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B.A./ B.COM./ B.SC. WITH SINGLE MAJOR & SINGLE MINOR AND B.A./ B.COM./ B.SC./B.B.A./B.C.A./B.B.A. (TAH) THREE DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSES (MULTIDISCIPLINARY), 4-YEARS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP) UNDER THE NEW CURRICULUM AND CREDIT FRAMEWORK, 2022

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1.0. INTRODUCTION:

- Government of India has launched the National Education Policy (NEP - 2020), encompassing radical changes in the delivery and governance of Higher Education in the country.
- North Bengal University has adopted the NEP and its Curriculum Framework from the Academic Year 2023-24 in its campus and implemented the courses in its affiliated Colleges.
- These NEP Regulations are expected to provide clear direction and procedure for implementation of different provisions of NEP in all Higher Educational Institutions for starting 4 year Undergraduate Degree Honours programmes.
- Whereas the University seeks to enforce the academic disciplines to adopt the spirit of NEP in entry-exit requirements and academic bank of credits.
- Whereas the regulations ought to preserve the academic autonomy of Colleges/HEIs in formulation of curriculum, outline learning outcomes, pedagogical approaches and evaluation methods and assignments of assessment of students.
- These regulations are poised for skill development, inter/multi- disciplinary learning, wider access and inclusiveness and entrepreneurship.

1.1. MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:

- NEP-Regulations are applicable for Affiliated Colleges from the Academic Year 2023-24
- All UG Boards of Students are mandated to revised regulations for UG and UG Honours Degree programmes with entry – exit facility.
- Exiting students at the end of First Year will be award a Certificate, second year end with a Diploma, third year end with a UG degree and 4th year end with an Honours Degree.
- Colleges to organise vocational education in approved trades.
- Summer vacation is allocated for conducting internships/ community outreach programme / conducting social and other similar field work related programmes.
- Boards of Studies with inputs from different Colleges could design curriculum as per the NEP guidelines.
- Faculty members are expected to network with industry and design assignments having components of job-oriented skills. They are also encouraged to adopt innovative methods of Teaching for imparting all contemporary developments.
- All Colleges are expected to network with skill development centres, vocational training institutes for facilitating student internships.

1.2. TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ENVISAGED BY NEP:

- Introducing holistic a Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Education, that would help develop all capacities of human beings- intellectual, aesthetic, social, physical, emotional, ethical, and moral- in an integrated manner, soft skills, such as complex problem solving, critical thinking, creative thinking, communication skills and rigorous specialisation in a chosen field (s) of learning.
- Adoption of flexible curricular structures in order to enable creative combinations of disciplinary areas for study in multidisciplinary contexts that would also allow flexibility in course options that would be on offer to students, in addition to rigorous specialization in a subject or subjects.
- Environment education to include areas such as climate change, pollution, waste management, sanitation, conservation of biological diversity, management of biological resources and biodiversity, forest and wildlife conservation, and sustainable development and living.
- Value-based education to include the development of humanistic, ethical, constitutional and universal human values of truth, righteous conduct, peace, love, nonviolence, scientific temper, citizenship values, and life skills.
- Global Citizenship Education and education for sustainable development to form an integral part of the curriculum to empower learners to become aware of and understand global sustainable development issues and to become active promoter of more peaceful, tolerant, inclusive, secure and sustainable societies.

1.4 PREAMBLE

These Regulations will be known as THE UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS RELATING to B.A./B.COM./ B.SC. WITH SINGLE MAJOR & SINGLE MINOR AND B.A./ B.COM./ B.SC./B.B.A./B.C.A./B.B.A. (TAH) THREE DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSES (MULTIDISCIPLINARY), 4-YEARS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP) UNDER THE NEW CURRICULUM AND CREDIT FRAMEWORK, 2022 effective from 2023-2024 academic session, by the University of North Bengal, herein after, referred to as the University.

2. AUTHORITY

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 52 read with Section 21 sub sections XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII of the North Bengal University Act, 1981 (West Bengal Act, XIII 1981) read with the up-to-date amendments, the appropriate Authority approves the following Regulations namely as: UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS RELATING B.A./ B.COM./ B.SC. WITH SINGLE MAJOR & SINGLE MINOR AND B.A./ B.COM./ B.SC./B.B.A./B.C.A./B.B.A. (TAH) THREE DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSES (MULTIDISCIPLINARY), 4-YEARS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP) UNDER THE NEW CURRICULUM AND CREDIT FRAMEWORK, 2022 .

3. DATE OF EFFECT

These Regulations will come into effect from the academic year 2024-2025 and will have prospective effect.

4. APPLICABILITY

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS RELATING TO B.A./ B.COM./ B.SC. WITH SINGLE MAJOR & SINGLE MINOR AND B.A./ B.COM./ B.SC./B.B.A./B.C.A./B.B.A. (TAH) THREE DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSES (MULTIDISCIPLINARY), 4-YEARS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP) UNDER THE NEW CURRICULUM AND CREDIT FRAMEWORK, 2022 under the New Curriculum and Credit Framework, 2022, will be applicable only to full time Under Graduate Programs.

5. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- a. The University is offering several undergraduate programs in its different constituent and affiliated Colleges in the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts, Commerce and Law with appropriate certifications for B.Sc./BCA & B.A./B.Com./BBA such as:
 - i. A Certificate after completing 1 year (2 Semesters) of study in the chosen field.
 - ii. A Diploma after 2 years (4 Semesters) of study in the chosen field.
 - iii. A Bachelor's Degree after 3 years (6 Semesters) Program of study in the chosen field, to be completed within a period of five years including the year of admission
 - iv. A Bachelor's Degree (with Honours/Honours with Research) after 4 years (8 Semesters) to be completed within a period of seven years including the year of admission
- b. A participant of the Program is a student who gets registered himself/herself/ transgender with the University for a Program of study and attends the same.
- c. Full-time Program is that Program where the participants study as per the semester system and are not employed elsewhere
- d. The admission to undergraduate degree/Honours Degree Courses shall be governed by the guidelines of the University and Higher Education Department of Govt. of West Bengal from time to time.
- e. A student will be allowed to pursue any one of the Undergraduate Degree / Honours Degree Courses of the University (not more than one) in a particular Academic Session.
- f. A Student, at the time of admission identify the specific courses so as to attain the required credits.

6. DEFINITIONS

- a. "University" means The University of North Bengal established and incorporated under the North Bengal University Act, 1981 (West Bengal Act, XIII, 1981)
- b. "College" means State Aided Colleges/ Government Colleges/ Minority Colleges/ Private Self-Financed Colleges affiliated to this University.
- c. "Under Graduate Program of Study" (UNDERGRADUATE) means a one/two/three/four year(s) Course of Study, with each year divided into two semesters, each of six-month duration, with a maximum of eight semesters to be pursued after successful completion of 10+2 examinations from any recognized Council/Board.
- d. "Academic Session" means academic year from July of one calendar year to June of the next calendar year.
- e. "Year" means the period commencing from the 1st day of July and ending on the 30th day of June of the following year
- f. "Semester" means a period of six months i.e. July to December and January to June of each Academic Session containing at least 90 actual direct teaching days per semester.
- g. "Credit", a numeric value, is the unit by which the weight of a course is measured. One Credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (Theoretical or Tutorial) or two hours of Practical Work/ Field Work/ Extra Curricular Work per week in a semester.
- h. "Grade" means a numeric value between 4 to 10 based on the percentage of marks obtained in a course.
- i. "Grade Point" is the product of Grade and Credit Value of a particular course.
- j. "Letter Grade" is an index of the performance of students in a said Course. Letter Grades are allotted by letters, O, A+, A, B+, B, C+, C, P, and F
- k. "Semester Grade Point average (SGPA)" means a measure of performance of a student in a Semester. It is the weighted average of total grade point secured by a student in various courses registered in a semester and the total course credits taken during that semester and will be expressed up to two decimal places.
- l. "Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)" means a measure of cumulative performance of students over all the Semesters at the end of each academic session.
- m. "Grade Card" means a certificate issued to each candidate generally containing Course Type, Course Code, Course Title, Course Marks, Grade, Credit Values and Grade Points along with SGPA of that Semester/CGPA of the Course.
- n. "Enrol" means enrolment of a student for appearing at Semester-End Examination.
- o. "MIL" means Modern Indian Language.
- p. The Words and Expressions used but not defined will be interpreted to have the same meaning as they have in the North Bengal University Act, 1981 (West Bengal Act, XIII, 1981), North Bengal University Statutes, North Bengal University Ordinances, North Bengal University Regulations, etc.

7. COURSE STRUCTURE

7.1 PROGRAMMES TO BE OFFERED AT COLLEGES:

The Curriculum Framework designed by UGC for implementing NEP 2020 specifies that all Undergraduate(UG) degree programmes are to be for a period **either for 3 years or for 4 years leading to award of UG Degree or UG Honours Degrees.**

All UG courses shall focus on conceptual understanding and development of critical thinking in a given field of Study, incidentally the skills such as communication, team work and leadership shall embodied in Teaching-learning process to facilitate for career option in the given field of specialization.

7.2 DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES:

NEP 2020 introduces the facility to breakdown the Programme of study at Undergraduate(UG) level after completion of every year of study. The students will be awarded the following:

- An UG Certificate after completion of 1 Year (2 Semesters) of study in the chosen field of study. (After completing specific number of courses and 2 week internship)
- An UG Diploma after completing 2 years (4 Semesters) of Study and an Internship.
- A Bachelor Degree after completing 3 Years (6 Semesters) of Programme of Study.
- A 4 year Bachelor Degree with Honors after completion of 8 Semesters (4 Years) of Programme of Study and a Research Project in final semester).
 - A candidate pursuing Major in Economics will be awarded for single Major and single Minor:
 - B.Sc. Major if he/she chooses at least one subject from Mathematics or Statistics or Computer Science, as Minor.
 - B.A. Major if he/she chooses the other subject as Minor subject from B.A. course.
 - A candidate pursuing Major in Geography will be awarded for single Major and single Minor:
 - B.Sc. Major if he/she chooses the Minor subject from B.Sc. course.
 - B.A. Major if he/she chooses the Minor subject as Minor from B.A. course.

7.3 STRUCTURE OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES:

All Academic Programmes offered under NEP shall be stylized in terms of credits. Each course/subject in a given Programme of study shall carry certain number of credits which will be awarded on completion of the said course.

7.4 BREAKUP OF CREDITS AND COURSES:

Every Undergraduate (UG) programme offered by a College shall conform to the Structure specified by the UGC's Framework, 2023. A student of 3 year UG programme is mandated to complete a minimum of 120 credits and the student of 4 year Honors degree shall complete 160 credits.

NEP Framework has specified the minimum number of credits that a Bachelor student has to earn in 3/4 year period. The table below specifies the number of credits and number of courses that a 3 year UG student and a 4 year UG Honours Degree student is expected to complete in 3 and 4-year duration respectively.

BREAKUP OF CREDITS AND COURSES

Sl. No.	Component	3 Year Degree	4 Year Honours Degree
1	Major Disciplinary Courses	64 Credits (16 Courses of 4 credits each)	80 Credits (20 Courses of 4 credits each)
2	Minor Discipline Courses	24 Credits (6 Courses of 4 Credits each)	32 Credits (8 Courses of 4 credits each)
3	Multi-Disciplinary Courses	9 Credits (3 courses of 3 credits each)	9 Credits (3 courses of 3 credits each)
4	Ability Enhancement Courses	8 Credits (2 courses of 4 credits each)	8 Credits (2 courses of 4 credits each)
5	Skill Enhancement Course	9 Credits (3 courses of 3 credits each)	9 Credits (3 courses of 3 credits each)
6	Common Value added courses	8 Credits (2 course of 4 credits each)	8 Credits (2 course of 4 credits each)
7	Internship	2 Credits (1 field based course)	2 Credits (1 field based course)
8	Research Dissertation Project	-	12 Credits (Project report & background subjects)
9	Total (3 year) credits required	124 Credits	160 Credits

An UG student shall complete the following courses under different heads as listed below:

- 7.4.1 Major Disciplinary Courses
- 7.4.2 Minor Disciplinary Courses
- 7.4.3 Multi-Disciplinary Courses
- 7.4.4 Ability Enhancement Courses
- 7.4.5 Skill Enhancement Courses
- 7.4.6 Value added/Common Courses
- 7.4.7 Internships and Community Service based projects
- 7.4.8 Research Project work for (Honors degree)

a) 7.5 COURSE STRUCTURE

- a. Two semesters, with 43 credits, for exit option with a Certificate.
- b. Four semesters, with 84 credits, for exit option with a Diploma.
- c. Six semesters, with 124 credits, for exit option with a Degree.
- d. Eight semesters, with 160 credits, culminating in a Degree in Honours.
- e. Eight semesters, with 160 credits, culminating in a Degree in Honours with Research.

Each Course will be of 2/3/4 credits (wherever applicable), and the marks distribution will be as follows:

- i. Major Course (MAJ) - 75 marks each – 4 credits
- ii. Minor Courses (MIN) - 75 marks each – 4 credits
- iii. Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) - 75 marks each – 4 credits
- iv. Inter-disciplinary Courses (IDC) - 50 marks each – 3 credits
- v. Value Added Courses (VAC) - 75 marks each – 4 credits
- vi. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) - 50 marks each – 3 credits
- vii. Internship/Apprenticeship (IARD) - 50 marks each – 2 credits
- viii. Research Project/Dissertation (I A R D) - 225 marks each (applicable only if the student chooses to pursue Honours with Research) – 12 credits

COURSE OF STUDIES

Single Major and Single Minor

A student will identify **one** Major Course in which he/she will concentrate. Apart from **one** Core Major Course he/she will have to select **one** Minor course. He/she will also have to select Inter-disciplinary Courses (IDC) courses, Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), Value Added Courses (VAC), and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) from the provided pool of courses.

Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary)

A student will identify **two** Courses in which he/she will concentrate. Apart from **two** Courses he/she will have to select **one** Minor course. He/she will also have to select Inter-disciplinary Courses (IDC) courses, Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), Value Added Courses (VAC), and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) from the provided pool of courses.

7.6 OUTLINES OF 4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

a) Major Course (MAJ) (4 credits each):

One/two major courses chosen from the combination of subjects that a student is expected to imbibe in that particular discipline. A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a requirement is termed as a Major Course.

- b) Minor Course (MIN) (4 credits each):** One Minor courses, to be chosen from the combination of subjects, with an intention to seek exposure beyond discipline/s of choice is called a Minor Course. The purpose of this category of these courses is to offer the students the option to explore disciplines of interest beyond the choices they make in Major.
- c) Inter-disciplinary Courses (IDC) (3 credits each):** All UG students are required to undergo 3-introductory-level courses relating to any of the BROAD DISCIPLINES and whose difficulty level, should not be higher than the +2 level. Students are not allowed to choose or repeat courses already undergone at the HigherSecondary Level (12th) class under this category. A student **cannot study IDCs from the same broad discipline.**

Broad disciplines under IDC could be

DISCIPLINES	STUDIED SUBJECTS AT HS LEVEL
1) Natural and Physical Sciences	1) Except Physics/Chemistry/Mathematics
2) Mathematical Sciences	2) Except Physics/Chemistry/Mathematics/Accountancy
3) Commerce and Management	3) Except Accountancy
4) Social Sciences - Humanities	4) NIL
5) Social Science – Economics	5) Except Economics
6) Information and Communication Technology	6) Except Computer Applications
7) Life Sciences	7) Except Biology
8) Earth Sciences	8) Except Geography

- d) Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (3 credits each):** These courses (three in number) may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide value-based and/or skill-based knowledge and **should contain both theory and laboratory/hands-on training/field work.** The prime purpose of these courses is to provide students life-skills in hands-on mode so as to increase their employability.

SEC shall be designed in such a manner that a student from any stream could gain Technical/Practical/Hands-on/ Earning based etc. at the exit of the programme. Such courses should be not necessarily more than 10 in number for each semester.

- e) Internship (2 credits):** A student will also have to undergo internship once either at the end of 2nd semester or at the end of 4th semester during Summer Vacations.
- f) Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) (2 credits each):** One papers of each of the Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) may be of two kinds, both pertaining to enhancement in ability in language subjects:
- **Single Major and Single Minor course:** Compulsory English to be studied in 2nd Semester and one from MIL Bengali or MIL Hindi or MIL Nepali or MIL Sanskrit or MIL Urdu or Alternative English to be studied in the 3rd Semester.
 - **Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary):** Compulsory English to be studied in 3rd Semester and one from MIL Bengali or MIL Hindi or MIL Nepali or MIL Sanskrit or MIL Urdu or Alternative English to be studied in the 2nd Semester.

g) Value Added Courses (VAC) (4 credits each): These courses include courses based on Environmental Education and Value based education:

- **Single Major and Single Minor course:** Environmental Education to be studied in 1st Semester and Understanding India to be studied in the 4th Semester.
- **Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary):** Environmental Education to be studied in 4th Semester and Understanding India to be studied in the 1st Semester.

h) Practical/Tutorials (One each with every Major and Minor Course)

Practical means Laboratory or field exercises in which the student has to do experiments or other practical work of two-hour duration. Tutorial means special instructions based on the Lectures.

i) Levels of Courses:

NEP Framework classifies all courses into certain levels based on the content and level of Teaching-Learning standards adopted. While Introductory/Basic courses are taught in the First/Second years of UG Degree programme, Core/Advanced courses are introduced at 3rd/4th years of graduation.

The levels are:

100 to 199 = Foundation courses/Introductory courses

200 to 299 = Intermediate Level courses

300 to 399 = Core courses/Advanced courses

400 and above = Specialization subjects

j) Detailed Credit Distribution Structure for B.A./B.Com./BBA/B.Sc./BCA

The term '**credit**' refers to the weightage given to a course, usually in terms of the number of instructional hours per week assigned to it. This explains why usually 'credit' is taken to mean '**credit hours**'. The credits also determine the volume of course contents and delivery of Course such as lectures, tutorials, practicals, assignments etc.

For the purpose of credit determination, instruction is divided into three components:

- **Lectures (L)** - Classroom lectures of one-hour duration.
- **Tutorials (T)** - Special, elaborate instructions on specific topics (from Lectures) of one-hour duration.
- **Practicals (P)** - Laboratory or field exercises in which the student has to do experiments or other practical work of two-hour duration.

Each one of these components is considered as equal to **one credit hour**. One lecture (*L*) as well as one Tutorial (*T*) of one hour a week is considered as one credit, whereas one Practical (*P*) of two hours a week is considered as one credit. The total weightage given to a course in terms of credits will be equal to $L + P/T$, where *L* is the number of one hour Lectures per week, *T* is the number of one hour Tutorials per week, and *P* is the number of two hours Practical per week. This can be written in symbols as: $C = L + P/T$, where *C* is the credit weightage for a particular course.

Credit Distribution Structure – Course Type Wise

Individual Course Type	Credit					
	Practical Based Course			Non-Lab Based Course		
	Theory	Practical	Total	Theory	Tutorial	Total
Major Courses (MAJ)	3	1	4	3	1	4
Minor Courses (MIN)	3	1	4	3	1	4
Inter-disciplinary Courses (IDC)	3	0	3	3	0	3
Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)	4	0	4	4	0	4
Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	2	1	3	2	1	3
Value Added Courses (VAC)	3	1	4	3	1	4
Internship	0	2	2	0	2	2
Research Project / Dissertation	12		12	12		12

Credit Distribution Structure – A comparison between Minimum Credit Requirements under NEP and Credit distribution according to NBU FYUGP REGULATIONS

Sl. No.	Course Category	Minimum Credit Distribution under NEP		Credit distribution in NBU FYUGP REGULATIONS		
		3-year	4-year	3-year Degree	4-year Honours Degree	4-year Honours Degree with Research
1	Major (Core)	60	80	64	92	80
2	Minor	24	32	24	32	32
3	Inter-disciplinary Courses (IDC)	09	09	09	09	09
4	Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)	08	08	08	08	08
5	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)	09	09	09	09	09
6	Vacation Internship	02-04	02-04	02	02	02
7	Value Added Course (VAC)	06-08	06-08	08	08	08
8	Research Project/Dissertation	-	12	-	-	12
TOTAL		120	160	124	160	160

Notes

- Students **exiting the program after securing 41 credits will be awarded UG Certificate** in the relevant Discipline / Subject provided they **secure additional 2 credits** offered during summer/vacation for Internship in addition to 6 credits from Skill Enhancement Courses earned during first and second semester.

- Students **exiting the program after securing 82 credits will be awarded UG Diploma** in the relevant Discipline/Subject provided they **secure additional 2 credits** offered during summer/vacation for Internship.
- Modalities regarding the offering Internship to be finalized by the respective colleges and to be intimated to the University, in case of any exit.
- Students who want to undertake the 3-year UG program will be **awarded UG Degree** in the relevant Discipline/Subject upon **securing 124 credits**.
- Students will be **awarded UG Degree (Honours)** in the relevant Discipline/Subject provided they **secure 160 credits**.
- Students will be **awarded UG Degree (Honours) with Research** in the relevant Discipline/Subject provided they **secure 160 credits**, provided such a student has a CGPA of 7.50 (cumulative) at the end of six semesters.

8. CURRICULUM

The Courses will be recommended by the Undergraduate Board of Studies in each respective Subject from time to time in accordance with the rules of the University of North Bengal.

a) General guidelines

Single Major and Single Minor course:

- A student shall have to pursue one subject as one Major Course.
- One Minor Course must be different from the Major Course.
- Three Inter-disciplinary Courses (IDC) to be chosen from a discipline of courses (subject to certain restrictions).
- Three Skill enhanced Courses to be chosen from a common pool of courses.
- Practical/Tutorial: Every Major and Minor Course will have one Practical/Tutorial. Wherever there is a Practical, there will be no Tutorial and vice-versa.
- A student will have to study one paper each from two Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), and two compulsory papers of Value Added Courses (VAC).

Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary):

- A student shall have to pursue two discipline specific courses as Major Courses.
- One Discipline Specific Minor Course must be different from the two Major Courses.
- Three Inter-Disciplinary Courses (IDC) to be chosen from a discipline of courses (subject to certain restrictions).
- Three Skill enhanced Courses to be chosen from a common pool of courses.
- Practical/Tutorial: Every Major and Minor Course will have one Practical/Tutorial. Wherever there is a Practical, there will be no Tutorial and vice-versa.
- A student will have to study one paper each from two Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), and two compulsory papers of Value Added Courses (VAC).

b) Guidelines for Four Year Under Graduate Program with Honours with Research

Students who secure CGPA of 7.5 (Cumulative) and above in the first six semesters and wish to undertake research at the undergraduate level can choose a research stream in the fourth year. They should do a research project or dissertation in the major discipline under the guidance of a faculty member of the University/College in the eighth semester. The research outcomes of their project work may be published in peer-reviewed journals or may be presented in conferences/seminars or may be patented.

The College offering a 4-year UG Degree (Honours with Research) must have the required infrastructure such as the library, access to journals, computer lab and software, laboratory and/or other required facilities to carry out experimental research work, and at least two permanent faculty members who are recognized as Ph.D. supervisors.

The colleges that would not be able to continue with the 4th year of the FYUGP scheme shall help students by facilitating and getting them admitted to some other nearby colleges under the proposed **cluster network scheme**.

9. ATTENDANCE

No student will be allowed to take the end semester written Examination if the student concerned has not attended minimum of 75% of the classes held in the course concerned and also in other curricular components.

10. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION**Single Major and Single Minor course:**

% of Marks:

A student shall be allowed to take admission in the Single Major and Single Minor course of B.A. /B.Sc. /B.Com. if he/ she has passed in at least four (04) subjects with English as compulsory subject in the Higher Secondary [10+2] Examination held by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education or any other Examination which is recognized by the University as equivalent thereto.

Provided that a candidate who has obtained- (a) 55% marks in the aggregate, or (b) 50% in the aggregate with 60% marks in a subject / related subject in the last qualifying Examination shall be eligible to apply for Single Major and Single Minor course in that subject.

Admission shall however be on merit and availability of seats.

Provided that for SC/ST/OBC-A/OBC-B/PWD candidates- the minimum marks for eligibility shall be as per Rules of the State Government.

Provided further that in matter of eligibility 54.5% marks or above shall be equal to 55%, 49.5% and above shall be equal to 50% and 59.5 marks or above shall be equal to 60%.

Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary):

A student shall be allowed to take admission in the Multidisciplinary Course of B.A. /B.Sc. / B.Com / BBA/BCA/BBA (TAH) if he/ she has passed in at least four (04) subjects with English as compulsory subject in the Higher Secondary [10+2] Examination held by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education or any other Examination which is recognized by the University as equivalent thereto.

A candidate shall be allowed to pursue B.A. / B. Sc. / B. Com / BBA / BCA / BBA (TAH) Multidisciplinary Course if he/ she has passed the qualifying Examination in Vocational Stream subjects. Such students shall have the option to study up to the end of 6th semester.

Choice of Major/Minor Courses for Single Major & Single Minor and three Discipline specific Multidisciplinary courses:

- A student will be allowed to take up any subject except Computer Science/Microbiology and such other interdisciplinary subjects if he/she has passed in the said subject/related subject at the HS (10+2) examination or any other board recognized as equivalent by the University.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Sociology or Psychology or Education or Mass Communication & Journalism or BBA or BCA or BBA (TAH) if he/she has passed in the previous qualifying examination of any stream.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up B.Com. if he/she has studied Science subjects along with Mathematics in the previous qualifying exams.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Physics Subject if he/she has passed in Mathematics and Chemistry along with Physics and other subject as prescribed at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Chemistry Subject if he/she has passed in Mathematics and Physics along with Chemistry and other subject as prescribed at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Botany/Zoology Subject if he/she has passed in Biology at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Physiology subject if he/she has passed in Biology at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Computer Science Subject if he/she has passed in Mathematics or Statistics at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Microbiology Subject if he/she has passed in Chemistry and Biology at the qualifying Examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Economics as if he/she has passed in Mathematics or Applied Mathematics or Business Economics including Business Mathematics, and other subjects as prescribed at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Geography subject if he/she has passed in Geography at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate will be allowed to take up Geology subject if he/she has passed in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at the qualifying examination.
- A candidate pursuing Major in a subject will not be allowed to take up the same subject as Minor.
- While taking Major & Minor subjects, availability of the said subjects in the concerned Colleges will be taken into cognizance.

a) **Merit calculation**

For a **Single Major and Single Minor course** (4 year UG), where a student has studied the subject at +2 level = (Marks obtained in Major/ related subject + Marks obtained in English + Best marks obtained in other two subjects) / 4.

For a **Single Major and Single Minor course** (4 year UG), where a student has not studied the subject at +2 level = (Marks obtained in English + Best marks obtained in other three subjects) / 4.

For a **three discipline specific Multidisciplinary course**

= (Marks obtained in English + Marks obtained in 3 Core / related subjects) / 4.

11. **ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

As per guidelines of North Bengal University in compliance with W.B. Govt. Rules, provided that a student who has been admitted in the 1st Semester of an Academic year will not ordinarily require to take admission again on progressing to a subsequent Semester.

12. **FEES**

As notified by the Higher Education Council/University Authority from time to time for Admissions, Registration and Examinations etc.

13. **ACADEMIC SESSION**

- a. The academic session normally will start in July in each year.
- b. There will be at least 90 teaching days in each semester excluding periods of examination and admission etc. for instruction, field work and dissertation
- c. The academic sessions including the examinations for first, third, fifth and seventh semester are July to December and that for second, fourth, sixth and eighth semester are January to June.

14. **OTHER REGULATIONS**

Reservation of Seats: There will be reservation of seats for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/Differently-Abled Candidates as per Government Rules. For differently-abled candidates' minimum disability at least 40% will be considered.

Session Gap: For admission to the Undergraduate Program there should not be a gap of more than 3 years between the year of Higher Secondary Examination and the year of admission to Undergraduate Program of study.

Session Break: Students who exit with Undergraduate Certificate or Undergraduate Diploma, are permitted to re-enter within 3 (three) years and complete the Degree Program Students are also permitted to take a break from the study, during the period of study, but the total duration for completing the program will not exceed seven years.

Admission on Transfer: If a student has been admitted to a College, he/she/transgender will not, except as otherwise provided in the Ordinances, be subsequently admitted to any other College without the production of a Transfer Certificate from the Principal of the College in which he/she/transgender studied last.

A student admitted to a College, will not ordinarily be allowed to take transfer to any other College, except at the end of a semester. If an application for transfer is made at any time, other than at the end of a Semester, on the ground of (a) transfer of the parent / guardian of the student from the station at which the College is situated, or (b) reasoned need for a change on the ground of health supported by proper medical evidence, **or any other sufficient reason**, the Principal may grant the transfer.

A student may apply for transfer within one month from the date of publication of semester-end examination and the student should qualify all the previous semester examinations without any back paper(s).

Admission on Transfer should abide by the following stipulations:

A candidate taking transfer from one College to another is required to pursue the same set of courses of study in both the colleges;

- a. Admission on transfer must not violate the approved intake of the course concerned of the College granting admission. Only in cases of wards of Government employees who have been transferred, a relaxation of intake may be granted with the permission of the Vice-Chancellor;
- b. Cases of admission on transfer must be intimated in writing to the University authority by the College admitting such candidates within a fortnight of such admission without which such admission on transfer will not be recognized;
- c. All other steps and procedures related to transfer will be in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances.

15. TERMINATION

If a student newly admitted to the first semester remains absent from attending classes for more than the first 15 days continuously without any intimation, his/her/transgender admission will stand cancelled.

16. COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY

A 3 year undergraduate programme has to be completed within a span of 5 year from the year of admission.

A 4 year undergraduate programme has to be completed within a span of 7 year from the year of admission.

17. CALCULATION OF SGPA AND CGPA

- a. The final result of a student will be determined on the basis of CGPA.
- b. Grade Card will be made as per grading system. Course-wise marks (internal and term end exams added together) will be converted into percentage of mark. Percentage of marks will be converted into Grade Letter and Grade Point. Credit and Grade Point will be converted into Credit Point. Finally, Semester Grade Points Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be computed.

- c. The Grade Card of a Semester will be issued only after completion of that Semester.

- **Conversion of Marks into grade letter and grade point:**

% of Marks	Grade	Grade Point	Description
91% and above	O	10	Outstanding
81% to less than 91%	A+	9	Excellent
71% to less than 81%	A	8	Very Good
61% to less than 71%	B+	7	Good
56% to less than 61%	B	6	Above Average
51% to less than 56%	C+	5.5	Average
41% to less than 51%	C	5	Below Average
40% to less than 41%	P	4	Pass
Less than 40%	F	0	Fail
Absent	-	0	Fail

- **Computation of SGPA:**

Example

Course	Credit	Grade Letter	Grade point	Credit Point
Course-1	4	O	10	$4 \times 10 = 40$
Course-2	4	A+	9	$4 \times 9 = 36$
Course-3	4	A	8	$4 \times 8 = 32$
Course-4	4	B+	7	$4 \times 7 = 28$
Course-5	4	C	5	$4 \times 5 = 20$
Total:	20			156

$$\text{SGPA: } 156/20 = 7.80$$

- **Computation of CGPA:**

Example:

	SEM-1	SEM-2	SEM-3	SEM-4	SEM-5	SEM-6	SEM-7	SEM-8
Credit	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
SGPA	6.9	6.3	6.6	6.7	7.3	7.1	6.5	8.2
Credit $\times$ SGPA	$20 \times 6.9 = 138$	$20 \times 6.3 = 126$	$20 \times 6.6 = 132$	$20 \times 6.7 = 134$	$20 \times 7.3 = 146$	$20 \times 7.1 = 142$	$20 \times 6.5 = 130$	$20 \times 8.2 = 164$

$$\text{CGPA: } 1112 / 160 = 6.95$$

- **Conversion of SGPA/CGPA into Percentage of Marks:** Ten (10) times of SGPA/CGPA

▪ **Final Result/Grades Description**

CGPA	Alpha-Sign/Letter Grade
9.00 - 10.00	O (Outstanding)
8.00 - <9.00	A+ (Excellent)
7.00 - <8.00	A (Very Good)
6.00 - <7.00	B+ (Good)
5.50 - <6.00	B (Above Average)
5.00 - <5.50	C (Average)
4.00 - <5.00	P (Pass)
Below 4.00	SNC
0	SNC

18. Other Modalities and inclusions

- Academic Bank of Credit (ABC):** It is the platform developed by National e-Governance Division (NeGD) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, having the facility/functionality of opening Academic Account by students and on boarding of eligible Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), in accordance with “The University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations, 2021”. ABC will digitally store the academic credits earned by students from HEIs registered with ABC for awarding degrees/diplomas/certificates taking into account credits earned by students. ABC will ensure the opening, closure and validation of Academic Bank Accounts, credit verification, credit accumulation, and credit transfer, redemption for students.
- Accumulation of Credits:** Every student shall open an account in the Academic Bank of Credits which will provide him/her/transgender with a unique ID and will allow access to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The Credits awarded to a student for the courses pursued in the University shall be accumulated in the Academic Bank Account of the student. The procedure for accumulation of credits earned, shelf life, redemption of credits, would be as per the UGC (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations, 2021 and their subsequent amendments. The validity of credits earned will be to a maximum period of seven years or as specified by the Academic Bank of Credits.
- Foreign Nationals:** The candidate (**Foreign Nationals**) will have to show “Original Copy” of Certificate of Madhyamik (or equivalent), Certificate of Higher Secondary (or equivalent) and original Passport (along with Visa) at the time of admission. **Foreign Nationals will have to pay the fees equivalent to or higher than the Indian Nationals, as decided by the individual Colleges.** Their papers must be duly endorsed by the local Embassies/Consulates/High Commissions, whichever is applicable and their visa period must cover the period required to complete the course.

19. Power to remove any difficulties

In any case of any situation or not covered under these Regulations, the Vice-Chancellor may, by order, make such provisions not inconsistent with the Act, Statutes, Ordinances or other Regulations, as appears to be necessary or expedient to remove the difficulty, however, subject to ratification of such order by the Appropriate University Authorities.

If any dispute arises in respect of interpretation of the regulations or any matter not covered by these, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor in that respect will be final and binding.

(Annexure –A1)

Course structure design for Single Major and Single Minor together with allied courses (4 year) UGP).

Semester	Level of Course for Major & Minor	Major DSC (4 credit each)	Minor (4 credit each)	AEC (4 credit each)	VAC (4 credit each)	IDC (3 credit each)	SEC (3 credit each)	Internship (2 credits)	Total Credit hours/total papers
		Paper	Paper	Paper	Paper	Paper	Paper	Paper	
I	100	1,2	1,	X	1 / 2 #	X	1		19 (5)
II	100	3,4	2	1 / 2 #	X	1	2		22 (6)
I* 2 #									
Students exiting after securing 41 credits at the end of 2 nd Semester + 2 credits of Internship will be allowed to exit and provided with a U.G. Certificate									
III	200	5,6	3	2 / 1 #	X	2	3		22 (6)
IV	200	7,8	4	X	2 / 1 #	3	X		19 (5)
I* 2 # 2(1)									
Students exiting after securing 82 credits at the end of 4 th Semester + 2 credits of Internship will be allowed to exit and provided with a U.G. Diploma									
V	300 / 200@	9, 10, 11,12	5 @	X	X	X	X		20 (5)
VI	300 / 200@	13, 14, 15, 16	6 @	X	X	X	X		20 (5)
Students exiting after securing 122 credits at the end of 6 th Semester + 2 credits of Internship will be allowed to exit and provided with a U.G. Degree in the relevant Major subject with a Minor subject									
VII	400/300@	17**, 18***, 19	7@	X	X	X	X		16 (4)
VIII	400/300@	20, 21, 22*** & 23 ***	8@	X	X	X	X		20 (5)
Students exiting after securing 158 credits at the end of 8 th Semester + 2 credits of Internship shall exit and provided with a U.G. Honours Degree with Research/without Research in the relevant Major subject with a Minor subject									
		92	32	8	8	9	9		160 (42)

* Students have the option to complete their internship at the end of 2nd semester or 4th semester during the summer vacations.

** Paper 17 shall be a compulsory major paper or Research Methodology.

*** Paper 18, 22 & 23 shall be major papers on Research Project/Dissertation for students taking up Honours with Research.

**** Paper 18, 22, 23 shall be three major papers for students taking up Honours without Research.

Refer page 9 & 10 for details

The levels are:

100 to 199 = Foundation courses/Introductory courses

200 to 299 = Intermediate Level courses

300 to 399 = Core courses/Advanced courses

400 and above = Specialization subjects

(Annexure –A2)

Course structure design for Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary):

Semester	Level of Course for Major & Minor	DSC (4 credit each)		Minor (4 credit each)	AEC (4 credit each)	VAC (4 credit each)	IDC (3 credit each)	SEC (3 credit each)	Internship (2 credits)	Total Credit hours / total papers
		DSC Subject A	DSC Subject B							
		Paper	Paper							
I	100	1	1	1	X	1 / 2 #	X	1		19 (5)
II	100	2	2	2	1 / 2 #	X	1	2		22 (6)
I* 2 #										
Students exiting after securing 41 credits at the end of 2 nd Semester + 2 credits of Internship will be allowed to exit and provided with a U.G. Certificate										
III	200	3	3	3	2 / 1#	X	2	3		22 (6)
IV	200	4	4	4	X	2 / 1 #	3	X		19 (5)
I* 2 #										2(1)
Students exiting after securing 82 credits at the end of 4 th Semester + 2 credits of Internship will be allowed to exit and provided with a U.G. Diploma										
V	300/200*	5, 6	5, 6	5*	X	X	X	X		20 (5)
VI	300/200*	7, 8	7, 8	6*	X	X	X	X		20 (5)
Students exiting after securing 122 credits at the end of 6 th Semester + 2 credits of Internship will be allowed to exit and provided with a U.G. Degree in the relevant Major subject with a Minor subject										
VII	400/300@	12**		7@	X	X	X	X		16 (4)
		9	9							
VIII	400/300@	10 & 11	10 & 11	8@	X	X	X	X		20 (5)
Students exiting after securing 158 credits at the end of 8 th Semester + 2 credits of Internship shall exit and provided with a U.G. Honours Degree with Research/without Research in the relevant Multidisciplinary course of study										
		44+4**	44+4**	32	8	8	9	9		160 (42)

* Students have the option to complete their internship at the end of 2nd semester or 4th semester during the summer vacations.

** Paper 12 shall be a compulsory major paper or Research Methodology.

*** Paper 09,10,11 of the other subject shall re-numbered 13, 14 & 15 as (one Research project from either of the two courses) shall be major papers on Research Project/ Dissertation for students taking up Honours with Research in any one major subject.

Refer page 9 & 10 for details

The levels are:

100 to 199 = Foundation courses/Introductory courses

200 to 299 = Intermediate Level courses

300 to 399 = Core courses/Advanced courses

400 and above = Specialization subjects

Annexure – B1

Course subjects Single Major and Single Minor course B.A. 4 year U.G.P.

MAJOR / MINOR SUBJECTS	
Bengali	Economics
English	Education
Nepali	Political Science
Hindi	Geography
Sanskrit	Sociology
Urdu	Psychology
History	Mass Communication & Journalism
Philosophy	

* Students should choose any one subject as Major and choose the Minor from the remaining subjects.

- Colleges can make restrictions on offering Minor Course subject along with Major course subject depending upon the availability of the subject combination.

Course subjects Single Major and Single Minor course B.Sc. 4 year U.G.P.

MAJOR / MINOR SUBJECTS	
Botany	Geology
Chemistry	Geography
Economics	Microbiology
Physiology	Physics
Statistics	Zoology
Mathematics	Tea Science**
Computer Science	

ONLY MINOR SUBJECT
Food Technology

* Students should choose any one subject as Major and choose the Minor from the remaining subjects.

** Students opting for Tea Science as Major shall have the option to choose Food Technology or Microbiology as Minor.

- Colleges can make restrictions on offering Minor Course subject along with Major course subject depending upon the availability of the subject combination.

Course subjects Single Major and Single Minor Course B.Com. 4 Year U.G.P.

Major	Minor
B.Com. in Accounting & Finance	Business Management
B.Com.in Business Management	Accounting & Finance

Annexure – B2

Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary) for B.A.

MAJOR / MINOR SUBJECTS		
COMBINATION-A	COMBINATION – B	COMBINATION - C
Bengali	Geography	Economics
English	Education	History
Nepali	Political Science	Sociology
Hindi	Mass Communication & Journalism	NCC**
Sanskrit	Psychology	Physical Education **
Urdu		Tibetan **
Philosophy		

* Students should choose any two subjects from any two Combinations as Major subjects and choose the third subject from the other remaining Combinations as Minor subject.

** Students should be very careful in choosing the two Major subjects and one Minor subject.

*** NCC/physical education/Tibetan shall necessarily be a Minor subject. NCC could be offered as a Minor subject only if a College has a NCC unit in the college. In such case a student should choose the two subjects from Combination-A & B as Major subjects.

Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary) for B.Sc.

MAJOR / MINOR SUBJECTS			
Combination – A	Combination – B	Combination – C	Combination - D
Botany	Microbiology	Chemistry	Zoology
Physics	Physiology	Computer Science	Statistics
Geography	Mathematics	Economics	Geology

* Students should choose any two subjects from any two Combination as Major subject and choose the third subject from any one of the remaining two Combinations as Minor subject.

** Students should be very careful in choosing the two Major core subjects and a Minor core subject.

*** NCC shall necessarily be a Minor subject. NCC could be offered as a Minor subject only if a College has a NCC unit in the college. In such case a student should choose any two subjects from any of the four Combinations as Major subjects

Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary) for B.Com./BBA/BCA/BBA (TAH) 4 Year U.G.P.

Two Major	One Minor
B.Com. in Accounting & Finance	Business Management / NCC
B.Com.in Business Management	Accounting & Finance / NCC
BBA (Business Administration)	Accounting & Finance / NCC
BCA	Economics /Mathematics/ Statistics / Mass Communication & Journalism
BBA (TAH)	BBA (TAH)

*** NCC shall necessarily be a Minor subject. NCC could be offered as a Minor subject only if a College has a NCC unit in the college. In such case a student should choose any two subjects from any of the four Combinations as Major subjects

Annexure C: The committee for implementation of new curriculum and credit framework for Under Graduate Programs

The Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal constituted a committee for modification/amendment of new curriculum and credit framework for Under Graduate Programs starting from the academic session 2024-2025.

The terms of reference of the Committee were as follows:

- Formulate detailed roadmap for implementation of NEP-2020 at the UG departments and affiliated colleges under University of North Bengal
- Coordinate and liaise with the academic & administrative units of the University and the Colleges in chalking out programs and structures as per NEP-2020.
- To submit the modified/amended admission Regulations for continuation of new curriculum and credit framework at NBU with the new programs/courses for approval by the Executive Council, for implementation from the academic year 2024-2025.

The Committee

1. Dr. Swapan Kumar Rakshit, Registrar (Officiating), University of North Bengal.
2. Dr. Debasis Dutta, Controller of Examinations, University of North Bengal.
3. Dr. Nilangshu Sekhar Das, Principal, Sukanta Mahavidyalaya.
4. Dr. Pranab Kumar Mishra, Principal, Suryasen Mahavidyalaya.
5. Dr. Amitabh Roy, Principal, Alipurudar Mahila Mahavidyalaya.
6. Dr. Projjwal Chandra Lama, Officer-In-Charge, Darjeeling Govt. College.
7. Dr. Debashis Das, Principal, Ananda Chandra College.
8. Dr. Abhijit Bhattacharjee, Principal, Jalpaiguri Law College.
9. Dr. AHM Rafiquzzaman, Teacher-In-Charge, B.T. & Evening College, Coochbehar.
10. Assistant Controller of Examinations, University of North Bengal.
11. Mr. Rajesh Agarwal, Primal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya.
12. Dr. Ritwika Laskar from Alipurudar Mahila Mahavidyalaya.
13. Dr. Paltu Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of North Bengal, & Chairman U.G. Board of Studies in Mathematics (invitee).
14. Dr. Soumya Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Siliguri College, (invitee).