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Sub.: Implementation of a uniform credit system for Ph.D students from 2024-25 onwards-reg.

UGC has issued instructions to implement NEP-2020 and to offer options to students for exit, lateral entry and academic breaks in different academic programmes. To implement these flexibilities, all the HEI needs to follow a uniform credit system. Accordingly, the HBNI central office has prepared the credit requirements for the HBNI PhD programs and approval of the Academic Council was accorded for the proposal in the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

It was decided to make the minimum number of credits requirement for the Ph.D programme, for students joining after M.Sc. or Four-year graduate program, to 18 (12+6)\* credits (15 Hrs of Class/30 Hrs of Laboratory work= 1 Credit).

Doctoral students should obtain the mandatory 18 credits within the first two years to stay in the Ph.D program including a 'Research and Publication Ethics course as notified by UGC Vide D.O.F1-1/2018 (Journal/Care) in 2019 and a research methodology course.

\*12 credits from Course Works and 6 credits from Project Works or Course Works

All the CIs/OCC of HBNI are requested to implement the above credit requirement for Ph.D students from the academic year 2024-25 onwards.

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Sub.: Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system for the students from 2024-25 in HBNI - reg.

There were many discussions in the past about the immediate requirement of implementing the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) System in HBNI as per UGC guidelines and NEP-2020. Based on the recommendations of the Academic Council in its 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, HBNI formed a committee to study guidelines of UGC/NEP-2020 on Academic Bank of Credits and recommend modalities to implement the ABC system in HBNI. The Committee's recommendations, as listed in Annexure-I, were approved by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

All the CIs/OCC of HBNI are requested to implement the enclosed recommendations of the Committee pertaining to the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system for the benefit of students from the academic year 2024-25 onwards.



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## Annexure - I

### Recommendations of the Committee

- The committee has suggested to implement the ABC in a phased manner with periodic review to make mid-course corrections, if any.  
Every CI/OCC & students need to open account.
- Institutes recognised by HBNI for lateral entry/credit transfer for students

Institutes recognised by HBNI as decided in 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 are those defined as given below:

- ✓ the institute with which HBNI has signed a MOU for academic collaboration
- ✓ the institute which has current NAAC grading of A+ or above
- ✓ the institute which has NIRF ranking within top 50 in university category
- ✓ the Institute of National Importance (INI), as recognised by the Govt of India.

### Credit Recognitions

- A course offered at any of the CI/OCC of HBNI or at an institute with which HBNI has signed an MoU for academic collaboration shall be considered as a course offered by HBNI for the purpose of credit recognition.
- For all the degree programmes under HBNI, the students can take a maximum of 50% of their credit requirements through ABC scheme. For these degree programs, core courses should be taken from HBNI and only electives may be permitted through ABC.
- For doctoral students, Standing Academic Committee (SAC) or its equivalent committee will be authorized to accept or reject the courses to be credited through ABC.
- Any courses taken by the student more than three years prior to seeking credit, will not be considered.
- External credits accepted by HBNI will be valid till the completion of the academic program.



## ABC implementation on academic programmes offered at HBNI

### M.Sc. (2 year)

Vacancies, if any, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of M.Sc. offered by CIs and OCC of HBNI, may be filled by lateral entry to 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

In such cases, HBNI recommends the following:

- The student must earn a minimum of 50% of the minimum total credit required under the programme.
- With the approval of SAC or equivalent committee of CI/OCC, the credits earned by the student in preceding institute may be transferred provided the former institute is a HBNI recognised HEI.
- Selection will be based on a national level test with appropriate cut-offs corresponding to the continuing batch, and subsequently clearing the entrance test conducted by CI/OCC.

### 5 year Integrated M.Sc. programme

- **Institutes recognised by HBNI for lateral entry/credit transfer for students**
  - ✓ the institute with which HBNI has signed a MOU for academic collaboration
  - ✓ the institute which has current NAAC grading of A+ or above
  - ✓ the institute which has NIRF ranking within top 50 in university category
  - ✓ the Institute of National Importance (INI), as recognised by the Govt of India.
- **In addition, the following conditions are recommended**
  - ✓ the academic programme should be equivalent to the programme under HBNI
  - ✓ should be 75% or more overlap in the syllabus of the courses for credit transfer
  - ✓ the student must have a CGPA  $\geq 7.5$  & selection will be based on a test conducted by CI/OCC
  - ✓ the student intending to enroll must enroll for at least one full academic year
  - ✓ the student must enrol at the beginning of the academic year
  - ✓ The student must earn a minimum of 50% of the total credits required for the award of a degree





2 year M.Sc. (Medical & Radiological Physics), M.Sc. (Clinical Research), M.Sc.

(Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Technology), M.Sc. (Hospital Radiopharmacy),

M.Sc. (Public Health and Epidemiology), M.Sc. (Patient Navigation) & M.Sc. (Nursing),

Masters in Occupational Therapy (Oncology)

- These programmes are very specialized in the area of oncology under Medical & Health Sciences. It is recommended not to implement ABC for these courses till NMC issues any such order.

3 year MD, 2 yr Certified Fellowship & 3 yr DM/ MCh

- These medical programmes are very specialized in the area of oncology under Medical & Health Sciences. It is recommended not to implement ABC for these courses till NMC issues any such order.

Ph.D. programmes

- ❖ Inter CI/OCC transfer
- ❖ Transfer from other HEI (course work)

Standing Academic Committee (SAC) or its equivalent committee will be authorized to accept or reject the courses to be credited through ABC.

Opening of HBNI courses for external students

- HBNI & its CI's/OCC may open its courses for registration by external students.
- The CIs/OCC in consultation with the course instructor may study and recommend a suitable number of the external students for each course.
- The external students should meet the course pre-requisites before registering the courses.
- SAC or equivalent committee of CI/OCC will look into the requests by the students to accept/reject as per the pre-requisites.

