

University Regulation

for Two-year Semesterised Post-Graduate(M.A.) Programme
in Bengali Language & Literature(i.e. Bengali)
Under CBCS for the Academic
Session 2019-2020

Duration of the Programme:

- ❖ The 2 year M.A. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of Four (4) consecutive semesters of six (6) months each, i.e., two (2) years. The odd semester will start ordinarily in the month of July and the even semester in the month of January of every year.
- ❖ A candidate pursuing a regular course of study for two-year semester-wise M.A course shall have to clear all the semesters in all respects within a span of four (4) years from the year of admission to the particular course, failing which enrolment of the candidate shall stand cancelled.

Definition of Key Terms Used in the Regulation:

- ❖ **Academic Year:** Two consecutive (one odd + one even) semesters constitute one academic year.
- ❖ **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):** The CBCS provides choice for students to select from the prescribed papers/courses.
- ❖ **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 or tutorial).
- ❖ **Credit Point:** It is the product of grade point and number of credits for a paper/course.
- ❖ **Grade Point:** It is a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale.
- ❖ **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** It is a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various papers in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all papers in all the semesters. It is expressed up to three decimal places.
- ❖ **Letter Grade:** It is an index of the performance of students in a course. Grades are denoted by letters such as A++, A+, A, B+, B, C+, C and F. 4.8 Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): It is a measure of performance of work done in a semester. It is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various papers registered in a semester and the total credits taken during that semester. It shall be expressed up to three decimal places.

Course Structure:

- ✓ The total marks of the M.A. Course shall be 1000 with the following semester-wise distribution.

Semester	No. of Papers	Total Marks	Total Credit Hours
First Semester	05-CC	250	20
Second Semester	05-CC	250	20
Third Semester	02-CC, 02-DSE, 01-GE	250	20
Fourth Semester	02-CC, 02-DSE, 01-GE	250	20
Total	20	1000	80

- ✓ The above structure conforms to Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with fourteen (14) Core Papers, four (04) Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Papers which are offered during the third and fourth semester (two DSEs in each of third and fourth semester) and two (02) Generic Elective Papers (one GEs in each of third and fourth semester).
- ✓ The Course shall offer Seven (07) groups of Discipline Specific Electives (four papers in each group). The choice of the DSE group must be made by the students during the second semester at an appropriate time as to be decided by the Department. Every student has to select only one elective group among the groups offered to him abide by the existing reservation policy as constituted by the State Govt. and other considerations fixed by the Department as and when required. The Elective Groups are as follows:

Elective Group of DSE Papers	Specialization Offered
GROUP A	প্রাগাধুনিক বাংলা সাহিত্য
GROUP B	লোকসংস্কৃতি ও লোকসাহিত্য
GROUP C	আধুনিক কাব্য-কবিতা
GROUP D	কথাসাহিত্য
GROUP E	নাট্যতত্ত্ব, নাট্যমঞ্চ ও নাটক
GROUP F	রবীন্দ্র-জীবন ও সাহিত্য
GROUP G	তুলনামূলক সাহিত্য

- ✓ Each paper (Core, GE or DSE) shall have three modules. The paper-wise syllabus of the Course is given in Annexure II. The syllabus, however, shall be amendable to changes, if so required, by the appropriate authorities from time to time.

Admission Procedure:

- ✓ The minimum qualification for the admission to the Course shall be a second class B.A.(Three Year Honours in Bengali) degree (after completion of 10+2 years' course of study) of University of Calcutta or a similar degree of any other university/ institution as equivalent thereto as per the rules framed by the University of Calcutta from time to time.
- ✓ Admission process for the Course shall start after the declaration of results of B.A. (Three Year Honours) Course of University of Calcutta. The detail guidelines for admission procedure shall be announced by the University.
- ✓ Of the total number of seats (i.e. intake), 60% of the seats shall be reserved for the students passing out from the University of Calcutta. Balance 40% of the total seats shall remain open to students of all UGC recognized universities including the University of Calcutta. For the balance 40% seats, selection shall be made on a basis of a written test or by any other appropriate means as decided by the University.
- ✓ Reservation Policy, as per the notifications issued by the University from time to time, shall be strictly adhered to during the admission process.
- ✓ The applicant must have passed Graduation Examination (i.e. 10+2+3) not earlier than one year from the date of application for the M.A. in Bengali Course in the University.
- ✓ Candidates already admitted in the previous year will not be permitted to take fresh admission again.
- ✓ A student who is selected for enrolment in the Course will have to complete admission procedure within the notified time period.
- ✓ A candidate admitted to the M.A. in Bengali Course shall be registered as a student of the University of Calcutta. Hence the enrolled candidates, who have graduated from the universities other than the University of Calcutta, must get themselves registered with the University of Calcutta within the notified time period.
- ✓ A student of M.A. in Bengali Course shall not be permitted to seek admission concurrently to any other equivalent or higher degree course in this university.

Examination:

- ✓ **Eligibility criteria for appearing for the examinations –**
 - Students admitted to the M.A. in Bengali Course shall compulsorily pursue the regular course of lectures and other academic arrangements made for the Course. A student must have required attendance to be eligible to appear for the Semester-end Examinations. For this purpose, the required attendance shall be at least 65% of the classes held as a whole in the respective semester. Candidates having attendance of 55% and more but less than 65% will be treated as non-collegiate. These candidates may be condoned by the University and allowed to appear in the Semester-end Examination. However, they shall have to pay a condonation fee as per the notification. Candidates having attendance of less than 55% shall be treated discollegiate and they shall not be allowed to appear in the respective Semester Examination. Discollegiate students of 1st semester are not allowed to sit for semester-end examination as well as for next semesters. He/she may be allowed to continue his/her studies from next academic session in same semester by taking re-admission. This rule will be applicable for 2nd, 3rd & 4th semester also.
 - For the aforesaid purpose, the attendance of a candidate in first semester shall be counted from the date on which the classes begin or from the date on which he/she is admitted, whichever is later. For all the subsequent

semesters, the same shall be calculated from the date on which the classes in the respective semester begin. The name of a student, who is continuously absent for 15 working days, shall be struck off from the Rolls.

- A student against whom there are any disciplinary charges may not be permitted to appear in the Semester-end Examination and written test for Internal Assessment.
- A candidate may pursue the course of study of a subsequent semester without appearing in the Semester-end examination of the previous semester subject to clause 7.5.1.
- A student, who satisfies the above attendance criteria (7.1.1) and who is not debarred from appearing in the examination for any other reason (7.1.3), must submit the examination form and requisite fee within the stipulated time period as per the notification.

✓ **Evaluation Process –**

- The evaluation process shall comprise of Semester-end Examination and Internal Assessment (IA). For each paper, 80% of the total marks (i.e. 80% of 50 = 40) shall be allotted for Semester-end Examinations and 20% of the total marks (i.e. 20% of 50 = 10) shall be allotted for IA.
- Internal Assessment (IA) must be done in the form of Written Examination. The pattern of I.A. must be descriptive and illustrative. Duration of each paper of I.A. Examination will be of 30 minutes.
- Semester-end Examinations shall ordinarily be conducted as per the following time frame:

Semester Examination	Time Frame
First Semester	December-January
Second Semester	June-July
Third Semester	December-January
Fourth Semester	June-July

Duration of each paper of Semester-end Examination will be of 2 hours.

- Written Internal Assessment Examination to be conducted by the Department during each semester at an appropriate date duly notified. A candidate shall be given only one chance to appear in the Written Internal Assessment. A non-collegiate candidate shall not be allowed to appear for the Written Internal Assessment Examination. If a candidate remains absent in the Internal Assessment Examination, he/she shall not be awarded any marks.
- The paper setters, examiners, moderators and re-examiners for each paper shall be appointed by the University Authorities on the recommendations of the Departmental P.G Board of Studies.
- An Examination shall be held always under the current syllabus.

✓ **Minimum Qualifying Marks –**

- Qualifying marks for each paper shall be 40%. A candidate obtaining 40% marks in aggregate taking all four semesters shall be declared to have passed the M.A. in Bengali Examination.

✓ **Re-examination –**

- A candidate shall be eligible to re-examine/review his/her script if he/she appears at the concerned Semester-end Examination as a whole.
- In any semester, re-examination shall be allowed only in two papers (maximum). However, to be eligible for re-examination, the candidate must obtain at least 40% marks in the remaining papers.
- Application for re-examination must be submitted within the stipulated date notified by the University after the publication of results of the respective semester. Requisite fee has to be submitted as per notification.
- If the marks after re-examination are reduced by more than 5% or increased by more than 15% (of the total marks in written examination) from the original marks given by the first examiner, the answer scripts shall be subject to evaluation by a third examiner. Among the marks awarded by the three examiners i.e. first examiner, re-examiner and third examiner, the average of the two closer marks obtained will be finally awarded, provided that such a final award does not result in lowering of the grade point obtained by the candidate prior to reexamination in which case the original award will be retained.
- Re-examination is not applicable for IA portion of any paper.

✓ **Arrear Papers –**

- An arrear paper is defined as one in which a candidate has failed to secure minimum pass marks (i.e. 40%) or in which he/she remains absent in the Semester-end Examination. A student shall be permitted to appear in such arrear paper(s) only when the respective Semester-end Examination will be subsequently held, and this will be applicable for the 1st and 2nd semester only. A candidate who is eligible to appear for the 1st and 2nd

semester-end examination, but not actually appeared in the examination on valid ground, he/she be permitted to continue the next semester as per 'No Detention System' provided that the candidate has to clear/qualify the previous semester with his/her current semester at a time.

✓ **Re-enrollment –**

- If a candidate, after having completed a regular course of study in any semester (i) fails to register as a candidate for the Semester-end Examination due to reason specified in 7.1.1 or 7.1.3 or (ii) registers but fails to appear in the Semester-end Examination or (ii) appears but fails to secure the minimum qualifying marks, he/she may appear in the semester-end examination of the concerned semester as a non-collegiate student only in the immediately next academic session. Such a student will not be permitted to appear in the Internal Assessment Examination of the concerned semester (refer to 7.2.4). Such a non-collegiate candidate will need to pay requisite fee as decided by the University Authorities.
- A student with disciplinary charges against him/her (refer to 7.1.3), shall be treated separately and such cases shall be forwarded to the University Authorities for final decision.
- Re-enrollment in the previous semester as a non-collegiate candidate will also be required by candidates who wish to pursue any subsequent semester without appearing in the concerned Semester-end Examination.
- A candidate will have to complete the course within a period of maximum four (4) years from the date of admission.

Grade Point System and Award of Degree:

✓ **Grade Point System –**

- Point Grade System shall be followed for the purpose of Grade Point calculation, as shown below.

Percentage of Marks	Letter Grades	Numerical Grade Points
≥ 90% to 100%	A++	9.0 – 10
≥ 80% but < 90%	A+	8.0 – 8.9
≥ 70% but < 80%	A	7.0 – 7.9
≥ 60% but < 70%	B+	6.0 – 6.9
≥ 50% but < 60%	B	5.0 – 5.9
≥ 40% but < 50%	C+	4.0 – 4.9
< 40%	F	0
Absent	Ab	0

a) Numerical Grade Point shall not be calculated in respect of a failed paper.

b) The multiplicative factors shall be 0.10 for all Grades for the purpose of calculating numerical Grade Point.

For Example:

If the student secures P %, where $P \geq 30$, his/her grade point will be $[3.0 + \{(P - 30) \times 0.1\}]$ or simply $P \times 0.10$.

If a student scores 52% in a particular paper, his/her grade point for the paper will be $(3.00 + 0.1 \times 22) = 5.20$ or simply, $52 \times 0.10 = 5.2$.

- **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)** - The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) will be the weighted average of the numerical grade points obtained in all the papers of the given semester, where Weights refer to the Credits assigned to the concerned papers. If the Numerical Grade Points obtained by a student in different papers of a Semester are denoted by P_i and the credit of the corresponding papers are denoted by C_i , the SGPA will be $[(\sum P_i \times C_i) \div \sum C_i]$ where $i=1$ to n , and $n=$ no. of papers in the respective semester. The SGPA shall be shown in the mark sheet up to the third decimal point.
- **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)** - Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) over four semesters shall be the weighted average of the four SGPAs.
 $CGPA = [\sum (SGPA_j \times C_j) \div \sum C_j]$ where $SGPA_j$ is the SGPA of the j -th Semester, C_j is the total credit of j -th semester used for Grade Point Calculation and $j = 1$ to 4. CGPA shall be calculated and shown up to three decimal places. The grade of the candidate on the basis of CGPA will be as follows.

CGPA	Letter Grade	Remarks
9.000 - 10.000	A++	Outstanding
8.000 - 8.999	A+	Excellent
7.000 - 7.999	A	Very Good
6.000 - 6.999	B+	Good
5.000 - 5.999	B	Average
4.000 - 4.999	C	Satisfactory
0.000 - 3.999	F	Fail

Both SGPA and CGPA will be rounded off to the third place of the decimal and will be shown as such on the mark sheet. The mark sheet issued at the end of each semester shall include the total marks obtained in each paper / module as well as the SGPA, the total marks obtained in that semester and the credit earned in the Semester concerned. The final marks sheet, on completion of four semesters, shall include the SGPA of four Semesters, CGPA, Letter Grade, the marks obtained, total marks and the total Credits earned.

- **Grace Marks** - A candidate who fails to obtain pass mark (in terms of clauses 7.3) in any paper(s) in any semester for shortage of one mark shall be awarded one grace mark in such paper(s).

✓ **Award of Degree -**

- a) If a candidate pursuing M.A.(Bengali) course of study, clears all the papers and secures 40% and above marks in aggregate of all semesters or CGPA 4.000 and above, he/she will be declared as obtaining M.A. Degree with his /her CGPA and corresponding Letter Grade (C, B, B+, A, A+ or A++).
- b) If such candidate secures 60% and above marks in aggregate of all semesters or CGPA 6.000 and above, First Class Degree will be awarded to him/her.
- c) If such candidate secures 40% and above but less than 60% marks in aggregate of all semesters i.e. CGPA 4.000 and above but less than 6.000, Second Class Degree will be awarded to him/her.
- d) Successful candidates [as per clause (a) of 8.2] will be issued Certificate by the University.