



UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR

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Notification

It is notified for the information of all concerned that on the recommendations of the constituted committee and in anticipation of the approval of the Competent Body the Vice-Chancellor has authorized adoption of set of statutes governing Post Graduate Programme as per National Education Policy NEP-2020 (given in annexure).


**Assistant Registrar
Academic**

No: F (PG-Statutes NEP-2020)Acad/KU/25

Dated: 14-02-2025

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MASTER'S (PG) DEGREE PROGRAMME UNDER NEP-2020

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1. Short Title, Commencement & Applicability:

- 1.1. These statutes shall be called **Statutes Governing the Award of Master's Degree Programme under NEP-2020**.
- 1.2. These statutes shall come into force from the date of their notification by the University or from such other date which the University may, by a notification specify and shall be applicable to such students who are enrolled to the 1- / 2-Year Master's Degree Programme of the University under NEP-2020.
- 1.3. With the commencement of these statutes, the statutes for 'Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for Regular PG Courses' issued vide Notification No. F (Adopt-St.CBCS)/Acad/KU/16 Dated: 23-01-2016, along with the relevant regulations/amendments /notifications/circulars/orders, issued there under shall stand repealed.
- 1.4. Notwithstanding anything contained contrary to clause (1.3.) above, the statutes governing the award of PG Degree, prior to their repeal, shall continue to govern the students under which they were admitted till the award of the degree within the prescribed statutory period.

2. Definitions: Unless the context otherwise requires

- 2.1. '**Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)**' means a virtual/digital mechanism that contains information of the credits earned by an individual student throughout her/his learning journey in Higher Education Institutions in India recognized by the UGC;
- 2.2. '**Academic Year**' means two consecutive semesters of a year;
- 2.3. '**Act**' means the Kashmir & Jammu Universities Act, 1969;
- 2.4. '**Affiliated College**' means an affiliated college as defined under section 2(b) of the Act;
- 2.5. '**Board of Studies (BOS)**' means BOS as defined under section 2(e) of the Act;
- 2.6. '**Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**' means the system of education that provides choices, as per defined framework, to a student to select disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses to fit into her/his requirements and to learn at her / his own pace;
- 2.7. '**Community Engagement and Service**' means a course or a component of a course which exposes the student to the socio-economic issues prevailing in society so that the theoretical learning can be supplemented by actual life experiences to understand and generate solutions to real-life problems;
- 2.8. '**Course**' means a component of a programme that is made up of academic instructions and may include lectures, tutorials, study material/ laboratory work/field work, etc. Each course having a certain number of credits reflecting its weightage and credits will be awarded to the candidate, if that course is passed successfully;
- 2.9. '**Credit Point**' means the product of grade point and the number of credits for a course;
- 2.10. '**Credit**' means weightage/numeric value assigned to a course. One credit means: i) one hour of lecture/tutorial work, or ii) two hours of practical /lab work/co- or extra-curricular activities, or iii) three hours of on-the-job training. Credit hours shall be counted per week/for a minimum period of 15 working weeks in a semester.
Explanation : 1 Credit = 15 hours of (i) =30 hours of (ii) = 45 hours of (iii)
- 2.11. '**Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**' means a system /standard to measure the overall cumulative performance of a student in a programme over all the semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points scored by a student in all the courses of the programme to the sum of the total credits of all the courses of the programme. It is expressed up to two digits after the decimal place.
- 2.12. '**Department**' means a department of University of Kashmir as defined under the Act;
- 2.13. '**Dissertation**' means comprehensive report of the research work done on the basis of systematic, scientific and rigorous investigations on the chosen and approved topic utilizing relevant research methods/techniques/innovations;
- 2.14. '**Field Work/Practice/Survey/Project**' means a course or a component of course which enables a student to participate in field-based learning/project, involving application of knowledge in solving/analyzing/exploring a real-life situation/difficult problem under the supervision of a teacher/mentor;
- 2.15. '**5-Year Integrated Master's Degree (FYIMP)**' means an Integrated Bachelor's - Master's Degree programme spread over a maximum period of five academic years comprising ten (10) semesters;
- 2.16. '**Grade Point**' means a numerical value allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale;

- 2.17. **'Internship'** means a professional learning experience with practical work related to a student's field of study or career exploration and development, as may be prescribed for the specific programme regulations.
- 2.18. **'Self-Learning Material'** for Open and Distance Learning Mode means and includes 'contents in the form of course material, whether print or in e-form, which is inter-alia self-explanatory, self-contained, self-directed at the learner, and amenable to self-evaluation, and enables the learner to acquire the prescribed level of learning in a course of study, but does not include test books or guide books.'
- 2.19. **'Lecture'** means transaction of knowledge within and outside the classroom that includes interactive and participative learning;
- 2.20. **'Letter Grade'** means an index of the performance of student in a course;
- 2.21. **'Master's Degree'** means Master's Degree Programme spread over 1-1/2- Academic Years comprising 2-1/4-Semesters respectively;
- 2.22. **'NEP-2020'** means National Educational Policy-2020;
- 2.23. **'Outreach programme'** means to build partnerships between educational institutions and other organizations to open up new pathways for growth and success;
- 2.24. **'PG Curriculum Framework'** means a credit structure wherein a student shall have to earn a minimum of 20 to a maximum of 24 credits in each semester and total credits required for the award of 1- / 2- years Master Degree shall range from 40/80 to 48/96 credits, whereas a total of 40 to 48 credits shall be the requirement for the award of a one-year PG Diploma as prescribed under these statutes;
- 2.25. **'Practicum'** means a course or a component of a course which enables students to learn or to attain skills or to get procedural knowledge for the contents of a course through Practical/Laboratory/Studio/Project/Practice/Survey/Field work and to apply learnt/studied principles/theory/concepts related to the chosen field of learning, work/vocation, or professional practice in the field of learning under the supervision of a teacher/mentor;
- 2.26. **'Programme'**: A programme means a composition of number of courses required for the award of a Master's Degree or PG Diploma after earning requisite credits successfully, according to the scheme of examination of the programme;
- 2.27. **'Project Work'**: means a course or a component of a course which facilitates a student to apply the knowledge, skills and critical thinking ability to complete a specific task in a given time frame through conceptualization, exploration and analysis of research-based activities to suggest tangible solutions for a given problem related to the chosen field of learning;
- 2.28. **'Regulation'** means a regulation as defined under section 2(h) of the Act;
- 2.29. **'Semester'** means a period of time commencing from the date of admission till the commencement of examination of that semester (with a minimum period of 15 weeks);
- 2.30. **'Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)'** means 'a standard to measure the performance of a student in a semester. It is the ratio of total credit points scored by a student in all the courses in a semester to the total credits earned during that semester'.
- 2.31. **'Seminar'** means a component of a course/programme aimed to enhance skills of self-learning, presentation and interactive discussion among students to learn a specific topic through in-depth exploration of contents and analysis of facts about the topic under the supervision of a teacher.
- 2.32. **'Statutes'** means statutes as defined under section 2(h) of the Act;
- 2.33. **'Transcript'** means a statement of credits indicating details of credits earned by a student containing the subject details (code, title, number of credits, grade secured) along with the SGPA of that semester and CGPA earned till the last semester;
- 2.34. **'Types of Courses'**
- 2.34.1. **Core Course (CC)** means a compulsory course of a programme which aims at imparting fundamental, comprehensive and advanced knowledge of the programme;
- 2.34.2. **Discipline Centric Elective Course (DCEC)** means a course of choice which allows a student to study a specialized area(s) of programme as per her/his interests and offered by the concerned/Parent Department/College/Institute of the University;
- 2.34.3. **Open Elective Course (OEC)** means a course which a student opts to study for getting interdisciplinary knowledge in addition to her/his own courses of the programme;

- 2.34.4. **'Employability and Entrepreneurship Skills Course (EEC)** means a course which aims at enhancing the employability skills and developing key personal attributes which are essential for generating employment potential and preparing a student for the effective performance at workplace;
- 2.34.5. **Vocational Course (VOC)** means a course focused on practical work, preparing students for a particular skilled profession. Such courses develop capacities for sustenance, work, and economic participation and develop values and sensibilities towards physical work and the dignity of labour;
- 2.34.6. **Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)** means a course which aims at imparting practical skills, hands-on training, soft skills, etc. to enhance the employability of students;
- 2.35. **'Tutorial'** means a component of a course which involves problem-solving, learning through discussions and remedial teaching related to the contents and periphery of a course with the direct involvement of a teacher;
- 2.36. **'University'** means the University of Kashmir as defined under section 2 (k) of the Act.

3. Nature and Duration

- 3.1. Subject to the provisions contained in the Act and other policies of the University, all the departments of the University/constituent or affiliated institutions offering PG programmes shall offer 2- as well as 1-Year Master's (PG) Degree Programmes to cater to diverse academic and professional needs.
- 3.2. The Master's programme/s may be offered through different Modes viz; Regular (Formal)/ Open and Distance Learning (ODL) /Online of 2-/1-Years duration comprising 4-/2- semesters. The credit level of 1st and 2nd year of Master's Programme, in accordance with the National Credit Framework (NCrFW), shall be 6.0 and 6.5 respectively.
Provided that the students can also be enrolled through Private Mode for the programmes not being offered through Distance/ODL mode of this University.
A Master's Programme shall be of 1- or 2-Years duration while the Integrated Master's (PG) programme will be of 5-Years duration.
- 3.3. Admission shall be granted to the students, possessing required qualification/credits, in the 1st Semester and 3rd Semester as prescribed in the regulations of the particular programme.
- 3.4. Each academic year shall have two semesters; one odd and one even semester with each semester having at least 15 working weeks of active teaching / learning.
- 3.5. A candidate enrolled to the Programme shall be required to earn a minimum of 80/40 credits to complete the 2-/1-Year post-graduate programme with a shelf life of maximum 7 years for each credit earned.
- 3.6. The syllabi of 4th year of UG (Honours) Programme/s shall align with that of 1st year of PG Programme/s to facilitate seamless transition for the students who may choose to pursue PG studies at the University after completing their 3-year UG Programme/s at the college level.
- 3.7. The 3-Year UG students can join the 1st Year of PG programme and 4-Year UG students (Honours / Honours with Research) can directly join the 2nd Year of PG Programme through lateral entry mode.
- 3.8. Some percentage of seats, notified by the University as per its admission policy shall be reserved for PG 2nd Year so as to accommodate lateral entry for students joining the programme after completing 4-Years UG (Honours / Honours with Research) Programme. This percentage shall be in addition to the vacancies resulting from students who dropout or exercise the option of exit after first year. The reservation shall be subject to review from time to time.
- 3.9. The departments may offer Course Work (CW) in all the semesters and /or research work (RW) in the last 1- /2- Semester/s in addition to course work in earlier semester/s.
- 3.10. In case a candidate, enrolled for a 2-Year Master's Programme, opts for exit after one year (successful completion of two-semester/s with a minimum of 40 credits), he/she shall be entitled to receive PG Diploma in the relevant discipline.
- 3.11. The Master's Degree of 1- and 2-Years has to be completed in a maximum of 3 and 5 years respectively. A candidate availing exit option shall have the option to re-enter the programme within 3 years of exit, at the beginning of any academic year, to complete the degree with the syllabi in vogue, however, with the condition that the total period of completion, including the period between exit and re-entry, shall not exceed 7 years.

3.12. Unless specified explicitly in the regulations of a particular programme, in case the infrastructure permits and respective Boards of Studies (BoS) deem fit, the department may also offer PG with more than one specialization or with research option in the last 2- Semesters.

4. Eligibility for Admission

- 4.1. Subject to the Admission Policy of the University, a candidate must have passed 3- or 4-Year Bachelor's examination from the University of Kashmir or from any other recognized University / Institution, whose examination has been recognized as equivalent thereto and fulfils other conditions of eligibility as prescribed by the University from time to time, for admission to the 1st or 3rd Semester of the programme.
- 4.2. The pre-requisites/basic eligibility for PG 2-/1- Year shall be as specified in Table 1.
- 4.2.1. For a 2-year (4-semester) Master's degree programme, a 3-Year (6-Semester) Bachelor's Degree with a minimum total of 120 Credits including a minimum of 12 credits in the relevant subject shall be the eligibility criteria for admission.
- 4.2.2. For a 1-Year (2-Semester) Master's programme, a 4-Year (8-Semester) Bachelor's Degree with Honours / Honours with Research, with a minimum total of 160 Credits including 20 credits in the subject, shall be the eligibility criteria.
- 4.3. However, for the disciplines where the admissions, prior to the implementation of NEP-2020, were offered without any specific subject at the UG level, the existing procedure shall continue till the University, on the basis of recommendations of the Boards of Studies of the concerned discipline, notifies otherwise.

Table 1: Modes of PG Degree Programmes

Sl. No	Programme	Eligibility	Entry /Lateral Entry	Exit Option/ Degree Completion	Award
1	2-Year Master's Degree	3- year UG	1 st Year	1-Year	PG Diploma
				2-Year	Master's Degree
2	1-Year Master's Degree	4- year UG (Honours/Honours with research)	2 nd Year	1-Year	Master's Degree

5. Mode of Selection

The admission to different programmes shall be granted on the basis of merit obtained in the entrance test, conducted by the University or any national level body OR as reflected in the regulations of each programme and notified at the time of admission.

Provided that if the number of available seats is more than the total number of applicants, then no Entrance Test shall be conducted by the University.

Provided further that in case of ODL Mode programmes, the admission shall be granted to a candidate who has passed 3-or 4-year UG Degree Programme and their selection shall be made on the basis of merit obtained by a candidate in the relevant subject at 3-/4-years UG Programme.

6. Intake

6.1. The intake shall be specified in the regulations of the specific programme offered by the Department / Institution / College and notified at the beginning of the admission process.

6.2. The reservation of seats shall be as per the reservation policy of the University in vogue.

6.3. The annual intake for each programme may be modified based on the recommendations of the Departmental Committee forwarded by the concerned Head of the Department, through Dean of the School, for consideration of the competent authority of the University.

7. Fee Structure

7.1. The fee structure shall be specified in the respective regulations of the specific programme.

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7.2. Any change in fee shall be notified from time to time by the University.

8. Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar for the 1- as well as 2- Year Masters Programme offered by the University shall be notified by the Dean, Academic Affairs.

9. Curriculum Credit Framework

9.1. Each Semester shall have a minimum of 20 to a maximum of 24 Credits as indicated in Table-2:

TABLE 2: CREDIT DISTRIBUTION FOR DIFFERENT SEMESTERS OF THE PG PROGRAMME

S. No.	SEMESTER	MINIMUM CREDITS	MAXIMUM CREDITS
1	1 st	20	24
2	2 nd	20	24
3	3 rd	20	24
4	4 th	20	24
TOTAL		80	96

- 9.2. As per Guidelines on Curriculum and Credit Framework for Post Graduate Programmes (CCFPGP), issued by the UGC dated: June 12, 2024, the curricular components of the 1st year PG Master's Degree Programme shall be aligned to the 4th Year of the UG (Honours) / Integrated Bachelor's – Master's Programme while that of 2nd year shall be aligned to the 5th year of the Integrated Bachelor's – Master's Programme.
- 9.3. For the first 2- Semesters of the two-year Master's programme, curriculum shall be based entirely on course work. However, for the 3rd and 4th semesters, subject to availability of facilities in the department and the practice in vogue at present, the departments may offer the option to choose any one of the following modes:
- 9.3.1. only course work (CW) in the 3rd and 4th semesters (CW+CW); or
- 9.3.2. course work in the 3rd semester and research in the 4th semester (CW+R); or
- 9.3.2. only research (R) in the 3rd and 4th semesters (R+R), subject to the availability of the resources.
- 9.4. The curriculum for all types of courses shall be designed by the respective Boards of PG studies of the departments offering such courses.
- 9.5. The respective Boards of Studies may incorporate skill-based modules, foreign collaborations, and counselling / placement opportunities in the curriculum to enhance relevance and employability.
- 9.6. In order to ensure flexibility in credit allocation across courses, the theory/lab courses shall be of two, three or four credits depending upon its alignment with the overall credit requirements for the degree program.
- 9.7. A minimum of 50% of the total credits of PG Framework shall comprise the Core Courses while the remaining credits may be assigned to Elective (Discipline Centric / Generic / Open), Specialization and / or Skill-based Courses.
- 9.8. Internships, wherever applicable, shall be offered in the 3rd or 4th semesters, as per the regulations to be reflected in the programme by the Board of Studies. The components and evaluation mechanism for internship shall be determined by the respective Boards of Studies.
- 9.9. Students participating in various co-curricular /extra-curricular activities shall be entitled to earn credits as per the mechanism adopted and notified by the University from time to time.

10. Learning Modes

10.1. A student can pursue two academic programmes simultaneously (Dual Degree), one programme in full-time regular mode and second in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) or Online Mode; or up to two ODL/Online programmes simultaneously in accordance with University notification issued vide No: F(Guidelines-Two-Acad-Prog)Acad/KU/24 dated 28-03-2024.

Provided that a scholar pursuing PhD Degree in this University or in any other institute shall not be permitted to avail this opportunity during the residency period.

- 10.2. The University departments may offer the option of twining of degrees /joint degrees with other universities/institutions within /outside the country in accordance with the policy adopted and notified by the University based on UGC regulations.
- 10.3. Each programme/s, including Open and Distance Learning (ODL) or Online Mode, shall be governed by its respective Programme Regulations/Policy/Mode.

11. Creditization of Experiential Learning:

- 11.1. The procedure for calculating credits acquired by a student by virtue of experiential learning including relevant experience and proficiency levels acquired (post-completion of an academic grade/ skill-based program) gained by the learner/student in the industry shall be spelt out in the regulations by the concerned Board of Studies of the department(s) as per UGC guidelines viz; "Curriculum and Credit Framework for PG Programmes" issued in June 2024.
- 11.2. The procedure of calculating credits acquired by a candidate as mentioned in clause 11.1 is given in the Table 3 and the Departments shall identify relevant experiential learning activities as per their programme requirements and incorporate the same in their curriculum framework.

Table 3: Creditization of Experiential Learning

Credit Assignment for relevant experience / proficiency Experience cum Proficiency Levels	Description of the relevant Experiential learning including relevant experience and professional levels acquired and attaining proficiency levels	Weightage / Multiplicati on Factor	No. of years of experience (Only indicative)
Trained / Qualification Attained	Someone who has completed the coursework/ education/ training and has been taught the skills and knowledge needed for a particular job or activity	1	Less than or equal to 1 year
Proficient	Proficient would mean having the level of advancement in a particular profession, skill set, or knowledge	1.33	More than 1 less than or equal to 4
Expert	Expert means having high level of knowledge and experience in a trade or profession	1.67	More than 4 less than or equal to 7
Master	Master is someone having exceptional skill or knowledge of a subject/domain	2	More than 7

12. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

The credit points may be redeemed as per Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) guidelines for entry or admission in higher education at multiple levels enabling horizontal and vertical mobility with various lateral entry options in accordance with the University Grants Commission (*Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education*) Regulation, 2021.

Further, the relevance of the credits to the programme from various approved e-Resources shall be determined by the concerned Departmental Committee, subject to the approval of the concerned Dean.

13. Nomenclature Used in the Syllabus as per NEP-2020

Within the following definition each department shall clearly specify the objectives in the respective syllabi of the programmes:

- 13.1. *Programme Educational Objectives (PEOs)*: PEOs are broad statements that describe the career and professional accomplishments in four to five years after graduation that the programme has prepared the graduates to achieve.
- 13.2. *Programme Outcomes (POs)*: POs are specific statements that describe what students are expected to know and be able to do by the time they complete any PG Programme of the University.
- 13.3. *Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)*: PSOs are similar to POs but are specific to a particular programme.
- 13.4. *Course Outcomes (COs)*: COs are statements that describe the specific learning outcomes of individual courses within a programme. They describe what the student should be able to do at the end of a course.

14. Examination (Conduct)

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14.1. Examination for each semester of the programme shall be conducted by the Controller of Examinations in consultation with concerned Head of the Department (HoD) concerned, as per the academic calendar.

Provided that supplementary examination shall be conducted for left out backlog courses of the students within a period of three months from the declaration of result of the final semester of the programme.

14.2. The Question paper shall be set by Examiners as per the University policy in vogue.

15. Eligibility for Appearing in the Examination

15.1. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination of a semester unless concerned HoD/Director/Coordinator ensures that a candidate authorized to appear in an examination fulfills the following required conditions of eligibility:

15.1.1. Is a regular student, qualified all continuous assessment tests and also otherwise eligible to appear as recommended by concerned HoD/Director/Coordinator;

15.1.2. Not debarred from appearing in any examination for unfair-means or misconduct / shortage in attendance;

Provided such a candidate produces the required certificate(s) issued by the competent authority, verified and forwarded by the HoD/Director /HoI/ any authorized officer of the department/institution.

15.1.3. Provided that where a candidate fails in any course/s of any semester, up to 3rd semester, he /she shall be required to appear in such course/s with the next batch, except where there is a change in the course title and such students shall be examined as per their original course syllabus.

15.1.4. Supplementary Examination shall be conducted for 3rd and 4th semesters within a period of three months after the declaration of 4th semester result.

15.2. Special Examination shall be conducted in favour of such students who could not appear in their examination due to participation in various NSS/NCC/Sports/Other activities organized at the State / Inter University/ National / International level.

Provided that candidate(s) participating in such events must produce a copy of the certificate to the HoD /HoI within one month from the end of the event, failing which no such relaxation shall be given. The authority competent to issue the candidate's participation certificate shall include the name of the department, the Name & Roll No. of the candidate and the Date(s) on which the activities were conducted.

15.3. Any candidate, who falls short of required attendance in any course(s) in a semester, shall not be eligible to appear in that particular course(s) in which he/she is falling short of attendance.

Provided that he/she shall be entitled to appear in the course(s) in a subsequent session after attending the deficit number of classes in the next session as per university guidelines, for which special/ remedial classes may be arranged.

Provided further that the shortage in attendance may be condoned or relaxation given in any semester as per conditions laid down under the relevant University Statutes.

16. Condonation of Shortage in Attendance

16.1. Shortage in attendance will be ascertained as per rules in vogue and shall be condoned only to the extent permissible/prescribed under examination statutes.

16.2. Other concessions, if any, shall also be granted strictly as permissible under relevant statutes.

17. Examination Pattern

17.1. The pattern of question paper shall be as per the policy of the University.

Provided that the pattern of the question papers for some specific professional/technical programmes shall be as prescribed by the concerned Statutory/Regulatory Bodies.

17.2. 30% Marks, in each course, shall be reserved for Continuous Assessment and 70% for the Semester End Examination.

17.3. The Internal Assessment shall have formative and summative components. Assessment has to have correlation with the learning outcomes to be achieved by a student after completion of the course.

Therefore, the mode and system of assessment shall be guided by the learning outcomes. The detailed breakup of different components of continuous assessment (e.g., assignments, group discussion, quiz, seminars, case studies, field work, practical's, etc.) shall be spelt out in the programme specific regulations).

18. Pass Percentage

A candidate shall be required to secure a minimum Qualifying Letter Grade "D" or Grade Point "5" as indicated in Table 4 in each component of each course including internal as well as external components of Theory/Practical independently.

19. Grading System: Calculation

Absolute grading would be used where the marks obtained are converted into grades based on UGC pre-determined class intervals. To implement the grading system, the University shall use the following 10-point grading system. The definitions and description of Grades awarded, conversion of percentage and the marks converted into Grade points in a particular course/paper shall be calculated as under:

Table 4: Percentage to Grade/Grade Letter and Grade Point Conversion

Marks Percentage Range	Grade	Grade Letter	Grade Point
90 to 100	Outstanding	A+	10
80 to <90	Excellent	A	9
70 to <80	Very Good	B+	8
60 to <70	Good	B	7
50 to <60	Average	C	6
40 to <50	Pass	D	5
<40	Fail	F	0
0	Absent	Ab	0

(Note: 0.5 mark shall be treated as 1 mark and less than 0.5 mark omitted).

A student obtaining Grade (F) shall be considered failed and will be required to reappear in the examination as per existing rules of the university under semester system for Two-year PG course.

19.1. **Letter Grade/Grade Point:** It indicates the performance of a student in a paper/course described as Grade Letter or Grade Point as mentioned in the table 4. The candidate shall be declared as Fail in the paper in which he/she obtains less than 40% marks i.e., Letter Grade "F/Ab" and Grade Point "0".

19.2. **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):** SGPA indicates the performance of a candidate in a given Semester. It is computed only when a candidate passes all the papers and obtains at least grade "D". It is calculated by dividing the total credit points earned by a candidate in all the courses by the total number of credits assigned to the paper/course in a semester.

The credits earned by a student from any other institution/University shall be converted to SGPA as per the procedure adopted by this University.

Note: SGPA shall be expressed up to two decimal places under these Statutes.

19.3. **Credit Point (CP):** Credit points are obtained by multiplying credits in a course with grade points:
Credit Point = No. of Credits in a Course x Grade Point.

19.3.1. Following procedure shall be adopted to compute the Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):

Explanation-1: The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is the ratio of the sum of the **Credit Points** to sum of credits of all the courses undergone by a student in the semester.

Explanation-2: Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is the average grade points obtained in all the semesters and is calculated in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a programme, i.e. $CGPA = \frac{\sum (C_i \times S_i)}{\sum C_i}$; where S_i is the SGPA of the i^{th} semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester.

Table- 5: Illustration for Computation of SGPA

Semester	Course	Credit	Letter Grade	Grade Point (Gi)	Credit Point (Credit x Grade)
I	Course 1	4	B ⁺	8	4 x 8 = 32
I	Course 2	4	B	7	4 x 7 = 28
I	Course 3	4	C	6	4 x 6 = 24
I	Course 4	4	A ⁺	10	4 x 10 = 40
I	Course 5	2	D	5	2 x 5 = 10
I	Course 6	2	C	6	2 x 6 = 12
	Total	20			Σ=146
	SGPA			146/20=7.30	

Explanation-3: CGPA shall be calculated out of maximum of 10 points. It is the weighted average of all the grade points of all letter grades earned by the student from his/her entry into the programme. To get the equivalent percentage (100), CGPA has to be multiplied by 10. For instance, CGPA of 6.54 out of 10 is equivalent to 65.40 out of 100 (65.40%). The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcript.

Table- 6: Example for Computation of CGPA

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Credit: 20 SGPA:6.9	Credit: 20 SGPA:7.8	Credit:20 SGPA:5.6	Credit: 20 SGPA:6.0
CGPA= (20 x 6.9 + 20 x 7.8 + 20 x 5.6 + 20 x 6.0 /80= 6.5			

- 19.3.2. For calculation of Percentage of Marks, the following formulas are used:
- SGPA = Total Credit Points earned in a Semester/Total Credits in a Semester.
 - CGPA = Total Credit Points Earned in all Semesters/Total Credits of the Programme
 - Percentage of Marks = CGPA x 10

20. Declaration of Result:

- 20.1 The declaration of result shall be based on Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) earned;
- 20.2 There shall be provision to transfer credits earned by a candidate during transfer from one institution to the other;
- 20.2 The programme shall permit the consideration of credits earned from SWAYAM and other MOOCS platforms through the 'Academic Bank of Credits' recognized by the University.

21. Promotion

The programme shall have a carry-on system for the candidates who fulfill the statutory requirement of attendance, have passed in continuous internal assessment and any other internal component of the practical/field work, etc.,

22. Re-Appear and Division/ Grade Improvement

Subject to the provisions of the statutes, a candidate who fails to secure the required percentage of marks in any course(s) of a semester shall be required to re-appear in the course(s), for which examination shall be held with the next batch under following conditions:

- 22.1 There shall be no limit on the number of chances, a candidate can avail for passing a course in which he/she has failed subject to the condition that the degree is completed within its maximum allowed duration.

Further, a candidate can appear afresh in a course paper where he/she wants to improve his/her performance/grade.

22.2. A candidate, who has passed a PG / PG Diploma Programme from the University of Kashmir, Srinagar and is desirous of improving her/his CGPA in the respective programme, will be allowed to appear within a period of three years after completion of the programme as an ex-student in one or more theory course(s). Such student shall pay the examination fee for the whole examination of the semester under reference. However, the prevailing rules at the time of appearing in examination for CGPA improvement shall be applicable.

22.3. The result of CGPA improvement examinations shall be declared only if a candidate improves her/his CGPA of the respective programme.

Provided the revised transcript for such students shall be issued only after submission of application for the purpose in case the candidate intends to forgo any left-over chances for improvement of CGPA.

Provided further that no chance to Improve performance in the Internal Assessment / Practicals / Internship / Field Work / Project / Seminar / Studio / Dissertation / Project work etc. shall be permitted.

23. Issuance of Transcript

23.1 No Marks Certificate shall be issued after passing any Semester End examination. However, the Grades secured in each course/paper (separately in Theory/Practicals, wherever applicable) of each candidate will be available on the University website immediately after the declaration of result of each Semester End Examination.

23.2. On successful completion of a programme as per statutes, a Certificate shall be awarded to a candidate, and a Transcript indicating the Grade Performance of the candidate from 1st to the last semester shall be issued after formal exit as per Regulations of the programme.

Provided that where a candidate seeks exit, a Transcript indicating the Grade Performance from 1st semester till the exit shall also be issued.

23.3. Any student seeking migration to any other university shall be provided a Transcript of semesters along with the Letter Grades, Grade Points and CCPA qualified from the University of Kashmir against the payment of a prescribed fee.

24. Award of Degree

Subject to the Provisions of the Act, Statutes and Regulations for the time being in force, a candidate shall be entitled to the award of the Degree, on the satisfaction of the following conditions:

24.1. Has pursued all the theory and practical/tutorial courses/papers as prescribed for the Programme;

24.2. Has qualified in all the Theory and Practical Courses (wherever applicable) and earned the credits as prescribed in the Statutes and Regulations;

24.3. Has secured the CGPA/Letter Grade/Grade Points on the basis of overall CGPA Score obtained in accordance with the Statutes/Regulations.

24.4. Has obtained necessary 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from the Department/Institution, Library, Laboratories, Hostels and other concerned quarters.

24.5. Any other condition, as may be laid down for the purpose, by the University.

25. Rank and Gold Medal

The University Ranks and Gold-Medals shall be awarded to the students of Master's Degree Programme as per the prescribed University guidelines in vogue.

26. Removal of Difficulties

26.1 If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Statutes after commencement or otherwise, the University may submit proposed provisions/amendments/ regulations as appear to it necessary or expedient for removing such difficulties to the competent bodies for approval.

26.2 Further if any difficulty arises in interpretation of these statutes on the basis of conflicting opinions on any matter from admission till award of the degree, the same may be referred to the Vice Chancellor for final decision.