

# University of Lucknow, Lucknow

## Academic Programs under CBCS Ordinances 2015

### 1. **Applicability**

These ordinances shall apply to all programmes under the choice based credit system (CBCS) as decided for implementation by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Faculty Boards and approved by the Executive Council.

### 2. **Definitions of Key Words:**

- a) **Academic Year:** Two consecutive (one odd, July to December + one even, January to June) semesters shall constitute one academic year.
- b) **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):** The CBCS provides choice for students to select from the prescribed courses (core, elective and/or foundation (minor/soft skill courses).
- c) **Course:** Usually referred to, as 'papers' is a component of a programme. All courses need not carry the same weightage. A course may be designed to comprise lectures/ tutorials/laboratory work/ field work/ outreach activities/ project work/ vocational training/viva/ seminars/term papers/assignments/ presentations/ self-study etc. or a combination of some of these.
- d) **Credit Based Semester System (CBSS):** Under the CBSS, the requirement for awarding a degree or diploma or certificate is prescribed in terms of number of credits to be completed by the students.
- e) **Credit:** A unit by which the weightage of 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) or two hours of practical work/field work per week.
- f) **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** It is a measure of overall academic cumulative performance of a student in all semesters.
- g) **Grade Point:** It is a numerical value allotted to each letter grade.
- h) **Letter Grade:** It is an index of the performance of students in a said course. Grades are denoted by letters O, A+, A, B+, B, C, P and F, Ab.
- i) **Programme:** An academic programme leading to award of a Degree, diploma or certificate.
- j) **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):** It is a measure of academic performance in a semester.
- k) **Semester:** Each semester will consist of academic work equivalent to 90 teaching days. The odd semester will be from July to December and even semester from January to June in every academic year.
- l) **Transcript or Grade Card:** The transcript/grade card will be given to all students upon completion of academic work of all semester of a program and

will display the course details (code, title, number of credits) grade obtained in each course, and SGPA/CGPA.

### 3. Types of Courses:

Courses in a programme may be of three kinds: Core, Elective and Foundation.

- a) **Core Course:-** These are courses which are to be compulsorily studied by a student.
- b) **Elective Course:-** Elective course is a course which can be chosen from a pool of elective courses offered by different departments.
- c) **Foundation Course:-** In addition to Core and Elective courses, Foundation Courses may be offered where ever required. **The grades obtained in these courses shall not be counted for computation of 'SGPA' and 'CGPA'.**

### 4. Attendance requirement.

Students with less than 75% attendance in a course shall not be eligible to appear in the End Semester Examination. However, in exceptional cases the Dean/Head / Director/coordinator may grant a relaxation in required percentage of attendance by not more than 15 % on the basis of genuine reason.

### 5. Program Duration and Credit requirements:

Sl. No.	Program	Minimum number of credits	Maximum Duration (In Years)
1	Post Graduate Degree (Four Semester Course)	92	Five Years
2.	Post Graduate Degree (Six Semester Course)	138	Seven Years

### 6. Examination(s) and Assessment / Evaluation:

6. 01. Evaluation will have two components, namely:

- i. Internal Assessment - 30% weightage of a course.
- ii. End Semester Exam - 70% weightage of a course.

For the ease of evaluation while making a transition from marks based system to grading system, examination of each course of a semester will be held for maximum marks of 100 irrespective of number of credits allotted to the course (30 for internal assessment and 70 for end semester examination). The marks will be converted to grades as per the following table

Marks obtained	Grade	numeric value of grade
Greater than or equal to 90	O	10
Less than 90 but greater than 80	A+	9
Less than 80 but greater than 70	A	8
Less than 70 but greater than 60	B+	7
Less than 60 but greater than 50	B	6
Less than 50 but greater than 45	C	5
Less than 45 but greater than 40	P	4
Less than 40	F	0
Absent	Ab	0

Rounding of the numeric value of grades obtained will be done till two places of decimal.

### 6.03 Promotion and Degree Awarding Rules:

- a) A student obtaining F grade in any course shall be considered failed in that course.
- b) For Foundation courses 'Satisfactory' (grades 'P' to 'O') or 'Unsatisfactory' (Grade 'F' or 'Ab') shall be indicated instead of the letter grade and this will not be counted for the computation of SGPA/CGPA.
- c) A student shall be allowed promotion to next year if both the following conditions are met by him/her:
  - i) His/Her CGPA is equal to or greater than 4.50.
  - ii) He/she does not have 'F' or 'Ab' grade in more than fifty percent courses of a Semester.
- d) Those students who are NOT eligible for promotion shall have to reappear in the end semester examination of all courses in the semester(s). However the grades of internal assessment shall be carried forward in such cases.
- e) Those students who are eligible for promotion and wanting to improve their grades may avail opportunity to improve the grade within the maximum stipulated time period allowed to complete the program. However the grades of internal assessment shall be carried forward in such cases.

### 6.04 A student shall be deemed to have completed the degree requirements, if the student has:

- a. Passed all the prescribed Courses/Practicals/Field Work/Thesis/Projects/Dissertations etc.
- b. Obtained the minimum required CGPA of 5.00 without 'F' or 'Ab' in any course.
- c. Those students who could not achieve CGPA of 5.00 without 'F' and 'Ab' grade may avail opportunity to improve the grade within the maximum stipulated time period allowed to complete the program. However the grades of internal assessment shall be carried forward in such cases.

d. Paid all the dues of the University and has no pending case of indiscipline.

### 6.05 Computation of SGPA and CGPA, and issue of Grade Card / Transcript

The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be computed as follows:

#### a) Semester grade point average (SGPA)

The Semester grade point average (SGPA) is a weighted average of the grade points earned by a student in all the Courses credited and describes His/her Academic Performance in a Semester. If the grade points associated with the letter grades awarded to a student are  $g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_n$  in  $n$  courses and the corresponding weights (or credits of the courses) are  $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$  the **SGPA is given by:**

$$\text{SGPA} = (g_1.w_1 + g_2.w_2 + g_n.w_n) / (w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n)$$

#### b) Cumulative Grade point average (CGPA)

The Cumulative grade point average (CGPA) indicates the overall academic performance of a student in all the courses registered up to and including the latest completed semester term. It shall be computed in the same manner as the SGPA, considering all the courses (say,  $n$ ) and is given by:

$$\text{CGPA} = (g_1.w_1 + g_2.w_2 + \dots + g_n.w_n) / (w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n)$$

Whenever a student is permitted to repeat or substitute a Course, the new letter grade replaces the better of the old and new letter grades in the computation of the CGPA.

6.06 **Awarding final grade from the CGPA.** To be eligible for Degree minimum CGPA requirement is 5.00 with fulfilment of all requirements for award of Degree.

Table-1

CGPA	Final grade	Meaning
9.50-10.00	O	Outstanding
8.50-9.49	A+	A plus
7.50-8.49	A	A only
6.50-7.49	B+	B plus
5.50-6.49	B	B only
5.00-5.49	C	C only
< 5.00	F	Failed

Table for equivalence from final CGPA grade to percentage of marks for comparison form conventional marks system.

Table 2

<b>Final Grade</b>	<b>Equivalent percentage of marks</b>
O	90% and more
A+	80% to less than 90%
A	70% to less than 80%
B <sup>+</sup>	60% to less than 70%
B	50% to less than 60%
C	45% to less than 50%
F	less than 45%

**c) Grade Report**

A copy of the grade report shall be issued to each student at the end of the semester.

**d) Transcript**

A Transcript shall be issued to a student on successful completion of the programme.

**e) withholding of Grade Report / Transcript**

The grade Report / Transcript of a student shall be withheld if he/she has not paid his/her dues, or if there is a case of indiscipline pending against him/her.

**7.0 Interpretation clause**

In case of any difficulty arising during the course of implementation of these ordinances or in case of any unforeseen circumstance, the interpretation / decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.

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