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CHAPTER I

SEMESTER SYSTEM AND SEMESTER RULES

Introduction

The semester system of education was introduced in this University from the academic year 1988-89. In this system, the annual centralized examinations are substituted by the teaching of subjects spread over a period of 21 weeks, called a semester. It is the teacher who grades his students on the result of various tests and assignments. This system inculcates the habits of punctuality and hard work among the students and reduces the percentage of failures in the examinations, as it divides the courses of study into smaller units which can be cleared by the students during a semester. At the end of semester, semester reports indicating the performance of the students are prepared by the Registrar's office for distribution to the students, Deans and the Advisors concerned. A copy of the semester report is also sent to the parents of the students at the end of each semester.

SEMESTER RULES

1. Academic Year and Semester Calendar

1.1 The academic year shall ordinarily be from July to June. It shall be divided into two semesters of 21 weeks each. There will be a summer session for graduating students. The students can register for a credit course of maximum 4 credit hours during summer session. The courses will be offered on the request of the graduating student(s) and if offered, can be registered by the other students also. The semester calendar for each academic year shall be issued by the Registrar's office during the second semester of the previous year.

2. Admission: Registration for First Semester

2.1 Admission to a programme, which shall be made by the Registrar, shall include selection after entrance test and/or counselling/interview, payment of the prescribed fees and registration for first semester.

2.2 Admission to all undergraduate programmes of the University shall be made in the beginning of the first semester of the academic year only.

2.3 Admission to Master's programme shall be made in the beginning of 1st semester. Admission to Ph.D. will be done from the 2nd semester. No admission will be made in the subsequent semesters for both the programmes.

2.4 A selected candidate shall pay his/her fees for admission and get himself/herself registered within the prescribed date which, normally, shall not be later than the working day immediately preceding the date of commencement of course work. However, the Registrar may, on the recommendation of the concerned Dean, permit the late admission of a candidate up to the working day immediately following the expiry of one week from the date of commencement of the course work.

2.5 Unauthorised absence during the registration at a programme at the time of admission shall be treated as a serious lapse and for this lapse, fine as prescribed will be charged.

3. Registration for Subsequent Semester

3.1 Registration for the first semester of a programme is a part of the admission procedure and is governed by the admission rule noted above. Registration for the subsequent semester shall

be governed by the following schedule :

(a) Advisement & Registration On the date of registration.

(b) Registration with late fee Up to three working days from the date of registration.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Dean may waive off the late registration fee upto three working days from the date of registration.

Further under exceptional circumstances the Registrar may, on the recommendation of the Dean concerned, allow a student to register after the last date fixed for registration in each semester up to the last date for adding a course.

3.2 Unauthorised absence from the advisement programme will be treated as a serious lapse and for this lapse, a late fee will be charged. If during the day of registration, a student happens to be outside the University in connection with his/her studies, field work, research or due to other unavoidable and legitimate circumstances, he/she may be permitted to register himself/herself in absentia through his/her advisor/major advisor by submitting registration cards and paying fees with the prior approval of the Dean concerned.

4. Change of Course

Application for change of course including any addition or withdrawal shall be made in the prescribed form alongwith prescribed fee in accordance with the instructions given on the back of the form provided, however, the exemption from this fee may be granted by the Dean when the change of course is necessitated by administrative considerations.

The last date for adding a course shall be the working day immediately following the expiry of three weeks from the date of commencement of the semester. The last date for withdrawal of the course shall be the working day just prior to the date of commencement of mid-term examinations.

Note : Student who adds a course after the start of the semester will not be allowed to withdraw that course.

5. Advisory System

5.1 For Undergraduate Students

Each student shall be assigned to an advisor by the Dean at the time of the student's admission. The advisor shall help the student in planning the programme of his/her studies and in the choice of courses. He/she will also help in determining the credit load which the student can safely and conveniently carry in each semester and advise him/her regarding addition or withdrawal of courses. Students are expected to attend regularly advisory group meetings and keep constantly in touch with their advisors so that the advisor may watch their progress and guide them along right lines. Where an advisor finds that his student is not making adequate progress in a certain course, he/she may ask him/her to withdraw that course. The advisory group meeting in all the colleges shall be fixed on the same day and at the same time.

5.2 For Postgraduate Students

A major advisor shall be assigned to each postgraduate student within 2 months of admission by the concerned Head of the Department keeping in view the recommendations of the Departmental Academic Affairs/Teaching Committee and approved by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies. Besides, there shall also be an Advisory Committee for each student which will be appointed by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies, on the recommendations of the Advisor, through the Head of the Department. The members of the Advisory Committee shall be chosen from the postgraduate faculty.

For a student preparing for the Master's degree, the Advisory Committee shall consist of two members of the faculty representing the major subject. One of them will be the major adviser who will also be Chairman of Committee. The third member shall represent the minor subject provided, however, that the Dean, Postgraduate Studies may add one or more members to the Committee.

For students preparing for Doctorate degree, the Advisory Committee shall consist of :

- (i) Two members representing major subject, one of them will be the major adviser who will also be the Chairman of the Committee.
- (ii) Atleast two members from outside the major discipline with atleast one from the minor field.
- (iii) One nominee of the Dean, Postgraduate Studies.

The Advisory Committee shall guide the student in the choice of courses in major, supporting and minor fields. With a view to enhance the quality, usefulness and to avoid repetition of research, each department shall fix priorities in advance in tune with the overall research priorities decided for the department at university level. Within these, the research problems of individual students be finalized by a committee consisting of Major Advisor, Head of Department, the Chairman of the Research Committee of the Department alongwith the Advisory Committee of the student. The student will also be associated in this exercise. The details of the programme of study (synopsis) prepared by the Advisory Committee shall normally be submitted to the Dean, Postgraduate Studies before the start of the Mid Semester Examination of the 2nd Semester.

6. Evaluation

6.1 Evaluation of Course Work

The evaluation of student's achievements in a course shall be based on his/her performance in various kinds of tests, laboratory and library assignments, special problems, seminars and other types of exercises. The relative weightage to be given to these shall not be rigid and shall be determined by the instructor in consultation with the Head of the Department.

Every instructor shall prepare, in addition to his course outline for his teaching, a scheme of examination for his course and he shall submit this scheme to the Dean through the Head of his Department. This scheme of examination must include the mid-semester examination, the end of semester examination and atleast one evaluation short test/written test/assignment before the mid-semester examination the result of which shall be declared within six weeks after registration. The external evaluation system of the end of semester examination for all the undergraduate programmes has been prescribed with effect from the academic session 2005-06 onwards. Some of the different types of tests which may be employed by the instructor are described below :

(a) One Hour Test

This is written test lasting for about an hour. The date of the test and the subject matter to be covered in the test shall be announced atleast one week in advance.

(b) Mid-semester Examination

During the 11th week of each semester, there shall be an examination in each course lasting for atleast one hour. This examination shall be scheduled by the Registrar during each semester. The probable date of examination and the subject matter to be covered therein shall be announced by the instructor to the students. However, the make-up examination shall be completed by the end of 12th week of the semester. The teacher will submit the mid semester report to the Dean as per date scheduled by the Registrar.

(c) End-of-semester Examination

- (i) Towards the end of the semester, there shall be one examination in each course which shall last for atleast two hours and shall cover the entire subject matter of the course. A student must appear in the end of semester examination failing which he/she will be failed in that particular course. The examination shall be scheduled by the Registrar keeping in view that no student shall be required to appear in more than one examination in one day.
- (ii) The external examination system will be restricted to the final theory examinations of only credit courses while the practical will continue to be conducted internally. The weightage of final examination of each course should not be less than 35 per cent of the total marks.

6.1.1 Make-up-Examination

If a student misses an examination (other than the end of semester examination) on account of illness or some other valid reason, he/she may file petition through his/her advisor and the instructor to the Head of the Department concerned within three working days from the completion of the examination. The examination on medical ground should be allowed as certified by the Senior Medical Officer, Civil Hospital or Medical Superintendents of Hospitals recognized by the PAU or Senior Medical Officer of Punjab Agricultural University Hospital. If the Head of the Department is satisfied that the student was prevented from appearing in the examination for valid reason, he/she may direct the instructor to hold a special make-up examination for the student and endorse copy of his order to the Registrar with a copy to the Dean concerned for being included in the student's personal file. It will be the responsibility of the student to get in touch with his/her instructor and have a date fixed for the make-up examination.

Such a student shall be required to take up the make-up examination within 7 working days from the completion of examination.

The students who are deputed by the University to participate in various sports activities/ Cultural Activities at Zonal/National or International level as authenticated by the Director Students' Welfare and also those students who are hospitalized during examination days as authenticated by the Chief Medical Officer, PAU/Civil Surgeon and the students who missed the examination on account of appearing for two courses in a session of the scheduled examination on a particular day, be given special examination (theory or practical or both) in lieu of final examination missed.

6.1.1.1 Supplementary Examination - DELETED

6.1.1.1 (a) System of Compartment/Re-appear/Re-examination - only for undergraduate student(s)

- 1. For a student to be eligible for the Compartment Examination, he/she
 - (i) must appear in end of semester examination.
 - (ii) must get pass marks in the practical examinations and
 - (iii) must meet the prescribed attendance requirements for UG programmes in the university.
 - (iv) The students must have secured 35% marks each in mid-term and end of the semester examination to become eligible to take compartment.
- 2. The student will be allowed to take maximum 3 Compartment Examinations in one semester.
- 3. The fee of Compartment Examination will be as per PAU Prospectus.
- 4. Only one chance will be given for each Compartment Examination.
- 5. Compartment Examination will be conducted as per schedule given in academic calendar.

6. The students who come under dropping as per Semester Rule 7.6.4 (b) for UG students will be allowed to register without late fee after the declaration of results of compartment examination(s). If he/she fails to meet the required OCPA under rule 7.6.4(b) as the case may be, after declaration of the result of compartment examinations, he/she will be dropped from the university permanently as per rule 7.6.4(b).

6.1.1.2 Re-evaluation: This rule is applicable in final theory examinations conducted only under External Examination System.

The number of courses for re-evaluation in a semester can be availed upto 50% of the number of courses registered or three, whichever is less, even if a candidate has passed the course in the final examination while considering eligibility for re-evaluation, based on 50% of registered courses, the fraction of 0.5 and above will be rounded off upwards. The student may apply for re-evaluation with prescribed fee within fifteen working days of declaration of the result in a prescribed proforma available in the office of respective Deans. The Coordinators of respective colleges (External Examination) shall get the re-evaluation done by an examiner other than the one who has already marked the answer book and submit the result to the Dean.

- The examiner for re-evaluation should be appointed by the Dean's office directly rather than getting it done from the concerned HOD. After receiving the application for re-evaluation, the Co-ordinator External Examinations should approach Dean for appointing an examiner for the same.
- The previously awarded marks should be hidden before handing over the answer sheet to the examiner.
- The examiner should check the answer sheet on the same day in the Examination Cell itself.
- There should be a capping of increased marks to the extent of 5% (out of end-of-term marks only), except in case of unchecked question(s) or error in totalling of marks.
- In case of a large difference in marks obtained before and after re-evaluation, the answer sheet may be got re-evaluated from another examiner to be appointed by Dean of the College and the final result be declared by the Dean on the basis of similarity of marks awarded by 2 examiners out of three.
- The Co-ordinator of External Examination after getting the re-evaluation done may get the same approved by the Dean of the College before sending the revised result to the teacher concerned.
- The whole process of re-evaluation needs to be completed within 3 working days of submission of the application.

6.1.2 Award of Grades/Credit Points

- (a) At the end of each semester, the instructor in each course shall, in consultation with the Head of the Department, grade his students on the basis of the cumulative results of different kinds of tests, examination and on the basis of performance of the laboratory and the library assignments, special problem and seminars and other types of exercises.

The OCPA may be rounded off upto two decimal places after taking into account the third place of decimal as shown below :

Per cent of marks obtained in a particular course	Corresponding credit points
100.0	10.00
99.0	9.90
98.0	9.80
97.0	9.70
96.0	9.60
95.0	9.50
and so on	and so on

From credit points for different courses taken by a student in a semester, the credit points average (CPA) of the semester shall be calculated taking into consideration the credit hours of different courses. Similarly, the overall credit point average (OCPA) of the student shall be calculated taking into account the accumulated credit hours and the accumulated credit points. If an undergraduate student obtains less than 50.00 per cent marks in theory as well as in practical in a particular course, he/she shall be awarded 'F' grade. Similarly, if a postgraduate student obtains less than 60.00 per cent marks in theory as well as in practical in a particular course, he/she shall be awarded 'F' grade. No credit points shall be awarded for a course in which the student obtains 'F' grade. The student shall be required to repeat all the courses in which he/she has obtained 'F' grade for successful completion of the degree programme.

- (b) The Head of the Department concerned shall submit these credit points to the Dean concerned as well as to the Dean of the College for which the course has been offered. The Dean concerned shall discuss the credit points with Head of the Department concerned and finalize the result. It shall be the responsibility of the Dean concerned to send the credit points sheet to the Registrar.
- (c) If the credit point(s) of course(s) is /are not received by the Registrar in respect of a student up to the end of the subsequent semester, the student shall be automatically awarded 'F' grade in that/those course(s) and the result declared accordingly unless intimation is received within this period from the concerned Dean that a particular result has been held up for reason to be specified in the communication.
- (d) The credit points sheets shall be kept as permanent record of the teacher of the Department and of the college for future reference.

6.1.3 Significance of Grades

In addition to the credit points, the significance of various grades shall be as follows:

F	-	Fail	I	-	Incomplete
S	-	Satisfactory	US	-	Unsatisfactory
W	-	Withdrawn	NC	-	Non-Credit Course

6.1.3.1 In order to complete a course and earn the credit points corresponding to that course, a student is required to pass in theory and practical separately and must get a minimum of 5.00 (10.00 basis) credit points in case of undergraduate students and 6.00 (10.00 basis) credit points in the case of postgraduate students.

6.1.3.2 A student who has failed in a particular course but has attended the requisite number of classes, may register for the same course(s) when it is offered as regular course(s) to the

next class. It will be compulsory for such students to meet attendance requirements in practicals alongwith regular class in this repeat course. However the attendance in theory for such students will be optional. They will be required to appear in all the examinations/assignments etc. alongwith regular class. These courses will be designated as special courses. If a student taking a special course again fails he/she will have to take it subsequently whenever offered as a regular course and will have to meet all the requirements including attendance in theory and practicals as well as the examinations. The students may be allowed to register for special courses in a semester, within the maximum prescribed limit of credit load. The students on good standing may be allowed to register for one additional special course in addition to the maximum credit load.

When a student gets grade 'F' in a course, the credit points corresponding to that course shall not count for graduation requirements but the credits and credit points shall be taken into account for computing the credit point average subject to the provision of rule 7.6.3 only.

In order to avail the exemption of attendance in theory classes of the special courses, the students shall have to apply to the Dean concerned through advisor within seven working days from the registration/additions of the special courses after which the request for exemption of theory classes shall not be entertained.

Note : No special courses will be offered. However, if needed special courses will be offered in summer session.

6.1.3.3 An instructor shall award 'W' in his course only to a student who has been permitted to withdraw from a course under Rule 4.

6.1.3.4 (a) Research work done at the postgraduate level may extend to two or more semesters. Pending the evaluation of the thesis and the final oral examination, the progress made during each semester shall be graded as 'S' or 'US'. If a student does not put in the required effort for the credits for which he/she was registered, the Major Adviser may either give him/her 'US' grade for the entire credit for which he/she was registered or may give 'S' grade for the reduced number of credits. Credits corresponding to research for the semester shall count towards graduation requirement only, if the student gets 'S' grade for research for that semester. 'S' and 'US' grades will also be awarded to indicate:

- (i) that a Ph.D. student has passed the preliminary examination.
- (ii) that a student has fulfilled the requirements of the rules regarding the three fold programme of NCC/NSO/NSS where applicable; and
- (iii) that a student has successfully completed the programme of practical field-work, when it has been prescribed as a part of the graduation requirements.

6.1.3.4. (b) Incomplete Grade

When a student cannot complete the special problem/project on account of a valid reason the instructor may, award him/her 'I' grade which the student must clear subsequently.

6.1.3.5. While sending the semester report to the parents/guardian of a student, the progress made by the student shall be indicated.

6.1.4 Answer papers of all the tests and examinations except that of end-of-semester examination, shall be returned to the students by the instructors. After the end-of-semester examination, students may see the answer-books of the final examination held under Internal Examination & Evaluation System up to 15 days of the start of the next semester. The answer books of the final theory examinations held under Internal Examination & Evaluation System should be kept by the concerned teachers for full two semesters following that in which the examination is conducted. After that period, the teacher may dispose off the answer books.

6.1.4.1 Where an instructor finds that he/she has made a mistake in reporting of the credit points achieved by a student, he/she shall immediately bring it to the notice of the concerned Dean. The Dean, after going through all the documents and satisfying himself/herself that there has been a genuine mistake, shall write to the Registrar recording the circumstances and giving the correct credit points. The Registrar shall accordingly issue a revised semester report. Such corrections should be reported to the Registrar within 15 days of the issuance of the semester report.

6.2 Preliminary Examination for Ph.D.

There shall be a preliminary examination for Ph.D. students to be held on successful completion of at least 75 per cent of the course work. The preliminary examination shall include a written examination followed by an oral test. The written examination shall consist of two papers, one in the major field and the other in the minor field. The Major Advisor shall be responsible for conducting the written examination in the major field in consultation with the teachers who have offered various courses related therewith. The written examination in the minor field shall be conducted by the advisory committee member representing the minor field. The question papers shall be so designed that these tests, the overall comprehension of the student in the major/minor field and are not restricted only to the courses studied. The process of written examination of both major and minor fields shall be completed within a month after the start of first examination and the result communicated to the Dean, Postgraduate Studies within 10 days thereafter.

The oral examination shall be conducted by the Student's Advisory Committee along with the Head of the Department and with an additional member from outside the University who shall be chosen by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies, from a list of names submitted alongwith the result of the written examination to him by the Head of the Department in the major field, provided that the Dean, Postgraduate Studies may appoint any person outside the panel recommended by the Head of the Department.

If a student fails in the preliminary examination, he/she shall be allowed to re-appear in the examination not earlier than three months after the first examination.

6.3 Evaluation of the Thesis and Final Examination for M.Sc/M.Tech./Ph.D.

The thesis shall be evaluated and the final oral examination conducted by an examining committee constituted as under:

- (i) Student's Advisory Committee.
- (ii) External Examiner(s) specialists in the student's major field to be appointed by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies from a panel recommended by the Head of Department. Provided that the Dean, Postgraduate Studies, may appoint any person outside the panel recommended by the Head of the Department. The oral examination of M.Sc/M.Tech/Ph.D. students shall be conducted by the external examiner and the Advisory Committee alongwith the Head of the Department.

Procedure

- (i) *Thesis Writing:* The thesis writing shall be approved only after a seminar is delivered by the student presenting all the data and its analysis. After the approval by the Advisory Committee on the quantum of work done, the thesis writing shall be taken up by the student.
- (ii) The reliability and authenticity of experimental results of thesis, projects shall be the exclusive responsibility of the student and the Major Advisor, rather than any other member of the Advisory Committee.

- (iii) The thesis shall be first sent to the External Examiner for evaluation. In the case of Ph.D. students there will be two external examiners for the evaluation of Ph.D. dissertation, out of two, one external examiner as recommended by Dean, Postgraduate Studies shall conduct viva-voce. The Examiner shall submit a report commenting on the thesis and indicating whether examiner recommends its acceptance or rejection. If the examiner recommends acceptance, then the oral examination of M.Sc./M.Tech./Ph.D. students shall be conducted by the external examiner and the Advisory Committee alongwith the Head of the Department. If the Examiner rejects the thesis, his/her evaluation report shall be placed before the Advisory Committee and Head of the Department for a decision. If the Advisory Committee alongwith the Head of the Department accepts the recommendations then the thesis will be rejected. If the Advisory Committee alongwith Head of the Department does not agree with the verdict of the external examiner then the thesis shall be re-examined by another external examiner whose decision for conducting oral examination as above or not shall be final.
- (iv) The Head of the Department shall in no case withhold the draft of thesis but can send his/her comments, if any, while forwarding the thesis to the Dean, Postgraduate Studies after which Dean shall settle the matter as per the procedure laid in para (iii) above.
- (v) **Approval of the Thesis Draft :** The draft of the thesis shall be submitted to the members of the Advisory Committee on any date before submission to the Dean PGS. However, the draft of the thesis shall be submitted to the Dean PGS at least ten days before the actual submission of the final thesis/dissertation. A certificate to this effect shall be given to the Dean at that time by the members of the Advisory Committee and such thesis will be accepted provided other formalities have also been met with. The preliminary examination should have been passed at least six months before the submission of thesis.
- (vi) The thesis shall be first sent to the External Examiner(s) for evaluation. He/she shall submit a report commenting on the thesis and indicating whether he/she recommends its acceptance or rejection. If he/she recommends acceptance, then the oral examination shall be arranged. If he/she rejects the thesis, his/her evaluation report shall be placed before the Advisory Committee for a decision. If the Advisory Committee accepts the recommendations, then the thesis shall be re-examined by another external examiner whose decision for conducting oral examination or not, shall be final.
- (vii) If the thesis is not accepted or the performance of the student in the oral examination is found unsatisfactory, the student shall have to re-submit the thesis or re-appear in the oral examination, in the following semester (not earlier than three months).
- (viii) A student who fails to appear in the final oral examination should apply for arranging a fresh examination through the Head of the Department. If the circumstances are beyond the control of the student, the Dean, Postgraduate Studies may permit the re-examination within the same semester. If, however, the Dean, Postgraduate Studies is not satisfied with the circumstances stated by the student, the student shall register for one more semester and the examination shall be arranged on the payment of thesis dissertation re-submission fee.

6.3.1 There shall be an oral examination for MBA and MBA Agribusiness candidates, which would be held at the end of 4th semester of the study programme or on successful completion of the course and research project, whichever is later.

Project report is to be completed in 4th semester and will be submitted to the Head of the Department by 31st May (without late fee)/ 7th June (with late fee of Rs.4000/-) along with submission of fee prescribed by PAU for submission of project report.

In case the student fails to submit the project report in prescribed format by 7th June, the student will have to register for 5th semester. In case the student registers for the 5th semester, the last date of submission will be 30th September (without late fee) or upto 31st October (with late fee of Rs.4000/-).

The project report shall be first sent to the External Examiner for evaluation who would be a specialist in the subject and shall be chosen by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies from a list of names to be submitted to him/her by the Head of Department provided that the Dean, Postgraduate Studies shall have the power to appoint any person outside the panel recommended by the Head of Department. The Examiner shall submit a report commenting on the project report and indicating whether the Examiner recommends its acceptance or rejection. If the Examiner recommends acceptance then the oral examination would be conducted by the Student's Advisory Committee and the Head of Department. If the Examiner rejects the project report, his/her evaluation report shall be placed before the Advisory Committee and Head of the Department. If the Advisory Committee alongwith the Head of Department accepts the recommendations then the project report will be rejected. If the Advisory Committee alongwith the Head of Department does not agree with the verdict of the External Examiner then the project report shall be re-examined by the next external examiner on the panel whose decision for conducting oral examination as above or not shall be final.

The final viva voce examination will be conducted during the second week of June and first week of November every year by calling expert(s) in 4th / 5th semester, respectively. The viva-voce committee will consist of one external expert and one internal faculty member.

The oral examination will cover the entire course curriculum with special emphasis on the field of specialization and research project. If a student fails in the oral examination, he/she shall be allowed to re-appear in another examination, which would be held not earlier than three months after the first examination. The performance of the candidates will be recorded in a certificate of dissertation and oral examination for M.Sc./Ph.D. candidates mutatis mutandis and submitted to the Registrar through the Dean, Postgraduate Studies. The failure of the candidate to appear in the oral examination will be regulated in accordance with the rule 6.3 (viii).

6.4.1 In the programme of study, a student may be required to take such special courses as Seminar (591), Special Problems (592) etc. Seminar-591 of 1 credit hour will be compulsory for all Master's programmes and two seminars of 1 credit hour each will be compulsory for Ph.D. programme. The Advisory Committee shall specify the credits for Special Problems. However, a postgraduate student may be given a maximum of three credits. A special problem would be assigned to the student only when there are specific assignments for techniques of laboratory training to be undertaken by him/her during a term. For such credits, the student is required to maintain a regular record of the work done and to write a report at the end of his project. On the basis of the work done and report submitted, the student is graded 'S' or 'US' in Special Problem.

7. Graduation Requirements

7.1 General

The University has prescribed the minimum qualifications for admission to various programmes. But there may be candidates with qualifications similar to but not exactly the same as those mentioned in the minimum qualification but still may be considered by the University to be eligible for admission. There may also be students with pre-admission qualifications higher than the minimum prescribed. In all such cases, the pre-admission qualifications will be evaluated by a Committee. In the case of undergraduate programmes, it will be Academic Affairs Committee of the college concerned. In the case of postgraduate programmes, it will be the Student's Advisory Committee. The committee

shall, after evaluating the deficiencies and/or additional attainments of the candidates (by holding a proficiency test if necessary), recommend additional courses and/or grant exemption from certain courses.

7.2 The residential requirements for completion of various programmes are as under :

Sr. No.	Programme	Number of Semesters		
		Normal	Minimum	Maximum
1.	Bachelor's 4- year	8	6	12
2.	Bachelor's 2+4 year	2 year	4	6
		4 year	8	12
3.	5-year Integrated M.Sc.	10	8	13
4.	Master's	4	4	10
5.	Ph.D.	6	5	14
6.	Diploma 2 - years	4	4	6
7.	Certificate course 1-year	2	2	4

- Note :
- The residential requirement in the university shall include the stay at PAU and/or stay at its research stations and such other institutions/research stations with which the university enters into cooperative and collaborative arrangements.
 - Period of discontinuation of study shall not be counted for calculating the maximum time limit of study period.
 - If the student fails to complete his/her programme successfully within the maximum time limit prescribed for the programme as above, he/she shall no longer be a student of this University.

7.2.2 Attendance Requirements for Undergraduate/Postgraduate Programmes

All undergraduate/postgraduate students are expected to attend 100% lectures and practical scheduled in each course. However, undergraduate students must have attended atleast 75% of lectures and practicals in each of the courses except for various Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) courses for which minimum attendance requirement is 85% and the postgraduate students must have attended atleast 80% of lectures and practicals in each of the courses failing that, he/she shall not be allowed to appear in the end-of-semester examination in theory or practicals of the course in which his/her attendance falls short. This requirement of attendance is also applicable to credit hours for which postgraduate students have registered for research, failing which 'US' grade will be submitted for the total registered credit hours. The Instructors should send the names of the students having less than 75%/80% attendance (except for ELP courses), in their respective courses along with the Mid Semester Report of the concerned course.

7.3 Credit Requirements of Graduation

The minimum credit requirements for graduation under different programmes shall be prescribed by the Academic Council from time to time and published in the Resident Instruction Bulletin; subject to the provisions of rules 7.1 and 7.4.

7.4 Transfer of Credits at Student's Entry/Exit

When a student holding undergraduate degree from other university migrates to this University after having obtained his/her degree, no migration shall be necessary. When a student, with partial undergraduate degree from any other university (at least 1st year must have been completed) migrates to this University in-between ongoing batch of the same undergraduate degree programme, he/she shall be required to furnish a certificate regarding transcript of courses and credits taken in

the previous University from the Head of the Institution in which he/she studied first. The academic records uploaded in the student's Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) may also be considered. Such migrating students must apply at least one month before the date of registration of the upcoming semester.

When an undergraduate student migrates to this University from another University in the middle of programme, transfer of credits will be considered. This will be determined by a committee constituted by the Dean, which will examine the courses/subjects already studied by the student, the examination passed and the syllabi thereof. The overall credit point average of the student for the degree shall be determined based on jointly considering the courses undertaken by him/her in the preceding University as well as in this University and the credit points achieved in both the universities.

7.4 (a) Multiple Entry and Exit

“As per the provisions of NEP-2020, There is option of multiple entry and exit at different levels. The student/s will have the option to exit after the 1st year. He/She has to complete 10 weeks of internship (10 credits) after 1st year (2 semesters) to be eligible for award of UG-Certificate. The student has another option to exit after the 2nd year. To avail this option the student has to complete 10 weeks of internship (10 credits) after 2nd year (4 semesters) to be eligible for award of UG-Diploma. After four years of study, the student will be awarded UG degree in concerned discipline. No exit after 3 years (6 semesters) is recommended considering the professional nature of the courses. The lateral entry at 3rd semester will be for the candidates having UG-certificate or those who have completed Diploma (3 years course after 10th) in recognized higher agricultural educational institutions (HAEIs). The lateral entry in 5th semester will be for candidates who have completed UG-Diploma”

The undergraduate student seeking lateral migration/entry into PAU's on-going degree (i.e. entry with previous incomplete degree from other institutions) shall satisfy the following:-

1. The system of education in the institution from which the student is seeking migration and that of the PAU should be the same including the medium of instruction i.e. English.
2. The student seeking migration to PAU must have successfully completed at least one year study in the institution where he/she has been studying before seeking migration to this University. He/she must have completed 1st year of the course/programme with overall credit point average of 7.00 (10.00) basis and above. He/She should not have been on scholastic/conduct probation in the previous study programme and also should not have got 'F' grade. The migration fee as applicable shall be charged if a student is allowed to migrate from some other University to PAU.
3. The migration shall be restricted to the students from State Agricultural Universities (SAU's) and ICAR's Institutes/ ICAR's Deemed Universities/ICAR's Central Agricultural Universities.
4. The migration shall be allowed only against the vacant seats of the particular batch.
5. If there are more than one student seeking migration, the migration should be allowed strictly on merit inter-se applicants for migration subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions.
6. The student should apply for migration atleast one month before the start of a semester.
7. The student(s) admitted in this University through lateral entry shall pay all fee and funds, etc. as have been paid by the students of the particular batch at their admission. In subsequent semesters, these migrated students shall also pay semester fee and charges as are listed for that particular batch of the students.

8. The status of the student(s) from NRI will remain unchanged at the time of migration to this University. Such student(s) will have to pay the fees prescribed for the NRI for the particular programme and batch of this University. He/she will produce a certificate from his previous institution regarding the period he/she has studied. He/ She will also produce 'No Due' and 'No Objection' certificate alongwith his/her request for migration/entry to this University. The University will charge fees prescribed for NRI candidates for the subsequent period alongwith other dues of the University being collected from the students of general category.

The undergraduate student seeking migration/exit from PAU with incomplete degree to any other University shall be subject to the following conditions:-

- i. He/She must have completed at least one year of the graduation programme at the PAU.
- ii. He/She must have cleared all the courses of the first year of the degree curriculum at the PAU.
- iii. Transfer of credits can be facilitated through Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) portal.

7.5 Normal, Maximum and Minimum Credit Load in a Semester

7.5.1 For Undergraduates

In an undergraduate programme, the normal full-time programme of work in a semester shall be 18 credit hours. A maximum of 26 and a minimum of 12 credit hours may be taken by a student.

The undergraduate students on 'Good Standing' may be allowed to register a maximum of 28 credit hours (including special courses) from 3rd semester onwards of their programme provided these courses have been offered on regular basis.

Note:- Non-credit hours for NSO/NSS/NCC and courses offered during evening hours shall not be counted towards the maximum credit load limit.

7.5.2 For Postgraduates

In a postgraduate programme, the normal full-time programme of work in a semester shall be 18 credit hours. A maximum of 22 and a minimum of 9 credit hours may be taken by a student. The postgraduate students may be allowed to register for two extra credit hours than the prescribed maximum limit of credit hours during their final semester by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies provided the student is not on scholastic probation.

7.6 Minimum Credit Point Average Requirement

7.6.1 Requirement of GOOD STANDING for Graduation

The minimum overall credit point average requirement at the undergraduate level shall be 5.50 (out of 10.00) provided that the student must have taken minimum of 24 and 48 credit hours of courses at the end of 2nd and 4th semester respectively. The minimum overall credit point average required at the postgraduate level shall be 6.50 (out of 10.00). A student who has achieved this minimum requirement, shall be deemed to be on GOOD STANDING.

7.6.2 Scholastic Probation

If a student fails at the end of a semester to achieve the minimum standard prescribed under Rule 7.6.1 above, he/she shall be placed on SCHOLASTIC PROBATION during the semester immediately following.

7.6.3 Repeating Courses in order to fulfil the Minimum Requirement

An undergraduate student getting 5.00 to 5.49 credit points in a course may repeat that course with the prior permission of the Dean subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The repetition shall be allowed only once.

- (b) The repetition shall be permitted only to enable the student to fulfil the minimum credit point average requirement and not for the improvement of his/her credit point average or for enabling him/her to qualify for the award of a scholarship/fellowship or for competing for a Certificate of Merit or for a position in the University.
- (c) When a student repeats a course after getting grade 'F' or if permitted to repeat a course after getting 5.00 to 5.49 credit points, as the case may be, credits corresponding to that course shall be counted only once for the graduation requirements.
- (d) A student on scholastic probation be allowed to repeat a course only once and revised credit points shall be mentioned if there is improvement in the credit points, otherwise the original credit points shall stand. But in the official record of the student maintained in the Registrar's office, both the earlier and the credit points obtained after repetition improved or otherwise, shall be mentioned and the fact that he/she repeated the course shall be indicated by the letter 'r' written above the credit points which he/she obtained after such repetition. But till such time as the student repeats the course, the original credit points and credits shall be used to compute the overall credit point average.

If a student, even after repeating a course with 5.00 to 5.49 credit points and after having studied all the courses prescribed for the given programme, does not obtain an OCPA of 5.50 he/she shall be allowed to repeat the other course(s) in which he/she has obtained 5.00 to 5.49 credit points till he/she obtains OCPA of 5.50 to complete his/her degree requirement subject to provision of semester rule 7.2.

- (e) The restriction contained in clause (a) of this rule shall apply in case of an undergraduate student, getting 5.00 to 5.49 credit points. An undergraduate or postgraduate student who is on good standing but who might get 'F' grade in a particular course, may be allowed to repeat that course without any such restriction.

7.6.3. (i) The postgraduate students getting 6.00 to 6.49 credit points may repeat that course with the prior permission of the Dean, Postgraduate Studies, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The repetition shall be allowed only once at the end of the completion of the course work.
- b) The repetition shall be permitted only to enable the student to fulfil the minimum credit point average requirement and not for the improvement of his/her credit point average or for enabling him/her to qualify for the award of a scholarship/fellowship or for competing for a Certificate of Merit or for a position in the University.
- c) When a postgraduate student repeats a course after getting grade 'F' or if permitted to repeat the course after getting 6.00 to 6.49 credit points, as the case may be, credits corresponding to that course shall be counted only once for the graduation requirements.
- d) When a postgraduate student is allowed to repeat a course with 6.00 to 6.49 credit points, the revised credit points shall be mentioned if there is an improvement in the credit points, otherwise the original credit points shall stand. But in the official record of the student maintained in the Registrar's office, both the earlier and the credit points obtained after repetition, improved or otherwise, shall be mentioned and the fact that he/she repeated the course shall be indicated by the letter 'r' written above the credit points which he/she obtained after such repetition. But till such time as the student repeats the course, the original credit points and credits shall be used to compute the overall credit point average.

If a postgraduate student repeating 6.00 to 6.49 credit points does not obtain an OCPA of 6.50, he/she shall be allowed to repeat the course with 6.00 to 6.49 credit points in other course(s) to complete his/her degree requirement subject to provision of semester rule 7.2.

7.6.4 Dropping a student or Extension of the period of Scholastic Probation

- (a) If a student other than that covered in sub-rule (b) who remained on scholastic probation during a semester, fails to achieve the minimum required OCPA at the end of that semester also, the Registrar shall bring it to the notice of the Dean who shall order whether the student is to be allowed to continue on scholastic probation for one more semester or whether he/she is to be dropped from the University. On receipt of the Dean's decision, the Registrar shall take action accordingly. A student thus dropped shall have the right to petition for re-admission.

7.6.4 (b) Those undergraduate students who fail to achieve the CPA of 4.00/10.00 either in the 1st or 2nd semester of their admission shall be dropped permanently from the university. Dropping notice shall be issued after the declaration of result of compartment examinations. The concerned Dean shall withhold the registration of such students.

- (c) Those postgraduate students who fail to achieve CPA of 5.00/10.00 either in the 1st or 2nd semester of their admission shall be dropped permanently from the university. Dropping notice shall be issued after the declaration of result of compartment examinations. The concerned Dean shall withhold the registration of such students.

Note: A semester which is cancelled on any ground by the university shall not be taken into account for counting two semesters for the purpose of automatic dropping. Similarly, a semester for which a student is allowed to drop on valid ground or semester(s) for which he/she is rusticated shall not be taken into account for counting two semesters for the purpose of automatic dropping. For both the eventualities, the next semester(s) for which he/she gets registered will be counted.

- (d) If a postgraduate student obtains unsatisfactory grade in research for two semesters continuously, he/she shall be dropped. Such students dropped under rule 7.6.4(d) may, within seven working days of the passing of such order, petition to the Registrar, PAU for continuation provided he/she is not placed on conduct probation on account of indiscipline in and outside the University. The petition shall be considered by a committee constituted for this purpose and the decision of the committee shall be final. On the detection of a patent error of fact, the petition committee may review its decision.

7.6.5 Petition for Re-admission – deleted.

7.6.6 Registration of Students Re-admitted under Rule 7.6.5 - deleted.

7.6.7 Dropping of a semester, discontinuation of study and re-admission

(a) Dropping of a semester : A student may drop the current semester for which he/she has registered, with the permission of the Dean concerned due to personal sickness (atleast for two weeks duration)/the female students who are on the family way/suffer mis-carriage/undergo medical termination of pregnancy. The medical certificate from the Senior Medical Officer, Civil Hospital or Medical Superintendents of Hospitals recognized by the PAU or Senior Medical Officer of Punjab Agricultural University Hospital will be required. The permission to drop the semester must be obtained before the start of end-of-term examination. Such a student can register for the next semester with the permission of the Dean concerned.

(b) Discontinuation of study programme and re-admission : Discontinuation of a study programme shall be allowed only for such Postgraduate students who have secured jobs and want to join the post. Such students must have completed all the course work, minimum of 75 per cent of research credits and cleared the comprehensive examination in case of Ph.D. students.

Such a student may be re-admitted by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies if the student seeks re-admission and joins the programme in the following semester after the expiry of his/her two discontinued semester or earlier. The approval of the Academic Council will be required if the period of this discontinuation exceeds 2 semesters but is not more than 6 semesters. In such cases, a Ph.D. student shall have to clear the comprehensive examination afresh even if he/she had cleared the examination earlier.

The request for re-admission for consideration of the competent authority should be submitted to the Dean at least 2 months before the commencement of the semester in which student intends to seek re-admission. All such students will be re-admitted against the additional seats.

The student who discontinues his study programme without the permission of the Dean, Postgraduate Studies, shall not be eligible for re-admission.

(c) Discontinuation of study programme and re-admission : Discontinuation of a study programme shall be allowed only for such Undergraduate students who have secured jobs and want to join the post.

Such a student may be re-admitted by the concerned Dean, if the student seeks re-admission and joins the programme in the following semester after the expiry of his/her two discontinued semester or earlier. The approval of the Academic Council will be required if the period of this discontinuation exceeds 2 semesters but is not more than 6 semesters.

The request for re-admission for consideration of the competent authority should be submitted to the Dean at least 2 months before the commencement of the semester in which student intends to seek re-admission. All such students will be re-admitted against the additional seats.

The student who discontinues his/her study programme without the permission of the Dean, shall not be eligible for re-admission.

7.7 Preliminary Examination and Language Requirements for Ph.D.

Passing in a Preliminary Examination as given in Rule 6.2 shall be one of the graduation requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

Every candidate for the Ph.D. degree shall also be required to obtain from the Department of Agricultural Journalism, Languages and Culture of the University, a certificate of satisfactory reading knowledge of one foreign language German, French or Russian.

7.8 Thesis Requirements for M.Sc. and Ph.D.

7.8.1 A postgraduate student shall submit to the Dean, Postgraduate Studies, through Major Advisor, the subject of his/her proposed thesis and its synopsis not later than the end of the 1st Semester of his/her first academic year. The subject of the thesis shall, as far as possible, relate to the research needs of the State and the area of specialization of the Major Advisor and shall be approved by the Committee consisting of the following:

- a) Student's Advisory Committee
- b) Head of the Deptt. concerned
- c) Dean of the College concerned
- d) Dean, Postgraduate Studies
- e) Director of Research
- f) Director of Extension Education

7.8.2 Thesis/dissertation may be submitted on any date during the semester. However, the draft of the thesis shall be submitted atleast 10 days before the actual submission of the final thesis/dissertation (means complete thesis/dissertation).

7.8.3 The student shall be required to submit 5 copies of his/her thesis to the Head of the Department through his/her advisor. The Head of Department shall send a copy to the Dean, Post-graduate Studies. Immediately after approval of the thesis, the Dean shall send three copies of the thesis to the Head of Department (one for the Departmental Library, one for the Major Advisor and one for the student) and two copies to the University Librarian who would keep one copy under lock and key as permanent record of the University and the second copy for the use of readers.

7.8.4 The thesis shall be evaluated in accordance with rule 6.3.

7.8.5 Ph.D. students will write and submit two research papers on their research work in journals of repute before their final viva voce examination.

8. Other Requirements for Graduation

8.1 Every student in the 1st year of degree course shall have to participate in any one of three programmes viz. National Cadet Corps (NCC); National Sports Organization (NSO); and National Service Scheme (NSS) in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Academic Council.

Provided, however, that the Vice Chancellor may grant exemption from these requirements on medical grounds. Application for such exemption shall be submitted to the Dean of the constituent college in case of NCC and to the Director of Students' Welfare in case of NSO scheme and NSS duly recommended by the Unit Commander (Part time NCC Officer)/Incharge NSO, Incharge NSS and supported by Medical Certificate signed by the University Medical Officer/CMO or Assistant Civil Surgeon.

The educational tours, NCC, NSS, NSO camps shall generally be arranged during inter semester break.

8.2 Educational Tour

Only one educational tour shall be compulsory for all the students admitted to the undergraduate programmes at Ludhiana and every student, in order to qualify for the Bachelor's degree shall be required to obtain satisfactory grades for this requirement provided, however, that Dean concerned may allow the student not to undertake a particular tour on medical grounds or owing to the fact that a student was deputed by the University for attending pre-arranged NCC, NSS, NSO camps or the tournaments or coaching camps organised by the Association of Indian Universities and its subsidiary federation or by the Indian Olympic Association and its subsidiary federations. Applications for the purpose shall be submitted to the Dean concerned duly recommended by the head of the department concerned, advisors concerned and supported by medical certificates signed by the University Medical Officer or by the Director Students' Welfare (for NSS and NSO activates only). The students will, however, have to go on this particular tour subsequently at their own expenses and obtain 'S' grade. If the student obtains 'US' grade after having been on tour, he/she will be given another chance to appear in the make-up test and earn 'S' grade.

9. Role of Head of Department and Registrar

9.1 The Head of the Department concerned will ensure that each instructor actually completes the entire courses that he/she has to teach during a semester and will send a report to the Dean, that he/she has satisfied himself/herself about it.

9.2 To ensure that requirements for the award of a degree have been completed by a student, the Registrar will keep a record of the courses completed by students.

10. Unfair Means in Semester Examinations

10.1 The Dean of the College in which the student is registered shall be responsible for dealing with all cases of use of unfair means in the semester tests and examinations.

10.2 The Instructor/Invigilator/Supervisor concerned shall report to the Dean through the Centre Superintendent/Head of Department concerned within two working days of the occurrence of each case of unfair means with full details of evidence and the explanation of the students, if any.

10.3 The Dean shall take appropriate action and the penalty may be as indicated below:

- (a) Students in possession of copying material, mobile phone/blue tooth or found using unfair means during one hour test or mid-semester test will be debarred from the College/University for the unexpired portion of the semester and deemed to have failed in all the courses during the semester.
- (b) Students in possession of copying material, mobile phone/blue tooth or found using unfair means during the final semester examinations will be deemed to have failed in all courses taken by him/her in the relevant semester and placed on conduct probation for two subsequent semesters. However, if a student is found in possession of copying material, mobile phone/blue tooth or found using unfair means for the second time, in any of the examination, he/she may be deemed to have failed in all courses taken by him/her in the relevant semester and also debarred from the College/University during the subsequent semester.
- (c) The mobile phone/blue tooth/any other device confiscated from the student in the Examination Hall will be kept in a cloth bag duly sealed by the Chairman of the College of Faculty Hearing and Disciplinary Committee for one year from the verdict of the College Faculty Hearing and Disciplinary Committee and thereafter it will be destroyed in the presence of the said committee under intimation to the Registrar.

10.4 Impersonation in Examination

- (a) The student who is impersonated shall be deemed to have failed in all the courses in the current semester; debarred from registration for next one semester; and placed on conduct probation for the subsequent two semesters.
- (b) If a person who impersonates a student in any examination during a semester is a student of any constituent college of the University (i) he/she shall be deemed to have failed in all the courses in the current semester; (ii) debarred from registration for the next semester; and (iii) placed on conduct probation for two subsequent semesters.
- (c) If the person who impersonates is not a student of any constituent college of the University, the case may be registered with the police.
- (d) If impersonation in the Entrance Test/Interview/Counselling is detected after the admission has been finalized, or after the candidate has registered for the programme, the admission of such candidate shall be cancelled forthwith and he/she shall be debarred from seeking admission to any programme of PAU for the two subsequent academic sessions, and the case may be registered with the local police.
- (e) In all cases of the use of unfair means/impersonation in the entrance test, the decision of Superintendent/Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator/Controller of Examinations to expel or disqualify any candidate from the entrance test under the Admission Rules shall be final.
- (f) If any student of PAU impersonates in the entrance test conducted by the University action will be taken against him in the spirit of above rules.

10.5 The aggrieved student may prefer appeal before the Vice Chancellor against the order of the Dean within two weeks from passing of such orders and decision of Vice Chancellor shall be final.

Note : If a case of impersonation comes to notice during subsequent semester(s), necessary disciplinary action will be taken in the spirit of the above rule.

11. In all matters relating to admission and the operation of the semester system, the Registrar shall ordinarily act in accordance with recommendations of the Selection Committee or the Dean

concerned. Where, however, he does not agree with such recommendations/decisions, he shall refer the matter to the Vice Chancellor whose decision would be final.

CONDUCT PROBATION

Any student involved in the violation of rules and regulations or act of indiscipline, may be placed on conduct probation of the following kind by the Dean :

placed on conduct probation with respect to academic activities.

or

debarred from the accommodation.

or

placed both on conduct probation for academic activities and debarred from hostel accommodation.

Such student shall not represent the College/University team and shall lose any office that he/she may be holding in any student organization. If a student who is on conduct probation or who was on conduct probation on two previous occasions commits an act of indiscipline, he/she shall be dropped from the rolls of the College.

MAINTENANCE OF DISCIPLINE

All students are expected to maintain discipline and proper academic atmosphere. The students indulging in acts of indiscipline and misdemeanor, such as taking out processions, holding demonstration in residential area of University and threatening the University officers, interfering with the functioning of the University, defacing of University buildings by writing slogans, disturbing the classes in session, assaulting teachers and students and other such antisocial activities etc. will be liable for severe disciplinary action”

REGULATIONS REGARDING RUSTICATION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

1. The Dean of college shall have the power to expel or rusticate a student for sufficient reasons including acts of indiscipline and misconduct inside or outside the college.
2. Cases of rustication and expulsion shall be reported to the Registrar by the Dean of Constituent College immediately after rustication or expulsion for registration and notification.
3. The Dean may revise his decision within 15 days of the date of passing of the order of rustication or expulsion. The revised decision together with reasons shall be communicated to the Registrar for being placed before the Academic council.
4. The Registrar shall notify the orders of rustication/expulsion to the Constituent Colleges, Union/ State Public Service Commission, State Education Board and other Universities immediately after the expiry of 15 days period allowed to the Dean for revision of the decision.
5. The minimum period of rustication shall be one semester and the maximum period of rustication shall be four semesters.
6. The student under rustication shall have the option of rejoining the class during the ensuing semester after the expiry of the period of rustication.
7. It shall be obligatory on the part of the college to re-admit a rusticated student if he wishes to rejoin after the expiry of the rustication period.
8. The name of the rusticated student shall not be maintained on the rolls of the college nor shall any fees be charged during the period of rustication.
9. A student expelled from the college shall not be allowed to seek fresh admission into the same college or into another college without the sanction of the Academic Council. In no case such a student shall be allowed to do so before the expiry of two academic years excluding the academic year in which he/she was expelled.

10. When facts come to the knowledge of the Vice Chancellor which makes him think that the order of a Dean requires revision, the Vice Chancellor may bring the case to notice of the Academic Council after consideration of which, the decision of the Academic Council shall be final.

INSTRUCTIONS / REGULATIONS REGARDING RAGGING

According to the UGC Anti-Ragging Regulations-2009, Ragging in any form as given below is completely banned in or around PAU campus. The following Ingredients/forms are considered as Ragging. As per UGC guidelines, If any student is found indulging any such activity, he/she is liable to following punishments as per the level of ragging.

PUNISHABLE INGREDIENTS/FORMS OF RAGGING: Abetment to ragging, Criminal conspiracy to rag, Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging, Public nuisance created during ragging, Violation of decency and morals through ragging, Injury to body, Causing hurt or grievous hurt, Wrongful restraint, Wrongful confinement, Use of criminal force, Assault as well as sexual offences or even unnatural offences, Extortion, Criminal trespass, Offences against property, Criminal intimidation, Physical or psychological humiliation, All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".

Punishments

Any student or group of students found guilty of ragging on-campus or off-campus shall be liable to one or more of the following punishments.

- Debarring from appearing in any sessional test/university examination or withholding results
- Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
- Withdrawing scholarships and other benefits.
- Suspension from the college for a period of one month
- Cancellation of admission
- Debarring from representing the institution in any national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc
- Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- Rustication from the institution for periods varying from 1 to 4 semesters or equivalent period
- Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution
- Fine upto twenty five thousand rupees
- Imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both
- Collective punishment - When the students committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.

CHAPTER II HOSTEL RULES

I. General

1. The University hostels shall be opened to the regular students on the rolls of the constituent colleges. The students shall not be entitled to retain hostel accommodation beyond the normal duration of their degree programmes. In-service postgraduate students who are claiming house rent allowance shall not be eligible for hostel accommodation. The students who are unable to get hostel accommodation may make their own arrangements.
In-service candidate coming from outstations for joining M.Sc./Ph.D. programmes at Ludhiana may be allowed to get hostel accommodation at Ludhiana.
2. The students whose parents are residing in Ludhiana shall not ordinarily be eligible for hostel accommodation. However, if accommodation is available, they may be considered for allotment on merit.
3. The newly admitted students to various undergraduate 4 year/5year/6year programme will be allowed to stay in the hostel up to prescribed period viz 4 years, 5 years or 6 years as the case may be and thereafter they will not be allowed hostel accommodation beyond normal period.
4. The hostel resident will not be allowed to keep any four wheeler in the hostel. In case any four wheeler of hosteller is found parked near or around the hostel premises, the defaulter will be suitably fined besides cancellation of his/her hostel seat.
5. The hostel residents shall vacate the rooms before they leave for semester break or whenever asked to do so by the Director Students' Welfare. All the hostel articles issued to the residents should be returned to the Hostel Supervisor/Clerk before vacating the room. The resident shall be responsible for any loss, which will be made good from him/her. The residents may deposit their luggage/belongings in the Hostel Cloak Room.
6. The student who has been provided hostel accommodation must stay in the allotted room. Violation of this rule shall result in punishment to the actual allottee and the other student residing in his/her place.
7. While visiting the dining hall, common room and canteen, the residents should be properly dressed.
8. The Hostel Warden shall exercise general supervision and control over the hostel affairs. In granting character certificate to a boarder, the opinion of the Hostel Warden will be given due weightage.
9. All cases of illness should be reported to the Hostel Warden/University Medical Officer.
10. In each wing of the hostel, a senior student of good standing may be appointed as a Prefect for that wing who will assist the Hostel Warden/Assistant Warden in the administration of the hostel.
11. The resident must see the Hostel Notice Board twice a day as important notices are displayed on the Notice Board.
12. No boarder should see the Director Students' Welfare for ordinary affairs. He/she should contact Hostel Warden/Assistant Warden for such purposes.
13. For organizing any meeting/function in the hostel, the residents should seek the approval of the Director Students' Welfare through the Hostel Warden concerned atleast one week in advance.

14. Each boarder shall pay the prescribed charges as the utensils, crockery and breakage fund for the academic year. This amount shall be collected by the Dean concerned alongwith other fees. The fund shall be operated by the Director Students' Welfare.
15. Each boarder shall pay the prescribed charges per semester as the common room fund. This amount shall be collected by the Dean concerned alongwith other fees. The fund shall be operated by the Director Students' Welfare.
16. The residents shall make proper use of common room, newspapers, allied literature and the other articles required for indoor games. Hours of the common room shall be fixed by the Hostel Warden from time to time. The common room Secretary and Joint Secretary shall be responsible for running the common rooms. An amendment to common room rules can be made by the committee consisting of the Hostel Warden, Secretary and Joint Secretary of common room subject to approval by the Director Students' Welfare.
17. The Director Students' Welfare is authorized to make purchases out of the amount collected as common room fund, utensils, crockery and breakage fund for the following purposes:
 - (a) Purchase of newspapers, magazines, indoor games and prizes for hostel competitions, registers, rubber stamps, etc.
 - (b) The purchase and repair of radio/TV sets, crockery and utensils, celebration of hostel functions and festivals or any other miscellaneous expenditure which the Hostel Warden may deem fit in consultation with the Common Room Secretary/Joint Secretary.
 - (c) The Director Students' Welfare is competent to write off or declare an article of the Hostel Fund unserviceable. He may appoint a committee to advise him/her for declaring the article unserviceable and auction thereof.
18. Every boarder must have a copy of the hostel rules. He/she must observe them in letter and spirit. Ignorance of rules will not be considered as an excuse.
19. **Hostel timings for Girls' Hostels**

1 st November to 28 th February	Up to 7.00 p.m.	Winter
1 st March to 30 th October	Up to 8.00 p.m.	Summer

Hostel timings for Boys' Hostels

1 st November to 28 th February	Up to 9.00 p.m.	Winter
1 st March to 30 th October	Up to 10.00 p.m.	Summer
20. Every boarder should join mess.

II. Allotment

1. Seniority and Merit primarily will be taken into consideration for allotment of accommodation available in the university hostels.
2. The cubicles shall be allotted to the postgraduate students on merit and the left-over cubicles shall be allotted to the undergraduate students as under:
 - (a) 75% of the left-over cubicles shall be allotted to the undergraduate students on merit.
 - (b) 25% of the left-over cubicles shall be allotted to the students of outstanding merit in sports and co-curricular activities.
3. Students must be personally present at the time of allotment of rooms. The room to be allotted will be specified immediately before the allotment is made.
4. The room mates in dormitories shall preferably be students of the same class. This rule, however, shall not apply to real brothers.

5. No resident is allowed to change the room without permission of the Hostel Warden. No change of room will ordinarily be permitted after general allotment. Violation of this rule will result in cancellation of the hostel seat.
6. The students who have been rusticated from the university/expelled from hostel and/or placed on Conduct Probation shall not be eligible for hostel accommodation. However, the student rusticated/expelled and/or placed on Conduct Probation but subsequently re-admitted or after completing the period of Conduct Probation may be considered for hostel accommodation, if the Dean of the college concerned, Director Students' Welfare and Hostel Warden are fully satisfied that his/her residing in the hostel will not constitute any cause for indiscipline. Such allotment will be conditional.
7. A student who was awarded minor punishment on account of his/her involvement in any act of indiscipline, misconduct and misdemeanor in the college/hostel in cases other than covered under Clause 6 above, may be allotted a seat in the hostel if the Dean of the college concerned, Director Students' Welfare and Hostel Warden are fully satisfied that his/her residing in the hostel will not cause indiscipline.

Allotment-cum-occupancy Rules for International Students

1. The PAU International Students Hostel shall be available to the regular International PG students (boys & girls) on the rolls of the constituent colleges of PAU only.
2. The students shall not be entitled to retain hostel accommodation beyond the normal duration of their degree programme.
3. Accommodation in AC rooms for double occupancy and single occupancy will be provided on the basis of seniority, merit and availability.
4. Priority will be given to students coming with family then Ph.D students and then Masters students.
5. Hostel charges will be collected from the students for full semester at the time of registration alongwith fee as per university rules.
6. No guests/visitors are allowed in the hostel.
7. All other PAU Semester & Hostel rules given in this brochure will also be applicable.

III. Furniture

1. Every boarder is provided with a chair, a table and a cot, subject to availability. He/she shall be responsible for this furniture. Furniture should not be removed from one room to another. Every boarder shall ensure that no damage is done to the hostel property and furniture. Repair charges for any damage (intentional or through negligence) shall be borne by the boarder concerned.
2. The removal of electric fittings and charpoy from the room is prohibited.

IV. Withdrawal and Removal from the University Hostel

1. After the general allotment, the application for withdrawal from the hostel should be countersigned by the parent/guardian and submitted to the Director Students ' Welfare through the Hostel Warden after hostel dues have been cleared.
2. Despite the fact that the boarder has actually vacated his/her room, he/she shall have to pay all the hostel dues and fines upto the day he/she continues to be on the rolls of the hostel, until his/her name is formally withdrawn from the hostel.

3. A boarder may be expelled from the hostel by the Director Students' Welfare if he/she is in the habit of staying away from the hostel without permission or is found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline.
4. No boarder shall be allowed to stay in the hostel if his/her hostel fees and mess dues are outstanding for more than a month.
5. The boarder who does not clear hostel, mess or canteen dues or fine by the prescribed date, shall not be registered for the subsequent semester until and unless he/she clears all these dues and obtains 'No Due Certificate' from the Hostel Warden or the Director Students' Welfare. In case of those students who are to leave the university after completing their degree requirement or otherwise, their results as well as the provisional certificate/degree will be withheld till 'No Due Certificate' is produced from the Hostel Warden concerned or the Director Students' Welfare.
6. No boarder shall leave the hostel without personally handing over the charge of the room to the Hostel Supervisor/Clerk concerned. Loss, if any, shall be recovered from him/her.

V. Leave Rules

1. Leave sanctioned for absence from the college does not mean leave from the hostel. Leave from the hostel for one or more nights must be got approved from the Hostel Warden.
2. Leave should be personally, got sanctioned before it is availed off.
3. Residents absenting themselves from the hostel without getting the leave sanctioned shall be penalized.

VI. Night Roll-Call

1. The night roll-call will be taken by the Block Prefect at 7.30 p.m. in winter and 8.00 p.m. in summer. Every boarder must be present in his/her room to avoid inconvenience for taking the roll-call.
2. A boarder absent at the time of roll-call is liable to be fined. The fine list shall be put up on the notice board at the end of each month.
3. After roll-call, no student is allowed to leave the hostel. But, if some emergency arises, he/she should inform the Hostel Warden/Assistant Warden before leaving the hostel at night.
4. Absence from the hostel for the whole night without prior permission of the Warden is an act of gross negligence and misconduct and will call for heavy punishment.

VII. Guests

1. The boy/girl boarder must get prior written permission of the Warden for keeping his father/mother or real brother/sister as guest in the hostel in exceptional cases. The name of the guest should be entered in the guest register by the student himself/herself under his signatures. The guest, so allowed, will be kept in the hostel guest room.
2. Lady guests are not permitted to stay in the boys' hostels.
3. Male guests are not permitted to stay in Girls' Hostels.
4. A boarder keeping a guest without permission or entertaining a student who has been expelled from the university/hostel shall be expelled from the hostel by the Warden on spot enquiry.

VIII. Electricity

1. Light/fan must be switched off when not in use. The use of electric bulb upto 60 watts/electric tube is allowed in the room.

2. The use of electric heaters, electric rods and their electric appliances is prohibited. Those found using these electric appliances shall be fined Rs. 500/- and their electric appliances confiscated.
3. Boarders must not tamper with electric fittings and installations. For all electric repairs, the electrician should be contacted.

IX. Discipline and Complaints

1. Boarders must maintain perfect discipline and congenial atmosphere for studies in the hostel.
2. All kinds of shouting, hooting, violent knocking or any other act of movement or behaviour or playing of music that is likely to cause disturbance or annoyance to the residents is prohibited.
3. Maltreating or abusing the hostel staff, mess and canteen employees is prohibited. Any complaint against them should be reported to the Warden.
4. Dealings in general and especially with fellow students should be very courteous and polite. All quarrels and disputes with fellow boarders should be avoided. Residents must not take law into their own hands but must report all quarrels and disputes to the Hostel Warden.
5. Teasing, maltreating or indulging in any act of ragging of the newly admitted students is prohibited. Severe disciplinary action shall be taken against the defaulting students.
6. Boarders should not keep fire-arms, lethal weapons, poisons or intoxicants of any kind in the hostel. A boarder found guilty of having committed breach of this rule or using alcohol shall be expelled from the hostel by the Warden on spot enquiry. The defaulting students may be punished by the Director Students' Welfare on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee.
7. A boarder found guilty of having committed a breach of rules shall be liable to be punished by the Director Students' Welfare/Hostel Warden as under:
 - (a) The Hostel Warden may impose a warning and/or fine upto Rs. 1000/- alongwith the cost of damaged property or cancel the hostel seat of the defaulting boarder. The fine be deposited in Hostel Fund Account under intimation to the Director Students Welfare and concerned Dean of the constituent colleges.
 - (b) The Director Students' Welfare may expel a student from the hostel and/or impose a suitable fine for violation of hostel rules.
8. Boarders involved in fights, factional fights/other serious acts of indiscipline are liable to be expelled from the hostel/university.
9. The students should not be allowed to use any four wheelers in the university campus and hence no university stickers be given to them for pasting on these vehicles.
10. In case any boarder threatens the Warden/authorities in terms of attempt to suicide, self harm, consuming overdoses of drugs etc. he/she be liable to face the 'criminal' offence and his/her seat also be cancelled immediately from the hostel.

X. Lawn and Cleanliness

1. Students are expected to show a sense of responsibility in the maintenance of hedges, lawns and flowers. They should avoid crossing the lawns. Hedges and fences should not be tampered with.
2. Cycling/plying of any type of vehicles in verandahs and lawns in and around the hostel is prohibited.

3. Spitting at all places should be avoided. Walls, furniture and doors should not be defaced.
4. The wash-basins should not be blocked with sand or any other extraneous material and must be kept clean.
5. For proper functioning of the flush latrines, the following instructions must be followed:
 - (a) Pull the chain gently after use. The cistern will work satisfactorily only when full. Once emptied, it takes a few minutes to fill. If the cistern is out of order, use water from the tap to flush waste matter.
 - (b) Do not throw datans, papers or other materials in the latrines/toilets to avoid blockage.
6. Always close the taps of the bath rooms, latrines and wash basins after use.

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