to the number of repeating courses shall only be paid, even after the completion of two years of study.
- 77. The Grade Cards shall indicate Grades and Credits earned for each course as well as the SGPA and CGPA.
- 78. Consolidated Grade Cards indicating the courses successfully completed by the student, together with course codes, Credits, Grades, and CGPA shall be issued to all students by the Controller of Examinations upon the completion of the final semester of the programme. Provisional Degree Certificates shall also be issued to students along with their Consolidated Grade Card.
- 79. Percentage of marks: Central University of Kerala do not award marks or percentages of marks, but awards Grades for all courses and the overall performance

is indicated using CGPA. However, an approximate conversion into percentage can be used by the following formula

Percentage (%) = CGPA x 10

Redressal of Complaints regarding results

- 80. Any unresolved issue or complaint regarding the CA and ESA in a course, or regarding the tabulation/GPA may be brought to the notice of the Dean in writing, within ten working days from the date of provisional declaration of the semester results by the Department, and the Dean shall take a decision jointly with the respective teacher(s) and the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre.
- 81. Any appeal on the decision of the Dean may be submitted by a student to Dean, Students' Welfare, who shall forward it to the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision shall be final.

Break-in Programme

- 82. A student may discontinue the programme for one or two semesters during the entire period of study, on genuine grounds authenticated by documentary evidence. However, a student is permitted to have a break only once during the entire period of study. These students, however will not get any relaxation in the maximum period of study, as per Clause 27. The student should apply to the Dean of the School through the Head of the Department or the Coordinator/Director of the Centre. The decision of the Dean will be communicated to the Head of the Department/Centre and administration.
- 83. A student in break-semester shall not be eligible to the facilities of a regular student like library, hostel etc. till he/she rejoins after the break period.
- 84. Semester fees need not be paid for the break-semesters.
- 85. If the student is applying for break in the middle of a semester, the entire semester shall be considered as break period, and all the courses registered for that semester shall be treated as cancelled.
- 86. If a student is in a break-semester, he/she shall not join the next semester if he/she is unable to satisfy the pre-requirements of that semester.
- 87. If a student is absent from the programme for a period more than 25% of the total instructional days of a semester, he/she shall be deemed to have entered into a break-semester.

Academic Honesty

88. A student is expected to uphold honesty in all academic matters. Any incidence of dishonesty indulged in by a student shall be considered by a Committee comprising

the Dean of School as Chairman, the Dean Student's Welfare, the Head of the Department/Centre and the teachers(s) concerned, which shall, take an appropriate decision in the matter and report to the authorities concerned.

General Conduct Rules

- 89. Every student shall be governed by the regulations/rules and other directions laid down by the University from time to time.
- 90. In general, a student is under the control of the Head of the Department/centre to which he/she is admitted. No student shall enter into communication to University authorities except through proper channel.
- 91. In any matter not provided in these regulations, the Vice-Chancellor shall take an appropriate decision.

APPENDIX - 1

Formats (CBCS Forms 1,2,3,4,5)

APPENDIX - 2

FRAMEWORK FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMMES

Departments/Centers may jointly offer multidisciplinary specializations in PG programmes, by suitably selecting course (core elective and open elective) offered in those departments in third and fourth semesters. Such programmes shall result in PG Degrees in the 'core discipline' of the student admitted with title of the 'multidisciplinary specialization' specified in bracket.

Example:

M.Sc. in Mathematics (Computational Science)

M.Sc. in Computer Science (Computational Science)

M.Sc. in Chemistry (Nanoscience)

M.Sc. in Physics (Nanoscience)

2. Such departments may shift necessary number of core courses to the first two semesters so that the students are given the essential minimum number of core courses in their admitted discipline before he/she is enrolled for multidisciplinary specialization. 'Core electives', or those mandatory courses to be taken by the

- students in the multidisciplinary specializations may be determined jointly by the Boards of Study of the participating departments and may be listed in the Programme Structure.
- 3. The programme shall be made operative for a given period of time with the approval of the Academic Council. There shall not be direct admission to such programmes, and no additional workload is recognized for such programme to run.
- 4. The students need to undertake Project/Dissertation under the multidisciplinary area.
- 5. A minimum of 20 credits excluding Project/Dissertation may be earmarked as 'Core Elective' for each multidisciplinary specialization, subject to the general credit requirements. Optionally, Programme Structure may indicate courses to be selected under open elective also, for fulfilling the requirements of the specialization.
- 6. Students are admitted to the multidisciplinary specializations in the third semester, moderated by joint faculty councils and approved by the respective Dean(s).