

SEMESTER-WISE THREE YEAR B.A./ B.Sc./B.Com.(Honours/General) DEGREE PROGRAMMES UNDER CBCS (CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM), UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

1. Duration of the Programme:

The 3 year B.A./ B.Sc./B.Com.(Honours/General) Programme shall be for a minimum duration of **six (6) consecutive semesters of six (6) months each, i.e., three (3) years**. The odd semester will start ordinarily in the month of **July** and the even semester in the month of **January** of every year.

A candidate pursuing a regular course of study for three-year semester-wise degree course shall have to clear all the semesters in all respects within a span of five years from the year of admission to the particular course and combination, failing which enrolment of the candidate shall stand cancelled.

2. Attendance:

2.1 A student attending at least 75% of the total number of classes* held shall be allowed to appear at the concerned Semester Examinations subject to fulfillment of other conditions laid down in the regulations.

2.2 A student attending at least 60% but less than 75% of the total number of classes* held shall be allowed to appear at the concerned Semester Examinations subject to the payment of prescribed condonation fees and fulfillment of other conditions laid down in the regulations.

2.3 A student attending less than 60% of the total number of classes* held shall not be allowed to appear at the concerned Semester Examinations and he /she has to pursue admission to the same Semester in the very next year for attending the classes and appearing at the said Semester Examination.

**Such attendance will be calculated from the date of commencement of classes or the date of admission, whichever is later.*

3. Outline of Choice Based Credit System:

Course structure for B.A./B.Sc. (Honours/General)

Course Components	B.A.		B.Sc.	
	Honours	General	Honours	General
Core Course(CC)	14	8**	14	12*
Language Core Course(LCC)	0	4**	0	0
Generic Elective(GE)	4**	2	4**	0
Discipline Specific Elective(DSE)	4	4**	4	6*
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course(AECC)	2	2	2	2
Skill Enhancement Elective Course(SEC)	2	4**	2	4**
Total No. of Courses	26	24	26	24

- *Covering three subjects
- ** Covering two subjects

Course structure for B.Com. (Honours/General)

Course Components	Honours	General
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course(AECC)	2	2
Skill Enhancement Elective Course(SEC)	2	2
Generic Elective(GE)	4	4

Core Course(CC)	14	11
Discipline Specific Elective(DSE)	4	4
Total No. of Courses	26	23

A) Core Course (CC) : A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core requirement is termed as a Core course.

• **Modalities of selecting CC by a student of Honours/ General programme shall be as follows :**

a) In case of B.A./B.Sc. Honours programme a student shall have to study 14 Core courses of the Honours Subject as specified for each of the 6 semesters.

b) In case of B.Sc. General Programme a student shall have to study 4 Core Courses of each of the 3 chosen subjects as specified for each of the first 4 Semesters.

c) In case of B.A. General programme a student shall have to study 4 Core Courses of each of the 2 chosen subjects as specified for each of the first 4 Semesters. In addition, 4 Core Courses to be studied: two courses each from two language subjects: **LCC1-** English & **LCC2-** MIL (Bengali/Hindi/Urdu)/Alternative English as specified for each of the last 4 semesters.

B) 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.

i) Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course: Elective courses which may be offered by the main discipline/subject of study is referred to as Discipline Specific Elective. This course is to advance knowledge and skill in the core course domain.

• **Modalities of selecting DSE by a student of Honours/ General programme shall be as follows :**

a) In case of B.A./B.Sc. Honours programme a student shall have to study 4 DSE courses strictly on the Honours subject. Such a student shall have to study the curriculum of DSE on the Honours subject concerned as specified for the relevant semester.

Explanation: Each Honours subject shall have two groups (A & B) of DSE papers. A student shall choose any one paper from each of Group A and Group B in fifth semester and sixth semester.

b) In case of B.A. General programme, a student shall have to study 4 DSE courses strictly on 2 subjects, opted for pursuing Core Courses, taking exactly 2 courses from each subject. Such a student shall have to study the curriculum of DSE of the subject concerned as specified for the relevant semester, i.e., DSE-A in the 5th and DSE-B in 6th semester.

Explanation : Each General subject shall have two groups (A & B) of DSE papers. A student shall have to choose one paper from Group A of each of the two subjects in the fifth semester and one paper from Group B of each of the two subjects in the sixth semester.

c) In case of B.Sc. General programme, a student shall have to study 6 DSE courses strictly on 3 subjects, opted for pursuing core courses, taking exactly two courses from each subject. Such a student shall have to study the curriculum of DSE of the subject concerned as specified for the relevant semester, i.e., DSE-A in the 5th and DSE-B in 6th semester.

Explanation: Each General subject shall have two groups (A & B) of DSE papers. A student shall have to choose one paper from Group A of each of the three subjects in fifth semester and one paper from Group B of each of the three subjects in sixth semester.

• **Dissertation/Project :** An elective course designed to acquire special/advanced knowledge, is termed as dissertation/ project. This is considered as a special course involving application of

knowledge in solving/ analyzing/ exploring a real life situation/ difficult problem. A dissertation/ project work will be of 6 credits. A dissertation/ project work may be given in lieu of a Discipline Specific Elective.

ii) Generic Elective (GE) Course : An elective course chosen generally from an unrelated discipline/subject, with an intention to seek wide exposure, is called Generic Elective.

• Modalities of selecting GE by a student of Honours/ General programme shall be as follows :

a) In case of B.A./B.Sc./B.Mus. Honours programme, a student shall have to choose 4 Generic Elective papers strictly from 2 subjects of choice taking exactly two courses from each subject as specified for first 4 semesters.

b) In case of B.A. General programme, a student shall have to choose 2 Generic Elective papers strictly from one particular subject [which will be different from the core subjects including the Core Languages (LCC1 & LCC2)] as specified for the 1st and 2nd semester.

N.B.: A core course offered in a discipline/subject may be treated as an elective by other discipline/subject and such electives may also be referred to as Generic Elective. [A Core Course (CC) of B.A./B.Sc. General may be treated as Generic Elective for B.A./B.Sc. (Honours) and B.A. (General)].

C) Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) : The Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) may be of two kinds: Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC).

a) Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) : AECC courses are the courses based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement. These are mandatory for all disciplines.

i) AECC1 : Communicative English / MIL (Bengali/Hindi/Urdu);

ii) AECC2 : Environmental Studies.

b) Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC): These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide value-based and/or skill-based knowledge and are aimed at providing competencies, skills, etc.

• Modalities of selecting SEC by a student of Honours/ General programme shall be as follows :

a) In case of B.A./B.Sc. Honours programme a student shall have to study 2 skill enhancement courses strictly on the Honours subjects. Such a student shall have to study the curriculum of SEC on the Honours subjects concerned as specified for the relevant semester, i.e., SEC-A in the 3rd semester and SEC-B in the 4th semester.

Explanation: Each Honours subject shall have two groups (A & B) of Skill Enhancing Course papers. An Honours student shall have to choose one paper from Group A in third semester and one paper from Group B in fourth semester.

b) In case of B.A. General programme, a student shall have to study 4 Skill Enhancement courses strictly on 2 subjects, opted for pursuing Core Courses, taking exactly 2 courses from each subject. Such a student shall have to study the curriculum of SEC of the subject concerned as specified for the relevant semester.

Explanation : Each General subject shall have two groups (A & B) of SEC papers. A student shall have to choose one paper from Group A of each of the two core subjects in the third and fifth semesters and one paper from Group B of each of the two core subjects in the fourth and the sixth semester.

c) In case of B.Sc. General programme, a student shall have to study 4 Skill Enhancement Courses strictly on 2 subjects out of the three, opted for pursuing core courses, taking exactly two courses from each

subject. Such a student shall have to study the curriculum of SEC of the subject concerned as specified for the relevant semester.

Explanation : *Each General subject shall have two groups (A & B) of SEC papers. One paper from Group A of each of the two Core subjects to be chosen in the third and fifth semester; one paper from Group B of each of the two core subjects to be chosen in the fourth and sixth semester.*

➤ **Practical/ Tutorial** : Every Core, Discipline Specific and Generic Elective Course shall have a Practical/ Tutorial component. Wherever there is a practical, there will be no Tutorial and vice versa.

II - EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

4. The 3 year B.A. /B.Sc./B.Com. (Honours and General) Course of Studies under CBCS shall consist of Six (6) Semesters (Semester-I, Semester-II, Semester-III, Semester-IV, Semester-V and Semester-VI).

4.1. End Semester Examinations are to be held ordinarily at the end of the concerned Semester, i.e., Semester-I, Semester-III, Semester-V in **December-January** and Semester-II, Semester-IV, Semester-VI in **June-July**.

4.2. End Semester Examinations will be held for 80% of the total marks in each paper and Internal Assessment shall be for 20% of the total marks of each paper/subject/module. 50% of the total marks assigned to Internal Assessment (i.e., 10 marks for a full paper of 100 or 5 marks for a Module of 50, as the case may be) will be assessed on the basis of Internal Examination and remaining 50% will be assessed based on the class attendance (6 marks for attending 60% or above but less than 75% of the number of lectures delivered; 8 marks for attending 75% or above but less than 90% of the number of lectures delivered; and 10 marks for attending 90% or above of lectures delivered and such attendance will be calculated from the date of commencement of classes or date of admission whichever is later).

The students are to be informed about the modalities of internal assessment well in advance.

5. First semester classes for B.A. /B.Sc. /B.Com.courses of studies shall commence ordinarily within thirty days from the date of publication of results of the H.S. Examination of the year conducted by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education. Classes for second semester to sixth semester shall commence ordinarily within seven days from the date of completion of lower semester examination of the year respectively (e.g. class of 2nd semester shall commence within seven days from the completion of 1st semester examination).

6. An affiliated College/Institution shall submit application forms in prescribed format duly filled in by the candidates intending to appear at the said examination(s) to the Controller of Examinations within the last date fixed by the University. Admit Card for an examination shall not be issued to the college concerned in favour of a candidate unless his/her application is duly filled-up in all respects and particularly in regard to : i) date of admission to the first semester class with current subject combination, ii) year of first appearance in the examination of the semester concerned and iii) year(s) of appearance (s) in the semester-I/semester-II/ and semester -III / semester-IV/ semester - V/ semester-VI Examinations as the case may be together with the results thereof and such other information as may be required from time to time and duly endorsed by the Principal testifying his/her a) good conduct, b) requisite attendance record in theoretical and practical/tutorial classes in each of the subjects in which he/she intends to appear and c)eligibility under this regulations for appearance at the concerned examination and in the said subject(s).

7.1 A candidate pursuing **Honours Course of Study** has to secure 30% marks (excluding the marks in Internal Assessment) separately in Theory and Practical/Tutorial part of each paper, wherever applicable, at the End Semester Examinations, and a minimum of 30% marks in each paper (including marks in

Internal Assessment) in order to earn the corresponding credit of the concerned paper and a minimum of CGPA 4.000 (including Internal Assessment) taking all the papers of all the Semesters as a whole, i.e., all **CC, DSE, SEC, GE & AECC** papers, in order to get the Honours Degree.

7.2 If a candidate pursuing **Honours Course of Study** secures 30% marks (excluding the marks in Internal Assessment) separately in Theory and Practical/Tutorial part of each paper, wherever applicable, at the End Semester Examinations, and a minimum of 30% marks in each paper (including Internal Assessment), but fails to secure a minimum of CGPA 4.000 (including Internal Assessment) taking all the papers of all the Semesters as a whole, i.e., all **CC, DSE, SEC, GE & AECC** papers, will get the General Degree.

However, such candidate may re-appear at the 5th End Semester Examinations or 6th End Semester Examinations or both, when such examinations will be held next, within the stipulated period of five years in order to get a minimum of CGPA 4.000 and get the Honours Degree. In case, such examinee fails to obtain a minimum of CGPA 4.000, the previous status based on previous aggregate will be retained and such candidate will not be declared as having obtained General Degree again.

7.3 A candidate pursuing **General Course of Study** has to secure 30% marks (excluding the marks in Internal Assessment) separately in Theory and Practical/Tutorial part of each paper, wherever applicable, at the End Semester Examinations and a minimum of 30% marks in each paper (including marks in Internal Assessment) in order to earn the corresponding credit of the concerned paper and to get the General Degree.

7.4 A candidate who is eligible to appear at any of the End Semester Examinations does not enroll or does not appear at the examinations or fails to secure pass marks in the paper(s) at the concerned examinations, as stated in **Clauses 7.1, 7.2, 7.3** above, as well as a candidate not eligible to appear at the end semester examination, as stated in **Clause 2**, will be allowed to attend the classes in the next higher semester, as applicable.

7.5 Internal Assessment has to be done in the semester in which a candidate becomes eligible to appear in the concerned End Semester Examination. The candidates remaining absent in the internal examination will be awarded zero (0) marks. Marks obtained in Internal Assessment (i.e., marks for attendance and marks of internal examination taken together) shall be retained for the entire duration of his/her enrolment.

7.6 If a candidate secures pass marks in Practical Paper(s)/ Module(s)/ Project Work/ Tutorial but fails to secure pass marks in Theoretical paper(s)/ module, the marks of Practical Paper(s)/ Module(s)/ Project Work/ Tutorial along with Internal Assessment shall be retained.