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## **ACADEMIC RULES AND REGULATIONS (R20) FOR TWO YEAR M.TECH DEGREE PROGRAMME**



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**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS M.TECH (REGULAR) PROGRAMMES (CBCS)**

Applicable for the students of **M. Tech. (Regular) programme from the Academic Year 2020-21 and onwards**. The M. Tech. Degree of the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad shall be conferred on candidates who are admitted to the programme and who fulfill all the requirements for the award of the Degree.

**1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSIONS**

Admission to the above programme shall be made subject to eligibility, qualification and specialization as prescribed by the University from time to time.

Admissions shall be made on the basis of merit/rank obtained by the candidates at the qualifying Entrance Test conducted by the University or on the basis of any other order of merit as approved by the University, subject to reservations as laid down by the Govt. from time to time.

**2. AWARD OF M. Tech. DEGREE**

**2.1** A student shall be declared eligible for the award of the M. Tech. Degree, if he pursues a course of study in not less than two and not more than four academic years. However, he is permitted to write the examinations for two more years after four academic years of course work, failing which he shall forfeit his seat in M. Tech. programme.

**2.2** The student shall register for all 68 credits and secure all the 68 credits.

**2.3** The minimum instruction days in each semester are 90.

**3. DEPARTMENTS OFFERING M.TECH PROGRAMMES WITH SPECIALIZATIONS**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Specialization</b>
<b>Civil Engg.</b>	Structural Engineering
<b>EEE</b>	Power Electronics
	Power Systems Control and Automation
<b>ME</b>	Thermal Engineering.
<b>ECE</b>	VLSI System Design
<b>CSE</b>	Computer Science and Engineering
	Artificial Intelligence
	Cyber Security

**4. COURSE REGISTRATION**

**4.1** A 'Faculty Advisor or Counselor' shall be assigned to each student, who will advise him on the Post Graduate Programme (PGP), its Course Structure and Curriculum, Choice/Option for Subjects/Courses, based on his competence, progress, pre-requisites and interest.

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- 4.2 Academic Section of the College invites 'Registration Forms' from students within 15 days from the commencement of classwork, ensuring 'Date and Time of registration. The Registration requests for any 'Current Semester' shall be completed before the commencement of SEEs (Semester End Examinations) of the 'Preceding Semester'.
- 4.3 A Student can apply for Registration, only after obtaining the 'Written Approval' from his Faculty Advisor, which should be submitted to the College Academic Section through the Head of Department (a copy of it being retained with Head of Department, Faculty Advisor and the Student).
- 4.4 If the Student submits ambiguous choices or multiple options or erroneous entries-during Registration for the Subject(s)/Course(s) under a given/ specified Course Group/Category as listed in the Course Structure, only the first mentioned Subject/Course in that Category will be taken into consideration.
- 4.5 Subject/Course Options exercised through Registration are final and cannot be changed, nor can they be inter-changed; further, alternate choices will also not be considered. However, if the Subject/ Course that has already been listed for Registration (by the Head of Department) in a Semester could not be offered due to any unforeseen or unexpected reasons, then the Student shall be allowed to have alternate choice - either for a new Subject (subject to offering of such a Subject), or for another existing Subject (subject to availability of seats), which may be considered. Such alternate arrangements will be made by the Head of Department, with due notification and time-framed schedule, within the first week from the commencement of Class-work for that Semester.

## **5. ATTENDANCE**

- 5.1 A student shall be eligible to appear for semester-end examinations if he/she acquires a minimum of 75% of attendance in aggregate of all the subjects in a semester.
- 5.2 Condonation of shortage of attendance in aggregate up to 10% (65% and above and below 75%) in each semester shall be granted by the College Academic Committee.
- 5.3 Shortage of Attendance below 65% in each subject shall not be condoned.
- 5.4 Students whose shortage of attendance is not condoned are not eligible to write their end semester examination and their registration shall stand cancelled.
- 5.5 A prescribed fee shall be payable towards condonation of shortage of attendance.
- 5.6 A student shall not be promoted to the next semester unless he satisfies the attendance requirement of the present Semester, as applicable. They may seek readmission into that semester when offered next. If any candidate fulfills the attendance requirement in the present semester, he shall not be eligible for readmission into the same class.

## **6. EVALUATION**

The performance of the candidate in each semester shall be evaluated subject-wise, with a maximum of 100 marks for theory and 100 marks for practicals, on the basis of Internal Evaluation and End Semester Examination.

- 6.1 For the theory subjects 60 marks shall be awarded for the performance in the Semester End Examination and 40 marks shall be awarded for Continuous

Internal Evaluation (CIE). The Continuous Internal Evaluation shall be made based on the average of the marks secured in the two Mid Term-Examinations conducted, one in the middle of the Semester and the other, immediately after the completion of Semester instructions. Each mid-term examination shall be conducted for a total duration of 120 minutes with Part A as compulsory question (16 marks) consisting of 4 sub-questions carrying 4 marks each, and Part B with 3 questions to be answered out of 5 questions, each question carrying 8 marks.

The details of the Question Paper pattern for End Examination (Theory) are given below:

- The Semester End Examination will be conducted for 60 marks. It consists of two parts, i).Part-A for 20 marks, ii). Part-B for 40 marks.
  - Part-A is a compulsory question consisting of 5 sub questions, one from each unit and carries 4 marks each.
  - Part-B to be answered 5 questions carrying 8 marks each. There will be 2 questions from each unit and only one should be answered.
- 6.2 For practical subjects, 60 marks shall be awarded for performance in the Semester End Examinations and 40 marks shall be awarded for day-to-day performance as Internal Marks.
- 6.3 For conducting laboratory end examinations of all PG Programmes, one internal examiner and one external examiner are to be appointed by the Head of the Department with the approval of the Principal.
- 6.4 There shall be a Mini Project in II Semester, the Mini Project should be taken under the supervision of Supervisor. Student shall submit the Mini Project Report at the end of Semester for evaluation. Mini Project shall be evaluated for 100 marks out of which 40 marks for Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) during the Semester given by the supervisor and 60 marks shall be evaluated by Committee consisting Head of the Department, Supervisor and senior faculty assigned by the Head of the Department.
- 6.5 A candidate shall be deemed to have secured the minimum academic requirement in a subject if he secures a minimum of 40% of marks in the Semester End Examination and a minimum aggregate of 50% of the total marks in the Semester End Examination and Continuous Internal Evaluation taken together.
- 6.6 In case the candidate does not secure the minimum academic requirement in any subject (as specified in 6.6) he has to reappear for the Semester End Examination in that subject.
- 6.7 A candidate shall be given one chance to re-register for the subjects if the internal marks secured by a candidate is less than 50% and failed in that subject for maximum of two subjects and should register within four weeks of commencement of the class work of that particular semester. In such a case, the candidate must re-register for the subjects and secure the required minimum attendance. The candidate's attendance in the reregistered subject(s) shall be calculated separately to decide upon his eligibility for writing the Semester End Examination in those subjects. In the event of the student taking another chance, his Continuous Internal Evaluation (internal) marks and Semester End Examination marks obtained in the previous attempt stands cancelled.
- 6.8 In case the candidate secures less than the required attendance in any subject, he shall not be permitted to write the Semester End Examination in that subject. He shall reregister for the subject when next offered.

**7. Examinations and Assessment - The Grading System**

- 7.1 Marks will be awarded to indicate the performance of each student in each Theory Subject, or Lab/Practicals, or Seminar, or Project, etc., based on the % marks obtained in CIE + SEE (Continuous Internal Evaluation + Semester End Examination, both taken together) as specified in Item 6 above, and a corresponding Letter Grade shall be given.
- 7.2 As a measure of the student's performance, a 10-point Absolute Grading System using the following Letter Grades (UGC Guidelines) and corresponding percentage of marks shall be followed:

<b>% of Marks Secured in a subject/course</b>	<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Grade Point</b>
Greater than or equal to 90%	O (Outstanding)	10
80 and less than 90%	A+(Excellent)	9
70 and less than 80%	A (Very Good)	8
60 and less than 70%	B+ (Good)	7
50 and less than 60%	B (Above Average)	6
Below 50%	F (FAIL)	0
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ab</b>	0

- 7.3 A student obtaining F Grade in any Subject shall be considered 'failed' and required to reappear as 'Supplementary Candidate' in the Semester End Examination (SEE), as and when offered. In such cases, his Internal Marks (CIE Marks) in those Subjects will remain the same as those he obtained earlier.
- 7.4 A student not appeared for examination then 'Ab' Grade will be allocated in any Subject shall be considered 'failed' and will be required to reappear as 'Supplementary Candidate' in the Semester End Examination (SEE), as and when offered.
- 7.5 A Letter Grade does not imply any specific Marks percentage and it will be the range of marks percentage.
- 7.6 In general, a student shall not be permitted to repeat any Subject/ Course (s) only for the sake of 'Grade Improvement' or 'SGPA/ CGPA Improvement'.
- 7.7 A student earns Grade Point (GP) in each Subject/ Course, on the basis of the Letter Grade obtained by him in that Subject/Course. The corresponding 'Credit Points' (CP) are computed by multiplying the Grade Point with Credits for that particular Subject/Course.

**Credit Points (CP) = Grade Point (GP) x Credits.... For a Course**

- 7.8 The Student passes the Subject/Course only when he gets **GP ≥ 6 (B Grade or above)**.
- 7.9 The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is calculated by dividing the Sum of Credit Points (ECP) secured from all Subjects/Courses registered in a Semester, by the Total Number of Credits registered during that Semester. SGPA is rounded off to TWO Decimal Places. SGPA is thus computed as

$$SGPA = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N C_i G_i \right\} / \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N C_i \right\} \dots \text{for each semester,}$$

where 'i' is the Subject indicator index (takes into account all Subjects in a Semester), 'N' is the no. of Subjects 'Registered' for the Semester (as specifically required and listed under the Course Structure of the parent Department),  $C_j$  is

the no. of Credits allotted to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Subject, and  $G_i$  represents the Grade Points (GP) corresponding to the Letter Grade awarded for that  $i^{\text{th}}$  Subject.

- 7.10 The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is a measure of the overall cumulative performance of a student over all Semesters considered for registration. The CGPA is the ratio of the Total Credit Points secured by a student in all registered Courses in all Semesters, and the Total Number of Credits registered in all the Semesters. CGPA is rounded off to two Decimal Places. CGPA is thus computed from the I Year Second Semester onwards, at the end of each Semester, as per the formula

$$CGPA = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^M C_j G_j \right\} / \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^M C_j \right\} \dots \text{for all semesters registered}$$

(ie., upto and inclusive of S Semesters,  $S \geq 2$ ),

where 'M' is the total no. of Subjects (as specifically required and listed under the Course Structure of the parent Department) the Student has 'Registered' from the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester onwards upto and inclusive of the Semester S (obviously  $M > N$ ), 'j' is the Subject indicator index (takes into account all Subjects from 1 to S Semesters),  $C_j$  is the no. of Credits allotted to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  Subject, and  $G_j$  represents the Grade Points (GP) corresponding to the Letter Grade awarded for that  $j^{\text{th}}$  Subject. After registration and completion of I Year I Semester however, the SGPA of that Semester itself may be taken as the CGPA, as there are no cumulative effects.

- 7.11 For Calculations listed in Item 7.6 - 7.10, performance in failed Subjects/Courses (securing F Grade) will also be taken into account, and the Credits of such Subjects/Courses will also be included in the multiplications and summations.

## **8. EVALUATION OF PROJECT/DISSERTATION WORK**

Every candidate shall be required to submit a thesis or dissertation on a topic approved by the Project Review Committee.

- 8.1 A Project Review Committee (PRC) shall be constituted with Head of the Department as Chairperson, Project Supervisor and one senior faculty member of the Departments offering the M. Tech. programme.
- 8.2 Registration of Project Work: A candidate is permitted to register for the project work after satisfying the attendance requirement of all the subjects.
- 8.3 After satisfying 8.2, a candidate has to submit, in consultation with his Project Supervisor, the title, objective and plan of action of his project work to the PRC for approval. Only after obtaining the approval of the PRC the student can initiate the Project work.
- 8.4 If a candidate wishes to change his supervisor or topic of the project, he can do so with the approval of the PRC. However, the PRC shall examine whether or not the change of topic/supervisor leads to a major change of his initial plans of project proposal. If yes, his date of registration for the project work starts from the date of change of Supervisor or topic as the case may be.
- 8.5 A candidate shall submit his project status report in two stages at least with a gap of 3 months between them.
- 8.6 The work on the project shall be initiated at the beginning of the III- Semester and the duration of the project is two semesters. A candidate is permitted to submit Project Thesis with the approval of PRC not earlier than 40 weeks from

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the date of registration of the project work. For the approval of PRC the candidate shall submit the draft copy of thesis to the Head of the Department and make an oral presentation before the PRC.

- 8.7 Three copies of the Project Thesis certified by the supervisor shall be submitted to the College.
- 8.8 For Project work Phase-I in III-Semester review shall be evaluated for 100 marks out of which 50 marks for supervisor evaluation and 50 marks for external by an external examiner evaluation. The Supervisor and PRC shall examine the Problem Definition, Objectives, Scope of Work, Literature Survey in the same domain. A candidate has to secure a minimum of 50% of marks to be declared successful for Project Work Phase-I. If he fails to fulfill minimum marks, he has to reappear during the supplementary examination.
- 8.9 For Project work Phase-II in IV-Semester review shall be evaluated for 200 marks out of which 50 marks for supervisor evaluation and 150 marks for external evaluation by an external examiner. The PRC will examine the overall progress of the Project Work and decide the Project is eligible for final submission or not. A candidate has to secure a minimum of 50% of marks to be declared successful for Project Work Phase-II. If he fails to fulfill minimum marks, he has to reappear during the supplementary examination.
- 8.10 The thesis shall be adjudicated by one examiner selected by the Principal. For this, the Head of the Department shall submit a panel of 3 examiners, eminent in that field, with the help of the guide concerned.
- 8.11 If the report of the examiner is not favourable, the candidate shall revise and resubmit the Thesis. If the report of the examiner is unfavourable again, the thesis shall be summarily rejected.
- 8.12 If the report of the examiner is favourable, Final Project evaluation shall be conducted by a board consisting of the Supervisor, Head of the Department and the external examiner who adjudicated the Thesis.
- 8.13 The Head of the Department shall coordinate and make arrangements for the conduct of Final Project evaluation.

## **9. AWARD OF DEGREE AND CLASS**

- 9.1 A Student who registers for all the specified Subjects/ Courses as listed in the Course Structure, satisfies all the Course Requirements, and passes the examinations prescribed in the entire PG Programme (PGP), and secures the required number of 68 Credits (with CGPA > 6.0), shall be declared to have 'QUALIFIED' for the award of the M.Tech. Degree in the chosen Branch of Engineering and Technology with specialization as he admitted.

### **9.2 Award of Class**

After a student has satisfied the requirements prescribed for the completion of the programme and is eligible for the award of M. Tech. Degree, he shall be placed in one of the following three classes based on the CGPA:

<b>Class Awarded</b>	<b>CGPA</b>
First Class with Distinction	$\geq 7.75$
First Class	$6.75 \leq \text{CGPA} < 7.75$
Second Class	$6.00 \leq \text{CGPA} < 6.75$

- 9.3 A student with final CGPA (at the end of the PGP) < 6.00 will not be eligible for the Award of Degree.

## 10. WITHHOLDING OF RESULTS

If the student has not paid the dues, if any, to the College or if any case of indiscipline is pending against him, the result of the student will be withheld and he will not be allowed into the next semester. His degree will be withheld in such cases.

## 11. TRANSITORY REGULATIONS

- 11.1 If any candidate is detained due to shortage of attendance in one or more subjects, they are eligible for re-registration to maximum of two earlier or equivalent subjects at a time as and when offered.
- 11.2 The candidate who fails in any subject will be given two chances to pass the same subject; otherwise, he has to identify an equivalent subject as per R20 Academic Regulations.

## 12. GENERAL

- 12.1 **Credit:** A unit by which the course work is measured. It determines the number of hours of instructions required per week. One credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (lecture or tutorial) or two hours of practical work/field work per week.
- 12.2 **Credit Point:** It is the product of grade point and number of credits for a course.
- 12.3 Wherever the words "he", "him", "his", occur in the regulations, they include "she", "her".
- 12.4 The academic regulation should be read as a whole for the purpose of any interpretation.
- 12.5 In the case of any doubt or ambiguity in the interpretation of the above rules, the decision of the Chairman, College Academic Council is final.
- 12.6 The College may change or amend the academic regulations or syllabi at any time and the changes or amendments made shall be applicable to all the students with effect from the dates notified by the College.

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**MALPRACTICES RULES  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR/IMPROPER CONDUCT IN  
EXAMINATIONS**

	<b>Nature of Malpractices/Improper conduct</b>	<b>Punishment</b>
	<i>If the candidate:</i>	
1. (a)	Possesses or keeps accessible in examination hall, any paper, note book, programmable calculators, Cell phones, pager, palm computers or any other form of material concerned with or related to the subject of the examination (theory or practical) in which he is appearing but has not made use of (material shall include any marks on the body of the candidate which can be used as an aid in the subject of the examination)	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject only.
(b)	Gives assistance or guidance or receives it from any other candidate orally or by any other body language methods or communicates through cell phones with any candidate or persons in or outside the exam hall in respect of any matter.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject only of all the candidates involved. In case of an outsider, he will be handed over to the police and a case is registered against him.
2.	Has copied in the examination hall from any paper, book, programmable calculators, palm computers or any other form of material relevant to the subject of the examination (theory or practical) in which the candidate is appearing.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted to appear for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that Semester/year. The Hall Ticket of the candidate is to be cancelled and sent to the University.
3.	Impersonates any other candidate in connection with the examination.	The candidate who has impersonated shall be expelled from examination hall. The candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat. The performance of the original candidate who has been impersonated, shall be cancelled in all the subjects of the examination (including practicals and project work) already appeared and shall not be allowed to appear for examinations of the remaining subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the

		academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat. If the imposter is an outsider, he will be handed over to the police and a case is registered against him.
4.	Smuggles in the Answer book or additional sheet or takes out or arranges to send out the question paper during the examination or answer book or additional sheet, during or after the examination.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of performance in that subject and all the other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat.
5.	Uses objectionable, abusive or offensive language in the answer paper or in letters to the examiners or writes to the examiner requesting him to award pass marks.	Cancellation of the performance in that subject.
6.	Refuses to obey the orders of the Chief Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent / any officer on duty or misbehaves or creates disturbance of any kind in and around the examination hall or organizes a walk out or instigates others to walk out, or threatens the officer-in charge or any person on duty in or outside the examination hall of any injury to his person or to any of his relations whether by words, either spoken or written or by signs or by visible representation, assaults the officer-in-charge, or any person on duty in or outside the examination hall or any of his relations, or indulges in any other act of misconduct or mischief which result in damage to or destruction of property in the examination hall or any part of the College campus or engages in any other act which in the opinion of the officer on duty amounts to use of unfair means or misconduct or has the tendency to disrupt the orderly conduct of the examination.	In case of students of the college, they shall be expelled from examination halls and cancellation of their performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate(s) has (have) already appeared and shall not be permitted to appear for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidates also are debarred and forfeit their seats. In case of outsiders, they will be handed over to the police and a police case is registered against them.

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7.	Leaves the exam hall taking away answer script or intentionally tears of the script or any part thereof inside or outside the examination hall.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of performance in that subject and all the other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat.
8.	Possess any lethal weapon or firearm in the examination hall.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat.
9.	If student of the college, who is not a candidate for the particular examination or any person not connected with the college indulges in any malpractice or improper conduct mentioned in clause 6 to 8.	Student of the colleges expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat. Person(s) who do not belong to the College will be handed over to police and, a police case will be registered against them.
10.	Comes in a drunken condition to the examination hall.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has already appeared including practical examinations and project work and shall not be permitted for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year.

11.	Copying detected on the basis of internal evidence, such as, during valuation or during special scrutiny.	Cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate has appeared including practical examinations and project work of that semester/year examinations.
12.	If any malpractice is detected which is not covered in the above clauses 1 to 11 shall be reported to the University for further action to award suitable punishment.	

**Malpractices identified by squad or special invigilators**

1. Punishments to the candidates as per the above guidelines.
2. Punishment for institutions: (if the squad reports that the college is also involved in encouraging malpractices)
  - (i) A show cause notice shall be issued to the college.
  - (ii) Impose a suitable fine on the college.
  - (iii) Shifting the examination centre from the college to another college for a specific period of not less than one year.

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