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THE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY SHALL ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED / AMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY FROM TIME TO TIME

ACADEMIC INFORMATION & REGULATIONS OF POST GRADUATE STUDIES, UASB

1.0 TITLE

The Academic Information and Regulations shall be called "University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore Academic Information and Regulations Governing Post Graduate Degree Programmes under Semester System". These shall be applicable for students admitted from the Academic year 2025-26 and onwards.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Academic Year:** An academic year is a period during which a cycle of study is completed. It shall be divided into two academic terms known as semesters. Dates of registration, commencement of instructions, semester end examination and academic calendar shall be developed by the University from time to time and notified accordingly by the Registrar.

2.2 **Semester:** A Semester shall consist of not less than 110 instructional days. The final examination shall be completed in the next ten working days.

2.3 **Curriculum:** A series of courses designed to provide learning opportunities to meet the requirements for a PG degree in accordance with BSMA (Broad Subject Matter Area) including stand-alone programmes.

Courses with 500 series are applicable for Master's degree programme and Courses with 600 series are applicable for Doctoral degree programme. The Doctoral degree students can register 500 series courses of closely related subjects, whereas, Master's degree students cannot register 600 series courses.

2.4 **Course:** A course is a unit of instruction or segment of subject matter as specified in course calendar to be covered in a semester. It has a specified number, title and credit hours.

2.5 **Credit Hours (Course Credit):** A measure of quantity of work done in a course. One credit represents one hour of lecture or two hours of laboratory or field work per week through a semester.

2.6 **Course Load:** The number of credit hours a student can register in a semester. A student shall not register for more than 23 credits in a semester including all course work, research work, seminar and qualifying examination.

2.7 **Grade Point of a Course:** A measure of the quality of work done in a course to meet the requirement in a semester. It is computed by dividing the percentage of marks obtained in a course by 10. It shall be expressed on a

10-point scale up to the third decimal place. A grade point of 6.000 and above shall be considered as successful completion of the course.

2.8 **Grade Point Average (GPA):** It is a quotient of the total course credit points earned by a student in various courses registered, divided by the course credits during that semester. It shall be corrected to the third decimal place.

2.9 **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** It is the cumulative performance of a student in all the courses up to the specified semester. CGPA is computed by dividing the total credit points earned by a student in all the courses taken from the first Semester by the total number of credits completed up to the end of a specified semester. It shall be corrected to the third decimal place.

2.10 **Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA):** It is a measure of the overall performance of a student on completion of the degree programme. It is computed by dividing the total number of course credit points earned by a student over the semesters by the total number of credit hours and corrected to the third decimal place. The minimum pass OGPA for Master and Doctoral degree programmes shall be 7.000 and 7.500, respectively.

3.0 POST GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The Post Graduate programmes in the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore consists of:

(1) Doctor of Philosophy (Doctoral degree)

(2) Master's Degree

3.1 DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES

1. Agri-Business Management
2. Agricultural Economics
3. Agricultural Extension Education
4. Agronomy
5. Biochemistry
6. Entomology
7. Food Science and Nutrition (Stand-alone programme)
8. Forestry & Environmental Science (Stand-alone programme)
9. Genetics & Plant Breeding
10. Horticulture (Stand-alone programme)
11. Microbiology

12. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
13. Plant Pathology
14. Plant Physiology
15. Processing and Food Engineering
16. Seed Science and Technology
17. Sericulture
18. Soil Science

3.2 MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMMES

3.2.1 M.Sc. (Agriculture)

1. Agricultural Economics
2. Agricultural Extension Education
3. Agricultural Meteorology
4. Agricultural Statistics
5. Agronomy#
6. Apiculture (Stand-alone programme)
7. Biochemistry
8. Bioinformatics
9. Entomology#
10. Food Science and Nutrition (Stand-alone programme)
11. Forestry & Environmental Science (Stand-alone programme)
12. Genetics and Plant Breeding
13. Horticulture (Stand-alone programme)
14. Microbiology
15. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
16. Plant Pathology
17. Plant Physiology
18. Seed Science and Technology
19. Sericulture#
20. Soil Science

3.2.2 **M.Tech.**

1) Processing and Food Engineering
2) Soil and Water Conservation Engineering
3) Farm Machinery & Power Engineering

Note:

All the programmes are offered at the GKVK campus

offered at Chintamani campus.

3.2.3 **MBA (ABM)** – A self-financing programme offered at the GKVK campus

4.0 MODE OF ADMISSION

Admission shall be as per the guidelines issued from time to time by ICAR/UASB/ Government of India/Government of Karnataka. Foreign students should apply to ICAR through respective Embassyor other Government organizations/nominee to seek admission at UAS, Bangalore.

4.1 Application for admission shall be made to the Registrar, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UASB), Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK), Bengaluru or through CommonAdmission of Farm Universities of Karnataka State in the prescribed form, as per thenotification issued from time to time.

4.2 **Criteria for Admission of foreign/sponsored students.**

Foreign students should apply to ICAR through respective Embassy or other Government nominee to seek admission at UAS, Bangalore.

Foreign Nationals shall send their application through their Embassies to ICAR / Agencies / Consultants nominated by ICAR. The NRIs / Children of NRIs/ sponsored NRI candidates should send their application along with their bio-data and proof of their NRI status to the Registrar, UASB for verification and confirmation as per regulations.

These Foreign National seats may be allotted on the basis of the receipt of the applications from the respective agencies, considering the date of receipt, merit and recommendation from the concerned Head of the Department/Dean fulfilling all the academic qualifications/requirements.

Ten *per cent* of the total seats shall be filled by eligible NRI applicants and ten *per cent* seats under the Foreign National quota shall be filled by eligible Foreign National applicants from ICAR / ICCR / Foreign Universities / Institutes/ Ministry of Higher Education and other Govt. Agencies.

Foreign Nationals / NRI candidates whose medium of instruction is not English in their qualifying examination prescribed for admission to the

respective degree programme shall undergo an English course of 2-3 months duration compulsorily before registration for the courses for which provisional admission is granted by the University. Such candidates are requested to arrive well in advance to undergo English training at their own cost and submit the certificate, failing which they are not permitted to register the courses in the university.

5.0 RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

The minimum and maximum duration of residential requirement for Master's and Doctoral degree programmes shall be as follows:

Degree Programmes	Duration of Residential Requirement	
	Minimum	Maximum
Master's	2 Academic Years (4 Semesters)	5 Academic Years (10 Semesters)
Doctoral	3 Academic Years (6 Semesters)	7 Academic Years (14 Semesters)

Student may be allowed to discontinue temporarily only after successful completion of I semester with a written request through the Head of the Department and approval of the Dean (PGS). Otherwise, request for re-admission by the discontinued student shall not be considered.

In case a student fails to complete the degree programme within the maximum duration of residential requirement, admission shall stand cancelled. The requirement shall be treated as satisfactory, when a student submits the thesis any time during the 4th and 6th semester of residency at the University for Master's and Doctoral degree programmes, respectively.

5.1 The PG students shall submit the following undertaking at the time of registration during every semester till they complete their residential requirements:

I, ..., ID No. ....., studying Doctoral / Master's degree in ....., hereby give the undertaking that I will be a full-time student and will not work anywhere during the I / II Semester of....., failing to abide, my admission be cancelled.

Date: Signature of the Student

(Forwarded by the Chairperson and Head of the Department)

5.2 Despite the above undertaking, if any Post Graduate student is found working outside during the period of the registered semester, such semester shall be treated as null and void.

6.0 TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETION OF THE DEGREE

6.1 A candidate admitted to the Master's degree programme shall be declared qualified for the degree, provided the candidate completes all the prescribed requirements within ten (10) consecutive semesters from the date of admission irrespective of his / her registration, failing which the admission shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

6.2 A candidate admitted to the Doctoral degree programme shall be declared qualified for the degree provided the candidate completes all the prescribed requirements within fourteen (14) consecutive semesters from the date of admission irrespective of registration, failing which the student's admission shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

The above clause is applicable for the candidates admitted from **2022-23** onwards.

7.0 MIGRATION CERTIFICATE

Candidates who have completed their qualifying degree programme from other Universities should produce a Migration Certificate **within the completion of the first semester**.

8.0 REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER

8.1 Candidates on receipt of the admission notice from the University, shall submit the original documents, pay the prescribed fee and register for the relevant courses in person on or before the last date specified, failing which they shall forfeit their admission.

8.2 For students admitted at a later date, attendance will be counted from the date of their registration.

8.3 A student who registers for the first semester of the academic Degree Programme should complete a minimum of 9 credit hours securing a grade point other than F or SA (Shortage of Attendance) or NS (Non- Satisfactory), failing which the admission shall stand cancelled. This will not be applicable to re-admitted candidates.

9.0 REGISTRATION FOR THE SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT SEMESTERS

Registration for second and subsequent semesters shall commence **two weeks prior** to the closure of the ongoing semester.

9.1 The students registering for the courses shall do so in **online** mode. But, under unavoidable circumstance, students shall be permitted by the Dean of Post Graduate studies to go for registration **in person** or in absentia with valid proof.

9.2 The last date for registration shall be the **first day** of the semester.

9.3 Students are permitted to register up to **six working days** after the last date, on payment of prescribed penal fee for late registration. After the **sixth working day**, the Dean of Post Graduate studies/ the Dean of the respective College may permit the student to register within next six working days on genuine grounds and on payment of prescribed late fee.

9.4 The attendance shall be counted from the date of commencement of the semester, except for newly admitted students (Refer Regulation No. 8.2).

9.5 Student failing to register for a course within the prescribed time shall be deemed to have discontinued during that semester. However, the student may be permitted to register for subsequent semester upon production of a written request through Head of the Department with the necessary documents. Further, norms specified under regulations 5.0 and 6.0 shall be read parallelly.

9.6 Students shall clear all the dues to the Hostel(s) and Library before registration.

9.7 A student may be permitted to add approved course/s provided the total number of credits is within the prescribed limit.

9.8 Adding of the courses should be done with the written permission of the concerned **Major Advisor and Head of the Department within 15 working days** from the date of commencement of the semester. However, the students who have added courses online shall submit the written permission from the concerned **Major Advisor and Head of the Department** within 15 days from the date of addition of the courses to the office of the Dean (PGS). Otherwise, the courses added online shall not be considered.

9.9 A student shall be permitted to drop course/s up to six weeks from the date of commencement of the semester with the permission of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department. However, the students who have dropped courses online shall submit the written permission from the concerned Major Advisor and Head of the Department within 15 days from the date of deletion of the courses. Otherwise, online deletion shall not be considered. Further, if students fail to do online registration within the prescribed time, they can register paying penalty fee on approval of Dean (PGS).

9.10 Master's / Doctoral students **submitting thesis** after the completion of four/ six semesters, respectively, shall register by paying the prescribed fee.

9.11 Re-registration: A student who discontinues for a semester with prior permission of the University can re-register during any subsequent semester by paying the prescribed re-registration fee along with other fees within the prescribed time limit (Regulation No. 5, 6 and 9.5).

10.0 FEE

10.1 A student who enrols for Post Graduate programme shall be required to pay the fee **as prescribed by the University from time to time**.

10.1.1 Semester fee once paid, will not be refunded. However, the excess fee paid under any single item/component or different items/ components in a semester over and above the prescribed fee will be refunded to the students.

10.1.2 In case a student, after admission to a Post Graduate degree programme is subsequently admitted to any other discipline during the same academic year through same admission committee, fee paid by the student will be adjusted. However, any difference in the fee amount has to be paid by the student.

10.1.3 The fee for second and subsequent semesters shall be as prescribed by the University from time to time.

10.2 Caution money is refundable on successful completion of the degree programme for which a candidate is admitted or if admission is cancelled. The students can claim the caution money after furnishing a 'No dues' certificate from all the concerned within two years after completion of degree programme or cancellation of the admission.

10.3 Students belonging to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Category-I are **required to pay the fees which are not reimbursed by the Government**.

10.4 Miscellaneous fee for certificates, re-registration, convocation, thesis submission, *etc*., shall be paid as prescribed by the University from time to time.

11.0 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

11.1 The following nomenclature and Credit hours is adopted while providing the syllabus for all the disciplines.

	Master's Programme (Minimum credits)	**Doctoral Programme (Minimum credits)**
i. Course work		
Major courses	20	12

Minor courses	08	06
Supporting courses	06	05
Common courses	05	-
Seminar	02	02
Qualifying Examination	02	03
Teaching Assistantship*	-	02
ii. Thesis Research / IDEA	27	72
Total	**70**	**100 +02***

Note: *Non-credit gradial course

Fulltime III year Ph.D. students have to mandatorily assist the faculty in handling the UG/Master's practical classes in final two semesters (refer Regulation 21.4).

11.1.1 **Major courses: Refers to those courses** from the discipline in which a student takes admission (Among the major courses, the core courses should be declared at the beginning of every academic year by the Head of the Department, CoA, GKVK in consultation with Head of the Departments of respective Department of other campuses).

11.1.2 **Minor courses**: **Refers to those courses** from the subjects closely related to a student's major subject and a student shall be permitted to register only one course from the parent discipline.

11.1.3 **Supporting courses: Refers to those courses** where the subject is not related to the major subject. It could be any subject considered relevant for student's research work or necessary for building his / her overall competence.

The following courses may be opted under the supporting courses.

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
AST 501	Mathematics for Applied Sciences	2+0
AST 502	Statistical Methods for Applied Sciences	3+1
AST 511	Experimental Designs	2+1
AST 512	Basic Sampling Techniques	2+1
AST 521	Applied Regression Analysis	2+1

AST 522	Data Analysis Using Statistical Packages	2+1
MCA 501	Computers Fundamentals and Programming	2+1
MCA 502	Computer Organization and architecture	2+0
MCA 511	Introduction to Communication Technologies, Computer Networking and Internet	1+1
MCA 512	Information Technology in Agriculture	2+0
BCM 501	Basic Biochemistry	3+1
BCM 505	Techniques in Biochemistry	2+2

11.1.4 Common Courses: The following courses (one credit each) will be offered to all students undergoing Master's degree programme.

Course Number	Course Title	Credit hours
CMC 501	Library and Information Services	0+1
CMC 502	Technical Writing and Communications Skills	0+1
CMC 503	Intellectual Property and its management in Agriculture	1+0
CMC 504	Basic Concepts in Laboratory Techniques	0+1
CMC 505	Agricultural Research, Research Ethics and Rural Development Programmes	1+0
CMC 506*	Agri-export in India	1+0
CMC 507*	Agricultural Service Management	1+0
CMC 508*	Bio-safety and Bio containment	1+0
CMC 509*	Food safety and Quality Assurance	1+0
CMC 510*	Agro-ecology and Environment	1+0

*Courses designed by UASB

CMC 501: The course shall be offered by the library faculty in all the campuses or when the Library faculty is not available then the course can be offered through hybrid mode *viz.,* blending online and offline.

CMC 502: The course is divided in to two sections *viz.,*

Section 1: Technical writing which needs to be offered by the respective departments at GKVK. For outstations campuses combining of the departments can be done according to the convenience.

Section 2: Communication Skills which needs to be offered by the faculty of Agricultural Extension Education.

CMC 503: For all the biological PG programmes the nodal department shall be Genetics and Plant Breeding and for Social Sciences and others, Agricultural Economics shall be the nodal department.

CMC 504: The respective departments shall offer the course at main campus, for outstation campuses the combination of departments could be done according to the convenience.

CMC 505: The course is divided in to two sections *viz.,*

Section 1: Agricultural research and research ethics need to be conducted by the respective departments.

Section 2: Rural development programmes need to be conducted by the faculty of Agricultural Extension Education.

For outstation campuses the combination of departments could be done according to the convenience.

CMC 506: To be offered by the faculty from Institute of Agri-Business Management/ Agricultural Marketing, Co-operation and Business Management

CMC 507: To be offered by the respective departments or for outstation campuses the combination of departments shall be done according to the convenience.

CMC 508: To be offered by the faculty of Plant Biotechnology.

CMC 509: To be offered by the faculty of Food Science & Nutrition.

CMC 510: To be offered by the faculty of Forestry & Environmental Sciences.

11.1.5 **Removed**

11.2 The students shall be allowed to register common courses if available online on SWAYAM or any other platform in the form of e-courses / MOOCs. If a student has already completed any of these courses during UG, student shall be permitted to register for other related courses with the prior approval of the Dean of Post Graduate Studies and Director of Education.

The following points shall be considered while integrating the online courses:

1. The Head of the Department shall provide the details of the online courses to the Directorate or its consideration. Upon the recommendation of the BoS (PGS) and Academic Council, the identified online courses shall be made available for the students to register.

2. The host institute offering the course should evaluate and provide the marks/ grades on 10.000 scale. If the evaluation is differs from the 10.000 scale, then the BoS (PGS) shall develop the conversion formula for calculation of GPA and normalise the score, if needed.

3. A Post Graduate student may take up to a maximum of 20 % credits in a semester through online learning resources for common courses.

11.3 A student will be allowed to register maximum of three credit course work directly related to the research in addition to the stipulated total credit hours as specified in Regulation 11 with proper justification from the Advisory committee and the approval of the Dean (PGS).

The additional credits registered over and above as stipulated under Regulation No. 11.1 (73 credits for Masters and 103 Credits for Doctoral Degree programmes) shall be considered as audited courses *i.e.,* such courses shall not be considered for calculating CGPA/OGPA. Additional courses shall be evaluated as per the existing guidelines.

Note: The student should submit a representation specifying the courses that need to be identified as audit courses.

12.0 PERMISSIBLE WORKLOAD

12.1 A Post Graduate student (including part-time students) may register up to a maximum of 23 credits in a semester on the recommendation of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department.

12.2 A PG student has to register the seminar and research credits as prescribed.

12.3 The Doctoral students shall be permitted to register for 5 series courses in the department other than the parent department on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

12.4 The Master's students shall not be allowed to register for 6 series courses in any of the departments.

13.0 ATTENDANCE

The students are required to attend a minimum of 80 *per cent* of the total number of classes in each course. If a student fails to attend the required number of classes the student shall be allowed for maximum 10 *per cent*

condonance only by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the course teacher and the Head of the Department.

Attendance shall be considered for those students who represent the University /College in sports/cultural/ literary events with the approval of the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

The grade point of a student who does not meet the attendance requirement in a course (including Seminar and Research) shall be indicated as **"SA"** (Shortage of Attendance).

14.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.1 An advisory committee shall be constituted for every Post Graduate students with Major Advisor as Chairperson, who is a recognized Post Graduate teacher in the concerned discipline.

14.2 The Advisory Committee of a Master's degree student shall consist of three members, two members including the Chairperson from major discipline and one from related discipline. However, an additional member can be included with suitable justification and approval by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

14.3 The Advisory Committee of the Doctoral student shall consist of four members, a minimum of two / three members including the Chairperson from the major discipline and one / two from the related discipline/s. However, an additional member can be included with suitable justification and approval by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

14.4 The Heads of the Departments shall forward the proposal for the constitution of Advisory Committee (Form – 1) of the student to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies on or before 10th week of 1st semester of I year for approval by the University.

14.5 The Heads of the Departments shall forward the Plan of Work and Programme of Research (Form-2) as approved by the Advisory Committee to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies on or before 19th week of 1st semester of I year for approval by the University.

14.6 All the members of the student Advisory Committee in respect of both Master's and Doctoral degree shall compulsorily attend the Advisory Committee meeting. However, the meeting can be conducted in the absence of one member other than the Chairperson under unavoidable circumstances.

14.7 A recognized PG teacher can serve as Chairperson / Co-Chairperson / Member as specified in the Notification / Circular / Guidelines issued by the University from time to time.

14.8 Change of the Chairperson or any member of the Advisory Committee is not ordinarily permissible. However, in exceptional cases, the change may be affected with due approval of the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

15.0 EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION

15.1 Course teachers shall be responsible for judging and grading the students' performance in each of the course registered by the student through a system of examination.

15.2 The performance of the student in a course shall be graded on a ten point scale up to three decimal points.

15.3 A Master's degree student obtaining a grade point of less than 6.000 and a Doctoral student obtaining a grade point of less than 6.500 shall be awarded F (Fail) grade in that course. A student who obtains 'F' or 'SA' grade in a course shall repeat that course as and when offered.

15.4 While computing the GPA and CGPA, "F" or "SA" grades shall be allocated zero grade point.

15.5 The following evaluation pattern is applicable for all 5 series courses and each course shall carry a maximum of 100 marks for the purpose of grading as indicated below.

Particulars	**Courses with Theory & Practical Component**	**Courses with only Theory Component**	**Courses with only Practical Component**
I Examination	20	10	-
II Examination	25	25	25
Practical Examination	10	-	50
Final Examination	30	50	-
Practical Records, Assignments etc.	10	10	20
Attendance*	05	05	05
Total	**100**	**100**	**100**

***Note:** A student attending more than 80 *per cent* of classes conducted shall be awarded marks proportionately, five out of five for 100 *per cent* and zero out of five for 80 *per cent* classes attended.

The schedule of examinations in 5 series courses shall be notified by the respective course teacher, as per the schedule given below.

Sl. No.	Type of Exam	Period of the Semester
1.	First examination	Between 7th and 8th week
2.	Second examination	Between 13th and 14th week
3.	Practical examination	Last week of instructional days
4.	Final theory examination	Within 10 working days after 110 instructional days

15.6 The following evaluation pattern is applicable for all 6 series courses and each course shall carry a maximum of 100 marks for the purpose of grading as indicated below.

Particulars	Courses with Theory and Practical Component	Courses with only Theory Component	Courses with only Practical Component
First Examination	35	35	25
Practical Examination	10	-	50
Final Examination	40	50	-
Practical Records, Assignments etc.	10	10	20
Attendance*	05	05	05
Total	**100**	**100**	**100**

***Note:** A student attending more than 80 *per cent* of classes conducted shall be awarded marks proportionately, five out of five for 100 *per cent* and zero out of five for 80 *per cent* classes attended.

The schedule of examinations in 6 series courses shall be notified by the respective course teacher, as per the schedule given below.

Sl. No.	Type of Exam	Period of the Semester
1.	First examination	Between 10th and 11th week
2.	Practical examination	Last week of instructional days
3.	Final theory examination	Within 10 working days after 110 instructional days

15.7 The student shall complete all the approved courses with an OGPA of not less than 7.000 out of 10.000 to be eligible for the award of the Master's degree and 7.500 out of 10.000 for the award of Doctoral degree within the residential period.

15.8 In case a student fails to secure a minimum OGPA for the award of degree, the student shall be permitted to repeat those courses, in which student has secured a grade point below 7.000 in Master's and 7.500 in Doctoral programmes with the approval of Advisory Committee. The grade point obtained in the repeated course/s shall only be considered for computing OGPA.

15.9 **Missed examination**

15.9.1 A student representing the College / University in sports / cultural/literary activities shall be provided the attendance and missed examination, with the approval of the concerned Head of the Department and Dean of Post Graduate Studies. Such students are exempted from payment of missed examination fees.

15.9.2 Any student who misses an examination in a course due to hospitalization/ death of parent / own marriage / attending interview / attending court cases, may be permitted by the Head of the Department to appear for the missed examination, on the recommendation of the course teacher, on payment of prescribed fee. Further, the student is eligible to appear for only one missed examination in a course in a semester.

15.9.3 The missed examination shall be conducted within 15 days from the date of missing the examination. The course teacher shall notify the date of the missed examination, and the students failing to take the missed examination on the notified date and time will have no further claim for another examination.

15.9.4 In case of missing an examination on medical grounds, a certificate from a Medical Practitioner should be produced. Students residing in the University campus should produce the medical certificate issued by the UASB Medical Officer.

15.9.5 If the missed examination is denied, the student may appeal to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies for redressal of grievances.

15.9.6 The missed examination shall not be given for written qualifying examinations in both Master's and Doctoral programmes.

16.0 SUBMISSION OF GRADE REPORTS

16.1 The evaluated answer papers of internal examinations except the final examination, shall be returned to the students within twenty-one days from the date of examination.

The evaluated answer papers of final examination shall be returned to the students within 30 days from the date of the examination.

16.2 In pursuance of Regulation No. 15 (Examination and Evaluation), a student should fulfil all the requirements for the completion of course, failing which the grade point shall be finalized based on the marks secured.

16.3 The course teacher shall submit the grade reports to the Academic Unit within 30 days from the closure of the semester. The course teacher shall make entry of marks component-wise in the PGAM Software within 30 days after completion of the final examination. The online entry of marks shall be effective from the academic year 2025-26, irrespective of the year of admission.

16.4 The course grade generated by the teacher in the PGAM shall be final. However, in the case of discrepancies:

i) Any representation from either the teacher or the student must be forwarded to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies through proper channel.

ii) A Committee, chaired by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall review such representations. The review committee shall include the concerned Head of the Department and another professor nominated by the Chairman. If the Head of the Department is the course teacher, the chair shall appoint the Head of another Department as a member.

iii) The recommendations of the Committee shall be reviewed by the Director of Education, and the final decision shall be notified by the Registrar.

16.5 The grade card of a student (student progress card) shall be prepared for each semester based on the marks secured by the student.

17.0 QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

17.1 **Master Degree Programme**

A student is eligible to register for qualifying examination on completion of 75 *per cent* of approved courses excluding research and seminar. Registration for qualifying examination shall be completed by paying the prescribed fees within eight weeks from the commencement of the semester with approval from Head of the Department.

17.1.1 The Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall conduct the written qualifying examination. The Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall nominate two External Examiners among five specialists recommended by respective Head of the Department for setting the question paper and evaluation of the answer scripts. However, Dean of Post Graduate Studies. has the discretion to nominate External Examiner/s from outside the panel.

17.1.2 The qualifying examination shall carry two credits and shall consist of two parts:

a) Written examination for 150 marks

* 75 marks each for PAPER-I and PAPER-II

* Paper pattern:

Answering any 10 out of 15 questions at 1 mark each

Answering any 5 out of 7 questions at 2 marks each

Answering any 5 out of 7 questions at 3 marks each

Answering any 8 out of 10 questions at 5 marks each

Courses for PAPER - I and PAPER - II will be notified by the respective Departments in consultation with the other campuses

Duration of each examination will be for three hours

A student should score minimum of 45.00 marks out of 75.00 in Paper I & Paper II each.

b) *Viva-voce* examination for 50 marks

17.1.3 The *viva-voce* examination shall be conducted by the Advisory Committee with an external examiner designated by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Head of the Department. *Viva-voce* examination for not more than six students shall be scheduled in a day.

17.1.4 The Chairperson of the Students Advisory Committee shall act as Chairperson of the Examination Committee and shall be responsible for communicating the results of the examination to the Dean of Post Graduate studies .through the Head of the Department (Form – 3). The External Examiners shall be specialists in the respective field from outside UASB and shall exclude the members of the other institutions who have been recognized as a Post Graduate teacher in UASB.

17.1.5 Not more than one member, other than the Chairperson and the External Examiner, shall be absent (only on medical emergency & on official duty) for the qualifying *viva-voce* examination.

17.1.6 In special and emergency circumstances, when the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee is unable to be present and conduct the qualifying examination, the Dean of Post Graduate studies. may designate, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department, one of the Advisory Committee members of the concerned Department to officiate as Chairperson to conduct the qualifying *viva-voce* examination.

17.1.7 In special and emergency circumstances when not more than two members of the Advisory Committee are unable to be present and conduct the qualifying examination due to their hospitalization / out of head-quarters on official duty / on long leave, the Dean of Post Graduate studies may designate on the request of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department, one of the Post Graduate teachers of concerned / related discipline to officiate as a member to conduct the qualifying *viva-voce* examination.

17.1.8 The minimum requirement for a pass in the qualifying examination shall be a Grade Point of 6.000 (aggregate of written and viva-voce examinations) with the stipulation that the student should obtain a minimum of 60 *per cent* in the written part of the qualifying examination to be eligible for *viva-voce* examination.

17.1.9 The qualifying examination will be conducted only once in an academic year. However, as a special case, the student who abstains or fails in the qualifying examination shall re-register for the same in the subsequent semester by paying the prescribed fee on the recommendation of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department with the approval of the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

17.2 **Doctoral Programme:** A student is eligible to register for the qualifying examination upon completion of 75 *per cent* of approved courses. Registration for the qualifying examination shall be completed by paying the prescribed fee within eight weeks from the start of the semester, with the approval of the Head of the Department.

17.2.1 The Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall conduct the written qualifying examination. The Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall nominate two External Examiner among five specialists recommended by Head of the Department for setting the question paper and evaluation of the answer scripts. However, Dean of Dean of Post Graduate studies can also nominate the External Examiner other than from the panel given by the Department. However, Dean of Post Graduate Studies has the discretion to nominate from outside panel, with the approval of Director of Education.

17.2.2 The qualifying examination will carry three credits and shall consist of two parts:

a) Written examination for 200 marks

- 100 marks each for PAPER - I & PAPER – II
- Question Paper pattern: Each paper consists of

  Answering 10 out of 15 questions at one mark each

  Answering any 10 out of 12 questions at two marks each

  Answering any 10 out of 12 questions at three marks each

  Answering any 8 out of 10 questions at five marks each
- Courses for PAPER - I and PAPER - II will be notified by the respective Departments of GKVK in consultation with the other campuses
- Each paper will be conducted for three and half hours

A student should score minimum of 65.00 marks out of 100.00 in Paper I & Paper II each.

b) *Viva-voce* examination for 100 marks

17.2.3 The *viva-voce* examination shall be conducted by the Advisory Committee with an External Examiner designated by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Head of the Department. Further, the External Examiner shall deliver special guest lecture to students and faculty in the Department, after conducting qualifying *viva-voce* examination for Doctoral students. The guest lecture shall be in offline mode and web cast (Online) for the benefit of faculty and students of all the University campuses.

17.2.4 The External Examiners shall be specialists in the respective field from outside UASB and shall exclude the members of the other institutions who have been recognized as a Post Graduate teacher in UASB. The Chairperson of the Students Advisory Committee shall act as Chairperson of the Examination Committee and shall be responsible for communicating the results of the examination to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies through the Head of the Department (Form – 3).

17.2.5 Not more than one member, excluding the Chairperson and the External Examiner, shall be absent for the qualifying *viva-voce* examination.

17.2.6 In special and emergency circumstances, when the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee is unable to be present and conduct the qualifying examination, the Dean of Post Graduate Studies may designate, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department, one of the Advisory

Committee members of the concerned Department to officiate as Chairperson to conduct the qualifying *viva-voce* examination.

17.2.7 In special and emergency circumstances when not more than two members of the Advisory Committee are unable to be present and conduct the qualifying examination due to their hospitalization / out of head-quarters on official duty / on long leave, the Dean of Post Graduate Studies may designate on the request of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department, one of the Post Graduate teachers of concerned / related discipline to officiate as a member to conduct the qualifying *viva-voce* examination.

17.2.8 The minimum requirement for a pass in the qualifying examination shall be a Grade Point of **6.500** (aggregate of written and viva-voce examinations) with the stipulation that the student should obtain a minimum of 60 *per cent* in the written part of the qualifying examination to be eligible for *viva-voce* examination.

17.2.9 Students who have failed the written qualifying examination shall have to re-register for the qualifying examination in the subsequent semester by paying the prescribed fee on the recommendation of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department with the approval of the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

17.2.10 Students abstaining from the written qualifying examination in either Part-I or Part-II shall have to re-register for the qualifying examination in the subsequent semester by paying the prescribed fee, on the recommendation of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department with the approval of the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

17.3 The students can obtain photocopies of the answer scripts of the written qualifying examination and apply for re-totalling and revaluation within the notified time by paying the fees as prescribed by the University from time to time.

17.4 When a Master's/Doctoral student has passed the qualifying examination, the student shall be admitted to the candidacy of the degree. Formal intimation to this effect shall be communicated to the student, Major Advisor and Head of the Department by the Registrar.

18.0 SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIA

18.1 The Head of the Department shall be the seminar teacher and assisted by Co-teacher nominated by Head of the Department. The concerned Head of the Department will have the discretion to nominate Co-teacher. The student shall submit the topic of the seminar to the seminar teacher for approval. The seminar teacher shall notify the topics and the schedule of the seminars within two weeks of the commencement of the semester.

18.2 The Post Graduate students stationed in various research stations of the University, either for carrying out their research work or on posting to such stations on part-time studentship, who are not in a position to attend the seminars in the respective Departments, their participation in the seminars conducted in the Colleges / Research Stations could be considered for attendance with prior approval from the Chairperson / Dean. Students must attend at least 50 percent of seminars held within the department throughout the semester and must deliver their own seminars within their respective departments.

18.3 A student shall be permitted to register for seminar from second and subsequent years of their admission and they will not be permitted to register for more than one seminar in a semester.

18.4 Evaluation of the seminar shall be done by a minimum three teachers. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the student (who is presenting the seminar) shall not evaluate the seminar of his/her own students.

The seminars shall be evaluated as below:

Sl.No.	Description		Marks
1.	Synopsis of the Seminar		5.00
2.	Presentation	a) Introduction	5.00
		b) Style and Clarity	10.00
		c) Sequence and Organization	5.00
		d) Topic Coverage	20.00
		e) Effective use of Audio-Visual Aids	10.00
		f) Usage of blackboard/Ceramic Board (Minimum of 10 minutes at any point of time during presentation)	5.00
		g) Time Management	5.00
		h) Response to Questions	10.00
3.	Report		20.00
4.	Attendance		5.00
	Total		**100.00**

18.5 In addition to fulfilling the seminar course requirement, each student shall present two colloquia related to the research topic at the department, the first prior to the submission of Form 2 and the second after the completion of the research but before the circulation of the thesis.

19.0 RESEARCH

19.1 The credits allocated for research work in the Post Graduate programme are distributed across different semesters. No student shall be permitted to register for Research credits until the approval of Plan of Work and Programme of Research (Form-2). However, Doctoral students shall register for 2 credits for research during I Semester of I Year for review of literature and planning the research. The master students shall register for 2 credits for research during II Semester of I Year for review of literature and planning the research.

19.2 If the student does not submit the thesis during the last semester, 'IC' grade shall be awarded for these research credits. The student shall re-register for these credits within the stipulated period (Regulation No. 6) for submission of the thesis.

19.3 Registration for submission of thesis beyond the prescribed period (four semesters for Masters and six semesters for Doctoral) may be done at any time during the stipulated time (Regulation No. 6) for the respective degree programmes on payment of prescribed fee along with the Registration fee.

19.4 All the research credits registered for the PG degree programmes shall be graded as satisfactory / non-satisfactory after the submission of the progress report to the Head of the Department.

19.5 **Internship for Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture (IDEA)**

Currently, provision of 27 credits for thesis/dissertation work in M.Sc. (Agri.) / M.Tech / MBA programmes helps practically only those students who aspire to pursue their career in academic / research. There is hardly any opportunity/ provision under this system to enhance the entrepreneurship skills of those students who could start their own enterprise or have adequate skills to join the industry. Therefore, in order to overcome this gap, an optional internship/ in-plant training (called as IDEA) in lieu of thesis/ research work is recommended which will allow the students to have a real-time hands-on experience in the industry.

It is envisaged that the internship/ in-plant training would enhance the interactions between academic organizations and the relevant industry. It would not only enable the development of highly learned and skilled manpower to start their-own enterprises but also the industry would be benefitted through this process. This pragmatic approach would definitely result in enhanced partnerships between academia and industry.

The Internship for Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture (IDEA) at UASB is only for MBA Students.

The Following criteria for IDEA will be taken into consideration:

a. At any point of time, there shall not be more than 50% of students who can opt under IDEA

b. Major Advisor will be from Academia and Co-advisor (or Advisory Committee member) from industry

c. Total credits (27) will be divided into 20 for internship / in-plant training and 7 for writing the report followed by *viva voce* similar to dissertation

d. The workplace shall be industry; however, academic/research support will be provided by the University or both. MoU may be developed accordingly

e. The IPR, if any, would be as per the University policy

19.6 **Evaluation of Research Work**

19.6.1 Review and evaluation of Doctoral research shall be done by the student Advisory Committee. The student shall submit annual progress report which will be scrutinized and evaluated by committee.

19.6.2 Midterm evaluation of Doctoral students (to elevate from JRF to SRF) is a mandatory requirement for all funding agencies. Hence, the second review of the annual progress report shall be done after the completion of two years. The successful completion enables the students to become eligible for SRF.

20.0 THESIS SUBMISSION AND FINAL VIVA-VOCE

The student shall submit the thesis for evaluation by the external examiner/ s as per the guidelines / notifications issued from University from time to time including check for plagiarism.

Plagiarism

The student who submits the thesis for external evaluation shall provide the certificate of plagiarism issued by the University at the time of thesis submission. The regulations issued by University Grants Commission, GoI (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) through its notification dated 23.07.2018 shall be adhered to by faculty and students.

Further, a declaration signed by the students stating as below:

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the thesis entitled '…….....…….' (TITLE OF THESIS) embodies the results of investigations carried out by me at DEPARTMENT of …….....…… (INSTITUTION, PLACE), as a full-time Research Scholar under the supervision of (ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NAME) …….....…….. and that no part of research finding discussed in this thesis has been presented before for the award of any other academic degree. Further, I declare that, efforts have been made to make original composition by synthesising the concept presentation by understanding and analyzing the prior knowledge and discussing the research findings in the current research. No part of this thesis presents plagiarized content as well as texts generated using "Generative Pretrained Transformer Tools" as well as Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools. I am aware of the UGCs Regulations on prevention of Plagiarism *i.e.*, University Grant Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulation, 2018. As the author of this thesis, I understand that, I shall be the sole responsible person for any future challenge with respect to plagiarised content in this thesis.

Place

Date Name and Signature of author of thesis

The Master's degree students shall complete the poster presentation during the PG Science Week before the submission of the thesis for external evaluation.

The Doctoral degree students shall complete the oral presentation during the PG Science Week before the submission of the thesis for external evaluation.

20.1 **Master Degree Programme**

20.1.1 The thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the Master's Degree shall be examined by the Advisory Committee and further evaluated by an External Examiner nominated by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies. The External Examiner shall be appointed by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies from experts database maintained at the Directorate of Post Graduate Studies and shall exclude the members of other Institutions who have been recognized as Post Graduate teacher in UASB. The Dean of Post Graduate studies shall exercise discretion of selecting the External Examiner from outside the panel. The External Examiner shall send the report in the prescribed format along with the thesis or online using Online Thesis Evaluation System (OTES) to the Dean of Post Graduate studies.

20.1.2 The final *viva-voce* examination shall be conducted by the student's Advisory Committee within one month after the receipt of the communication from Dean of Post Graduate studies to the Head of Department. However, under special circumstances the student is allowed to take final *viva-voce* within six months on payment of penal fee as prescribed by the University.

20.1.3 The Major Advisor of student's Advisory Committee shall be the Chairperson of the final *viva-voce* examination Committee. Under special circumstances when the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee is unable to be present and conduct the final *viva-voce,* the Co-chairperson or one of the Advisory Committee Members of the concerned Department shall officiate as Chairperson on the recommendation of the Head of the Department with the approval of Dean of Post Graduate Studies. Further, when more than one member of the Advisory Committee is unable to be present and conduct the final *viva-voce* examination due to their hospitalization / out of headquarters on official duty / on long leave, the Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall designate any Post Graduate teacher to officiate as member to conduct the final *viva-voce* on the request of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department.

20.1.4 The Chairperson shall send the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies through the Head of the Department, for the award of the degree to the student (Form- 5).

20.1.5 If the External Examiner/s does not recommend the thesis for acceptance, the Dean of Post Graduate Studies may refer the thesis to another examiner/s for evaluation. If that examiner recommends the thesis, it shall be accepted. If not recommended, the student shall reassess and re-write the thesis and

submit the same after a lapse of one semester. If the thesis of the student is not accepted by the external examiner in the third evaluation also, the thesis cannot be resubmitted.

20.2 **Doctoral Degree Programme**

20.2.1 The thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the Doctoral Degree shall be examined by the Advisory Committee and further evaluated by two External Examiners nominated by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies. The External Examiners shall be appointed by the Dean of Post Graduate studies from Experts database maintained at the Directorate of Post Graduate Studies and shall exclude the members of other Institutions who have been recognized as Post Graduate teacher in UASB. The Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall exercise discretion of selecting the External Examiners from outside the panel. The External Examiners shall send the report in the prescribed format along with the thesis or online using Online Thesis Evaluation System (OTES) to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.

20.2.2 If one of the external examiners does not recommend the thesis for acceptance, the Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall refer the thesis to the third examiner for evaluation. If the third examiner recommends the thesis, it shall be accepted. If not recommended, the student shall reassess and re-write the thesis and submit the same after a lapse of one semester which shall be evaluated by two External Examiners. If the re-submitted thesis is also not accepted, it cannot be resubmitted. If both the examiners do not recommend the thesis for acceptance the student shall reassess and re-write the thesis and submit the same after a lapse of one semester.

20.2.3 The thesis shall be finally accepted for the award only after the student satisfactorily completes the final *viva-voce* examination. The final *viva-voce* examination shall be conducted by the Advisory Committee with the addition of one of the External Examiners within one month from the date of receiving the communication along with the copy of second report by the Head of the Department. However, under special circumstances the student is allowed to take final *viva-voce* within six months on payment of prescribed penal fee as prescribed by the University. Special permission of the University shall be obtained to appoint an external examiner in such cases where both external examiners who have evaluated thesis are not available to conduct final *viva-voce* examination.

20.2.4 The Major Advisor of student's Advisor Committee shall be the Chairperson of the examination Committee. Under special circumstances when the

Chairperson of the Advisory Committee is unable to be present and conduct the final *viva-voce,* the Co-chairperson or one of the Advisory Committee Member shall officiate as Chairperson on the recommendation of the Head of the Department with the approval of Dean of Post Graduate Studies. Further, when more than one member of the Advisory Committee is unable to be present and conduct the final *vivo-voce* examination due to their hospitalization / out of headquarters on official duty / on long leave, the Dean of Post Graduate Studies shall designate any Post Graduate teacher to officiate as member to conduct the final *viva-voce* on the request of the Major Advisor and Head of the Department. The Chairperson shall send the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies through the Head of the Department, for the award of the degree to the student (Form – 5).

20.2.5 At the time of submission of thesis, the student must possess one published/ accepted research paper in the Mysore Journal of Agricultural Sciences. In addition, another research paper published / accepted in any reputed journal (above NAAS rating of 6.00 or with an impact factor) from the student research work.

20.3 The Thesis copies of the PG student should be typed and bound as specified by the University from time to time. Each student should submit three copies of the thesis and CD. Out of three copies of the theses one each shall be submitted to the Library, concerned Department and to the Major Advisor. The CDs will be submitted to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies / Dean of the College, Library and the Department.

20.4 In case of ICAR / Donor sponsored scholarship holders, a fourth copy of the thesis along with CD should be submitted to the office of the Registrar for forwarding to ICAR / Donors.

20.5 The thesis submitted by a student shall constitute the intellectual property of the University. Whenever an extract from the thesis is published shall include a footnote mentioning that the thesis has been submitted for the award of Post Graduate degree by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.

20.6 Copies of the thesis deposited in the University Library or in the Departmental Libraries shall not be issued on loan, nor be available for reference, for a period of one year from the date of submission.

21.0 SCHOLARSHIP, GRADUATE / TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP AND STUDENT AID FUND

A student shall be eligible to hold any one scholarship/ fellowship at a time.

21.1 **University Resident Merit Scholarship (URMS)**

21.1.1 URMS shall be awarded to students in each of the disciplines under Master's as well as Doctoral degree programme during an academic year. URMS shall restrict to only those students who have secured graduate and Post Graduate degree from accredited Universities with seven years of Karnataka state domicile. Deputed / in service / sponsored candidates are not eligible for URMS. Further, students who had discontinued the Post Graduate programme shall not be eligible for URMS.

21.1.2 One URMS shall be awarded in each disciplines. However, in disciplines where the number of students on roll exceeds ten, an additional URMS may be awarded. Further, if the number of students on roll exceeds twenty, another URMS shall be awarded and thereof.

21.1.3 A student shall apply for URMS to the Registrar through concerned Dean in the prescribed form on or before notified date.

21.1.4 The URMS for the first year Post Graduate students shall be decided on the basis of OGPA of previous degree programme. Subsequent years, URMS will be awarded based on previous semester CGPA. If a student hold more than one scholarship / fellowship a notification shall be issued by the University for choosing any one scholarship / fellowship by the student with in ten days. If the student does not decline, the University shall have discretory power to automatically cancel such URMS without prior intimation and awarded it to the next student in the order of merit.

21.1.5 The value of URMS shall be as specified by the University from time to time.

21.1.6 The URMS shall be terminated at any time if the conduct, progress and attendance is unsatisfactory.

21.2 **Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) Scholarship**

21.2.1 The scholarship shall be awarded to SC and ST students of Karnataka studying for Master's and Doctoral degree programme in the University.

21.2.2 The Dean of the concerned College shall call for applications and award the scholarship.

21.2.3 Each student desirous of getting scholarship shall apply to the concerned Dean in the prescribed form on or before the notified date.

21.2.4 The award of these scholarships is subject to the release of amount from Government of India.

21.2.5 The scholarship shall be tenable for a period of two years for Master's students and three years for Ph.D. students which could be extendable for a period of one year for both Masters and Ph.D.

21.2.6 The scholarship is subject to satisfactory conduct and attendance of the student.

21.2.7 Departmental candidates who are drawing their salary and part time students shall not be eligible for the scholarship.

Note: The whole scholarship amount shall be paid to the hostel where the student resides. However, if the student has already cleared the hostel charges and produces 'No Due Certificate', the entire amount shall be transferred to the students SB account.

21.2.8 If the hostel charges are more than the amount sanctioned by the Govt. of India and the University, the excess amount shall be paid by the student. All prescribed fees which are not reimbursed by the Govt. of India, shall be paid by the student in each semester.

21.3 **Student Aid Fund**

21.3.1 The aim of the 'Student Aid Fund' is to provide financial assistance to the needy students in the University. It is provided in the form of reimbursement of partial expenditure towards (a) Tuition / Hostel / Examination fees and (b) Purchase of books / clothing / medical expenses / boarding / research thesis preparation, etc. provided their needs are considered genuine as decided by the committee.

21.3.2 The award of student aid fund assistance is subjected to the income limit of student's parent / guardian as notified by the Govt. of Karnataka from time to time.

21.3.3 The value of the Student Aid Fund shall be as specified by the University from time to time.

21.3.4 The financial assistance under Student Aid Fund will not be provided to the students directly.

21.3.5 The aid shall also be given for the reimbursement of medical charges of students as per the Karnataka Medical Attendance Rules (KMAR) subject to fulfilling all other conditions except annual income.

21.3.6 Reimbursement of medical claims should be limited only to the students who have not been covered under Health Insurance Scheme.

21.3.7 The student desirous of seeking the Student Aid Fund shall apply to the Dean of Student Welfare through the concerned Dean in the prescribed form.

21.3.8 The award of Student Aid Fund shall be considered based on their conduct, progress and attendance.

21.4 **Teaching Assistantship**

Teaching Assistantship may be instituted in all the Departments of the University, where Ph.D. programmes are offered. The part-time students who cannot support the courses have to provide the complete work done report from their controlling officers for the period. The Teaching Assistantship shall be graded as Satisfactory / Non-Satisfactory.

Further, Guidelines has been framed in separate Notification and same can be used for Teaching Assistantship process.

22.0 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS AND PREVENTION OF MALPRACTICES AMONG STUDENTS

22.1 **Regulations governing the conduct of examinations**

22.1.1 The scheme of evaluation in each course shall be as specified under Regulation No. 15 (Examination and Evaluation).

22.1.2 It is the responsibility of the concerned course teacher to prepare the question paper and safeguard the secrecy till the conduct of the examination.

22.1.3 The course teacher shall ensure the prevention of malpractices in examinations. No student shall be allowed to enter the examination hall not later than 10 minutes after the commencement of the examinations. No electronic gadget will be allowed inside the examination hall, except when the course teacher permits.

22.1.4 When the teacher notices the student indulging in any malpractice, the teacher shall seize the paper from the student and shall invariably demand a written explanation or statement from the student.

If the student refuses to obey, the fact shall be duly noted and reported in writing to the authorities duly witnessed by another staff member. The teacher shall write remarks on the answer paper and affix the signature and send the candidate out of the hall. Such students shall not be allowed to take further examinations in that course during that semester.

22.1.5 All cases of malpractices shall immediately be brought to the notice of the Dean concerned, who shall send a report thereon to the authorities for such necessary action as may be deemed fit.

22.1.6 All cases of malpractices referred to the authorities be examined by a Committee consisting of the Dean of Post Graduate Studies, the Dean of Student Welfare and the Registrar who shall act as Secretary. The decision of the Committee shall be final subject to review by the Vice-Chancellor.

22.1.7 The committee may debar the guilty students for a period not exceeding one semester.

22.2 **Regulations governing the prevention of malpractices among students**

22.2.1 The students shall bear in mind that all the Examinations under the semester system are University Examinations and should attend accordingly.

22.2.2 No student shall enter the examination hall with papers, books or notes, electronic gadgets (unless permitted as under Regulation 22.1.3) and such other material which might possibly be of assistance.

22.2.3 Any student indulging in malpractices (Regulation 22.2.2) during the examination shall be debarred for a period not less than one semester.

22.2.4 Any candidate found guilty of misconduct of a serious nature in the examination hall shall be debarred for a period of not less than two semesters.

22.2.5 Any candidate found guilty of an offence referred to in Regulation 22.2.3, shall give a written explanation or statement to the teacher or in-charge of them in examination hall, if demanded. If student refuses to give explanation or statement, the teacher/ invigilator shall record in writing the refusal by the student to give such an explanation or statement.

22.2.6 Any candidate, who does not comply with the procedure indicated in the above said Regulation, may be deemed to have committed an offence and shall bear consequent penalty.

22.3 **Regulations for the maintenance of discipline among the students**

22.3.1 Every student of the University shall confirm to the rules of good conduct and respect the authority of the constituted bodies of the University.

22.3.2 Every student of the University shall have a Student Identification Card with recent photograph affixed and signed by the concerned authority and shall be shown whenever it is demanded.

22.3.3 Students shall do everything possible to protect and make proper use of the University property and other public property. Any student who attempts to deface / destroy the University or other public property shall be liable for appropriate punishment. In addition, the cost of damage caused by the student/s and as assessed by the University shall be recovered from the Student Caution Deposit and / or from the Student Association Fund as ordered by the University.

22.3.4 Proper decorum shall be maintained by all the students in the class room, hostels, library, farms, educational and sports tours, transport vehicles and on & off the University Campus.

22.3.5 No student shall disturb the normal work of the University by disorderly conduct, boisterous behaviour and unauthorized assembly.

22.3.6 Ragging in any form in the University premises is strictly prohibited. Students and parents shall submit under taking as per the University Grants Commission, GoI at the time of admission. Students found guilty of ragging are liable for disciplinary action as per the directions of University Grants Commission, Government of India.

22.3.7 Every student shall be punctual to the classes. Class Teacher has the right to refuse admission to late-comers in the interest of class discipline.

22.3.8 Absenting to a class or examinations *enmass* for whatsoever reason is considered as an act of indiscipline.

22.3.9 No student shall be in a class during the assigned hour unless the student has registered in that course. Students are not permitted to carry mobile phones during the class hours.

22.3.10 Possession or consumption of alcoholic drinks or drunkenness or drug addiction or gambling on the campus is strictly prohibited.

22.3.11 Violation of any of the above regulations is an act of indiscipline and it shall be brought to the notice of the Head of the College / Institution / Campus.

22.3.12 The Head of the College / Institution / Campus shall enquire into the act of indiscipline of the student/s and the concerned shall take immediate action such as warning, fine and expulsion from Hostel and suspension from attending the classes for a period not exceeding one semester.

22.3.13 Further, in serious cases, disciplinary proceedings may be instituted through the Disciplinary Committee which can recommend punishment in the form of a warning / expulsion from the college for a semester / year.

22.3.14 *Bonafide* students will lose all benefits from the University or from other Institutions with the University approval, if they are found to be involved in any of the acts of indiscipline.

22.3.15 Celebration of festivals on days other than authorized and unruly behaviour on such occasions will be considered as an act of indiscipline.

22.3.16 A student who has been found guilty by the Head of the College / Institution/ Campus or the Disciplinary Committee and has been fined / suspended / expelled from the College or Hostel, shall not be permitted to hold any office, elected or otherwise, of student associations for a period of two years from the date of completion of the punishment.

22.3.17 If a student is taken into police custody on a criminal or other complaint for a period of 24 hours or more, the student shall be deemed to have been suspended from the College for a period of one month from the date on which the student was taken into police custody without instituting an enquiry.

22.3.18 The decision of the Vice-Chancellor for disciplinary action/s under these Regulations shall be final.

23.0 CONVOCATION

23.1 In an academic year, the University shall confer degrees to all the students who complete their degree requirements in all respects. However, at the time of taking their transcript and provisional degree certificate, they shall fill in the convocation application and pay the prescribed fee and exercise their option whether they will be taking the degree IN PERSON or IN ABSENTIA during the Annual Convocation. The student shall complete all the formalities (should obtain PDC and OGPA card) required for the completion of the degree programme on or before the last working day of December.

23.2 If a student has applied for a Convocation to receive the degree 'In person', but fails to attend the Convocation, the student shall apply again by paying the penal fee in addition to the prescribed fee.

23.3 In case of the death of a student before receiving the degree at the Convocation, the nearest relative can apply for receiving the degree at the Convocation. In such cases, the University may consider conferring the degree of the candidate and award Gold Medals, if any, posthumously.

24.0 REGULATION RELATING TO THE SCHEME OF HONOURING STUDENTS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT.

The evaluation for the gold medal shall be based on the notifications issued by the University from time to time.

24.1 **Determining Class / Distinction**

The following OGPA will be considered as equivalent to the Class / Division mentioned

Master's degree		Doctoral degree	
OGPA	**Class**	**OGPA**	**Class**
9.000 and above	First Class with Distinction	9.000 and above	First Class with Distinction
8.000 to 8.999	First Class	8.000 to 8.999	First Class
7.001 to 7.999	Second Class	7.501 to 7.999	Second Class
7.000 / 10.000	Pass	7.500 / 10.000	Pass

25.0 DISCLAIMER

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Forms	Descriptions	Attachments
Form – 1	Constitution of Advisory Committee	–
Form – 2	Meeting of Advisory Committee	Plan of work & Programme of Research
Form – 3	Passing of Qualifying Examination	–
Form – 4	Submission of Thesis to External Examiner	i) Thesis submission Fee Challan –Xerox copy
		ii) Seminar undertaken (if any)
		iii) Student Assistantship
		iv) Plagiarism Presentation Certificate & Decleration
		v) Poster Certificate for Masters / Oral presentation Certificate for Doctoral degree students
		vi) Research Paper Undertaking (for Doctoral degree students)
Form – 5	Final Viva-voce	i) Evaluation Report/s
		ii) Action taken report/s
		iii) Final *viva-voce* marks sheet
		iv) Acknowledgments from Department, Library, Communication Centre, Research note book and CD authentication letter with CD
		v) Performa & Abstracts (Kannada & English)