

# University of Kashmir

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## THE MODIFIED CBCS SCHEME – 2017

### Introduction:

The Modified CBCS Scheme - 2017 was put in place from the First Semester Students of 2017. The modification has been deep in bringing about operational efficiency while strengthening the Credit Weightage of departmental courses (Core and DCE Courses). The Modified CBCS SCHEME is student friendly, operationally viable and globally standardized. It is hoped that the scheme achieves its objective of Interdisciplinary approach to learning while retaining focus on specializations and at the same time it offers courses that impart hands-on training on skill based courses which shall have lifelong utility to the student community.

### Features of the Modified Scheme:

#### *Definitions:*

- ***Credit Based Semester System (CBSS):*** Under the CBCS, the requirement for awarding a degree or diploma is prescribed in terms of the number of credits to be earned by students.
- ***Credit:*** One credit means one hour of teaching / tutorial work or two hours of practical work/field work per week for 15 weeks in a semester
- ***Core Courses:*** The core courses are unique to a programme and are compulsorily to be studied to earn a degree in a given programme.
- ***Elective Courses:*** Elective Course is a course which can be chosen from a pool of papers. Elective course may be:
  - Supportive to the discipline of study.
  - Provide an expanded scope.
  - Enable exposure to some other discipline /domain.
  - Nurture student's proficiency/skill.

### ***Types of Courses:***

- **Departmental Courses**

*Core and Discipline Centric Elective (DCE) Courses:* These include courses offered to program-specific learners by the parent departments.

- **Elective Courses**

*Generic Elective Courses (GE):* These courses are offered to learners within a specific School of which Department is a part.

*Open Elective Courses (OE):* The Open Courses can be taken up from any department within the School or across any school within the campus.

### ***Credit Weightage:***

- Out of 96 Credits, 80 Credits have to be earned from Departmental Core and DCE Courses (83.33% focus on the Departmental Courses).
- 16 Credits have to be earned from Electives (OE and GE Courses).
- Out of 16 Credits, 8 Credits have to be mandatorily obtained from GE Courses from the School of Departments of which the department is a part.
- 8 Credits can be earned either from Open Courses (OE) or from other Generic Courses (GE).

### ***Distribution and Focus of Credits:***

- A learner has to necessarily earn 88 Credits (80+8) out of 96 Credits from the Departmental and School Specific Courses. It is to ensure that the Masters' Programme is not a dilution away from specialization in any case.
- Under new scheme of things eight more Institutes, Research Centres and Departments were brought into the fold of CBCS Scheme.
- These institutions have also offered 35 New Open Courses which are primarily skill based.
- The effort of bringing more into the realm of OE and GE Courses shall continue and new departments, centres and institutes shall be part of the framework in near future.

### ***Ensuring Operational Efficiency:***

- The focus of the modified scheme has been to infuse operational efficiency. In this regard, the Scheme ensures that Core or DCE courses be taught in the forenoon on Fridays and Saturdays.

- This arrangement would ensure the availability of Program-Specific students in their parent departments on Fridays and Saturdays, which was not the case under the earlier scheme of CBCS.
- The Scheme has been made Campus- Specific instead of Inter-campus. It is important to mention that Inter-campus was making the credits' take off quite disproportionate to the number of days allotted. Thus the same has been corrected by ensuring the full credits' take off from the campus at which the student is registered.
- To bring uniformity in credit allocation, all OE and GE Courses have been put with a value of 2 Credits and all 3 Credits Courses have been either scrapped or reduced to 2 Credit Courses.
- The Scheme is in operation in Main Campus, Satellite Campuses (North, South, Kargil and Leh) & colleges running PG courses, and has a centralized administrative management at the Main Campus.

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