

SRI KRISHNA ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE
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REGULATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME
In CBCS pattern (with effect from 2012-2013)

Definitions:

Programme:

“Programme” means a course of study leading to the award of a degree in a discipline.

Course:

“Course” refers to a subject offered under the degree programme.

Core Courses:

“Core Courses” means “the core courses” related to the programme concerned including practicals and project work offered under the programme.

Optional:

“Optional” means the courses offered under the programme related to the core or non core courses but are to be selected by the students.

Inter Departmental Courses:

“Inter Departmental Courses” means, the course of study offered by the inter-related departments in common discipline.

A detailed explanation of the above with relevant credits are given under “Scheme of Examinations along with Distribution of Marks and Credits”

1. Eligibility for Admission to the Programme

A candidate who has passed the Degree Examination as main subject of study of Bharathiar University or an examination of some other University accepted by the Syndicate of Bharathiar University as equivalent thereto shall be eligible for admission to the Master Degree programme.

2. Duration of the Programme

This Programme of Study shall be based on Semester System. This Programme shall consist of four Semesters covering a total of two academic years. For this purpose, each academic year shall be divided into two semesters; the first and third semesters; June to November and the second and the fourth semesters; December to April. The Practical Examinations shall be conducted at the end of each semester. Each semester has 90 working days consisting of 5 teaching hours per working day.

3. Programme of Study

The Programme of the Degree of Master of Science/Arts/Commerce/Social Work shall be under the Semester System according to the Syllabus to be prescribed from time to time. This Programme consists of Core Courses and Optional Courses.

4. Scheme of Examinations

As recommended by the respective Board of Studies.

5. Requirement to appear for the Examinations

All bonafide students of the College are eligible to appear for the End Semester Examinations by fulfilling the following criteria:

- (a) Students who have secured attendance of 75% and above in theory and practical classes separately are allowed to attend the End Semester examinations
- (b) Students who have secured less than 75% of attendance are not permitted to appear for the End Semester examinations in the regular papers. However, they are permitted to appear for arrear papers. Such students are permitted to continue the course with a condition that loss of attendance should be made up in the subsequent semester, failing which he/she will have to rejoin the course with semester in which he has secured less than 75% of attendance
- (c) Students with attendance between 65% and 74% in exceptional cases the Principal may condone the shortage of 10% attendance on reasonable grounds and are allowed for attending the End Semester examinations on approval
- (d) Provided further that the Principal may condone the shortage of attendance to the extent of 5% more (60% - 74%) in respect of the students who have represented the College or State or deputation in a National / International competition and function during the Semester period under reference, are allowed for attending the End Semester examinations on approval. The students under category (c) and (d) have to pay the condonation fee as prescribed by the Finance Committee
- (e) The students who have secured less than 50% attendance are not permitted to continue the programme

6. Restrictions to appear for the Examinations

- a) Any candidate having arrear paper(s) shall have the option to appear in any arrear paper along with the regular semester papers.
- b) Candidates who fail in any of the course of PG degree examinations shall complete the course concerned within 4 years from the date of admission to the said programme, and should they fail to do so, they shall take the examination in the next revised syllabus prescribed for the immediate next batch of candidates. If there is no change in the texts/syllabus they shall appear for the examination in that course with the syllabus in vogue until there is a change in the texts or syllabus. In the event of removal of that course consequent to change of regulation and / or curriculum after 4 year period, the candidates shall have to take up an equivalent course in the revised syllabus as suggested by the Chairman of the respective board of studies and fulfill the requirements as per the regulation curriculum for the award of the degree.

7. Medium of Instruction and Examinations

The medium of instruction and examinations shall be in English. However, as per directives of the Government of Tamilnadu, if the candidates answer in Tamil, their answer scripts will also be evaluated.

8. Submission of Record Note books for Practical Examinations

Candidates taking the Practical Examinations should submit bonafide Record Note Books prescribed for the Practical Examinations. Otherwise the candidates will not be permitted to appear for the Practical Examinations.

9. Minimum (Pass) Marks

A candidate shall be declared to have passed in a course if a student obtains not less than 50% of marks in that course. A candidate shall be declared to have passed the whole Examination if the student passes in all the courses.

10. Distribution of marks

Table – 1: The following are the distribution of marks for end semester and continuous internal assessment for **theory papers** of PG programmes.

Total Marks	END SEMESTER		CONTINUOUS INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (Max. Marks)	Overall Passing Minimum total marks (Continuous Internal Assessment + End Semester)
	Max. Marks	Passing Minimum for end semester alone		
100	75	38	25	50
75	55	28	20	38
60	45	23	15	30
50	40	20	10	25

Theory: The CIA for theory courses consists of written tests and departmental components like assignments, seminars, mini projects, surveys, paper presentations etc. The course coordinators (faculty who is handling the course) shall decide the departmental components to be given for the candidates. The Internal Assessment for theory shall be distributed as follows,

40% of maximum CIA Marks for one best out of 2 CIA Tests, 40% for Model Test and 20% for Departmental Components.

CIA Tests I & II

(One best out of 2 tests of 2 hours each – 40%) 10 marks

CIA Test III (Model Exam – 3 hours – 40%) 10 marks

Departmental Components (2 Nos – 20%) 5 marks

The maximum marks obtained for 25 shall be further converted as per the requirements of the scheme of examination prescribed for the respective course.

Table – 2: The following are the distribution of marks for end semester and continuous internal assessments for **practical papers** of PG programmes.

Total Marks	END SEMESTER		CONTINUOUS INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (Max. Marks)	Overall Passing Minimum total marks (Continuous Internal Assessment + End Semester)
	Max. Marks	Passing Minimum for end semester alone		
100	60	30	40	50
75	45	23	30	38
60	35	18	25	30
50	30	15	20	25
40	25	13	15	20
25	15	8	10	13

Practical: The CIA for practical courses consists of two Tests, Experiment results evaluation in regular practical classes (average marks obtained) and Record evaluation (after completion of all experiments). The Internal Assessment for practical shall be distributed as follows,

25% of maximum CIA Marks for CIA Test I, 25% for Model Test, 25% for Experiments results (Observation) and 25% for Record evaluation.

Two CIA Tests (2*10 – 50%)	20 marks
Experiment results (25%)	10 marks
Record (25%)	10 marks

The maximum marks obtained for 40 shall be further converted as per the requirements of the scheme of examination prescribed for the respective course.

Project: The Internal Assessment for project shall be distributed as follows, 40% of maximum CIA Marks for first interim presentation, 40% for second interim presentation and 20% for work diary maintenance.

2-Interim presentations by the candidate (2*20 – 80%)	40 marks
Work Diary (20%)	10 marks

The maximum marks obtained for 50 shall be further converted as per the requirements of the scheme of examination prescribed for the respective course.

11. Grading

Once the marks of the Continuous Internal Assessment and end semester examinations for each of the course are available, they will be added. The mark thus obtained will then be graded as per details given below:

Marks and Grades

The following table gives the marks grade points, letter grades and classification to indicate the performance of the candidate.

Conversion of Marks to Grade Points and Letter Grade (Performance in a Course/Paper)

RANGE OF MARKS	GRADE POINTS	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
90-100	9.0-10.0	O	Outstanding
80-89	8.0-8.9	D+	Excellent
75-79	7.5-7.9	D	Distinction
70-74	7.0-7.4	A+	Very Good
60-69	6.0-6.9	A	Good
50-59	5.0-5.9	B	Average
00-49	0.0	U	Re-appear
ABSENT	0.0	AAA	ABSENT

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

For a Semester:

$$\text{GRADE POINT AVERAGE [GPA]} = \frac{\sum_i C_i G_i}{\sum_i C_i}$$

C_i = Credits earned for a course i in any semester

G_i = Grade Point obtained for a course i in any semester

n = refers to the semester in which such course were credited

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{Sum of the multiplication of grade points by the credits of the courses}}{\text{Sum of the credits of the courses in a semester}}$$

For the entire programme:

$$\text{CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE [CGPA]} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni} G_{ni}}{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni}}$$

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Sum of the multiplication of grade points by the credits of the entire programme}}{\text{Sum of the credits of the courses of the entire programme}}$$

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 – 10.0	O+	First Class – Exemplary *
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	First Class with Distinction*
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	First Class
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	Second Class
5.0 and above but below 5.5	B	
0.0 and above but below 5.0	U	Re-appear

12. Improvement of Marks in the subjects already passed

Candidates desirous of improving the marks awarded in a passed subject in their first attempt shall reappear once within a period of subsequent two semesters. The improved marks shall be considered for classification but not for ranking. When there is no improvement, there shall not be any change in the original marks already awarded.

13. Classification of Successful candidates

A candidate who passes all the examinations and securing following CGPA and Grades shall be declared as follows for each part:

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 – 10.0	O+	First Class – Exemplary *
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	First Class with Distinction*
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	First Class
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	Second Class
0.0 and above but below 5.0	B	

- a) A candidate who has passed all the subjects examinations in the first appearance within the prescribed duration of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 9 to 10 and equivalent grades “O” or “O+” in Core and Optional subjects shall be placed in the category of “**First Class – Exemplary**”.
- b) A candidate who has passed all the subjects examinations in the first appearance within the prescribed duration of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 7.5 to 9 and equivalent grades “D” or “D+” or “D++” in Core and Optional subjects shall be placed in the category of “**First Class with Distinction**”.
- c) A candidate who has passed all the subjects examinations of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 6 to 7.5 and equivalent grades “A” or “A+” or “A++” shall be declared to have passed in “**First Class**”.
- d) A candidate who has passed all the subjects examination of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 5.0 to 6.0 and equivalent grades “B” or “B+” shall be declared to have passed in “**Second Class**”.

14. Ranking

A candidate who qualifies for the PG Degree programme passing all the Examinations in the first attempt, within the minimum period prescribed for the programme from the date of admission to the programme and secures 1st Class shall be eligible for ranking and such ranking shall be confined to 10% of the total number of candidates qualified in that particular subject to a minimum of 3 ranks and a maximum of 10 ranks. The improvement marks will not be taken into consideration for ranking.

15. Conferment of the Degree

No candidate shall be eligible for conferment of the Degree unless he / she has undergone the prescribed programme of Study for a period of not less than four semesters or has been exempted there from in the manner prescribed and has passed the Examinations as have been prescribed therefor.

16. Additional Credits

A student who desires to earn additional credits (over and above credits prescribed by the programme) can opt for any core course offered by any Department for PG programmes. He / She can appear for the examination for odd semester paper in the even semester and even semester paper in the odd semester.

The courses will be self study and there is no continuous internal assessment for the courses. However, the marks scored by him / her will be converted for 100 marks and will appear in the semester mark sheet as additional credits. The respective Board of Studies can also prescribe the Certificate courses of outside reputed agency for the students to earn additional credits (over and above credits prescribed for the programme)

17. Question Paper Pattern

The following question paper patterns shall be followed for the candidates admitted from the academic year 2011-2012 wherever applicable.

All PG Programmes

Maximum 75 Marks – wherever applicable			
Section A	Multiple choice questions with four options	10*1=10	10 questions – 2 each from every unit
Section B	Short answer questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	5*5=25	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section C	Essay-type questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	5*8=40	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
NOTE: In Section C ,one of the questions shall be application oriented or a problem or a case study.			

Maximum 60 Marks – wherever applicable			
Section A	Multiple choice questions with four options	10*1=10	10 questions – 2 each from every unit
Section B	Short answer questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	5*4=20	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section C	Essay-type questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	5*6=30	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
NOTE: In Section C ,one of the questions shall be application oriented or a problem or a case study.			

Maximum 55 Marks – wherever applicable			
Section A	Multiple choice questions with four options	$10*1=10$	10 questions – 2 each from every unit
Section B	Short answer questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*3=15$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section C	Essay-type questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*6=30$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
NOTE: In Section C, one of the questions shall be application oriented or a problem or a case study.			

Maximum 50 Marks – wherever applicable			
Section A	Multiple choice questions with four options	$10*1=10$	10 questions – 2 each from every unit
Section B	Short answer questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*3=15$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section C	Essay-type questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*5=25$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
NOTE: In Section C, one of the questions shall be application oriented or a problem or a case study.			

Maximum 45 Marks – wherever applicable			
Section A	Multiple choice questions with four options	$5*1=5$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section B	Short answer questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*3=15$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section C	Essay-type questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*5=25$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
NOTE: In Section C, one of the questions shall be application oriented or a problem or a case study.			

Maximum 40 Marks – wherever applicable			
Section A	Multiple choice questions with four options	$5*1=5$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section B	Short answer questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*3=15$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
Section C	Essay-type questions of either / or type (like 1.a (or) b)	$5*4=20$	5 questions – 1 each from every unit
NOTE: In Section C, one of the questions shall be application oriented or a problem or a case study.			

18. Revision of Regulations and Curriculum

The above Regulations and Scheme of Examinations will be in vogue without any change. However, the Board of studies may revise/amend/change the Regulations and Scheme of Examinations, if found necessary.

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