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Guidelines for Academic Exigencies Because of the Covid Pandemic

In accordance with the provisions of the MLCU Act, 2005, Chapter 2, Section 20 (4b) read with subsection (h) of the MLCU Act 2005 and as per the approval of the Board of Governors in its meeting held on June 4, 2021, the Guidelines for Academic Exigencies Because of the Covid Pandemic is hereby notified.

While it is necessary to abide by and provide the standards, rigour and expectations of higher education, the Covid pandemic has placed great stresses on the conduct and content of education. Recognising these unprecedented difficulties, the UGC has issued two set of guidelines for universities:

1. UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown (April 2020)
2. UGC Guidelines on Internships (May 2020)

In these documents it has been “made clear that the guidelines are advisory in nature and the Universities may accordingly plan their activities keeping in view the safety and interest of our stakeholders, giving highest priority to health of all concerned”.

The University has made its utmost effort to maintain the quality and completeness of the pedagogy and content of the academic programs during the pandemic. The majority of students have completed a reasonable proportion of the expected learning. However, internet, device and power problems have hampered the academic progress of many students. And all students have been handicapped by the complete absence of conventional, face-to-face learning except for a brief period of a month in March-April 2021. In spite of these difficulties, the University has maintained the schedule of the semesters and student evaluation in line with its policies.

Keeping these aspects in mind and noting the guidelines of the UGC, the following proposal is issued:

Exemption or reduction of credits:

1. Category 1: exemption of elective subjects such as English & Communication, Entrepreneurship and online courses from other institutions/organizations. Exemptions in this category will be decided by the Dean, Academics.
2. Category 2: exemption from subjects or reduction in the total credits required for the minor. Exemptions in this category will be decided by the Dean, Academics.
3. Category 3: exemption from physical internship by online substitutes or assignment, or reduction of the internship credits. Exemptions in this category will be decided jointly by the Dean, Academics and the Head of Department.
4. Category 4: exemption or reduction of credits in the major or specialization subjects. Exemptions in this category will be decided by the Head of the Department

The maximum reduction permissible for undergraduate students to be 9 credits (out of 128-132) and for postgraduate students to be 6 credits (out of 80-84)

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