



GURUCHARAN UNIVERSITY

SILCHAR, CACHAR, ASSAM

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REGULATIONS FOR TWO-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAMME

(Effective from Academic Session 2026-2027)

1. Short Title, Scope and Commencement

- 1.1 These Regulations shall be called the Gurucharan University Regulations for the Two-Year Master's Programme.
- 1.2 These Regulations shall govern the academic structure, credit framework, curriculum design, assessment pattern, research component, progression rules, exit provisions and award of Master's/Postgraduate Degree offered by Gurucharan University, Silchar.
- 1.3 These Regulations shall apply to all students admitted to Master's Programmes from the academic session notified by the University.
- 1.4 These Regulations are framed in conformity with the policy framework prescribed by the University Grants Commission under the National Education Policy 2020 and other guidelines issued from time to time.
- 1.5 The interpretation of any clause of these Regulations shall rest with the University, whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 1.6 The University reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any provision of these Regulations in accordance with statutory requirements.

2. Objectives of the Programme

- 2.1 The Two-Year Master's Programme is designed to provide advanced and specialized education in the chosen discipline, emphasising on academic rigour, intellectual and research-oriented learning within a structured and outcome-based framework.
- 2.2 The programme aims to ensure that students acquire:
 - In-depth and specialized knowledge in core and emerging areas of the discipline.
 - Advanced analytical, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
 - Competence in research methodology, data analysis and academic writing.
 - Professional and technical skills relevant to industry, academia and public institutions.
 - Ethical values, academic integrity and social responsibility in professional practice.

- 2.3 The programme integrates classroom learning with practical training, laboratory work, seminars, case analysis, field-based activities and structured dissertation work to strengthen applied knowledge and independent inquiry.
- 2.4 The curriculum is structured to prepare students for doctoral studies, research careers, professional employment, public service, entrepreneurship and leadership roles in their respective fields.

3. Duration and Structure

- 3.1 The Two-Year Master's Programme shall ordinarily extend over two academic years comprising four semesters.
- 3.2 Each semester shall ordinarily consist of 15–18 weeks of teaching, exclusive of examination period.
- 3.3 The duration of the Two-Year Master's Programme shall depend upon the entry qualification of the candidate, as follows:

(a) Entry after completion of Three-Year Bachelor's Degree

- Candidates who have successfully completed Three-Year Bachelor's Degree shall be admitted to Semester I of the Two-year Master's Programme.
- They may exit after completion of one year (two semesters) with a Post Graduate Diploma, upon earning 42 credits.
- They shall be awarded the Master's/Postgraduate Degree upon successful completion of four semesters and earning 82 credits.

(b) Lateral Entry after completion of Four-Year Bachelor's Degree/ FYUG Programme

- Candidates who have successfully completed Four-Year Bachelor's Degree (Honours / Honours with Research) in the relevant discipline may be eligible for admission into Semester III/ Second Year of the Master's Programme, subject to University admission regulations and fulfilment of eligibility criteria.
 - Such candidates shall complete Semesters III and IV of Post Graduate Programme, and earn 40 credits for award of the Master's/Postgraduate Degree.
- 3.4 The maximum permissible duration for completion of the Master's Degree shall be:
- Four (4) years from the date of admission for candidates entering in Semester I/ First Year.
 - Two (2) years from the date of admission for candidates entering directly into Semester III/ Second Year.

3.5 Students who discontinue the programme may re-enter within the maximum permissible duration, subject to validity of earned credits, availability of seats and approval of the University. Such re-entry requires University approval and must comply with current admission regulations and eligibility criteria.

4. Credit Framework and Academic Workload

4.1 The University shall implement the Credit-Based Semester System (CBSS) for all Master's Programmes, wherein academic performance is measured in terms of credits earned.

4.2 A credit represents a quantified measure of academic engagement. The equivalence shall be:

- 1 Credit = 15 hours of classroom instruction (Theory)
- 1 Credit = 30 hours of Practical / Laboratory work
- 1 Credit = 30 hours of Fieldwork, Internship, Project Work or Dissertation-related activity

4.3 Each semester shall normally carry a minimum of 20 credits, ensuring balanced academic workload and progressive academic advancement.

4.4 Credits shall be awarded only upon successful completion of prescribed course requirements and fulfilment of minimum passing criteria.

4.5 A student must earn:

- 42 credits for award of a Postgraduate Diploma (Exit after one year), and
- 82 credits for award of a Master's Degree.

5. Structure and Components of the Curriculum

5.1 The curriculum shall be composed of the following academic categories:

- Discipline Specific Core (DSC)
- Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)
- Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)
- Research Methodology
- Practical / Laboratory Courses
- Dissertation / Research Project (RES)

5.2 The Discipline Specific Core (DSC) courses shall form the principal academic component of the programme and shall ensure advanced and specialized knowledge in the chosen discipline.

- 5.3 Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) courses shall provide opportunities for specialization, interdisciplinary learning, or exposure to emerging areas within the discipline.
- 5.4 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) shall focus on advanced professional competencies, research tools, digital applications, data analysis, academic writing, and domain-specific technical skills.
- 5.5 Research Methodology shall equip students with knowledge of research design, quantitative and qualitative methods, data interpretation, academic ethics, and scholarly communication.
- 5.6 Dissertation / Research Project (RES) shall constitute a mandatory component for award of the Master's/Postgraduate Degree and shall involve independent research under the supervision of a faculty member.
- 5.7 Internship or field-based training may be incorporated where prescribed by the concerned Department.
- 5.8 The framework of the Two-Year Master's Programme with various course components and credit distribution is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Framework of the Two-Years Master's Programme

Semester	Major (Core) 4 Credits	Elective 4 Credits	SEC 2-4 Credits	Dissertation 4-8 Credits	Total Credits
I	DSC 501 DSC 502 DSC 503 DSC 504	DSE 501 (Open Elective)			20
II	DSC 551 DSC 552 DSC 553 DSC 554	DSE 551 (Discipline Specific)	SEC 551 Community engagement (2 credits)		22
III	DSC 601 DSC 602 DSC 603		SEC 601 (4 credits)	RES-601 (4 credits)	20
IV	DSC 651 DSC 652		SEC 651 (4 credits)	RES-651 (8 credits)	20

6. Credit Distribution

6.1 The Two-Year Master's Programme of Gurucharan University, Silchar, shall require a minimum of 82 credits for the award of the Master's/Postgraduate Degree and 42 credits for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

6.2 The credit distribution for different entry pathways shall be as prescribed in Table 2.

Table 2: Minimum credit requirement for awards and entry in the Two-Year Master's Programme

S. No.	Broad Category of Course	Entry after 3-Year Bachelor's Degree (PG I – IV Sem)	Entry after 4-Year Bachelor's Degree/ FYUGP (PG III – IV Sem)
1	Discipline Specific Core (DSC)	52	20
2	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)	8	0
3	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	8	8
5	Dissertation (RES)	12	12
6	Community Engagement	2	0
	Total Credits	82	40

6.3 The credit requirement based on the entry mode is as follows:

(a) Candidates admitted after completing Three-Year Bachelor's Degree:

- Shall complete four semesters (82 credits) for the award of a Master's/Postgraduate Degree.
- May exit after two semesters (42 credits) for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma.

(b) Candidates admitted after Four-Year Bachelor's Degree, i.e., FYUG (Honours / Honours with Research):

- Shall be eligible for direct admission into Semester III/ Second Year of Two-Year Master's Programme.
- Shall complete Semesters III and IV (40 credits) including Dissertation components for the award of a Master's/Postgraduate Degree.

- 6.4 The Research component (Dissertation) of the Two-Year Master's Programme shall consist of Research Proposal (4 credits) in Semester III and Final Dissertation (8 credits) in Semester IV, which shall be mandatory for award of the Master's/Postgraduate Degree.
- 6.5 Community Engagement in Semester II shall be mandatory. It will be of 2 credits (100 marks), with 75 marks for report writing and 25 marks for assessment based on experiential learning.
- 6.6 Internship shall not be mandatory for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma or Master's/Postgraduate Degree, unless specifically prescribed by the concerned Board of Studies for a particular discipline.

7. Research Project / Dissertation

- 7.1 The Research Project / Dissertation (RES) shall be a compulsory component of the Master's/Postgraduate Degree Programme. Students exiting after Semester II for the award of Postgraduate Diploma are not required to undertake a Dissertation.
- 7.2 The Research Project / Dissertation shall carry 12 credits, distributed across Semester III and Semester IV.
- 7.3 The Dissertation shall involve identification of a research problem, review of literature, methodology, data analysis, interpretation and conclusion.
- 7.4 The Research Project / Dissertation (RES) shall be carried out under the supervision of a faculty member of the concerned Department. The topic of the dissertation shall be approved by the Departmental Research Committee.
- 7.5 The Dissertation shall be completed in two stages as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Credit distribution of Dissertation

Paper Code	Semester	Component	Credits	Description
RES-601	: IX	Research Proposal, Literature Review, Methodology and Seminar Presentation)	4	Submission of Synopsis and Seminar Presentation
RES-651	: X	Final Dissertation, Evaluation and Viva Voce	8	Submission of Dissertation, Presentation and Viva Voce Examination
Total			12	

- 7.6 Students shall submit a research proposal and make a seminar presentation during Semester III. The progress of the research work shall be monitored by the supervising teacher and the Department.
- 7.7 In Semester IV, a mid-semester progress Seminar for RES 651 shall be organised by the Department.
- 7.8 The evaluation of RES 651 includes Dissertation report, Presentation and/or Viva Voce, which will be conducted by a Board consisting of Supervisor, one External Expert from within the University, and Head of the Department. The evaluation pattern of RES 601 and RES 651 is shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Evaluation scheme for Dissertation

Component	RES 601 (4 credits)	RES 651 (8 credits)
Research Proposal	60 marks	--
Final Dissertation	--	150 marks
Viva Voce Examination	40 marks	50 marks
Total Marks	100 marks	200 marks

- 7.9 All research work must follow academic and ethical standards prescribed by the University. Any cases of plagiarism or academic misconduct shall be dealt with strictly in accordance with the Gurucharan University Research Ethics and Plagiarism Regulations.

8. Attendance Requirement

- 8.1 A student must maintain a minimum of 75% attendance in each course.
- 8.2 Attendance of students in each course shall be recorded by the concerned teacher and monitored by the Head of the Department. The consolidated attendance statement shall be verified before submission of examination forms.
- 8.3 A shortage of attendance may be condoned by the competent authority in genuine cases such as illness, medical emergency, or other unavoidable circumstances, subject to submission of valid supporting documents.
- 8.4 Students representing the University in academic, research, co-curricular, or extension activities such as seminars, workshops, conferences, symposia, youth festivals, sports events, cultural competitions, NSS, NCC, community engagement programmes, field work, or similar officially approved activities shall be eligible for attendance relaxation for the period of such participation, provided that:
- Prior written permission is obtained from the Head of the Department/Registrar;
 - The participation is duly certified by the organizing authority;
 - The total relaxation granted remains within the limits prescribed by the University.
 - Attendance of the student participating in such programmes/events shall be recorded by the concerned Department.
- 8.5 Participation in officially approved research work, dissertation-related field visits, laboratory work, institutional visits, or extension activities conducted under the supervision of the Department shall be recorded as attendance for the relevant period.
- 8.6 The decision of the competent authority regarding grant or refusal of attendance condonation shall be final.

9. Assessment and Examination

- 9.1 Evaluation of each course shall consist of Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) and End Semester Examination (ESE).
- 9.2 Continuous Internal Assessment may include internal assessment, attendance and practicum components.
- 9.3 Continuous Internal Assessment may include session tests, assignments, seminars, attendance, laboratory performance, field work, project work, presentations, quizzes, skill demonstrations, and other academic engagement activities as prescribed by the Department.

- 9.4 The assessment and examination pattern shall follow the evaluation framework prescribed under the Five-Year Integrated Master’s Programme (FYIMP) Regulations of the University.
- 9.5 The evaluation pattern for Discipline Specific Core (DSC) and Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) courses is presented in Table 5.

Table 5: Evaluation pattern for DSC and DSE courses

Component	Marks
End Semester Examination	60
Continuous Assessment	
– <i>Internal Assessment</i>	15 marks
– <i>Attendance</i>	5 marks
– <i>Practical / Field Work/ Experiential learning etc.</i>	20 marks
Total Marks	100 marks

- 9.6 The evaluation pattern for Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) is presented in Table 6 below. SEC courses shall emphasize skill-based and experiential learning, with assessment focusing on practical application and competency development.

Table 6: Evaluation pattern for SEC

Component	Marks
End Semester Examination	60
Continuous Assessment	
– <i>Continuous Skill-Based Evaluation</i>	15 marks
– <i>Attendance</i>	5 marks
– <i>Practical / Field Work/ Experiential learning etc.</i>	20 marks
Total Marks	100 marks

- 9.7 The Dissertation shall be evaluated separately in accordance with the provisions prescribed under Section 7 of this Regulation.

10. Grading System

10.1 The University shall adopt a 10-point grading scale (Table 7).

Table 7: 10-point grading scale

Percentage	Grade	Grade Point
90–100	O	10
80–89	A+	9
70–79	A	8
60–69	B+	7
50–59	B	6
45–49	C	5
40–44	P	4
Below 40	F	0

10.2 The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be calculated on the basis of the credit-weighted grade point system.

10.3 The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be calculated in a similar manner by taking into account the grade points obtained in all courses completed across all semesters of the programme.

SGPA (Semester Grade Point Average)

$$SGPA (S_i) = \frac{\sum C_i G_i}{\sum C_i}$$

Where:

C_i = Number of credits for the i^{th} course

G_i = Grade point obtained in the i^{th} course

The SGPA represents the ratio of the sum of the product of the number of credits with the grade points secured by a student in all the courses taken in a semester and the sum of the credits of all courses registered in that semester.

10.4 The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be calculated in a similar manner by taking into account the grade points obtained in all courses completed across all semesters of the programme.

CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average)

$$CGPA = \frac{\sum C_i S_i}{\sum C_i}$$

Where:

C_i = Credits assigned to the i^{th} semester

S_i = SGPA obtained in the i^{th} semester

10.5 The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal places and shall be indicated in the Grade Sheet / Transcript issued by the University.

10.6 The conversion of CGPA into percentage of marks shall be done using the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage of Marks} = CGPA \times 10$$

11. Promotion and Backlog Rules

11.1 A student shall be promoted to the next semester upon completion of the prescribed academic requirements and in accordance with the backlog rules of the University.

11.2 A student failing in any course shall be permitted to reappear in the next corresponding Odd/Even End Semester Examination as per the University Examination Regulations.

11.3 Promotion from Semester I to II and Semester III to IV shall be allowed, subject to registration and compliance with requirements as laid down by University Rules

11.4 All prescribed credits must be earned within the maximum duration specified for completion of the Master's/Postgraduate Programme.

11.5 The Master's/Postgraduate Degree or Postgraduate Diploma shall not be awarded unless all credit requirements and other academic obligations, including Dissertation (where applicable), are successfully fulfilled.

12. Award of Degree

- 12.1 Upon successful completion of 42 credits after Semester II, a student shall be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in the relevant discipline.
- 12.2 Upon successful completion of 82 credits (or 40 credits in case of lateral entry after Four-Year Undergraduate Degree) and fulfilment of all academic requirements, the University shall confer the Master's/Postgraduate Degree in the relevant discipline.
- 12.3 The nomenclature of the award shall reflect the discipline of study as approved by the competent statutory bodies of the University.