ACADEMIC PROGRESSION RULE

The following rule of 'Academic Progression' will be applicable to students admitted from the Academic Year 2021-22:

1. The rule will apply to undergraduate and postgraduate programmes from academic year2021-22 in which Common Minimum Syllabus formulated by Uttar Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Management, Law and Agriculture) and the programmes that the University considers have been implemented.

2. The components of evaluation for theory and laboratory/practical courses shall be as under:

   THEORY Courses:

(a)	Continuous Assessment (CA)	:	25 marks
(b)	Mid-Semester Examination (MSE)	:	25 marks
(c)	End-Semester Examination (ESE)	:	50 marks

   LABORATORY/PRACTICAL Courses :

   (a) Continuous Assessment (CA) : 25 marks
      (i) Practical Records File
      (ii) Performance in conduct of experiments/ results reported during the semester

   (b) End-Semester Examination (ESE) : 75 marks
      (i) 25 marks will be awarded to Viva-Voce as continuous assessment throughout the semester, and
      (ii) 50 marks for External examination.

3. It is necessary to pass each type of course (major, minor, elective, vocational, professional, extracurricular, co-curricular, project,survey, internship, etc.) and the final result, which will be in the form of CGPA, will depend on the marks obtained in all the courses.

4. All programmes will be integrated programmes (UG + PG + Doctorate) of eight years' duration in which students will have the choice to exit and enter at multiple levels and the details of which are as follows:

Year	Minimum-Maximum Total credits offered	Minimum credits required to earn certificate/ diploma/ degree after respective year	Maximum duration for completion (in years)	Certificate/ Diploma/ Degree awarded
1	50-52	50	4	Certificate in Faculty
2	100-104	98	7	Diploma in Faculty

3	150-154	150	10	Bachelor in Faculty
4	206-212	206	12	Bachelor (Research) in Faculty
5	258-264	258	16	Master in Faculty
6	270	270	20	PGDR (Post Graduate Diploma in Research) in Subject
6, 7, 8				Ph.D. in Subject/ Course

1. GRADING SYSTEM

(a) Based on the marks obtained in the courses studied by a student, a letter grade shall be awarded to each course using an absolute or relative grading system. The following letter grades shall be used to assess a student's performance:

Letter Grades	Grade Points	Grade Boundaries	
		Relative Grading	Absolute Grading
		A	B (in %)
O	10	≥ 90 %tile	91 – 100
A$^+$	9	≥ 75 %tile	81 – 90
A	8	≥ 50 %tile	71 – 80
B$^+$	7	≥ 30 %tile	61 – 70
B	6	≥ 15 %tile	51 – 60
C	5	≥ 05 %tile	41 – 50
P	4	≥ 30 %	30 – 40
F	0	< 30 %	< 30

Guidelines for choice of columns:

(i) For the calculation of relative grades, fail students are not taken into account.

(ii) Column B (absolute grading) shall be used for all practical courses. An absolute grading for theory courses shall be applied when the number of students is less than 30.

(iii) For relative grading, a student must achieve 80% marks (CA + MSE + ESE) to get grade O and at least 70% marks to get grade A$^+$.

(b) The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is a weighted average of the grade points earned by a student in all the courses credited and describes his/her academic performance in a semester. If the grade point associated with the letter grades awarded to a student are say, g_1, g_2, g_3, …... and the corresponding weightage (credits) are say, w_1, w_2, w_3, …...., the SGPA is given by:

$$\text{SGPA} = \frac{w_1 g_1 + w_2 g_2 + w_3 g_3 + \cdots \ldots \ldots..}{w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + \cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots}$$

(c) The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) indicates overall academic performance of a student in all the courses registered up to and including the

latest completed semester. It is computed in the same manner as SGPA, considering all the courses (say, n), and is given by:

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i g_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i}$$

2. ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

2.1 For Non-Council based Programmes

(a) A student passes and obtains credit for a course when he/she secures at least 30% marks in the ESE as well as 30% marks in the total of ESE, MSE (wherever applicable) and CA.

(b) Student who fails in a laboratory/practical course shall repeat it as per the schedule decided by the Department/School.

2.1.1 Award of 'FR' grade

(a) A student is awarded 'FR' (Fail and Repeat) grade in a theory course, he/she has registered in a semester, if

  (i) CA+MSE marks taken together < 30% and ESE marks < 30%; or
  (ii) ESE marks ≥ 30% and CA+MSE+ESE marks taken together < 30%; or
  (iii) CA+MSE marks taken together ≤ 30% and absent in ESE.

(b) A student is awarded 'FR' (Fail and Repeat) grade in a laboratory course, he/she has registered in a semester, if

  (i) CA marks < 30% and ESE marks < 30%; or
  (ii) CA marks < 30% and absent in ESEregardless of marks earned in Viva-Voce.

(c) If a student is awarded 'FR' grade in a theory/laboratorycourse, he/she has to register for that course as if it is a fresh course and will have to repeat all components of evaluation (i.e. CA, MSE, ESE and Viva-Voce (wherever applicable)).

2.1.2 Award of 'FI' grade

(a) A student is awarded 'FI' (Failure and Improve) grade in a theory course, he/she has registered in a semester, if

  (i) CA+MSE marks taken together ≥ 30% and ESE marks< 30%; or
  (ii) CA+MSE marks taken together ≥ 30% and absent in ESE.

(b) A student is awarded 'FI' (Failure and Improve) grade in a laboratory course, he/she has registered in a semester, if

  (i) CA marks ≥ 30% and ESE marks < 30%; or

(ii) CA marks ≥ 30% and absent in ESE regardless of marks earned in Viva-Voce.

(c) If a student is awarded'FI' grade in a theory/laboratory course, he/she has to pass only in ESE and their CA and MSE marks will remain the same.

2.1.3 Award of 'DEB' grade

(a) A student is awarded 'DEB' (Debarred) grade in a course, he/she has registered in a semester, if he/she fails to meet attendance requirement in the course or for any other reason.

(b) If a student is awarded 'DEB' grade in a course, he/she has to register for that course as if it is a fresh course and will have to repeat all components of evaluation (i.e. CA, MSE and ESE).

2.1.4 Passing a course in which student got 'FI' grade

(a) A student who secures 'FI' grade in a course can pass by appearing in ESE and securing a minimum of 30% marks if his/her CA+MSE marks are ≥ 30%.

(b) Students having 'FI' grade in odd semester will be allowed to register in the subsequent odd semester and students having 'FI' grade in even semester will be allowed to register in the subsequent even semester.

(c) Students with an 'FI' grade can also register for the Summer Term to pass the course(s) according to the schedule indicated in the academic calendar.

(d) The maximum grade awarded to a student with'FI' grade would be 'A' in the courses in which he/she is writing the exam.

2.1.5 Passing a course in which student got 'FR' or 'DEB' grade

A student who secures 'FR' or 'DEB' grade in a course has following options to pass the course:

(a) by re-registering the course in subsequent odd/even semester and appearing in all tests, assignments, and examinations, and pass the course as if it is a fresh course by depositing specified fee. Registration fee will be per subject/course as specified by the University from time to time.

(b) Students having 'FR' or 'DEB' grade in odd semester will be allowed to register in the subsequent odd semester and students having 'FR' or 'DEB' grade in even semester will be allowed to register in the subsequent even semester.

(c) Students with an 'FR' or 'DEB' grade can also register for the Summer Term to pass the course(s) according to the schedule indicated in the academic calendar.

2.1.6 Repeating a course

(i) The procedure for conducting repeat courses shall be as under:

    (a) A student, who needs to repeat a course which is a pre-requisite for another course, shall register and pass the course as early as possible in the subsequent semesters (summer/odd/even).

    (b) The student will be assigned an instructor with whom he/she will interact at least once a week as scheduled.

    (c) The instructor will assign home assignments to the student and report back in the meeting to be held in the next week.

    (d) The instructor shall discuss and evaluate the assignments and assign marks.

    (e) The instructor may conduct viva to ascertain knowledge gained.

    (f) Cumulative marks shall account for CA.

    (g) The instructor shall also conduct MSE for that course.

    (h) The student needs to attend the required percentage of the scheduled meetings, (as per the attendance rules in force), failing which 'FR' or 'DEB' grade shall again be awarded.

    (i) The student registered in the Summer Term for a course in which he/she has obtained 'FR' or 'DEB' grade will be assigned an instructor with whom he/she will interact at least thrice a week as scheduled.

    (j) The other rules will be the same as mentioned above.

    (k) The student who has not been debarred shall be allowed to appear in the ESE.

    (l) Standard rules for passing a course shall apply.

    (m) The final grade secured in the course shall be capped at 'B$^+$'.

    (n) All marks obtained in assignments/practical, presentation or a report will be made available to the students within a reasonable time after evaluation.

(ii) A student can replace an elective course by another elective course. If a course is discontinued by the Department, the student shall be required to register for an equivalent course of same credit with the permission from the HOD/Dean, Dean Academic Affairs and Controller of Examination.

(iii) A student will be permitted to register during the Summer Term for the 'FR', 'FI' or 'DEB' courses for a maximum of 16 credits or a maximum of 4 courses, whichever is beneficial to the student.

2.1.7 Grade improvement

Students who secure CGPA less than 6.5 after completing the pre-requisite credits for the award of degree, and wish to improve their CGPA may be permitted for CGPA improvement. Such students shall be allowed to withdraw the grade in given course(s) earlier passed with low grade and shall be permitted to reappear for the examinations for improving the grade(s) and in turn his/her CGPA. Such students shall have to comply with the following conditions:

(a) Student will submit a written application to Dean Academics seeking his permission through the Dean/Head of the Department from where he has graduated to register for CGPA improvement within one month from the date of declaration of his/her examination result; provided that he/she should not have taken (i) Leaving Certificate from the University, and (ii) Degree from the University. No student will be admitted once the course registration process of improvement examination ends.

(b) For grade improvement, a student can register for a maximum of five (05) courses in which he/she has secured a B, C or P grades. In case a student wishes to register for more than five (05) courses, he/she will need to obtain special permission from the Vice-Chancellor.

(c) A student can choose a maximum three theory courses from a particular semester in which he/she has secured B, C or P grade, the student will have to register for these courses in a particular semester in which those courses are offered.

(d) At the time of registration,the student must surrender all the original Grade Cards given to him/her by the University. The maximum grade awarded would be 'A' in the courses in which he/she appears for grade improvement.

(e) Grade improvement shall be allowed only in theory courses and it shall not be permitted in courses like Minor Projects, Major Projects / Projects, Seminars, Laboratory/Practical Courses, Term Paper, etc. He/she will have to give an affidavit on Rs. 100/- judicial stamp paper that he/she will not use the surrendered Grade Card till he/she gets official result of the courses for which he/she wishes to appear for grade improvement. No change will be allowed after registration of a course(s) for grade improvement.

(f) Student wishing to improve his/her grade will have to pay a requisite fee as prescribed by the University.

(g) Student wishing to avail the facility of grade improvement will have to pass in all the courses at a time for which he/she has registered for. He/she will not be entitled to appear in the summer term or re-examination in such cases.

(h) Only one attempt will be permissible to a student wishing to use the facility of grade improvement. If the student fails to secure higher grade(s), the original result (grade) before registering for improvement will be retained.

(i) Student who improves his/her CGPA will be issued fresh Grade Card(s) by the University. These Grade Cards will clearly indicate "Grade Improvement" against

the course for which the students re-appeared. The date on the new Grade Card will be that as issued for other students appearing in those courses.

(j) Such students who have appeared for grade improvement shall not be considered for any Merit Position or Medal.

2.1.8 Examination on demand:

(a) After the semester is over, a student, having more than 30% marks in CA+MSE, but less than 30% marks in ESE, and not debarred in any course, may request COE for 'Examination on Demand' of ESE during the subsequent semester. The fee for such an Examination shall be as specified by the University, from time to time for each course.

(b) A student who desires 'Examination on Demand' shall make a written request to COE (through Dy. COE of the concerned School) along with examination fee, at least two weeks prior to the requested date of examination. COE may schedule the date by taking University's convenience into account.

(c) The grade earned through the 'Examination on Demand' (based on previously earned CA + MSE marks + marks in the 'Examination on Demand') shall be capped at 'A' grade.

2.2   Council-based Programmes

For all council-based programmes, the University shall follow the rules and regulations of the respective Councils for examination.

3. YEARLY PROMOTION

3.1   Non-Council based Programmes

(a) A student shall have a CGPA of at least 4.00/10.00 in the first year of study to be eligible to register for courses offered in third semester. Student shall maintain a CGPA of at least 5.00/10.00 at the end of second and subsequent years for academic progression.

(b) If a student does not meet the academic progression criteria (as stated in 3.1(a)) then he/she must repeat the same year of study to continue in the programme. The student will have the opportunity to carry the credit of passed course(s), in which he/she has secured C or higher grade, while repeating the year. During repeating the year,the student will have to pay full fee.

3.2 Council-based Programmes

For all council-based programmes, the University shall follow the rules and regulations of the respective Councils for academic progression.

4. MULTIPLE ENTRY AND MULTIPLE EXIT

In pursuance of provisions made in NEP-2020, students are given the option of multiple entries and multiple exits. If a student wants to leave the programme after the end of a particular academic year (even after the first year), then he/she must:

(a) achieve a minimum CGPA equal to or greater than 5.00.

(b) accumulate the minimum prescribed credits for the award of respective certificate/ diploma/ degree.

(c) The University shall follow the guidelines issued by the Uttar Pradesh State Council of Higher Education/University Grants Commission (UGC).

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