



UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR

The Modified Scheme of CBCS-2017 (Detailed)

The following scheme of “Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)” for Post-Graduate Programmes for the academic session 2017 and onwards in the light of the UGC guidelines is adopted by the University with a view to ensure that a ‘cafeteria’ type approach of learning be provided to students. The Modified Scheme is directed to strengthen the PG Programme while allowing the students to take courses of their choice within their respective schools and also across schools in case of Open Courses. The Scheme while retaining the interdisciplinary approach to learning entails a good number of new skill based open courses.

A. Definitions:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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
- 3. Core Courses:** The core courses are unique to a programme and are compulsorily to be studied to earn a degree in a given programme.
- 4. 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.

Electives can be offered as per the following categorisation:

- i. Discipline Centric Electives (DCEs):**

These courses are mainly for students of the concerned department to broaden and expand their knowledge in the discipline. The courses could be open to students of other related departments as GE, subject to availability of seats.
- ii. Generic Elective (GE):** GE courses shall be chosen by the student from any department within the school other than the concerned. Such courses should have direct relevance to the core component of the programme.
- iii. Open Elective (OE):** OE course shall provide opportunity to a student to seek knowledge of unrelated subjects or to nurture student’s proficiency/skill. Such courses shall be generally offered to the students of the department/s other than the concerned department/s within or outside the school.

A course may be designed to comprise lectures/ tutorials/ laboratory work/ field work/ outreach activities/project work/vocational training/ viva/seminars/ term papers /assignments/presentations/self-study etc. or a combination of some of these.

B. Curriculum Structure:

The curriculum and syllabi of the courses shall be recommended by Board of Post Graduate Studies (BOPGS) and notified by the University from time to time. However, the courses in a programme shall have to be of two types:

- a. **Core Courses:** The core papers are basic/unique to a programme and are compulsory to earn a degree in a given programme. These courses shall have to be offered by the concerned departments to enable students to earn 12 credits per semester.

- b. **Electives: Following elective courses are in the scheme**
 - i. **Discipline Centric Elective (DCE):**

These courses that help students to expand their knowledge in the discipline shall have to be offered to students by the concerned department. Such courses could be of any credit i.e 2, 3, 4 etc. However, a student shall have to earn 8 credits in each semester from such courses. .
 - ii. **Generic Elective Courses:**

These courses shall have to be offered by a department to students other than its own but within the respective school. A department shall have to offer a minimum of two such courses with 2 credits each in a semester.
 - iii. **Open Elective (OE)**

This category shall generally consists of interest and skill based courses wherever possible, teaching methodology of such courses shall consist of practical training, field based activity and tutorials. A department shall have to offer a minimum of one OE course of 2 credits in a semester.

C. Credit Requirements/Options:

A student has to earn a minimum of 24 credits per semester *i.e.*, 48 credits in one year programme (2 semesters), 96 credits in two year programme (4 semesters), 144 credits in three year programme (6 semesters) and so on.

Credit requirement for a two year PG programme shall be as follows:

1. Core Courses

A student has to earn 12 credits in a semester from Core Courses.

2. Discipline Centric Electives.

A student has to earn 8 credits in a semester within his/her own Department out of the courses offered by the Department as Discipline Centric- Electives.

3. Generic and Open Electives

- 4 credits shall be earned by a candidate from the Generic Elective (GE) Courses and Open Elective (OE) Courses offered by the Departments other than those offered by his/her own department in a semester.
- GE courses are to be chosen from any department of the School other than the concerned department. A student can choose a minimum of 2 credits and a maximum of 4 credits from this category in semester.

- The students of such schools that consist of a single department like Law and Education can choose their GE courses from any School of their choice.
- The students can choose their OE courses either from any department/s other than his/her department of the concerned school or outside the school. A student can choose maximum of 2 credits from this category i.e OE courses in a semester

Credit Combination for a semester would be as under:

	Core	Elective (DCE)	Elective(GE)	Elective (OE)	Total
Average Credits	12	8	2 (Minimum) or 4 Maximum)	2 (Maximum) or 0	24

Credit Combination for the whole Programme (4- Semesters)

	Core	Elective (DCE)	Elective(GE)	Elective (OE)	Total
Average Credits	48	32	8 (Minimum) to 16 (Maximum)	0 to 8 (Maximum)	96

The model format of the **CBCS** scheme for each semester could be as under:-

Course Code	Course Name	Paper Category	Hours per week			Credits
			L	T	P	
___	___	Core paper	4	0	0	4+0+0=4
___	___	Core paper	3	1	0	3+1+0=4
___	___	Core paper	0	0	8	0+0+4=4
___	___	Elective (DCE)	4	0	0	4+0+0=4
___	___	Elective (DCE)	3	1	0	3+1+0=4
___	___	Elective (GE)	1	1	0	1+1+0=2
___	___	Elective (GE)	0	0	4	0+0+2=2
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L=Lecture, T=Tutorial, P-Practical

Note : The courses can be taught in any of the combinations of L: T: P.

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