



ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR

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As recommended by Academic Council in its fourth meeting held on 5th February, 2018 and approved by the Executive Council in its eighth meeting held on 24th March, 2018, sanction is hereby accorded to the policy for implementation of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) along with amendments made in the existing Examination Statutes forming annexure to this order.

By order,

Sd/-
Registrar

No: IUST/Reg/Adm/18/3064 - 06.
Dated: 01 -06-2018

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M. H. Anil
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Proposed policy for implementation of CBCS :

Key Words

- CBCS: Choice Based Credit System.
- School: The primary academic subsets of the University, currently the Schools of Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences and Technology.
- Department: The secondary academic subsets falling within various Schools, like the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Department of Civil Engineering et.c.
- Programme: Degrees of prescribed duration offered by the University in various disciplines of study falling under various Departments, like B.Tech (Civil Engineering) offered by the Department of Civil Engineering.
- Course: A course is a component of a Programme. Courses should define learning objectives and learning outcomes. A course may be designed to comprise lectures/ tutorials/ laboratory work/ field work/ outreach activities/ project work/ vocational training or a combination of some of these.
- Credit: A unit by which the course work is measured. It determines the number of hours of instructions required per week. One credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (lecture or tutorial) or two hours of practical work/field work per week.
- Academic Year: Two consecutive (one odd + one even) semesters constitute one academic year.
- CBSS: Credit Based Semester System. Under CBSS, the requirement for awarding a degree or diploma or certificate is prescribed in terms of number of credits to be completed by the students.

Course Classification

Courses taught under various Programmes in different Departments of the University would be classified into the following categories:

1. Core Courses: Courses forming the basic and fundamental content of a Programme which are to be compulsorily studied by a student. Core Courses would be specific to a Programme. They would primarily be offered by the Parent Department offering the Programme or some other Department as determined by the Parent Department. Core courses would form a minimum of 50% of the minimum total credit requirement of the Programme.
2. Elective Courses: Courses which can be chosen from a pool of papers that are supportive to the discipline of study. If required, Elective Courses may further be subdivided into two categories viz., Discipline Centric Electives and Generic Electives.
3. Open Electives: Courses that enable an exposure to some other, preferably unrelated discipline or nurture proficiency/skill. Open Electives of any particular Department would only be offered to students enrolled in Programmes outside the Department. Open Electives would form a minimum of 5% of the minimum total credit requirement of the Programme.
4. Foundation Courses: Courses at the undergraduate level required for building general proficiency and awareness amongst students expected of any educated youth. Common Foundation Courses at the undergraduate level would be devised for students of the University.

Open Electives

1. All Departments would necessarily offer Open Electives of credits between 2 and 4 for students of the University enrolled in Programmes outside the Department. Open Electives would be offered throughout the academic year and the Departments would decide the courses it would offer in the even and odd semesters. Students however will be allowed to register for open electives from 2nd semester and onwards.

2. All the departments shall prepare the syllabus of the Open Electives in such a manner that it is of interest/relevance to the students of all other departments.
3. An Open Elective would be floated only if 10 or more students register for it.
4. The Department teaching the Open Elective would decide on the maximum number of students who can register for it. However, each Open Elective would enrol no more than 60 students per section.
- 5. All students of the University would necessarily have to earn minimum credits from Open Electives to complete the requirements of the Programme they are enrolled in as under:

a. For 4 semester Programmes	4 Credits
b. For 6 semester Programmes	6 Credits
c. For 8 semester Programmes	8 Credits
6. They would be free to earn these credits by registering in appropriate Open Electives in any semester of their study starting from 2nd semester and onwards but within the stipulated time-frame of their Programmes.
7. The Mid-term and Major exams of the Open Electives would be centralised and would be completely coordinated by the Examination Section of the University.
8. The Open Electives would only be offered in Slots dedicated for them by the Central Time Table (CTT) Committee of the University. The CTT would designate at least a 4-credit slot each semester for Open Electives.
9. Open Electives should be selected from outside the department and preferably from outside the school.

Foundation Courses

1. The following Foundation Courses (each 3 credit) would be uniform and compulsory for all undergraduate students of the University and would preferably be offered in the first year of enrolment:
 - (a) Communication Skills. (b) Computer Fundamentals. (c) Environmental Science.
2. Students would however be exempted from Computer Fundamentals and Communication Skills respectively by their Department if their Core Course Curriculum includes similar courses.
3. Foundation courses at the Postgraduate level would be offered only if deemed necessary by the concerned Department.

Uniform Coding Scheme

Uniform Course Codes

All courses would be uniformly denoted by a seven digit alphanumeric code (XXXXXXX), three alphabets followed by three numerals, followed by one alphabet.

1. The first three alphabets would designate the Department teaching the course, i.e., the discipline to which the course belongs, e.g., ARB for Arabic, MEC for Mechanical Engineering.
2. The first numeral following the two alphabets would indicate the level of the course, 1 to 4 for undergraduate 1st to 4th year; 5 to 7 for postgraduate 1st to 3rd year, and 8,9 for M.Phil and PhD. Open electives would have a zero in place of the level numeral.
3. The next two numerals would be the unique identification numbers for the course. Courses running in odd semesters may be labelled from 01 to 49 and courses running in even semesters may be labelled from 50 to 99.
4. The last alphabet would indicate the nature of the course (for courses other than the open electives, which would be identified by a zero in place of the level numeral). It would be one amongst four choices, C (Core Course), E (Elective (Discipline Centric)), G (Elective(Generic)), F (Foundation Course).