

WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
NEP CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR POST GRADUATE PROGRAMME
(Under NEP Curriculum effective from July 2026)

1. The University shall offer both 2-year and 1-year PG Programmes as per UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree) Regulations, 2025 dated 26 March 2025 and UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes, June 2024.
2. For students who have completed the 3-year Bachelor's Programme, there shall be a 2-year PG Programme, commencing from 2026-27 Session. For students completing a 4-year Bachelor's Programme with Honours/Honours with Research, there should be a 1-year PG Programme, commencing from 2027-28 Session.
3. The eligibility for admission to a 2-Year PG Programme (M.A./ M.Sc./ M.RS/ M.Com.) shall be a **3-year/6-semester bachelor's degree with Hons/ Major in the concerned or allied subject/s as the case may be and/or as may be approved and notified from time to time by the University**, either from CBCS system or from NEP-UG Programme with a minimum of 120 credits provided that the number of seats as determined through a separate notification may be available as per University Rules and Regulations framed from time to time in this regard.
4. The eligibility for admission to a 1-Year PG Programme (M.A./ M.Sc./ M.RS/ M.Com.) shall be a **4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree with Honours/ Honours with Research in the concerned or allied subject/s as the case may be and/or as may be approved and notified from time to time by the University**, from NEP-UG Programme with a minimum of 160 credits provided that the number of seats as determined through a separate notification may be available as per University Rules and Regulations framed from time to time in this regard.
5. Selection for admission shall be based on marks and/or written test/ viva voce interview as might be decided by the appropriate authority.
6. The Third and Fourth semesters of 2-Year PG Programme and First and Second semesters of 1-Year PG Programme shall be merged to have a common syllabus so that the two PG Programmes could be run together.
7. **For admission to PG Programme in any subject, there shall be no year bar or deduction of marks for previous year pass-outs.**
8. Every PG (M.A./ M.Sc./ M.RS/ M.Com.) Programme shall comprise Core Course, Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course, Ability Enhancement Course (AEC), and Skill Enhancement Course (SEC). Credit count for a specific course of a semester is determined according to the number of contact hours which include lectures/laboratory work/tutorials/field survey/internship.
9. The credit of a theoretical course shall be made equal to the number of teaching hours per week. The credits for laboratory courses would be half the number of laboratory hours allotted per week. For the library/preparation/ laboratory time for a seminar/dissertation/project course will be at least 1.5 hours per week for each credit (i.e. at least 6 hours per week for a 4-credit course).

10. A two-credit Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) shall be offered in Semester I of 2-year PG Programme.
11. A two-credit Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) shall be offered in Semester III of 2-Year PG Programme and Semester I of 1-Year PG Programme.
12. The schedule of courses, distribution of marks and credits thereof for the four Semesters of 2-Year PG and two semesters of 1-Year PG (M.A./ M.Sc./ M.RS/ M.Com.) Programmes are laid down in Table I & II.
13. A candidate for 2-Year PG Programme shall be examined in M.A./ M.Sc./ M.RS/ M.Com. through Semester I, II, III and IV (Final) examination and the total credit shall be 88 as shown in Table I. A candidate for 1-Year PG Programme shall be examined in M.A./ M.Sc./ M.RS/ M.Com. through Semester I and II (Final) examination and the total credit shall be 46 as shown in Table II.

Table I
Two-Year NEP-PG Structure

Semester	Type of course	Credit	Marks	Total
I	Departmental 1	4	50	Credits - 22 Marks – 300
	Departmental 2	4	50	
	Departmental 3	4	50	
	Departmental 4	4	50	
	Departmental 5	4	50	
	AEC	2	50	
II	Departmental 6	4	50	Credits - 20 Marks – 250
	Departmental 7	4	50	
	Departmental 8	4	50	
	Departmental 9	4	50	
	Departmental 10	4	50	
III	Departmental 11	4	50	Credits - 22 Marks – 300
	Departmental 12	4	50	
	Departmental 13	4	50	
	Departmental 14	4	50	
	Departmental 15	4	50	
	SEC	2	50	
IV	Departmental 16	4	50	Credits - 24 Marks – 300
	Departmental 17	4	50	
	Departmental 18	4	50	
	Departmental 19	4	50	
	Departmental 20	4	50	
	Departmental 21	4	50	

Note: Departmental course: Total 21 courses. Minimum requirement: Department must offer at least 10 Core courses and at least 2 DSEs.

Table II
One-Year NEP-PG Structure

Semester	Type of course	Credit	Marks	Total
I	Departmental 1	4	50	Credits - 22 Marks – 300
	Departmental 2	4	50	
	Departmental 3	4	50	
	Departmental 4	4	50	
	Departmental 5	4	50	
	SEC	2	50	
II	Departmental 6	4	50	Credits - 24 Marks – 300
	Departmental 7	4	50	
	Departmental 8	4	50	
	Departmental 9	4	50	
	Departmental 10	4	50	
	Departmental 11	4	50	

14. The choice of Coursework and Research components in the third and fourth semesters of 2-Year PG and first and second semesters of 1-Year PG Programmes shall be left to the individual Departments to be decided by the respective PG Board of Studies and approved by the appropriate authority. The total number of research-based courses, which may comprise more than one course, shall be decided accordingly by individual Departments.
15. The number of courses in each semester in a subject shall be as per the above NEP-PG structure. The syllabi shall be decided by the respective PG Board of Studies and approved by the appropriate authority.
16. The Courses may be in the following form:
 - i) Theoretical Courses
 - ii) Practical Courses
 - iii) Field-based Courses
 - iv) Internship
 - v) Dissertation/Project/Seminar

It is to be noted that in case of Practical a 4-credit course needs 8 teaching hours per week.

17. Different Categories of Courses:

Departmental Course:

- i) Core course: Every 2-Year PG Programme shall offer at least 10 courses which every student enrolled for that programme has to take for the corresponding PG degree. These shall contain the essential parts of the curriculum.
- ii) Discipline Specific Elective: In 2-Year PG Programme every Department has to offer at least two elective courses each of which shall offer students choices among a few alternative courses.
- iii) Dissertation/Project/Seminar: Students will have to work for an independent research/review work/project/field study/internship/seminar presentation with the supervision of the teachers of the Department or individual supervisors from the Department or supervisors

from other HEIs (Higher Education Institutions). Each student has to submit a written dissertation/report/paper and also have to present the findings before a duly constituted Board of Examiners to be decided by the respective PG Board of Studies.

AEC (Ability Enhancement Course): Each Department shall decide on a course of 2 credits to enhance the ability of the students for working in the professional world. This course may be offered by the individual Departments or alternatively a number of Departments may cooperate in offering a common AEC course. The AEC may also be offered through UGC-approved SWAYAM or MOOC courses as decided by the respective PG Board of Studies of the University.

SEC (Skill Enhancement Course): Each Department has to offer a 2-credit course specifically designed to impart some discipline-related skill for their students to enable them for employment/ entrepreneurship. The SEC may also be offered through UGC-approved SWAYAM or MOOC courses as decided by the respective PG Board of Studies of the University.

18. The course codes for different types of courses shall be as follows:

Core Course – (Subject Code)PCOR(Course No.)T/P/M – ENGPCOR01T (Subject - English)

DSE Course - (Subject Code)PDSE(Course No.)T/P/M – CEMPDSE01P (Subject – Chemistry)

AEC - (Subject Code)PAEC(Course No.)T/P/M – HINPAEC01M (Subject – Hindi)

SEC - (Subject Code)PAEC(Course No.)T/P/M – STSPSEC01M (Subject – Statistics)

T – Theory, P – Practical, M – Mixed

For 2-year PG Programme, insert ‘2’ after subject code and before 'P' in the course code.

For 1-year PG Programme, insert ‘1’ after subject code and before 'P' in the course code.

For 2-year PG Programme, the course code should be: **Subject code-2P-type of course (Core/DSE/AEC/SEC)-Course number-Mode of course (T/P/M)**

Examples are given below:

Subject: History

Core Course 12 - HIS2PCOR12T

DSE 3 - HIS2PDSE03T

AEC - HIS2PAEC01M

SEC - HIS2PSEC01P

For 1-year PG Programme, the course code should be: **Subject code-1P-Type of course (Core/DSE/AEC/SEC)-Course number-Mode of course (T/P/M)**

Examples are given below:

Subject: Physiology

Core Course 2 - PHY1PCOR02P

DSE 2 - PHY1PDSE02T

AEC - PHY1PAEC01M

SEC - PHY1PSEC01M

19. Students of 2-Year and 1-Year PG Programmes may opt for non-credit Value Added Courses (VAC) to be offered by the University from time to time on Indian Knowledge System/ Gender/ Sustainability/ Educational Issues/ Professional Ethics/ Artificial Intelligence etc. The VAC may also be offered through UGC-approved SWAYAM or MOOC courses. Duration of such a

course shall be minimum 30 hours. The main objective of such courses shall be to add value to students' knowledge base and help them acquire life skills and placements.

20. Those who shall join 2-Year PG Programme may exit at the end of 1st year with the award of a Postgraduate Diploma.
21. End Semester Examination shall be held at the end of every semester. The duration of each semester shall be followed ordinarily as mentioned below. There should be at least 15 direct teaching weeks in a semester and one week study leave before the end semester examination.

Semester	Duration
First Semester	July to Mid-January
Second Semester	Mid-January to June
Third Semester	July to December
Fourth Semester	January to June