

**GENERAL GUIDELINES ON INTRODUCTION OF SEMESTER SYSTEM AT THE
UNDER GRADUATE (UG) LEVEL BEGINNING FROM ACADEMIC SESSION, 2012**

FOR B.A./ B.SC./ BCA/B.COM. and BBA STREAMS

1. INTRODUCTION

Semester mode of Teaching and Examination in Indian Universities has become a National Policy. The UGC has now made it mandatory for all the Institutions of Higher Learning and affiliated Colleges in the country. A good number of Universities have already started implementing this new system of Education. Nagaland University in its Academic Council (AC) meeting held on 16th November, 2011 has taken the decision to introduce the semester system in all the affiliated Colleges. In pursuance of this decision, the AC has approved the Course Curriculum and Syllabi developed by the respective Boards of Undergraduate Studies (BUGS) and resolved to start Semester System in the Colleges from the Academic Session, 2012 in a phased manner. These guidelines have been approved by the AC in its 14th meeting held on 21st March, 2012:

The entire Course Curriculum and Syllabi have been designed by the respective BUGS keeping in view the needs of the present generation. It is a learner friendly programme suitable to meet the requirements of students in a competitive world. Therefore, it is expected that this will create a better teaching-learning spirit in the Institutions of Higher Education for which both teachers and students shall have to work more sincerely.

The Course Curriculum and Syllabi shall be revised/updated whenever necessary and **compulsorily** in every three years.

2. DURATION OF SEMESTER SYSTEM AND ACADEMIC YEAR

A Minimum of 3 years (6 Semesters) and a Maximum of 5 years (10 Semesters) shall be required to qualify for the B.A/ B.Sc./BCA/ B.Com., and BBA Degree. The duration of Semester I, III and V shall be from July to December (6 months) during which Admission, Course Work, Conduct of Examinations and Declaration of Results shall be completed including Semester Break. The duration of Semester II, IV and VI shall be from January to June (6 months) during which Admission, Course Work, Conduct of Examinations and Declaration of Results shall be completed, including Semester Break. Every College shall offer uniform pattern of Credit Loads and follow uniform Academic Calendar in each Semester. Academic Calendar shall be prepared by the University.

3. COMBINATION/ SELECTION OF PAPERS

- 1) For Honours Course, Total Elective Papers shall be 6 and Total Honours Papers shall be 8 or 7 + 1 Project Paper apart from other common courses like English, MIL, EVS carrying 100 Marks each.
- 2) For the Pass Course, there shall be 6 papers in each Elective Subject carrying 100 Marks each. Course combination structure both for Arts and Science indicating minimum number of Papers/Marks in different streams are demonstrated in Annexure I, which may vary depending on the choice of papers by students.

Examiner, the Examination Committee of the College may appoint a Faculty member as an External Examiner. Practical shall be a continuous process of evaluation which will be assessed internally. Courses which do not have Practical (eg. Mathematics) can offer general Theory paper of 5 Credits instead of 3 or 4 Credits. For Science Courses, Project Paper shall be compulsory. For Honours Paper, the Credits can be distributed between Theory and Practical depending on the needs of the paper.

9. CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (C.B.C.S) AND ADD ON COURSE

(i) In the *Sixth semester*, a Choice Based Credit paper (CBCP) shall be offered compulsorily. CBCP is a part of the six semesters. Under this provision, student may be given freedom to opt for any paper of 3 Credits as per his/her interest in any subject irrespective of the streams of studies within or outside of his/her thrust areas. A learner can also move from one department to another department within the institution carrying the same amount of Credits. In case of inability to offer CBCP, EVS II or any other suitable course may be developed by the college till the college is equipped to offer such course.

(ii) **Add On Course**- This is an additional course to be offered outside of the six semesters programme. It should be a vocational oriented course for which University shall give Certificate. Respective colleges can design such courses suitable to the local/regional needs. Add on Course can be a continuation of CBCP that can be developed by respective colleges and run the program according to local convenience. A comprehensive list of CBCP/Add on course is shown in **Annexure V**. This programme can be arranged in addition to normal routine works for which Colleges can charge extra fees from the learners to enable them to earn a Certificate. In this way, provisions for earning Certificate are encouraged at the College level.

10. GRADING SYSTEM

(1). A Seven Point Grading System shall be followed as given below. This is one of the most popularly used models followed by different Universities worldwide and which is seen as most appropriate in our context.

GRADING RANGE:

Grade	Marks	Grade Points
O	80 and above	7
A	70 to 79.99	6
B	60 to 69.99	5
C	55 to 59.99	4
D	50 to 54.99	3
E	45 to 49.99	2
F (Fail)	Less than 44.99	1

(2). In the Credit and Grade Point System, the assessment of individual courses in the concerned examinations shall be on the basis of Marks only, but the Marks shall be converted into Grades wherein, the overall performance of the learners shall be reflected considering the Credit Points for any given Course. However, the overall evaluation shall be designated in terms of Grade as demonstrated below.

11. ABBREVIATIONS AND FORMULA

G: Grade

GP: Grade Points

C: Credit

CP: Credit Points

CG: Credits x Grades (Product of Credits & Grades)

ECG: Sum of Product of Credits & Grade Points

Annexure I

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PAPERS/MARKS IN DIFFERENT STREAMS

1. BA Course (Pass & Hons.) (without Practical Papers)

Course	No of Elective Subjects	Total No. of semesters	Total No of papers	Total Marks per paper	Total
Elective Courses	3	6	18	100	1800
Compulsory Courses			6 (2 Eng + 2 MIL + 1 EVS+ 1 CBCP)	100	600
Total for Pass Course			23		2400
Hons Course			8 or 7 + 1	100	800
Cumulative Total			31		3100

2. BA Course (Pass & Hons.) (with Practical Papers: Geography)

Course	No of Elective Subjects	Total No. of semesters	Total No of papers	Total Marks per paper	Grand Total
Elective Courses (Theory Papers)	3	6	18	100	1800
Practical Papers (of Geography)		1	6	50	300
Other Courses			5 (2 Eng + 2 MIL + 1 EVS)	100	500
Total for Pass Course			29		2600
Hons. Course (Theory)		1	6	100	600
Practical Papers of Geography Hons		1	6	50	300
Cumulative Total			41		3500

3. BA English (Hons.) Course (without Practical Papers)

Course	No of Elective Subjects	Total papers per semester	Total No of papers	Total Marks per paper	Grand Total
Elective Courses	3	6	18	100	1800
Other Courses			7 (6 Elect Eng + 1 EVS)	100	700
Total for Pass Course			25		2500
Hons. Course			8	100	800
Cumulative Total			33		3500

4. BSc Course (Pass & Hons.) (Theory Papers)

Course	No of Elective Subjects	Total papers per semester	Total No of papers	Total Marks per paper	Grand Total
Elective Courses (Theory Papers)	3	6	18	100	1800
Other Courses			4 (2 Eng + 1 Comp + 1 EVS)	100	400
Total for Pass Course			22		2200
Hons. Course (Theory)			6	100	600
Cumulative Total			28		2800

Project Paper. The 3 Credits may be divided into Theory or Practical or a combination of both depending on the requirements of the subject. The possible distribution is given below

Theory Papers (For Hons. Students)	a.03x1 b.02x1	03x1 02x1	03x1 02x1	03x1 02x1	03x01 02x1	3x01 (Choice based Credit paper within the subject)	18
Practical Papers (For Hons. Students)	c.03x1 b.01x1	03x1 01x1	03x1 01x1	03x1 01x1	03x1 01x1	02 x 01 (Project)	02
Total	20 Credits	20 Credits	20 Credits	20 Credits	20 Credits	20 Credits	120

Annexure II (b) Arts Model.

(A Student opting - Political Science Honours; Sociology and History as other 2 Elective Papers; and Gandhian Studies as C.B.C.S Additional Course)

Course/Type of Papers/ Credits Assigned		First Year Course/Paper and Credit Value		Second Year Course/Paper and Credit Value		Third Year Course/Paper and Credit Value	Total Credit Value	
		First Semester	Second Semester	Third Semester	Fourth Semester	Fifth Semester	Sixth Semester	
BA Pass Course	Elective Paper/s	Pol/EI-01 Soc/EI-01 Hist/EI-01 [04 x 03]	Pol/EI-02 Soc/EI-02 Hist/EI-02 [04 x 03]	Pol/EI-03 Soc/EI-03 Hist/EI-03 [04 x 03]	Pol/EI-04 Soc/EI-04 Hist/EI-04 [04 x 03]	Pol/EI-05 Soc/EI-05 Hist/EI-05 [04 x 03]	Pol/EI-06 Soc/EI-06 Hist/EI-06 [04 x 03]	72
	Other Course/s	Gen/Eng-01 [03 x 01]	Gen/Eng-02 [03 x 01]	Alt/Eng-01 or MIL-01 [03 x 01]	Alt.Eng-02 or MIL-02 [03 x 01]	EVS [03 x 01]	Gan.S/CBCP- 01 [03x01]	18
	Total Credits	15	15	15	15	15	15	72 + 18 = 90
BA Honours Course	Honours Paper/s	Pol/Hons-01 [04 x 01]	Pol/Hons-02 [04 x 1]	Pol/Hons-03 [04 x 01]	Pol/Hons-04 [04 x 01]	Pol/Hons-05 Pol/Hons-07 (Optional) [04 x 02]	Pol/Hons-06 [03 x 01] Pol/Hons-08 (Optional) [03 x 01]	30
	Other Course/s	-	-	-	-	-	or Proj/P [03 x 01]	-
	Total Credits	19	19	19	19	23	21	72 +18 + 30 = 120

Note: Pol/Hons = Political Science Honours Pol/EI = Political Science Elective Soc/EI = Sociology Elective Hist/EI = History Elective

Gen/Eng = General English Alt/Eng = Alternative English Tny/L = Tenyidie Language

EVS = Environmental Studies Gan.S = Gandhian Studies Proj/P = Project Paper