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To,

All the Principals / Directors of Constituent,  
Affiliated, Autonomous Engineering Colleges/  
Schools of Architecture and Chairpersons of  
PG Depts. under VTU.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Special Regulations with regard to Examinations and Academic Calendar  
for UG and PG Programs 2019-20 and Research Programs.

Ref: 1) E.C. Resolution No.7.1 of it's 151<sup>st</sup> Meeting dated 27.05.2020.  
2) Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's Order dt: 22.07.2020.

Please find enclosed herewith the Special Regulations copy regarding Examinations  
and Academic Calendar for UG and PG Programs 2019-20 and Research Programs.

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above.

Registrar

Copy to :

1. The Registrar(Evaluation), VTU, Belagavi for information.
2. The Secretary to VC, VTU, Belagavi.



# Visvesvaraya Technological University

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## Special Regulations with regard to Examinations and Academic Calendar for UG and PG Programs 2019-20 and Research Programs

(As one time measure and applied only to the August/September 2020 examinations of the academic year 2019-20 on account of the difficult situation arising due to COVID-19)

### References

1. Govt. of Karnataka order No. ED/197/UNE/2020, Bengaluru, dated 10.07.2020
2. UGC D.O. Letter No. F. 1-1/2020(Secy.), dated 29.04.2020
3. UGC D.O. Letter No. F. 1-1/2020(Secy.), dated 06.07.2020
4. UGC D.O. Letter No. F. 1-1/2020(Secy.), dated 08.07.2020
5. Executive Council resolution No.7.1 of it's 151<sup>st</sup> Meeting dated 27.05.2020

### Preamble

COVID-19 pandemic has set new normal in various fields. Extensive usage of online teaching-learning platforms, mentoring and monitoring of students in a remote mode are few such new trends experienced by Academia in these difficult times.

All the Affiliated, Constituent and Autonomous colleges under Visvesvaraya Technological University have conducted these online teaching-learning sessions with a fair degree of seriousness, though there are few doubts about its effectiveness due to various constraints.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of VTU did assess the effectiveness of online sessions across various regions of the State through various stakeholders such as Principals, Teachers, Students and few social organizations working for Students community. According to this survey, 70-75% of the students were reached through these Online sessions, but the coverage of the syllabus and the learning by the students is not consistent across. As per the reports received from the colleges, more than 95% of the students have participated in Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) with good performance. Also, it was strongly opined that, mere online classes will not serve the purpose but, these need to be blended with few classroom sessions.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor also deliberated with few senior experts from Higher Education domain viz. former Vice Chancellors, authorities from organizations such as Accrediting agencies, Higher Education Councils both at National as well as State level, Industrialists, Corporate Leaders, Recruiters etc. A series of discussions were also held with the members of the Executive Council, Academic Senate, Chairpersons of Boards of Studies and Principals of colleges under VTU. All these deliberations and discussions were about the possible issues those may come up with regard to the examinations and framing of Academic Calendar in view of COVID 19 pandemic.

As per the order from Govt. of Karnataka and guidelines issued by UGC (References as above), following regulations are to be followed for all the Affiliated , Constituent and Autonomous institutes under Visvesvaraya Technological University.

### Special Regulations for Conducting Examinations/Assessment

Visvesvaraya Technological University will adopt Special Regulations as per the UGC Guidelines dated 29-04-2020, Revised UGC Guidelines dated 06-07-2020 and order of the Government of Karnataka dated 10-07-2020 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 semester students:
  - a. All examinations of current terminal semesters of UG and PG programs, except subjects involving Viva Voce examinations, shall be conducted in off-line (pen and paper) mode,



so as to be completed by the end of September 2020. Question papers of current terminal semester exams will have open choice and normal duration as per the applicable scheme.

- b. Examinations of UG and PG programs of Project Work and any other subject where the 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 soft copy format and demonstrate working of 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 normal choice 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 next examination, whenever it is conducted next. In such case, appearance will not be considered as an additional attempt.
  - 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 CIE marks and performance in the immediate previous semester. The formula for deciding the grades will be notified separately. 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 semesters in subjects other than those covered in (b) below, 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. The formula for deciding the grades will be notified separately. 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. Examinations of all current intermediate even semesters conducted in the form of Viva Voce shall be conducted preferably through online video conferencing platforms, with both internal and external examiners from the same college. Reports of such Viva Voce examinations can be submitted in soft copy format. The CIE and SEE shall be as per the scheme applicable to those examinations.
  - c. 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.
  - d. The scheme of "carry forward" (for the subjects in which the student has failed) shall be allowed for the current academic year in the University 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. However, such students shall clear the examination 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:** 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 exams in off line (pen and paper) mode.

  
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4. **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 exams of their backlog subjects in off line (pen and paper) mode. In addition, they will be allowed to next odd semester as per 2 (d) above.
5. **UG Students of One Time Exit Scheme:** Students of OTES who have gained eligibility to attend exams of any semester shall attend the examinations in off line (pen and paper) mode.
6. **Attendance of Current Even Semester:** Regarding the requirement of minimum percentage of attendance for the students, the period of lockdown may be treated as 'deemed to be attended' by all the UG and PG students.
7. **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 conduct current terminal semester examinations in off-line (pen and paper)/online/blended mode. They could also conduct the required number of contact hours for the supplementary semester (through online/offline/blended mode) and conduct the examinations for all the semesters as per the usual prescribed practice.
9. **Research Examinations and Entrance Test:** As per UGC Guidelines dated 24-09-2020, following special regulations are made with reference to Research Examinations:
  - a. Pre Ph.D. Comprehensive Viva Voce and Final Viva Voce examinations will be conducted using online video conference.
  - b. Research Entrance Test will be conducted in online mode.

#### Tentative Academic Calendar

As per the framework prescribed by the above referred order of Government of Karnataka, the tentative dates for the Academic and Examination events would be as under:

Event	Proposed Dates
Class room intervention for current terminal semester students (Optional)	01-08-2020 to 14-08-2020
Project viva voce examinations for current terminal semester students (Online)	17-08-2020 to 21-08-2020
Current terminal semester examinations ( Offline) including backlog examinations	24-08-2020 to 30-09-2020
Results of terminal semester UG and PG examinations	15-09-2020
Results of backlog UG and PG examinations	15-10-2020
Commencement of Academic Year 2020-21 for higher semesters. (The classes would be commencing in online mode until further orders) <b>Note:</b> Odd Semester of Academic Year 2020-21 shall be of 6 days/week (as per AICTE).	01-09-2020

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.

  
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These regulations will be implemented as a one-time measure and applied only to the August/September 2020 examinations of the academic year 2019-20. These regulations will be applied uniformly to all the students of this University.

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 concerned.

  
24.7.2020  
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