



# **Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Anantapur**

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## **Academic Regulations (R20) for B. Tech (Regular-Full time)**

(Effective for the students admitted into I year from the Academic  
Year **2020-2021** onwards)

and

## **Academic Regulations (R20) for B.Tech(Lateral Entry Scheme)**

(Effective for the students getting admitted into II year through Lateral  
Entry Scheme from the Academic Year **2021-2022** onwards)

## 1. Award of the Degree

### a) Award of the B.Tech. Degree

A student will be declared eligible for the award of the B.Tech. degree if he/she fulfils the following:

- i) Pursues a course of study for not less than four academic years and not more than eight academic years. However, for the students availing Gap year facility this period shall be extended by two years at the most and these two years would in addition to the maximum period permitted for graduation (Eight years).
- ii) Registers for 160 credits and secures all 160 credits.

### b) Award of B.Tech. degree with Honours/Minor

A student will be declared eligible for the award of the B.Tech. with Honours/Minor if he/she fulfils the following:

- i) Student secures additional 20 credits fulfilling all the requisites of a B.Tech. program i.e., 160 credits
- ii) A student is permitted to register either for Honours or a Minor but not for both. Registering for Honours/Minor is optional.
- iii) Honours/Minor is to be completed simultaneously with B.Tech. programme.

2. Students, who fail to fulfil all the academic requirements for the award of the degree within eight academic years from the year of their admission, shall forfeit their seat in B.Tech. course and their admission stands cancelled. This clause shall be read along with clause 1 a) i).

## 3. Courses of study:

The following courses are offered at present as specializations for the B. Tech. program for non-autonomous, constituent & affiliated colleges from 20120-21

S. No.	Name of the Program	Program Code
1.	Civil Engineering	01
2.	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	02
3.	Mechanical Engineering	03
4.	Electronics and Communication Engineering	04
5.	Computer Science and Engineering	05
6.	Information Technology	12
7.	Food Technology	27
8.	Artificial Intelligence & Data Science	30
9.	Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)	31
10.	Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science)	32
11.	Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning)	33
12.	Computer Science and Engineering (IoT)	35

and any other course as approved by the authorities of the University from time to time.

#### 4. Admissions:

Admission to the B. Tech Program shall be made subject to the eligibility, qualifications and specialization prescribed by the A.P. State Government/University from time to time. Admissions shall be made either based on the merit rank obtained by the student in the common entrance examination conducted by the A.P. Government/University or any other order of merit approved by the A.P. Government/University, subject to reservations as prescribed by the Government/University from time to time.

#### 5. Program related terms:

- a) **Credit:** A unit by which the course work is measured. It determines the number of hours of instructions required per week. One credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (Lecture/Tutorial) or two hours of practical work/field work per week.

Credit definition:

1 Hr. Lecture (L) per week	1 credit
1 Hr. Tutorial (T) per week	1 credit
1 Hr. Practical (P) per week	0.5 credit
2 Hrs. Practical (Lab) per week	1 credit

- b) **Academic Year:** Two consecutive (one odd + one even) semesters constitute one academic year.
- c) **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):** The CBCS provides choice for students to select from the prescribed courses.

#### 6. Structure of the Undergraduate Programme

All courses offered for the undergraduate program (B. Tech.) are broadly classified as follows:

S.No.	Category	Code	Breakup of Credits (Total 160)
1.	Humanities and Social Science including Management courses	HS	10.5
2.	Basic Science courses	BS	21
3.	Engineering Science Courses	ES	24
4.	Professional Core Courses	PC	51
5.	Professional Elective Courses	PE	15
6.	Open Elective Courses	OE	12
7.	Skill Oriented Courses	SC	10
8.	Internship, Project work	PR	16.5
9.	Non-credit Mandatory Courses	MC	Non credit

#### 7. Programme Pattern

- i. Total duration of the of B. Tech (Regular) Programme is four academic years
- ii. Each academic year of study is divided into two semesters.
- iii. Minimum number of instruction days in each semester is 90.
- iv. There shall be mandatory student induction program for freshers, with a three-week duration before the commencement of first semester. Physical activity, Creative Arts, Universal Human Values, Literary, Proficiency Modules, Lectures by Eminent People, Visits to local Areas, Familiarization to

Dept./Branch & Innovations etc., are included as per the guidelines issued by AICTE.

- v. All undergraduate students shall register for NCC/NSS/ activities. A student will be required to participate in an activity for two hours in a week either in third or fourth semester. Grade shall be awarded as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory in the mark sheet based on participation, attendance, performance, and behaviour. If a student gets an unsatisfactory grade, he/she shall repeat the above activity in the subsequent years, to complete the degree requirements
- vi. Courses like Environmental Sciences, Universal Human Values, Indian Constitution, Design Thinking for Innovation and Employability Skills is offered as non-credit mandatory courses for all branches.
- vii. Increased flexibility for students through an increase in the elective component of the curriculum, with 05 Professional Elective courses and 04 Open Elective courses.
- viii. Professional Elective Courses, include the elective courses relevant to the chosen specialization/branch. Proper choice of professional elective courses can lead to students specializing in an emerging area within the chosen field of study.
- ix. Student can opt for any open elective other than open elective offered by his/her own department. While choosing the electives, students shall ensure that they do not opt for the courses with syllabus contents similar to that of their departmental core/elective courses.
- x. A pool of interdisciplinary/job-oriented/domain skill courses which are relevant to the industry are integrated into the curriculum of all disciplines. There shall be 05 skill-oriented courses offered during III to VII semesters. Among the five skill courses, four courses shall focus on the basic and advanced skills related to the domain/interdisciplinary courses and the other shall be a soft skills course.
- xi. Students shall undergo mandatory summer internships, for a minimum of six weeks duration at the end of second and third year of the programme. There shall also be mandatory full internship in the final semester of the programme along with the project work.
- xii. Undergraduate degree either with Honours or a Minor is introduced by the University for the students having good academic record
- xiii. Each college shall take measures to implement Virtual Labs (<https://www.vlab.co.in>) which provide remote access to labs in various disciplines of Engineering and will help student in learning basic and advanced concept through remote experimentation. Student shall be made to work on virtual lab experiments during the regular labs.
- xiv. Each college shall assign a faculty advisor/mentor after admission to a group of students from same department to provide guidance in courses registration / career growth / placements / opportunities for higher studies / GATE / other competitive exams etc.
- xv. Preferably 25% course work for the theory courses in every semester shall be

conducted in the blended mode of learning.

## 8. Evaluation Process

The performance of a student in each semester shall be evaluated subject wise with a maximum of 100 marks for theory and 100 marks for practical subject. Summer Internships shall be evaluated for 50 marks, Full Internship & Project work in final semester shall be evaluated for 200 marks, mandatory courses with no credits shall be evaluated for 30 mid semester marks.

- i) For theory subject, the distribution shall be 30 marks for Internal Evaluation and 70 marks for the End-Examination.
- ii) For practical subject, the distribution shall be 30 marks for Internal Evaluation and 70 marks for the End- Examination.
- iii) If any course contains two different branch subjects, the syllabus shall be written in two parts with 3 units each (Part-A and Part-B)
- iv) If any subject is having both theory and practical components, they will be evaluated separately as theory subject and practical subject. However, they will be given same subject code with an extension of 'T' for theory subject and 'P' for practical subject.

### a) Continuous Internal Evaluation

- i) For theory subjects, during the semester, there shall be two midterm examinations. Each midterm examination shall be evaluated for 30 marks of which 10 marks for objective paper with 20 objective type questions (20 minutes duration), 15 marks for subjective paper (90 minutes duration) and 5 marks for assignment.
- ii) Objective paper shall be set for maximum of 20 bits for 10 marks. Subjective paper shall contain 3 either or type questions (totally six questions from 1 to 6) of which student has to answer one from each either-or type question. Each question carries 5 marks.

#### Note:

- The objective paper with 20 objective type questions shall be prepared in line with the quality of competitive examinations questions.
- The subjective paper shall contain 3 either or type questions of equal weightage of 5 marks. Any fraction shall be rounded off to the next higher mark.
- The objective paper shall be conducted either online or offline by the respective institution on the day of subjective paper test.
- If conducted offline, the midterm examination shall be conducted first by distribution of the Objective paper, simultaneously marking the attendance, after 20 minutes the answered objective paper shall be collected back. The student is not allowed to leave the examination hall.  
Then the descriptive question paper and the answer booklet shall be distributed. After 90minutes the answered booklets are collected back.
- The assignment shall contain numerical problems/software development. If subject is purely descriptive and does not have any numerical problems, then essay type question/term paper shall be given. It should be continuous assessment throughout the

semester. There shall be five assignments one for each unit and the average marks shall be considered.

- iii) If the student is absent for the mid semester examination, no re-exam shall be conducted and mid semester marks for that examination shall be considered as zero.
- iv) First midterm examination shall be conducted for I, II units of syllabus with one either or type question from each unit and third either or type question from both the units. The second midterm examination shall be conducted for III, IV and V units with one either or type question from each unit.
- v) Final mid semester marks shall be arrived at by considering the marks secured by the student in both the mid examinations with 80% weightage given to the better mid exam and 20% to the other.

For Example:

Marks obtained in first mid: 25

Marks obtained in second mid: 20

Final mid semester Marks:  $(25 \times 0.8) + (20 \times 0.2) = 24$

If the student is absent for any one midterm examination, the final mid semester marks shall be arrived at by considering 80% weightage to the marks secured by the student in the appeared examination and zero to the other. For Example:

Marks obtained in first mid: Absent

Marks obtained in second mid: 25

Final mid semester Marks:  $(25 \times 0.8) + (0 \times 0.2) = 20$

**b) End Examination Evaluation:**

End examination of theory subjects shall have the following pattern:

- i) There shall be 6 questions and all questions are compulsory.
- ii) Question I shall contain 10 compulsory short answer questions for a total of 20marks such that each question carries 2 marks.
- iii) There shall be 2 short answer questions from each unit.
- a) In each of the questions from 2 to 6, there shall be either/or type questions of 10 marks each. Student shall answer any one of them.
- iv) The questions from 2 to 6 shall be set by covering one unit of the syllabus for each question.

End examination of theory subjects consisting of two parts of different subjects, for

Example: Basic Electrical & Electronics Engineering shall have the following pattern:

- i) Question paper shall be in two parts viz., Part A and Part B with equal weightage of 35 marks each.
- ii) In each part, question 1 shall contain 5 compulsory short answer questions for a total of 5 marks such that each question carries 1mark.
- iii) In each part, questions from 2 to 4, there shall be either/or type questions of 10 marks each. Student shall answer any one of them.
- iv) The questions from 2 to 4 shall be set by covering one unit of the syllabus for each question

- b) For practical courses, there shall be a continuous evaluation during the semester for 30 sessional marks and end examination shall be for 70 marks. Day-to-day work in the laboratory shall be evaluated for 15 marks by the concerned laboratory teacher based on the regularity/record/viva and 15 marks for the internal test. The end examination shall be conducted by the concerned laboratory teacher and a senior expert in the subject from the same department.

In a practical subject consisting of two parts (Eg: Basic Electrical & Electronics Engineering Lab), the end examination shall be conducted for 35 marks in each part. Mid semester examination shall be evaluated as above for 30 marks in each part and final mid semester marks shall be arrived by considering the average of marks obtained in two parts.

- c) For the subject having design and/or drawing, such as Engineering Drawing, the distribution of marks shall be 30 for mid semester evaluation and 70 for end examination.

Day-to-day work shall be evaluated for 15 marks by the concerned subject teacher based on the reports/submissions prepared in the class. And there shall be two midterm examinations in a semester for duration of 2 hours each for 15 marks with weightage of 80% to better mid marks and 20% for the other. The subjective paper shall contain 3 either or type questions of equal weightage of 5 marks. There shall be no objective paper in mid semester examination. The sum of day-to-day evaluation and the mid semester marks will be the final sessional marks for the subject.

The end examination pattern for Engineering Graphics, shall consists of 5 questions, either/or type, of 14 marks each. There shall be no objective type questions in the end examination. However, the end examination pattern for other subjects related to design/drawing is mentioned along with the syllabus.

- d) There shall be no external examination for mandatory courses with zero credits. However, attendance shall be considered while calculating aggregate attendance and student shall be declared to have passed the mandatory course only when he/she secures 40% or more in the internal examinations. In case, the student fails, a re-examination shall be conducted for failed candidates for 30 marks every six months/semester at a mutually convenient date of college/student satisfying the conditions mentioned in item 1 & 2 of the regulations.
- e) The laboratory records and mid semester test papers shall be preserved for a minimum of 3 years in the respective institutions as per the University norms and shall be produced to the Committees of the University as and when the same are asked for.



## **9. Skill oriented Courses**

- i) There shall be five skill-oriented courses offered during III to VII semesters.
- ii) Out of the five skill courses two shall be skill-oriented courses from the same domain. Of the remaining three skill courses, one shall be a soft skill course and the remaining two shall be skill-advanced courses from the same domain/Interdisciplinary/Job oriented.
- f) The course shall carry 100 marks and shall be evaluated through continuous assessments during the semester for 30 sessional marks and end examination shall be for 70 marks. Day-to-day work in the class / laboratory shall be evaluated for 30 marks by the concerned teacher based on the regularity/assignments/viva/mid semester test. The end examination similar to practical examination pattern shall be conducted by the concerned teacher and an expert in the subject nominated by the principal.
- iii) The Head of the Department shall identify a faculty member as coordinator for the course. A committee consisting of the Head of the Department, coordinator and a senior Faculty member nominated by the Head of the Department shall monitor the evaluation process. The marks/grades shall be assigned to the students by the above committee based on their performance.
- iv) The student shall be given an option to choose either the skill courses being offered by the college or to choose a certificate course being offered by industries/Professional bodies or any other accredited bodies. If a student chooses to take a Certificate Course offered by external agencies, the credits shall be awarded to the student upon producing the Course Completion Certificate from the agency. A committee shall be formed at the level of the college to evaluate the grades/marks given for a course by external agencies and convert to the equivalent marks/grades.
- v) The recommended courses offered by external agencies, conversions and appropriate grades/marks are to be approved by the University at the beginning of the semester. The principal of the respective college shall forward such proposals to the University for approval.
- vi) If a student prefers to take a certificate course offered by external agency, the department shall mark attendance of the student for the remaining courses in that semester excluding the skill course in all the calculations of mandatory attendance requirements upon producing a valid certificate as approved by the University.

## **10. Choice Based Credit Courses (CBCC):**

There shall be five professional elective courses, four open elective courses and two humanities elective courses, which are Choice Based Credit Courses (CBCC), offered from III semester onwards. Among them, professional elective course offered in VI semester shall be pursued through MOOCs. The student shall register for the course (Minimum of 12 weeks) offered by SWAYAM/NPTEL through online with the approval of Head of the Department. The Head of the Department shall appoint one mentor to monitor the student's assignment submissions given by SWAYAM/NPTEL. The student needs to earn a certificate by passing the exam. The student shall be



awarded the credits assigned in the curriculum only by submission of the certificate. In case, if student does not pass subject registered through SWAYAM/NPTEL, the University shall conduct the external examination for the MOOC subject for 100 marks based on the syllabi of the respective subject provided in the curriculum.

## **11. Credit Transfer Policy**

- a) As per University Grants Commission (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016, a 'Gazette Notification' issued on 19th July 2016 & 17th August 2016, respectively, the University shall allow up to 20% of the total courses being offered in a particular Programme in a semester through the Online Learning courses through SWAYAM.
  - i) The University shall offer credit mobility for MOOCs and give the equivalent credit weightage to the students for the credits earned through online learning courses through SWAYAM platform.
  - ii) The online learning courses available on the SWAYAM platform will be considered for credit transfer.
  - iii) Student registration for the MOOCs shall be only through the institution, it will be mandatory for the student to share necessary information with the institution.
  - iv) Credit transfer policy will be applicable to the Skill courses, Elective courses (Professional, Open & Humanities) offered by the university under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).
  - v) The institution shall select the courses to be permitted for credit transfer through SWAYAM. However, while selecting courses in the online platform institution would essentially avoid the courses offered through the curriculum in the offline mode.
  - vi) The institution shall notify in June and November every year the list of the online learning courses eligible for credit transfer in the forthcoming Semester.
  - vii) The institution shall also ensure that the student has to complete the course and produce the course completion certificate as per the academic schedule given for the regular courses in that semester
  - viii) SWAYAM Course credit points are as specified in the platform
  - ix) The institution shall designate a faculty member as a Mentor for each course to guide the students from registration till completion of the credit course.
  - x) The university shall ensure no overlap of SWAYAM MOOC exams with that of the university examination schedule. In case of delay in SWAYAM results, the university will re-issue the marks sheet for such students.
  - xi) Student pursuing courses under MOOCs shall acquire the required credits only after successful completion of the course and submitting a certificate issued by the competent authority along with the percentage of marks/grades.
  - xii) The institution shall submit the following to the examination section of the university:
    - a) List of students who have passed MOOC courses in the current semester along with the certificates of completion.

- b) Undertaking form filled by the students for credit transfer.
  - xiii) The university shall resolve any issues that may arise in the implementation of this policy from time to time and shall review its credit transfer policy in the light of periodic changes brought by UGC, SWAYAM, NPTEL and state government.
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- b) Students shall also be permitted to take online courses through other MOOC platforms like Coursera, edX, Udemy etc. as per the guidelines specified in a). Only the courses with evaluation specified in percentage/grades shall be considered. If not specified in the online platform, then following credit equivalence shall be considered:
    - Courses of 8 weeks duration: 2 Credits
    - Courses of 10 weeks duration: 3 Credits
    - Courses 12 weeks duration: 4 Credits

## **12. Mandatory Internships**

### **Summer Internships:**

Two summer internships either onsite or virtual each with a minimum of six weeks duration, done at the end of second and third years, respectively are mandatory. It shall be completed in collaboration with local industries, Govt. Organizations, construction agencies, Hydel and thermal power projects, software MNCs or any industries in the areas of concerned specialization of the Undergraduate program. One of the two summer internships shall be society oriented and shall be completed in collaboration with government organizations/NGOs & others. The student shall register for the internship as per course structure after commencement of academic year.

Evaluation of the summer internships shall be through the departmental committee. A student will be required to submit a summer internship report to the concerned department and appear for an oral presentation before the departmental committee comprising of Head of the Department, supervisor of the internship and a senior faculty member of the department. A certificate from industry shall be included in the report. The report and the oral presentation shall carry 40% and 60% weightages, respectively. It shall be evaluated for 50 external marks. There shall be no internal marks for Summer Internship. A student shall secure minimum 40% of marks for successful completion. In case, if a student fails, he/she shall reappear as and when semester supplementary examinations are conducted by the University.

### **Full Semester Internship and Project work:**

In the final semester, the student should mandatorily register and undergo internship (onsite/virtual) and in parallel he/she should work on a project with well-defined objectives. At the end of the semester the candidate shall submit an internship completion certificate and a project report.

The project report shall be evaluated with an external examiner. The total marks for

project work 200 marks and distribution shall be 60 marks for internal and 140 marks for external evaluation. The supervisor assesses the student for 30 marks based on Motivation, Technical Knowledge and Awareness related to the Project. At the end of the semester, it is to be evaluated by the departmental Project Review Committee consisting of supervisor, a senior faculty and HOD for 30 marks. The external evaluation of Project Work is a Viva-Voce Examination conducted in the presence of internal examiner and external examiner appointed by the University and is evaluated for 140 marks.

The College shall facilitate and monitor the student internship programs. Completion of internships is mandatory, if any student fails to complete internship, he/she will not be eligible for the award of degree. In such cases, the student shall repeat and complete the internship.

### **13. Guidelines for offering a Minor**

The main objective of Minor in a discipline is to provide additional learning opportunities for academically motivated students and it is an optional feature of the B. Tech. programme. Students who are desirous of pursuing their special interest areas other than the chosen discipline of Engineering may opt for additional courses in minor specialization groups offered by a department other than their parent department and as defined by the respective department offering Minor program. Minor in any other branch for improving knowledge and employability.

- i) Minor is introduced in the curriculum of all B. Tech. programs offering a major degree and is applicable to all B. Tech (Regular and Lateral Entry) students admitted in Engineering & Technology.
- ii) Minor programs shall be offered in emerging technologies by the respective departments or in collaboration with the relevant industries/agencies.
- iii) A student shall earn additional 20 credits in the specified area to be eligible for the award of B.Tech. degree with Minor. This is in addition to the credits essential for obtaining the Undergraduate Degree in Major Discipline (i.e., 160 credits).
- iv) A student is permitted to register for a Minor offered by a department other than the parent department and as defined by the respective department offering Minor program.
- v) A student is permitted to register for Minor in IV semester after the results of III Semester are declared and students may be allowed to take maximum two subjects per semester pertaining to their Minor from V Semester onwards.
- vi) The courses offered under Minor can have theory as well as laboratory component. If a course comes with a lab component, that component is to be cleared separately
- vii) The Concerned Principal of the college shall arrange separate class work and timetable of the courses offered under various Minor programs.

- viii) Courses that are used to fulfil the student's primary major may not be double counted towards the Minor. Courses with content substantially equivalent to courses in the student's primary major may not be counted towards the Minor.
- ix) Students can complete the courses offered under Minor either in the college or in online platforms like SWAYAM / edX / Coursera / Udacity etc with a minimum duration of 12 weeks satisfying the criteria defined for credit mobility. If the courses under Minor are offered in conventional mode, then the teaching and evaluation procedure shall be similar to regular B. Tech courses
- x) The attendance for the registered courses under Minor and regular courses offered for Major degree in a semester are to be considered separately.
- xi) A student shall maintain an attendance of 75% in all registered courses of Minor to be eligible for attending semester end examinations.
- xii) A student detained due to lack of attendance and having backlogs in regular B. Tech program shall not be permitted to continue Minor
- xiii) A student registered for Minor in a discipline shall pass in all subjects that constitute the requirement for the Minor degree programme. No class/division (i.e., second class, first class and distinction, etc.) shall be awarded for Minor degree programme.
- xiv) If a student drops or is terminated from the Minor program, the additional credits so far earned cannot be converted into open or core electives; they will remain extra. However, such students will receive a separate grade sheet mentioning the additional courses completed by them.
- xv) The Minor in a discipline will be mentioned in the degree certificate as Bachelor of Technology in XXX with Minor in YYY. For example, Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering with Minor in Machine Learning.

#### **Enrolment into a Minor:**

- i) The enrolment of student into a Minor is based on the CGPA obtained in the major degree program.
- ii) CGPA shall be taken up to III semester in case of regular entry students and only III semester in case of lateral entry students. Students having a CGPA of 7.5 (for SC/ST students CGPA of 7.0) without any backlog subjects will be permitted to register for a Minor.
- iii) For applicability of Minor, a student shall pass all the courses in the subsequent semesters of regular B.Tech program without any backlogs otherwise registration for Minor shall be cancelled. In such case, student will receive B.Tech. degree only. However, such students will receive a separate grade sheet mentioning the additional courses completed by them.
- iv) If a student is detained due to lack of attendance in either Major or Minor program, registration shall be cancelled
- v) Minimum strength required for offering a Minor offline in a discipline is considered as 20% of the sanctioned intake. If a minimum enrolments criterion is not met, then the students may be permitted to register for the equivalent

MOOC courses as approved by the concerned Head of the department satisfying the criteria for credit mobility.

- vi) Transfer of credits from a particular Minor to regular B. Tech. and vice-versa shall not be permitted
- vii) Minor is to be completed simultaneously with Major degree program.

**Registration for Minor:**

- i) The institution will announce specialization, eligibility and courses offered by the departments under Minor and seek registrations in IV Semester, after the results of III Semester are announced.
- ii) The eligible and interested students shall apply through the HOD of his/her parent department. The whole process should be completed within one week before the start of every semester. Selected students shall be permitted to register the courses under Minor.
- iii) The selected students shall submit their willingness to the principal through his/her parent department which shall be forwarded to the concerned departments offering Minor. Both parent department and department offering minor shall maintain the record of student pursuing the Minor.
- iv) The students enrolled in the minor courses will be monitored continuously. An advisor/mentor from parent department shall be assigned to a group of students to monitor the progress.
- v) There is no fee for registration of subjects under Minor program offered in offline at the respective institutions.

**14. Guidelines for offering Honours**

The objective of introducing B.Tech. (Hons.) is to facilitate the students to choose additionally the specialized courses of their choice and build their competence in a specialized area in the UG level. The programme is a best choice for academically excellent students having good academic record and interest towards higher studies and research.

- i) Honours is introduced in the curriculum of all B. Tech. programs offering a major degree and is applicable to all B. Tech (Regular and Lateral Entry) students admitted in Engineering & Technology.
- ii) A student shall earn additional 20 credits for award of B.Tech.(Honors) degree from same branch/department/discipline registered for major degree. This is in addition to the credits essential for obtaining the Undergraduate degree in Major Discipline (i.e., 160 credits).
- iii) A student is permitted to register for Honours in IV semester after the results of III Semester are declared and students may be allowed to take maximum two subjects per semester pertaining to the Honours from V Semester onwards.
- iv) The Concerned Principal of the college shall arrange separate class work and timetable of the courses offered under Honours program.

- v) Courses that are used to fulfil the student's primary major may not be double counted towards the Honours. Courses with content substantially equivalent to courses in the student's primary Major may not be counted towards the Honours.
- vi) Students can complete the courses offered under Honours either in the college or in online platforms like SWAYAM/ edX / Coursera / Udacity etc with a minimum duration of 12 weeks satisfying the criteria for credit mobility. If the courses under Honours are offered in conventional mode, then the teaching and evaluation procedure shall be similar to regular B. Tech courses
- vii) The attendance for the registered courses under Honours and regular courses offered for Major degree in a semester are to be considered separately.
- viii) A student shall maintain an attendance of 75% in all registered courses under Honours to be eligible for attending semester end examinations.
- ix) A student detained due to lack of attendance and having backlogs in regular B. Tech program shall not be permitted to continue Honours
- x) A student registered for Honours shall pass in all subjects that constitute the requirement for the Honours degree program. No class/division (i.e., second class, first class and distinction, etc.) shall be awarded for Honours degree programme.
- xi) If a student drops or is terminated from the Honours program, the additional credits so far earned cannot be converted into open or core electives; they will remain extra. However, such students will receive a separate grade sheet mentioning the additional courses completed by them.
- xii) The Honours will be mentioned in the degree certificate as Bachelor of Technology (Honours) in XXX. For example, B.Tech. (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering

#### **Enrolment into Honours:**

- i) Students of a Department/Discipline are eligible to opt for Honours program offered by the same Department/Discipline
- ii) The enrolment of student into Honours is based on the CGPA obtained in the major degree program. CGPA shall be taken up to III semester in case of regular entry students and only III semester in case of lateral entry students. Students having a CGPA of 8 (for SC/ST students CGPA of 7.5) without any backlog subjects will be permitted to register for Honours.
- iii) For applicability of Honours, a student shall pass all the courses in the subsequent semesters of regular B.Tech program without any backlogs otherwise registration for Honours shall be cancelled. In such case, student will receive B. Tech degree only. However, such students will receive a separate grade sheet mentioning the additional courses completed by them
- iv) If a student is detained due to lack of attendance either in Major or in Honours, registration shall be cancelled
- v) Minimum strength required for offering Honours offline is considered as 20% of the sanctioned intake. If a minimum enrolments criterion is not met, then the



students may be permitted to register for the equivalent MOOC courses as approved by the concerned Head of the department satisfying criteria for credit mobility.

- vi) Transfer of credits from Honours to regular B. Tech degree and vice-versa shall not be permitted
- vii) Honours is to be completed simultaneously with a Major degree program.

**Registration for Honours:**

- i) The institution will announce courses offered by the departments under Honours before the start of the semester.
- ii) The eligible and interested students shall apply through the HOD of his/her parent department. The whole process should be completed within one week before the start of every semester. Selected students shall be permitted to register the courses under Honours.
- iii) The selected students shall submit their willingness to the Principal through his/her parent department offering Honours. The parent department shall maintain the record of student pursuing the Honours.
- iv) The students enrolled in the Honours courses will be monitored continuously. An advisor/mentor from parent department shall be assigned to a group of students to monitor the progress.
- v) There is no fee for registration of subjects for Honours program offered in offline at the respective institutions.

**15. Attendance Requirements:**

- i) A student shall be eligible to appear for the University external examinations if he/she acquires a minimum of 40% attendance in each subject and 75% of attendance in aggregate of all the subjects. b) Condonation of shortage of attendance in aggregate up to 10% (65% and above and below 75%) in each semester may be granted by the College Academic Committee.
- ii) Shortage of Attendance below 65% in aggregate shall in NO CASE be condoned.
- iii) A stipulated fee shall be payable towards condonation of shortage of attendance to the University.
- iv) Students whose shortage of attendance is not condoned in any semester are not eligible to take their end examination of that class and their registration shall stand cancelled.
- v) A student will not be promoted to the next semester unless he satisfies the attendance requirements of the present semester. They may seek readmission for that semester from the date of commencement of class work.
- vi) If any candidate fulfils the attendance requirement in the present semester, he shall not be eligible for readmission into the same class.
- vii) If the learning is carried out in blended mode (both offline & online), then the total attendance of the student shall be calculated considering the offline and online attendance of the student.
- viii) For induction programme attendance shall be maintained as per AICTE norms.



## 16. Promotion Rules:

The following academic requirements must be satisfied in addition to the attendance requirements mentioned in section 14.

- i) A student shall be promoted from first year to second year if he/she fulfils the minimum attendance requirement as per university norms.
- ii) A student will be promoted from II to III year if he/she fulfils the academic requirement of securing 40% of the credits (any *decimal* fraction should be *rounded off to lower* digit) up to in the subjects that have been studied up to III semester from the following examinations, irrespective of whether the candidate takes the end examination or not as per the normal course of study.

One regular and two supplementary examinations of I Semester

One regular and one supplementary examination of II Semester

One regular examination of III semester

- iii) A student shall be promoted from III year to IV year if he/she fulfils the academic requirements of securing 40% of the credits (any *decimal* fraction should be *rounded off to lower* digit) in the subjects that have been studied up to V semester from the following examinations, irrespective of whether the candidate takes the end examination or not as per the normal course of study.

One regular and four supplementary examinations of I Semester.

One regular and three supplementary examinations of II Semester.

One regular and two supplementary examinations of III Semester.

One regular and one supplementary examination of IV Semester.

One regular examination of V Semester.

And in case a student is detained for want of credits for a particular academic year by ii) & iii) above, the student may make up the credits through supplementary examinations and only after securing the required credits he/she shall be permitted to join in the V semester or VII semester respectively as the case may be.

- iv) When a student is detained due to lack of credits/shortage of attendance he/she may be re-admitted when the semester is offered after fulfilment of academic regulations. In such case, he/she shall be in the academic regulations into which he/she is readmitted.

## 17. With-holding of Results

If the candidate has any dues not paid to the university or if any case of indiscipline or malpractice is pending against him/her, the result of the candidate shall be withheld, and the candidate will not be allowed/promoted into the next higher semester. The issue of awarding degree is liable to be withheld in such cases.

## 18. Gap Year Concept

Gap year concept for Student Entrepreneur in Residence is introduced and outstanding students who wish to pursue entrepreneurship are allowed to take a break of one year at any time after II year to pursue full-time entrepreneurship. This period may be extended to two years at the most and these two years would not be counted for the time for the maximum time for graduation. The Principal of the respective

college shall forward such proposals submitted by the students to the University. An evaluation committee constituted by the University shall evaluate the proposal submitted by the student and the committee shall decide whether to permit the student(s) to avail the Gap Year or not.

### **19. Transitory Regulations**

Discontinued, detained, or failed candidates are eligible for readmission as and when the semester is offered after fulfilment of academic regulations. Candidates who have been detained for want of attendance or not fulfilled academic requirements or who have failed after having undergone the course in earlier regulations or have discontinued and wish to continue the course are eligible for admission into the unfinished semester from the date of commencement of class work with the same or equivalent subjects as and when subjects are offered, subject to Section 2 and they will follow the academic regulations into which they are readmitted.

Candidates who are permitted to avail Gap Year shall be eligible for re-joining into the succeeding year of their B. Tech from the date of commencement of class work, subject to Section 2 and they will follow the academic regulations into which they are readmitted.

### **20. Minimum Instruction Days for a Semester:**

The minimum instruction days including exams for each semester shall be 90 days.

### **21. Medium of Instruction:**

The medium of instruction of the entire B. Tech undergraduate programme in Engineering & Technology (including examinations and project reports) will be in English only.

### **22. Student Transfers:**

Student transfers shall be as per the guidelines issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the University from time to time.

### **23. General Instructions:**

- a. The academic regulations should be read as a whole for purpose of any interpretation.
- b. Malpractices rules-nature and punishments are appended.
- c. Where the words “he”, “him”, “his”, occur in the regulations, they also include “she”, “her”, “hers”, respectively.
- d. In the case of any doubt or ambiguity in the interpretation of the above rules, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor is final.
- e. The University may change or amend the academic regulations or syllabi at any time and the changes or amendments shall be made applicable to all the students on rolls with effect from the dates notified by the University.

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**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS (R20)  
FOR B.TECH (LATERAL ENTRY SCHEME)**

*(Effective for the students getting admitted into II year through Lateral Entry Scheme  
from the Academic Year 2021-2022 onwards)*

**1. Award of B.Tech. Degree**

A student admitted in Lateral Entry Scheme (LES) will be declared eligible for the award of the B.Tech degree if the student fulfils the following academic regulations:

- a) Pursues a course of study for not less than three academic years and not more than six academic years.
  - b) Registers for 121 credits and secures all 121 credits from II to IV year of Regular B. Tech. program.
- 2.** Students, who fail to fulfil the requirement for the award of the degree within six consecutive academic years from the year of admission, shall forfeit their seat.

**3. Minimum Academic Requirements:**

The following academic requirements have to be satisfied in addition to the requirements mentioned in item no.4

- i. A student shall be deemed to have satisfied the minimum academic requirements and earned the credits allotted to each theory, practical, design, drawing subject or project if he secures not less than 35% of marks in the end examination and a minimum of 40% of marks in the sum total of the mid semester evaluation and end examination taken together.
- ii. A student shall be promoted from third year to fourth year only if the student fulfils the academic requirements of securing 40% of credits (any **decimal** fraction should be **rounded off** to **lower** digit) from the following examinations, irrespective of whether the candidate takes the end examination or not as per the normal course of study.
  - a. One regular and two supplementary examinations of III semester.
  - b. One regular and one supplementary examination of IV semester.
  - c. One regular examination of V semester.

And in case if student is already detained for want of credits for particular academic year, the student may make up the credits through supplementary exams of the above exams before the commencement of IV year I semester class work of next year.

#### 4. Course Pattern

- 4.1. The entire course of study is three academic years on semester pattern.
  - 4.2. A student eligible to appear for the end examination in a subject but absent at it or has failed in the end examination may appear for that subject at the next supplementary examination offered.
  - 4.3. When a student is detained due to lack of credits/shortage of attendance the student may be re-admitted when the semester is offered after fulfilment of academic regulations, the student shall be in the academic regulations into which he/she is readmitted.
5. All other regulations as applicable for B. Tech. Four-year degree course (Regular) will hold good for B. Tech. (Lateral Entry Scheme).
  6. There shall be a bridge course in Mathematics with zero credits in III semester for all disciplines. The course work is conducted for 20 Hrs in the semester and there shall be no examination conducted for the course. However, attendance is mandatory and shall be considered while calculating aggregate attendance.
  5. Lateral Entry Students shall compulsorily pursue mandatory non-credit courses Environmental Science and Universal Human Values either in III semester or IV semester.

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## RULES FOR

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR MALPRACTICES / IMPROPER CONDUCT IN EXAMINATIONS

	Nature of Malpractices/Improper conduct	Punishment
	<i>If the candidate:</i>	
1.(a)	Possesses or keeps accessible in examination hall, any paper, note book, programmable calculators, Cell phones, pager, palm computers or any other form of material concerned with or related to the subject of the examination (theory or practical) in which he is appearing but has not made use of (material shall include any marks on the body of the candidate which can be used as an aid in the subject of the examination)	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject only.
(b)	Gives assistance or guidance or receives it from any other candidate orally or by any other body language methods or communicates through cell phones with any candidate or persons in or outside the exam hall in respect of any matter.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject only of all the candidates involved. In case of an outsider, he will be handed over to the police and a case is registered against him.
2.	Has copied in the examination hall from any paper, book, programmable calculators, palm computers or any other form of material relevant to the subject of the examination (theory or practical) in which the candidate is appearing.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted to appear for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The Hall Ticket of the candidate is to be cancelled and sent to the University.
3.	Impersonates any other candidate in connection with the examination.	The candidate who has impersonated shall be expelled from examination hall. The candidate is also debarred for four consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat. The performance of the original candidate who has been impersonated, shall be cancelled in all the subjects of the examination (including practicals and project work) already appeared and shall not be allowed to appear for examinations of the remaining subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred for four consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations, if his involvement is established. Otherwise, the candidate is debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat. If the imposter is an outsider, he will be handed over to the police and a case is registered against him.

4.	Smuggles in the Answer book or additional sheet or takes out or arranges to send out the question paper during the examination or answer book or additional sheet, during or after the examination.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of performance in that subject and all the other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat.
5.	Uses objectionable, abusive or offensive language in the answer paper or in letters to the examiners or writes to the examiner requesting him to award pass marks.	Cancellation of the performance in that subject only.
6.	Refuses to obey the orders of the Chief Superintendent /Assistant - Superintendent /any officer on duty or misbehaves or creates disturbance of any kind in and around the examination hall or organizes a walk out or instigates others to walk out, or threatens the officer-in charge or any person on duty in or outside the examination hall of any injury to his person or to any of his relations whether by words, either spoken or written or by signs or by visible representation, assaults the officer-in-charge, or any person on duty in or outside the examination hall or any of his relations, or indulges in any other act of misconduct or mischief which result in damage to or destruction of property in the examination hall or any part of the College campus or engages in any other act which in the opinion of the officer on duty amounts to use of unfair means or misconduct or has the tendency to disrupt the orderly conduct of the examination.	In case of students of the college, they shall be expelled from examination halls and cancellation of their performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate(s) has (have) already appeared and shall not be permitted to appear for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. If the candidate physically assaults the invigilator/ officer-in-charge of the Examinations, then the candidate is also debarred and forfeits his/her seat. In case of outsiders, they will be handed over to the police and a police case is registered against them.
7.	Leaves the exam hall taking away answer script or intentionally tears of the script or any part thereof inside or outside the examination hall.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of performance in that subject and all the other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat.
8.	Possess any lethal weapon or firearm in the examination hall.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat.
9.	If student of the college, who is not a candidate for the particular examination or any person not connected with the college indulges in any malpractice or improper conduct mentioned in clause 6 to 8.	Student of the colleges expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat. Person (s) who do not

		belong to the College will be handed over to police and, a police case will be registered against them.
10.	Comes in a drunken condition to the examination hall.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year.
11.	Copying detected on the basis of internal evidence, such as, during valuation or during special scrutiny.	Cancellation of the performance in that subject only or in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has appeared including practical examinations and project work of that semester / year examinations, depending on the recommendation of the committee.
12.	If any malpractice is detected which is not covered in the above clauses 1 to 11 shall be reported to the University for further action to award suitable punishment.	

#### Malpractices identified by squad or special invigilators

1. Punishments to the candidates as per the above guidelines.
2. Punishment for institutions : (if the squad reports that the college is also involved in encouraging malpractices)
3. A show cause notice shall be issued to the college.
4. Impose a suitable fine on the college.
5. Shifting the examination centre from the college to another college for a specific period of not less than one year.

#### Note:-

**Whenever the performance of a student is cancelled in any subject/subjects due to Malpractice, he has to register for End Examinations in that subject/subjects consequently and has to fulfil all the norms required for the award of Degree.**

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