



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

(Barasat, North 24-Parganas)

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***(Note: To be ratified by the EC of WBSU)**

REGULATIONS FOR Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) of WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY, BARASAT

The CBCS course will comprise of the following

1. **Core Course:** A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core requirement of the chosen discipline(s) is termed as a Core course.
2. **Elective Course:** Generally a course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may be very specific or specialized or advanced or supportive to the discipline/ subject of study or which provides an extended scope or which enables an exposure to some other discipline/subject/domain or nurtures the candidate's proficiency/skill is called an Elective Course.
 - 2.1 **Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course:** Elective courses offered by the main discipline/subject of study are referred to as Discipline Specific Elective. The University may also offer discipline related Elective courses of interdisciplinary nature (to be offered by main discipline/subject of study).
 - 2.2 **Dissertation/Project:** An elective course designed to acquire special/advanced knowledge, such as supplement study/support study to a project work, and a candidate studies such a course on his own with an advisory support by a teacher/faculty member is called dissertation/project.
 - 2.3 **Generic Elective (GE) Course:** An elective course chosen generally from an unrelated discipline/subject, with an intention to seek exposure is called a Generic Elective. P.S.: A core course offered in a discipline/subject may be treated as an elective by other discipline/subject and vice versa and such electives may also be referred to as Generic Elective.
3. **Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC):** The Ability Enhancement (AE) Courses will be of two kinds: Ability Enhancement

Compulsory Courses (AECC) and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC). "AECC" courses are the courses based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement. These are mandatory for all disciplines. SEC courses are value-based and/or skill-based and are aimed at providing hands-on-training, competencies, skills, etc.

3.1 Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC): i) Environmental Science, ii) English Communication/MIL Communication (MIL stand for Modern Indian Language).

3.2 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC): These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide value-based and/or skill-based knowledge.

The University also has plans for Introducing Research Component in Under-Graduate Courses at a later stage of the implementation process. (Project work/Dissertation is considered as a special course involving application of knowledge in solving / analyzing /exploring a real life situation / difficult problem. A Project/Dissertation work would be of 6 credits. A Project/Dissertation work may be given in lieu of a discipline specific elective course.)

4. MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR DEGREE

4.1 An undergraduate (B. Sc, B. A., B. Com.) degree with Honours in a discipline may be awarded if a student completes 14 core courses in that discipline, 2 Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC), 2 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) and 4 courses each from a list of Discipline Specific Elective and Generic Elective courses respectively.

4.2 An undergraduate (B. Sc General) Program degree in Science disciplines may be awarded if a student completes 4 core courses each in three disciplines of choice, 2 Ability

Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC), minimum 4 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) and 2 courses each from a list of Discipline Specific Elective courses based on three disciplines of choice selected above, respectively.

4.3 An Undergraduate (B. A. General, B. Com General) program degree in Arts (Humanities/ Social Sciences) / Commerce may be awarded if a student completes 4 core courses each in two disciplines of choice, 2 core courses each in English and MIL respectively, 2 Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC), minimum 4 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), 2 courses each from a list of Discipline Specific Elective courses based on the two disciplines of choice selected above, respectively, and two courses from the list of Generic Electives courses.

For B. A, B. Sc and B. Com (Honours) students, a candidate has to choose 4 Generic Elective courses taking 2 courses from one discipline in Semester 1 and 2 and the other 2 courses from another discipline in Semester 3 and 4.

For B.A and B. Com (General) students a candidate has to choose 2 Generic Elective courses from the same discipline in Semester 5 and 6.

For Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), a candidate can choose courses from any discipline in the college.

The credit(s) for each theory course/practical/tutorial/project/dissertation will be as per the details given in A, B, C, D for B.Sc. Honours, B.A./B.Com. Honours, B.Sc. Program and B.A./B.Com. Program, respectively.

* *Wherever there is a practical, there will be no tutorial and vice-versa.*

A

Details of courses under B.Sc. (Honors)

Course	* Credits	
	Theory+Practical	Theory+Tutorial
I. Core Course		
(14 Papers)	14×4=56	14×5=70
Core Course Practical/Tutorial* (14 Papers)	14×2=28	14×1=14
II. Elective Course		
(8 Papers)		
A 1. Discipline Specific Elective (4 Papers)	4×4=16	4×5=20
A 2. Discipline Specific Elective Practical/Tutorial* (4 Papers)	4×2=8	4×1=4
B 1. Generic Elective Interdisciplinary (4 Papers)	4×4=16	4×5=20
B 2. Generic Elective Practical/Tutorial* (4 Papers)	4×2=8	4×1=4
* Optional Dissertation or project work in place of one Discipline Specific Elective paper (6 credits) in 6th Semester		
III. Ability Enhancement Courses		
1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)		
(2 Papers of 2 credit each)	2×2=4	2×2=4
Environmental Science		
English/MIL Communication		
2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)		
(Minimum 2)	2×2=4	2×2=4
(2 Papers of 2 credit each)		
Total credit	140	140

B

Details of courses under B.A./B.Com. (Honors)

Course	* Credits	
	Theory+Practical	Theory+Tutorial
I. Core Course (14 Papers)	14×4=56	14×5=70
Core Course Practical/Tutorial* (14 Papers)	14×2=28	14×1=14
II. Elective Course (8 Papers)		
A 1. Discipline Specific Elective (4 Papers)	4×4=16	4×5=20
A 2. Discipline Specific Elective Practical/Tutorial* (4 Papers)	4×2=8	4×1=4
B 1. Generic Elective Interdisciplinary (4 Papers)	4×4=16	4×5=20
B 2. Generic Elective Practical/Tutorial* (4 Papers)	4×2=8	4×1=4
*Optional Dissertation or project work in place of one Discipline Specific Elective paper (6 credits) in 6th Semester		
III. Ability Enhancement Courses		
1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) (2 Papers of 2 credit each)		
Environmental Science	2×2=4	2×2=4
English/MIL Communication		
2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (Minimum 2, Max. 4) (2 Papers of 2 credit each)		
	2×2=4	2×2=4
Total credit	140	140

C

Details of courses under Undergraduate Programme (B.Sc.)

Course	* Credits	
	Theory+Practical	Theory+Tutorial
I. Core Course (12 Papers)	12×4=48	12×5=60
04 Courses from each of the 03 disciplines of choice		
Core Course Practical/Tutorial* (12 Practical/Tutorial*)	12×2=24	12×1=12
04 Courses from each of the 03 disciplines of choice		
II. Elective Course (6 Papers)		
Two papers from each discipline of choice including paper of interdisciplinary nature		
Elective Course Practical/Tutorial* (6 Practical/Tutorial*)	6×2=12	6×1=6
Two papers from each discipline of choice including paper of interdisciplinary nature		
* Optional Dissertation or project work in place of one Discipline Elective paper (6 credits) in 6th Semester		
III. Ability Enhancement Courses		
1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) (2 Papers of 2 credit each)		
Environmental Science	2×2=4	2×2=4
English/MIL Communication		
2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (4 Papers of 2 credit each)		
	4×2=8	4×2=8
Total credit	120	120

D

Details of Courses under Undergraduate Programme (B.A/B.Com.)

Course	* Credits	Paper+Practical	Paper+Tutorial
I. Core Course (12 Papers) Two papers – English Two papers – MIL Four papers – Discipline 1. Four papers – Discipline 2. Core Course Practical/Tutorial* (12 Papers)		12×4=48	12×5=60
II. Elective Course (6 Papers) Two papers – Discipline 1 specific Two papers – Discipline 2 specific Two papers – Inter disciplinary Two papers from each discipline of choice and two papers of interdisciplinary nature Elective Course Practical/Tutorial* (6 Practical/Tutorial*) Two papers – Discipline 1 specific Two papers – Discipline 2 specific Two papers – Generic (Inter disciplinary) Two papers from each discipline of choice including paper of interdisciplinary nature * Optional Dissertation or project work in place of one Elective paper (6 credits) in 6th Semester		6×4=24	6×5=30
III. Ability Enhancement Courses 1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) (2 Papers of 2 credit each) Environmental Science English Communication/MIL 2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (4 Papers of 2 credit each)		2×2=4	2×2=4
Total credit		120	120

The courses for the different semesters will be as given in the following Tables E, F and G.

Table E: Distribution of courses in different semesters for Undergraduate (Honours) courses

Semester	Core	DSE	GE	AECC	SEC	Total credit
I	C1 C2		GE1	Environmental Science		20
II	C3 C4		GE2	English/MIL Communication		20
III	C5 C6 C7		GE3		SEC1	26
IV	C8 C9 C10		GE4		SEC2	26
V	C11 C12	DSE1, DSE2				24
VI	C13 C14	DSE3, DSE4				24
Total number of courses	14	4	4	2	2	140

Table F: Distribution of courses in different semesters for Undergraduate course in Science

Semester	Core	DSE	GE	AECC	SEC	Total credit
I	DSC 1A DSC 2A DSC 3A			Environmental Science		20
II	DSC 1B DSC 2B DSC 3B			English/MIL Communication		20
III	DSC 1C DSC 2C DSC 3C				SEC1	20
IV	DSC 1D DSC 2D DSC 3D				SEC2	20
V		DSE1A DSE2A DSE3A			SEC3	20
VI		DSE1B DSE2B DSE3B			SEC4	20
Total number of courses	12	6	0	2	4	120

Table G: Distribution of courses in different semesters for Undergraduate course in Arts (Humanities/Social Science) Commerce

Semester	Core	DSE	GE	AECC	SEC	Total credit
I	DSC 1A DSC 2A English			Environmental Science		20
II	DSC 1B DSC 2B English			English/MIL Communication		20
III	DSC 1C DSC 2C MIL				SEC1	20
IV	DSC 1D DSC 2D DSC 3D				SEC2	20
V		DSE1A DSE2A	GE1		SEC3	20
VI		DSE1B DSE2B	GE1		SEC4	20
Total number of courses	12	4	2	2	4	120

5. The University shall offer a number of choices of courses from different disciplines under Generic Elective and Discipline Specific Elective as per the availability of the courses/faculty at a particular time.

6. The University will evolve a system/policy about Extra Curricular

Activities/ General Interest and Hobby Courses/Sports/NCC/NSS/ Vocational courses/related courses which shall be intimated in due course of time.

7. A student can opt for more number of Discipline Specific Elective and Generic Elective courses than proposed under the model curriculum of the University as per UGC rules. However the total credit score earned will not exceed 160 credits for UG Honours and 140 credits for UG Program degree.

8. A student admitted in a particular department must opt for Generic Elective offered by another department. i.e., a student admitted under B. Sc (Hons) in Zoology cannot opt for Generic Elective courses offered by the Department of Zoology.

9. Although as per UGC rules, a student obtaining a requisite number of credits in a particular discipline has the minimum qualification for admission eligibility requirement for PG/ Technical courses in Indian Universities/Institutions, the University shall exercise and have the right to have admission criteria which is in addition to the said minimum eligibility criteria towards post graduate admission. The same will be fixed and determined by the respective post graduate admission body of the University.

10. An Honours students will be eligible as per minimum eligibility criteria for post-graduate studies in another discipline provided the student has the earned the required number of credits in that particular discipline as minimum eligibility condition.

11. DURATION OF COURSE For all the students obtaining admissions under the Three Year Under-graduate Program under CBCS starting 2018-19, the period to complete the course will be a maximum 5 years from the year of admission in the first semester, provided the student has completed all requirements to become eligible for appearing in the University Examinations as per rules.

12. Mechanism of computation of work-load per week:

i) 1 Credit = 1 Theoretical class of 1- hour duration

ii) 1 Credit = 1 Tutorial class of 1- hour duration

iii) 1 Credit = 1 Practical class of 2- hour duration

Semester duration : 15 weeks of direct teaching

13. MARKS DISTRIBUTION AND EVALUATION

13.1 Full marks for each course of

B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com. (Hons. & Gen.), carrying 6 credits, will be 75

B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com. (Hons. & Gen.), carrying 2 credits, will be 25

13.2 The University has allotted 20% of the internal marks towards regular attendance to ensure the presence of students in the classroom which is the fundamental concept of the CBCS system.

13.3 Marks distribution for Theoretical Courses (no practical component) will be as follows

i) For a 6 credit course having 75 marks, 25 marks shall be assessed by the College (internal) and 50 marks by the University (End Semester).

ii) Out of the 25 marks allotted as internal evaluation the breakup of marks will be as follows 5 marks (20%) on attendance and 20 marks (80%) in the form of class test/ assignment/ seminar /any other method to be decided by the respective Board of Studies.

iii) The marks (5) for attendance shall be allotted as

Attendance \geq 90% = 5 marks

Attendance \geq 80% but less than 90% = 4 marks

Attendance \geq 75% but less than 80% = 3 marks

Attendance \geq 70% but less than 75% = 2 marks

Attendance \geq 60% but less than 70% = 1 mark

sent centrally by the University. The evaluation can be either through OMR or conventional methods.

iii) The End semester Examination of English/MIL communication shall be conducted by the college. The evaluation method will be as per examination details prescribed by the respective Board of Studies in the concerned subjects.

13.7 For the SEC of 2 credits comprising of 25 marks, 5 marks (20%) have been allotted for regular attendance and 20 marks (80%) for End semester examination.

i) The marks (5) for attendance shall be allotted as

Attendance \geq 90% = 5 marks

Attendance \geq 80% but less than 90% = 4 marks

Attendance \geq 75% but less than 80% = 3 marks

Attendance \geq 70% but less than 75% = 2 marks

Attendance \geq 60% but less than 70% = 1 mark

ii) The End Semester Examination shall be conducted by the College. The evaluation method is to be finalized after taking into account the course and the facilities available after due approval from the respective Board of Studies in the concerned subject.

13.8 The University shall hold the end semester examinations in a centralized manner for the Core Courses (CC, Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) and Generic Elective (GE) courses for both Honours and General students and the evaluation of the answer scripts will also be done in a centralized manner.

13.9 Question papers shall be set in English version only for the Honours papers of the following subjects

Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Physiology, Computer Science, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Anthropology,

Electronics, Statistics, Geology, Molecular Biology, Food & Nutrition, Geography and Psychology, Tourism and Travel Management, Agriculture and Rural Development

13.10 Medium of Answer : For examinations in subjects other than language-based ones, candidates shall have the option of writing their answers in either Bengali or English unless instructed otherwise in the respective question paper(s).

For examinations in language-based subjects (e.g., Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, English etc.) candidates shall have to write their answers in the respective language only.

13.11 An Examination shall be held always under the current syllabus.

13.12 A candidate pursuing Honours Course of Study has to secure at least 30% marks (excluding the marks in Internal Assessment) separately in Theory and Practical part of each paper, wherever applicable, at the End Semester Examinations, and a minimum of 40% marks in each paper (including marks in Internal Assessment) in order to earn the corresponding credit of the concerned paper.

14. The distribution of marks will be as follows

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CC : 75 x 14 = 1050

DSE : 75 x 4 = 300

GE : 75 x 4 = 300

AECC : 25 x 2 = 50

SEC : 25 x 2 = 50

Total : 1750 marks (140 credits)

cumulative attendance of the student is more than the minimum attendance required for examination purposes.

16. Re-appearance for improvement

16.1 A student may re-appear in any theory course prescribed for a semester, on foregoing in writing her/his previous performance in the course/s concerned. This can be done in the immediate subsequent semester examination only (for example, a student reappearing in course prescribed for semester I examination may do so along with subsequent semester III examination and not along with courses for semester V).

16.2 This option of re-appearance for improvement will be available only once per course against prescribed fees. All request for re-appearance for improvement must be made within 15 days of publication of result after which no such request will be entertained.

16.3 A candidate who has cleared the 6th semester examination but wants to apply for re-appearance for improvement in the 6th semester course in the immediate subsequent semester when the course is being offered under regular study must forgo in writing his/her previous performance in the course concerned within the prescribed time period of 15 days. However, candidates under this category will not be allowed to join in any postgraduate course under this university.

16.4 In the case of re-appearance in course, the candidate will have to forgo his earlier marks obtained and the result will be prepared on the basis of candidate's latest performance in the examinations.

16.5 In the case of a candidate, who opts to re-appear in any course/s under the aforesaid provisions, on surrendering her/his earlier performance but fails to reappear in the course/s

concerned, the marks previously secured by the candidate in the course/s in which she/he has failed to re-appear shall be taken into account while determining her/his result of the examination held currently.

16.6 Re-appearance in practical/internal assessment shall not be allowed. An exception to this will be only applicable when the candidate decides to rejoin the entire semester by taking fresh admission to the relevant semester after paying necessary admission fees as prescribed.

16.7 There shall be no supplementary examinations for any courses.

17. Review

A Candidate can apply for review of his marks obtained in the theoretical component of his course after the declaration of the University result. The University shall specify a time period within which such application for review will have to be submitted to the university by the candidate along with the prescribed fees as mentioned in the notification issued for review of answer scripts by the university for the relevant year. There shall be no review of internal or practical component of a course.

18. Readmission

18.1 A candidate seeking readmission into any semester has to do so when the semester is offered next during the regular course of study. (In other words, a candidate wanting to take readmission in semester 1 will have to do so when the semester 1 admission is again held in the next academic year)

18.2 A candidate seeking readmission cannot be admitted to two semesters simultaneously under any conditions.

18.3 A candidate seeking readmission however, has to complete the course within a period of 5 years from his/her first date of admission to the course.

Look up table of Grade Points for FM 25 (2 credit)

Marks	Letter grade	Number grade
M >= 20	O	10
18 <= M < 20	A+	9
15 <= M < 18	A	8
14 <= M < 15	B+	7
12 <= M < 14	B	6
11 <= M < 12	C	5
10 <= M < 11	P	4
M < 10	F	GPW (Grade Point Withheld)

Issue of Transcripts: Based on the grades earned, a Grade Certificate shall be issued to all the registered students by the University after every semester and a consolidated transcript indicating the performance in all semesters. The Grade Certificate will display the course details (code, title of the course, number of credits, grade secured) along with SGPA of each semester and CGPA earned based on overall six semesters.

Note: For lab based subjects grades will be calculated and the credits will be shown only if the candidates pass *both* the laboratory course and theory course separately. In other words, grades will be given on the basis of the complete 6 credit course only and not for the 4 credit and 2 credit sub courses, separately. If a candidate passes in one of the sub courses and fails in the other his grades will be shown as "GPW" (Grade Point Withheld). However, marks of the component where the candidate has passed the examination will be carried forward.

20. Marksheet

A representative marksheet for the 1st semester B.Sc. (Hons) shall be based on the given template.

Name: _____ Registration No. _____ Roll No. _____

Discipline (Course Type)	Course Code (F.M)	Marks Obtained		Total (F.M.)	Letter Grade	Number Grade (L)	Course Credit (C)	Credit Point (L*C)
		C.A. (F.M.)	End Sem (F.M.)					
Physics (Core)	PHSACOR01T (50)	7 (10)	37 (40)	64	0	10	6	60
	PHSCOR02P (25)	13 (15)	7 (10)	(75)				
Physics (Core)	PHSACOR02T (50)	5 (10)	31 (40)	53 (75)	A+	9	6	54
	PHSCOR02P (25)	10 (15)	7 (10)					
Mathematics	MTMHGEC01T (50)	18 (25)	39 (50)	57 (75)	A+	9	6	54
Environmental Studies (AECC)	ENVSAEC01T (25)	20 (25)		20 (25)	0	10	2	20

Equivalent Percentage: 81 SGPA: 9.4

Total Credit for the Course : 140

Credits obtained in this semester : 20

21. The CBCS courses of West Bengal State University, Barasat and the Examinations for the above courses under CBCS shall be followed strictly on the basis of the aforesaid regulations as per provisions mentioned above. However, in cases where the provisions fail to clarify any regulation or is/are ambiguous in its interpretation, the matter shall be referred to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor whose decision in the said matter would be final. The Vice Chancellor's decision shall be communicated to the Executive Council of the University.

Note :

1. Semester 1, Semester I and 1st Semester are synonymous. Similar logic will apply to other notation for semester.
2. Colleges are asked to inform students about these rules.

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