



Visvesvaraya Technological University

(State University Government of Karnataka Established as per VTU Act 1994)
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To,
All the Principals/ Directors of Constituent,
Affiliated, Autonomous Engineering College/
Schools of Architecture and Chairperson of
PG Departments under VTU

Sir/ Madam,

**Sub: Special Regulations with regard to Examinations and
Assessment for UG and PG Programmes 2020-21- reg...**

Ref: Executive Council Approval dated 2-8-2021

Please find enclosed herewith the Special Regulations with regard to Examinations and Assessment for UG and PG Programmes 2020-21.

In this regard, you are hereby requested to bring the contents of the Special Regulations to all the concerned of your College and note the same.

These Special Regulations are to be applied uniformly to all the students of this University studying in Constituent, Affiliated and Autonomous institutions.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

03.8.2021
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Copy to:

1. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor through the Secretary to VC, VTU, Belagavi for kind information
2. The Registrar (Evaluation), VTU, Belagavi for needful
3. The Regional Directors (I/C) of all the Regional Offices of VTU for circulation
4. The Director, Computer Network Centre, VTU, Belagavi- to upload on VTU website
5. The PS to Registrar, VTU, Belagavi
6. All the concerned Special Officers and Case-workers of Academic Section, VTU, Belagavi



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Special Regulations with regard to Examinations and Assessment for UG and PG Programs 2020-21

References:

1. UGC D.O. Letter No. F. 1-1/2021(Secy.), dated 16.07.2021
2. Govt. of Karnataka Circular No. ED 204 UNE 2021, dated 23.07.2021

Introduction:

Keeping in view the prevailing situation due to COVID-19 pandemic and as per the above referred guidelines, following Special Regulations are framed by the University with the approval of it's Authorities and the same are to be followed by all the Affiliated, Constituent and Autonomous institutions under Visvesvaraya Technological University.

Special Regulations for Conducting Examinations/Assessment for July/August/ September 2021 Examinations

Visvesvaraya Technological University will adopt Special Regulations as per the UGC Guidelines dated 16.07.2021 and Circular from the Government of Karnataka dated 23.07.2021 for conduct of examinations/assessment, which are as follows:

1. UG and PG Students of Current Terminal Semesters:

The following special regulations are made with reference to the examinations of current terminal semesters students:

UG and PG Students of Current Terminal semesters means “The students of 8th semester B.E./B.Tech./B.Plan, 10th Semester B.Arch., 4th semester MBA/M.Tech./M.Arch. and 6th semester MCA/M.Tech. (Part-Time) who are registered and on rolls during the academic year 2020-21”.

- a. All examinations of current terminal semesters of UG and PG programs, except the subjects involving Viva Voce examinations, shall be conducted in off-line (pen and paper) mode, so as to be completed by the end of August 2021. Question papers of current terminal semester examinations will have open choice during July /August 2021 examinations only and normal duration as per the applicable scheme.
- b. Examinations of UG and PG programs of Project Work and any other subjects where the Semester End Examination (SEE) is in the form of Viva Voce, shall be conducted preferably through online mode, with both internal and external examiners from the same college. Reports of such Viva Voce examinations can be submitted in softcopy format and demonstrate working of the experiments/fabricated machines etc. through video recordings.
- c. Backlog examinations of current terminal semester students shall be conducted in off-line (pen and paper) mode. Question papers of backlog subjects shall have open choice during July/August 2021 examinations only and normal duration as per the applicable scheme.
- d. In case a student of current terminal semester is unable to appear in the examination for whatever reason, he/she will be given an opportunity to appear in the immediate subsequent examination, whenever it is conducted next.
- e. Students of current terminal semester who wish to improve their grade in any subject/course of the current terminal semester examination will be given one additional attempt to attend the examination in that subject/course during the examinations conducted next. In such a case, student will be awarded the better of two grades and that appearance will not be considered as an additional attempt.

2. UG and PG Students of Current Intermediate Semesters:

The UG and PG students of current Intermediate semesters shall be assessed based on UGC Guidelines considering their Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) marks and performance in the immediate previous semester. The formula for deciding the grades followed during the academic year 2019-20 under the similar circumstances will be applicable now also.

UG and PG Students of Current Intermediate Semesters means "The students of 2nd, 4th and 6th semester of B.E./B.Tech./B.Plan, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semester of B.Arch., 2nd semester of MBA/M.Tech./M.Arch. and 2nd and 4th semester of MCA/M.Tech. (Part-Time) who are registered and on rolls during the academic year 2020-21".

The following special regulations are made with reference to students of current intermediate semesters:

- a. Grades of UG and PG students of current intermediate even semester subjects shall be the sum of 50% marks on the basis of CIE and the remaining 50% marks on the basis of performance in previous semester only. In case, if any specific advisories or directives are received from statutory bodies such as UGC/AICTE/CoA, the same shall be considered in the formula for deciding the grades.
- b. Students of current intermediate even semester who wish to improve their grade in any subject/course of the current intermediate semester assessment will be given one additional attempt to attend the examination in that subject during the examinations conducted next. In such a case, student will be awarded the better of two grades and will not be considered as an additional attempt.

c. The scheme of "carry forward" (for the subjects in which the student has failed) shall be allowed and every student shall be allowed to register for the next permissible odd semester based on the most recent even semester completed by the student subject to the permissible maximum duration as per Regulations. However, such students shall clear the examinations for the subject in which he/she has failed/remained absent, in the immediate two examinations (odd and even semester) conducted next and gain eligibility as per vertical progression regulations of the University.

3. UG and PG Students with Backlog Subjects:

The following special regulations are made with reference to UG and PG students with Backlog Subjects:

University will conduct backlog examinations of all subjects of UG and PG programs. All UG and PG students, including students currently ineligible for admission to next odd semester, can attend backlog examinations in off-line (pen and paper) mode. Their examinations are to be completed by September, 2021. Question papers of backlog subjects shall have open choice during July/August/ September 2021 examinations only and normal duration as per applicable scheme.

4. UG and PG Students Currently Ineligible for Admission to Next Academic Year:

The following special regulations are made with reference to UG and PG Students currently ineligible for admission to next academic year:

Students who are currently ineligible for admission to next odd semester can attend examinations of their backlog subjects in off-line (pen and paper) mode. In addition, they will be allowed to register for the next permissible odd semester as per 2(c) above. Question papers of backlog subjects shall have open choice during July/August/ September 2021 examinations only and normal duration as per applicable scheme.

5. UG Students of One Time Exit Scheme:

The following special regulations are made with reference to the UG Students of One Time Exit Scheme (OTES):

The Students of OTES who have gained eligibility to attend examinations of any semester shall attend the examinations in off - line (pen and paper) mode. Question papers for such students shall have open choice during July /August/ September 2021 examinations only and normal duration as per the applicable scheme.

6. Attendance of Current Even Semester:

The following special regulations are made with reference to Attendance of Current Even Semester:

Regarding the requirement of minimum percentage of attendance for the students, the period of lockdown/other difficult situation during pandemic may be treated as 'deemed to be attended' by all the UG and PG students.

7. Internships:

The following special regulations are made with reference to Internships:

VTU will adopt the following measures for internships and related activities to ensure the safety and interest of all stakeholders:

- a. Allow the students to take up online internships/ activities including activities that can be carried out digitally or otherwise from home
- b. Engage them to work as interns on ongoing projects
- c. Delay the start date of the internship
- d. Reduce the period of internship and clubbing it with assignments etc.

8. **Autonomous Colleges:** All Autonomous colleges shall follow the above guidelines ensuring fair opportunity to all students and maintain the sanctity and quality of examinations. The autonomous colleges are permitted to conduct current terminal semester examinations in off-line (pen and paper) mode only, with open choice. They could also conduct the required number of contact hours for the supplementary semester (through online/off-line/blended mode) and conduct the examinations for all the semesters as per the usual prescribed practice.

These regulations have been formulated without compromising the quality of technical education, sanctity of academic expectations and integrity of examination process and keeping in mind the safety and welfare of students, staff and all stakeholders.

These regulations are applied only to the July/August 2021 examinations of the academic year 2020-21. These regulations will be applied uniformly to all the students of this University studying in Constituent, Affiliated and Autonomous institutions.

In case of specific cases not covered by these special regulations or disputes arising subsequent to their implementation, University shall take appropriate decisions which shall be binding on all the concerned.

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