

**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS  
&  
COURSE STRUCTURE**

For

**B.Tech. Regular Four Year Degree Program**

(For the batches admitted from the academic Year 2019-2020)

&

**B.Tech. Lateral Entry Scheme**

(For the batches admitted from the academic Year 2020-2021)

**(Choice Based Credit System)**

**VBIT- R19**



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## PRELIMINARY DEFINITIONS AND NOMENCLATURES

**AICTE:** Means All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

**Autonomous Institute:** Means an institute designated as Autonomous by University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi in concurrence with affiliating University (Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad)

**Academic Autonomy:** Means freedom to an institute in all aspects of conducting its academic programs, granted by UGC for Promoting Excellence.

**Academic Council:** The Academic Council is the highest academic body of the institute and is responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction, education and examination within the institute. Academic Council is an authority as per UGC regulations and it has the right to take decisions on all academic matters including academic research.

**Academic Year:** It is the period necessary to complete an actual course of study within a year. It comprises two main semesters i.e., (one odd + one even) and one supplementary semester.

**Branch:** Means specialization in a program like B.Tech degree program in Electronics & Communication Engineering, B.Tech degree program in Computer Science and Engineering etc.

**Board of Studies (BOS):** BOS is an authority as defined in UGC regulations, constituted by Head of the Institution for each of the departments separately. They are responsible for curriculum design and updation in respect of all the programs offered by a department.

**Backlog Course:** A course is considered to be a backlog course, if the student has obtained a failure grade (F) in that course.

**Basic Sciences:** The courses offered in the areas of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry etc., are considered to be foundational in nature.

**Commission:** Means University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi.

**Choice Based Credit System:** The credit based semester system is one which provides flexibility in designing curriculum and assigning credits based on the

course content and hours of teaching along with provision of choice for the student in the course selection.

**Compulsory course:** Course required to be undertaken for the award of the degree as per the program.

**Continuous Internal Examination:** It is an examination conducted towards internal assessment.

**Core:** The courses that are essential constituents of each engineering discipline are categorized as professional core courses for that discipline.

**Course:** A course is a subject offered by a department for learning in a particular semester.

**Credit:** A credit is a unit that gives weight to the value, level or time requirements of an academic course. The number of 'Contact Hours' in a week of a particular course determines its credit value. One credit is equivalent to one lecture/tutorial hour per week.

**Credit point:** It is the product of grade point and number of credits for a course.

**Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** It is a measure of cumulative performance of a student over all the completed semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all the semesters. It is expressed up to two decimal places.

**Curriculum:** Curriculum incorporates the planned interaction of students with instructional content, materials, resources, and processes for evaluating the attainment of Program Educational Objectives.

**Department:** An academic entity that conducts relevant curricular and co-curricular activities, involving both teaching and non-teaching staff, and other resources in the process of study for a degree.

**Detention in a Course:** Student who does not obtain minimum prescribed attendance in a course shall be detained in that particular course.

**Elective Course:** A course that can be chosen from a set of courses. An elective can be Professional Elective and / or Open Elective.

**Evaluation:** Evaluation is the process of judging the academic performance of the student in her/his courses. It is done through a combination of continuous internal assessment and semester end examinations.

**Grade:** It is an index of the performance of the students in a said course. Grades are indicated by alphabets.

**Grade Point:** It is a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10 - point scale.

**Honours:** An Honours degree typically refers to a higher level of academic achievement at an undergraduate level.

**Institute:** Means Vignana Bharathi Institute of Technology, Hyderabad unless indicated otherwise by the context.

**Pre-requisite:** A specific course or subject, the knowledge of which is required to complete before student register another course at the next grade level.

**Professional Elective:** It indicates a course that is discipline centric. An appropriate choice of minimum number of such electives as specified in the program will lead to a degree with specialization.

**Program:** Means, UG degree program: Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech); PG degree program: Master of Technology (M.Tech) / Master of Business Administration (MBA).

**Project work:** It is a design or research based work to be taken up by a student during his/her final year to achieve a particular aim. It is a credit based course and is to be planned carefully by the student.

**Registration:** Process of enrolling into a set of courses in a semester of a program.

**Regulations:** The regulations, common to all B.Tech programs offered by Institute, are designated as “VBIT Regulations - R19” and are binding on all the stakeholders.

**Semester:** It is a period of study consisting of 15 to 18 weeks of academic work equivalent to normally 90 working days. Odd semester commences usually in July and even semester in December of every year.

**Semester End Examinations:** It is an examination conducted for all courses offered in a semester at the end of the semester.

**University:** Means Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH), Hyderabad, is an affiliating University.

**Academic Regulations for B.Tech. Regular Students**  
**with effect from Academic Year 2019-20 (R19)**

For pursuing four year undergraduate Bachelor of Technology degree program of study in Engineering (B.Tech) offered by Vignana Bharathi Institute of Technology under Autonomous status and herein after referred to as VBIT.

**1.0 Under-Graduate Degree Program in Engineering & Technology (UGP in E&T)**

VBIT offers a 4-year (8 semesters) **Bachelor of Technology** (B.Tech.) degree program, under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with effect from the academic year 2019-2020. Presently, the institute is offering Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) degree programs in the following disciplines:

S.No.	Name of the Program	Program Code
1	Civil Engineering	01
2	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	02
3	Mechanical Engineering	03
4	Electronics and Communication Engineering	04
5	Computer Science & Engineering	05
6	Information Technology	12

**2.0 Eligibility for admission**

**2.1** Admission to the under graduate (UG) program shall be made either on the basis of the merit rank obtained by the qualified student in entrance test conducted by the Telangana State Government (TS EAMCET) subject to reservations as prescribed by the government from time to time.

**2.2** The medium of instructions for the entire under graduate program in Engineering & Technology will be in **English** only.

**3.0 B.Tech. Program structure**

**3.1** A student after securing admission shall complete the B.Tech. program in a minimum period of **four** academic years (8 semesters), and a maximum period of **eight** academic years (16 semesters) starting from the date of commencement of first year first semester, failing which student shall forfeit seat in B.Tech course. Each student shall secure 160 credits (with CGPA  $\geq 5$ ) required for the completion of the under graduate program and award of the B.Tech. degree.

**3.2 UGC/ AICTE** specified definitions/ descriptions are adopted appropriately for various terms and abbreviations used in these academic regulations/ norms, which are listed below.

### **3.2.1 Semester scheme**

Each under graduate program is of 4 academic years (8 semesters) with the academic year divided into two semesters of 22 weeks ( $\geq 90$  instructional days) each, each semester having - ‘Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE)’ and ‘Semester End Examination (SEE)’ under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Credit Based Semester System (CBSS) indicated by UGC, and curriculum/course structure as suggested by AICTE are followed.

### **3.2.2 Credit courses**

All subjects/ courses are to be registered by the student in a semester to earn credits which shall be assigned to each subject/ course in an L: T: P: C (lecture periods: tutorial periods: practical periods: credits) structure based on the following general pattern.

- One credit for one hour/ week/ semester for theory/ lecture (L) courses or Tutorials.
- One credit for two hours/ week/ semester for laboratory/ practical (P) courses.

Courses like Environmental Science, Constitution of India, Intellectual Property Rights, and Gender Sensitization lab are mandatory courses. These courses will not carry any credits.

### **3.2.3 Subject Course Classification**

All subjects/ courses offered for the under graduate program in E&T (B.Tech. degree programs) are broadly classified as follows. The University has followed almost all the guidelines issued by AICTE/UGC.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Broad Course Classification</b>	<b>Course Group/ Category</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
1	Foundation Courses (FnC)	BS – Basic Sciences	Includes mathematics, physics and chemistry subjects
2		ES - Engineering Sciences	Includes fundamental engineering subjects
3		HS – Humanities and Social sciences	Includes subjects related to humanities, social sciences and management
4	Core Courses (CoC)	PC – Professional Core	Includes core subjects related to the parent discipline/ department/ branch of Engineering.
5	Elective Courses	PE – Professional Electives	Includes elective subjects related to the parent discipline/ department/ branch of Engineering.

6	(ElC)	OE – Open Electives	Elective subjects which include inter-disciplinary subjects or subjects in an area outside the parent discipline/ department/ branch of Engineering.
7	Core Courses	Project Work	B.Tech. project or UG project or UG major project or Project Stage I & II
8		Industrial training/ Mini- project	Industrial training/ Summer Internship/ Industrial Oriented Mini-project/ Mini-project
9		Seminar	Seminar/ Colloquium based on core contents related to parent discipline/ department/ branch of Engineering.
10	Minor courses	-	1 or 2 Credit courses (subset of HS)
11	Mandatory Courses (MC)	-	Mandatory courses (non-credit)

#### 4.0 Course registration

- 4.1** A ‘faculty mentor’ shall be assigned to a group of 20 students, who will advise the students about the under graduate program, its course structure and curriculum, choice/option for subjects/ courses, based on their competence, progress, pre-requisites and interest.
- 4.2** The academic section of the college invites ‘registration forms’ from students before the beginning of the semester through ‘on-line registration’, ensuring ‘date and time stamping’. The on-line 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 **on-line** registration, **only after** obtaining the ‘**written approval**’ from faculty advisor/counselor, which should be submitted to the college academic section through the Head of the Department. A copy of it shall be retained with Head of the Department, faculty advisor/ counselor and the student.
- 4.4** A student may be permitted to register for all the subjects/ courses in a semester as specified in the course structure with maximum additional subject(s)/course(s) limited to 4 credits, based on **progress** and SGPA/ CGPA, and completion of the ‘**pre-requisites**’ as indicated for various subjects/ courses, in the department course structure and syllabus contents.
- 4.5** Choice for ‘**additional subjects/ courses**’ must be clearly indicated, which needs the specific approval and signature of the faculty advisor/ counselor.
- 4.6** If the student submits ambiguous choices or multiple options or erroneous entries during **on-line** 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.

- 4.7** Subject/ course options exercised through **on-line** registration are final and **cannot** be changed or inter-changed; further, alternate choices also will not be considered. However, if the subject/ course that has already been listed for registration by the Head of the 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). Such alternate arrangements will be made by the head of the department, with due notification and time-framed schedule, within the **first week** after the commencement of class-work for that semester.
- 4.8** Dropping of subjects/ courses may be permitted, only after obtaining prior approval from the faculty advisor/ counselor ‘within a period of 15 days’ from the beginning of the current semester.
- 4.9** **Open electives:** The students have to choose three open electives (OE-I, II & III) from the list of open electives given. However, the student cannot opt for an open elective subject offered by his own (parent) department, if it is already listed under any category of the subjects offered by parent department in any semester.
- 4.10** **Professional electives:** The students have to choose six professional electives (PE-I to VI) from the list of professional electives given.
- 5.0** **Subjects/ courses to be offered**
- 5.1** A typical section (or class) strength for each semester shall be 60.
- 5.2** A subject/ course may be offered to the students, **only if** a minimum of 20 students (1/3 of the section strength) opt for it. The maximum strength of a section is limited to 80 (60 + 1/3 of the section strength).
- 5.3** More than **one faculty member** may offer the **same subject** (lab/ practical may be included with the corresponding theory subject in the same semester) in any semester. However, selection of choice for students will be based on - ‘**first come first serve** basis and CGPA criterion’ (i.e. the first focus shall be on early **on-line entry** from the student for registration in that semester, and the second focus, if needed, will be on CGPA of the student).
- 5.4** If more entries for registration of a subject come into picture, then the Head of the Department concerned shall decide, whether or not to offer such a subject/ course for **two (or multiple) sections**.
- 5.5** In case of options coming from students of other departments/ branches/ disciplines (not considering **open electives**), first **priority** shall be given to the student of the ‘**parent department**’.



## **6.0 Attendance requirements:**

- 6.1** A student shall be eligible to appear for the semester end examinations, if the student acquires a minimum of 75% of attendance in aggregate of all the subjects/ courses (excluding attendance in mandatory courses like Environmental Science, Constitution of India, Intellectual Property Rights, and Gender Sensitization lab) for that semester. Two periods of attendance for each theory subject shall be considered, if the student appears for the mid-term examination of that subject.
- 6.2** Shortage of attendance in aggregate up to 10% (65% and above, and below 75%) in each semester may be condoned by the college academic committee on genuine and valid grounds, based on the student's representation with supporting evidence.
- 6.3** A stipulated fee shall be payable for condoning of shortage of attendance.
- 6.4** Shortage of attendance below 65% in aggregate shall in **no** case be condoned.
- 6.5** **Students whose shortage of attendance is not condoned in any semester are not eligible to take their end examinations of that semester. They get detained and their registration for that semester shall stand cancelled. They will not be promoted to the next semester.** They may seek re-registration for all those subjects registered in that semester, in which the student is detained, by seeking re-admission into that semester as and when offered; if there are any professional electives and/ or open electives, the same may also be re-registered if offered. However, if those electives are not offered in later semesters, then alternate electives may be chosen from the **same** set of elective subjects offered under that category.
- 6.6** A student fulfilling the attendance requirement in the present semester shall not be eligible for readmission into the same class.

## **7.0 Academic requirements**

The following academic requirements have to be satisfied, in addition to the attendance requirements mentioned in item no.6.

- 7.1** A student shall be deemed to have satisfied the academic requirements and earned the credits allotted to each subject/ course, if student secures not less than 35% (25 marks out of 70 marks) in the semester end examination, and a minimum of 40% (40 marks out of 100 marks) in the sum total of the CIE (Continuous Internal Evaluation) and SEE (Semester End Examination) taken together; in terms of letter grades, this implies securing 'C' grade or above in that subject/ course.
- 7.2** A student shall be deemed to have satisfied the academic requirements and earned the credits allotted to Industrial Oriented Mini Project/Summer Internship and seminar, if the student secures not less than 40% marks (i.e. 40 out of 100 allotted marks) in each of them. The student is deemed to have failed, if he (i) does not submit a report on Industrial Oriented Mini Project/Summer Internship, or does not make a presentation of the same

before the evaluation committee as per schedule, or (ii) does not present the seminar as required in the IV year I Semester, or (iii) secures less than 40% marks in Industrial Oriented Mini Project/Summer Internship and seminar evaluations.

A student may reappear once for each of the above evaluations, when they are scheduled again; if the student fails in such 'one reappearance' evaluation also, the student has to reappear for the same in the next subsequent semester, as and when it is scheduled.

### **7.3 Promotion Rules**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Promotion</b>	<b>Conditions to be fulfilled</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>First year first semester to first year second semester</b>	<b>Regular course of study of first year first semester.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>First year second semester to second year first semester</b>	<b>(i) Regular course of study of first year second semester.</b> <b>(ii) Must have secured at least 19 credits out of 38 credits i.e., 50% credits up to first year second semester from all the relevant regular and supplementary examinations, whether the student takes those examinations or not.</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Second year first semester to second year second semester</b>	<b>Regular course of study of second year first semester.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Second year second semester to third year first semester</b>	<b>(i) Regular course of study of second year second semester.</b> <b>(ii) Must have secured at least 48 credits out of 80 credits i.e., 60% credits up to second year second semester from all the relevant regular and supplementary examinations, whether the student takes those examinations or not.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Third year first semester to third year second semester</b>	<b>Regular course of study of third year first semester.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Third year second semester to fourth year first semester</b>	<b>(i) Regular course of study of third year second semester.</b> <b>(ii) Must have secured at least 72 credits out of 122 credits i.e., 60%</b>

		credits up to third year second semester from all the relevant regular and supplementary examinations, whether the student takes those examinations or not.
7	Fourth year first semester to fourth year second semester	Regular course of study of fourth year first semester.

- 7.4** A student (i) shall register for all courses/subjects covering 160 credits as specified and listed in the course structure, (ii) fulfills all the attendance and academic requirements for 160 credits, (iii) earn all 160 credits by securing SGPA  $\geq 5.0$  (in each semester), and CGPA (at the end of each successive semester)  $\geq 5.0$ , (iv) **passes all the mandatory courses**, to successfully complete the under graduate program. The performance of the student in these 160 credits shall be taken into account for the calculation of ‘the final CGPA (at the end of under graduate program), and shall be indicated in the grade card of IV year II semester.
- 7.5** If a student registers for ‘**extra subjects**’ (in the parent department or other departments/branches of Engg.) other than those listed subjects totaling to 160 credits as specified in the course structure of his department, the performances in those ‘**extra subjects**’ (although evaluated and graded using the same procedure as that of the required 160 credits) will not be taken into account while calculating the SGPA and CGPA. For such ‘**extra subjects**’ registered, percentage of marks and letter grade alone will be indicated in the grade card as a performance measure, subject to completion of the attendance and academic requirements as stated in regulations 6 and 7.1 – 7.4 above.
- 7.6** A student eligible to appear in the semester end examination for any subject/ course, but absent from it or failed (thereby failing to secure ‘**C**’ grade or above) may reappear for that subject/ course in the supplementary examination as and when conducted. In such cases, internal marks (CIE) assessed earlier for that subject/ course will be carried over, and added to the marks to be obtained in the SEE supplementary examination for evaluating performance in that subject.
- 7.7** A student **detained in a semester due to shortage of attendance may be re-admitted in the same semester in the next academic year for fulfillment of academic requirements**. The academic regulations under which a student has been readmitted shall be applicable. However, no grade allotments or SGPA/ CGPA calculations will be done for the entire semester in which the student has been detained.
- 7.8** A student **detained due to lack of credits, shall be promoted to the next academic year only after acquiring the required academic credits**. The academic regulations under which the student has been readmitted shall be applicable to him.

## **8.0 Evaluation - Distribution and Weightage of marks**

**8.1** The performance of a student in every subject/course (including practicals and Project Stage – I & II) will be evaluated for 100 marks each, with 30 marks allotted for CIE (Continuous Internal Evaluation) and 70 marks for SEE (Semester End-Examination).

**8.2** For theory subjects, during a semester, there shall be two mid-term examinations. Each mid-term examination consists of one objective paper, one descriptive paper & participatory learning activity. The objective paper and the descriptive paper shall be for 10 marks each with a total duration of 1 hour 20 minutes (20 minutes for objective and 60 minutes for descriptive paper) & 10 marks for participatory learning activity. The objective paper is set with 20 multiple choice, fill-in the blanks and matching type of questions for a total of 10 marks. The descriptive paper shall contain 4 full questions out of which, the student has to answer 2 questions, each carrying 5 marks.

### **Participatory Learning Activity:**

➤ Students can learn the subject by various participatory methods. These methods form the base for internal assessment of the students. Assessment will be done based on quality participation of students in the learning method of respective subject. Teacher and student can mutually decide one of the following methods for assessment:

- Technical presentations
- Group activity
- Modelling
- Micro project
- Participation in professional society activities
- Organising technical activities
- Industrial visit or expert interview report
- Idea presentation/Quiz competition
- Innovative assignment

While the first mid-term examination shall be conducted on 50% of the syllabus, the second mid-term examination shall be conducted on the remaining 50% of the syllabus. The total marks secured by the student in each mid-term examination are evaluated for 30 marks, and the average of the two mid-term examinations shall be taken as the final marks secured by each student in Continuous Internal Evaluation. If any student is absent from any subject of a mid-term examination, re-examination will be conducted for the students with genuine reasons after approval by Head of the respective department and Head of the institution.

**8.2.1** The semester end examinations (SEE) will be conducted for 70 marks consisting of two parts viz. i) **Part- A** for 20 marks, ii) **Part - B** for 50 marks.

- Part-A is a compulsory question consisting of ten sub-questions. The first five sub-questions are from each unit and carry 2 marks each.
  - Part-B consists of five questions carrying 10 marks each. Each of these questions is from one unit and may contain sub-questions. For each question there will be an “either” “or” choice, which means that there will be two questions from each unit and the student should answer either of the two questions.
- 8.2.2** For subjects like **Engineering Graphics/Engineering Drawing**, the SEE shall consist of five questions. For each question there will be an “either” “or” choice, which means that there will be two questions from each unit and the student should answer either of the two questions. There shall be no Part – A, and Part – B system.
- 8.2.3** For subjects like **Machine Drawing Practice/Machine Drawing**, the SEE shall be conducted for 70 marks consisting of two parts viz. (i) Part – A for 30 marks. 3 out of 4 questions must be answered, (ii) Part – B for 40 marks. Part – B is compulsory.
- 8.2.4** For the Subject **Estimation, Costing and Project Management**, the SEE paper should consist of Part- A, Part-B and Part C. (i) Part – A – 1 out of 2 questions from Unit – I for 25 Marks, (ii) Part – B – 1 out of 2 questions from Unit – II for 15 Marks, (iii) Part – C – 3 out of 5 questions from Units – III, IV, V for 30 Marks.
- 8.2.5** For subjects **Structural Engineering – I & II (RCC & STEEL)**, the SEE will be conducted for 70 marks consisting of 2 parts viz. (i) Part – A for 10 marks and, (i) Part – B for 60 marks. Part – A is a compulsory question consisting of ten sub-questions. The first five sub-questions are from each unit relating to design theory and codal provisions and carry 2 marks each. The next five sub-questions are from each unit and carry 1 mark each. Part – B consists of 5 questions (numbered 2 to 6) carrying 12 marks each. Each of these questions is from one unit and may contain sub-questions. For each question there is either or choice, which means that there will be two questions from each unit and the student should answer either of the two questions.
- 8.3** For practical subjects there shall be a continuous internal evaluation during the semester for 30 marks and 70 marks for semester end examination. Out of the 30 marks for internal evaluation, day-to-day work in the laboratory shall be evaluated for 15 marks and internal practical examination shall be evaluated for 15 marks conducted by the laboratory teacher concerned. The semester end examination shall be conducted with an external examiner and the laboratory teacher. The external examiner shall be appointed from the clusters of colleges with autonomous status.
- 8.4** For the subject having design and/or drawing, (such as engineering graphics, engineering drawing, machine drawing, machine drawing practice and estimation), the distribution shall be 30 marks for continuous internal evaluation (15 marks for day-to-day work and 15 marks for internal tests) and 70 marks for semester end examination. There shall be

two internal tests in a semester and the average of the two shall be considered for the award of marks for internal tests.

- 8.5** There shall be an Industrial Oriented Mini Project/Summer Internship, in collaboration with an industry of their specialization. Students will register for this immediately after II year II semester examinations and pursue it during summer vacation. Industrial Oriented Mini Project/Summer Internship shall be submitted in a report form and presented before the committee in III year I semester. Students will register for this immediately after III year II semester examinations and pursue it during summer vacation. Industrial Oriented Mini Project/Summer Internship shall be submitted in a report form and presented before the committee in IV year I semester. It shall be evaluated for 100 external marks. The committee consists of an external examiner, Head of the Department, supervisor of the Industrial Oriented mini project/Summer Internship and a senior faculty member of the department. There shall be no internal marks for Industrial Oriented Mini Project/Summer Internship.
- 8.6** There shall be a seminar presentation in III year II semester. For the seminar, the student shall collect the information on a specialized topic, prepare a technical report, and submit it to the department. It shall be evaluated by the departmental committee consisting of Head of the Department, seminar supervisor and a senior faculty member. The seminar report shall be evaluated for 100 internal marks. There shall be no semester end examination for the seminar.
- 8.7** UG project work shall be carried out in two stages: Project Stage – I during IV Year I Semester, Project Stage – II during IV Year II Semester. Each stage will be evaluated for 100 marks. Student has to submit project work report at the end of each semester. First report includes project work carried out in IV Year I semester and second report includes project work carried out in IV Year I & II Semesters. SEE for both project stages shall be completed before the commencement of SEE Theory examinations.
- 8.8** For Project Stage – I, the departmental committee consisting of Head of the Department, project supervisor and a senior faculty member shall evaluate the project work for 70 marks and project supervisor shall evaluate for 30 marks. The student is deemed to have failed, if he (i) does not submit a report on Project Stage - I or does not make a presentation of the same before the evaluation committee as per schedule, or (ii) secures less than 40% marks in the sum total of the CIE and SEE taken together.
- A student who has failed may reappear once for the above evaluation, when it is scheduled again; if he fails in such ‘one reappearance’ evaluation also, he has to reappear for the same in the next subsequent semester, as and when it is scheduled.
- 8.9** For Project Stage – II, the external examiner shall evaluate the project work for 70marks and the project supervisor shall evaluate it for 30 marks. The topics for industrial oriented mini project, seminar and Project Stage – I shall be different from one another. The

student is deemed to have failed, if he (i) does not submit a report on Project Stage - II, or does not make a presentation of the same before the external examiner as per schedule, or (ii) secures less than 40% marks in the sum total of the CIE and SEE taken together.

For conducting viva-voce of project stage – II, there will be a committee consisting of Head of the department, Project coordinator and external examiner to be nominated by the Principal.

A student who has failed may reappear once for the above evaluation, when it is scheduled again; if student fails in such ‘one reappearance’ evaluation also, he has to reappear for the same in the next subsequent semester, as and when it is scheduled.

**8.10** The laboratory marks and the internal marks awarded by the college are subject to scrutiny and scaling by the academic section of the college, wherever necessary the laboratory records and internal & external test papers shall be preserved in the institute.

**8.11** For mandatory courses of Environmental Science, Constitution of India, Intellectual Property Rights, and Gender Sensitization lab, a student has to secure 40 marks out of 100 marks (i.e. 40% of the marks allotted) in the continuous internal evaluation for passing the subject/course. **These marks should also be uploaded along with the internal marks of other subjects in the college examination portal.**

**8.12** No marks or letter grades shall be allotted for mandatory/non-credit courses. Only Pass/Fail shall be indicated in Grade Card.

## **9.0 Grading procedure**

**9.1** Grades will be awarded to indicate the performance of students in each theory subject, laboratory / practicals, seminar, Industry Oriented Mini Project, and project Stage - I & II. Based on the percentage of marks obtained (Continuous Internal Evaluation plus Semester End Examination, both taken together) as specified in item 8 above, a corresponding letter grade shall be given.

**9.2** As a measure of the performance of a student, a 10-point absolute grading system using the following letter grades (as per UGC/AICTE guidelines) and corresponding percentage of marks shall be followed:

<b>% of Marks Secured in a Subject/Course (Class Intervals)</b>	<b>Letter Grade (UGC Guidelines)</b>	<b>Grade Points</b>
<b>Greater than or equal to 90%</b>	<b>O (Outstanding)</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>80 and less than 90%</b>	<b>A<sup>+</sup> (Excellent)</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>70 and less than 80%</b>	<b>A (Very Good)</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>60 and less than 70%</b>	<b>B<sup>+</sup> (Good)</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>50 and less than 60%</b>	<b>B (Average)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>40 and less than 50%</b>	<b>C (Pass)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Below 40%</b>	<b>F (FAIL)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>0</b>

- 9.3** A student who has obtained an ‘F’ grade in any subject shall be deemed to have ‘**failed**’ and is required to reappear as a ‘supplementary student’ in the semester end examination, as and when offered. In such cases, internal marks in those subjects will remain the same as those obtained earlier.
- 9.4** To a student who has not appeared for an examination in any subject, ‘Ab’ grade will be allocated in that subject, and he is deemed to have ‘**failed**’. A student will be required to reappear as a ‘supplementary student’ in the semester end examination, as and when offered next. In this case also, the internal marks in those subjects will remain the same as those obtained earlier.
- 9.5** A letter grade does not indicate any specific percentage of marks secured by the student, but it indicates only the range of percentage of marks.
- 9.6** A student earns grade point (GP) in each subject/ course, on the basis of the letter grade secured 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**

- 9.7** A student passes the subject/ course only when **GP ≥ 5** (‘C’ grade or above)
- 9.8** The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is calculated by dividing the sum of credit points ( $\Sigma CP$ ) 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

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

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),  $C_i$  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.

- 9.9** The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is a measure of the overall cumulative performance of a student in 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 II semester onwards at the end of each semester as per the formula

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

(i.e., up to 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**’ i.e., from the 1<sup>st</sup> semester onwards up to and inclusive of the 8<sup>th</sup> semester, ‘j’ is the subject indicator index (takes into account all subjects from 1 to 8 semesters),  $C_j$  is the no. of credits allotted to the j<sup>th</sup> subject, and  $G_j$  represents the grade points (GP) corresponding to the letter grade awarded for that j<sup>th</sup> subject. After registration and completion of I year I semester, the SGPA of that semester itself may be taken as the CGPA, as there are no cumulative effects.

#### Illustration of calculation of SGPA:

Course/Subject	Credits	Letter Grade	Grade Points	Credit Points
Course 1	4	A	8	4 x 8 = 32
Course 2	4	O	10	4 x 10 = 40
Course 3	4	C	5	4 x 5 = 20
Course 4	3	B	6	3 x 6 = 18
Course 5	3	A+	9	3 x 9 = 27
Course 6	3	C	5	3 x 5 = 15
	21			152

$$\text{SGPA} = 152/21 = 7.24$$

#### Illustration of calculation of CGPA up to 3<sup>rd</sup> semester:

Semester	Course/Subject Title	Credits Allotted	Letter Grade Secured	Corresponding Grade Point (GP)	Credit Points (CP)
I	Course 1	3	A	8	24
I	Course 2	3	O	10	30
I	Course 3	3	B	6	18
I	Course 4	4	A	8	32
I	Course 5	3	A+	9	27
I	Course 6	4	C	5	20
II	Course 7	4	B	6	24

II	Course 8	4	A	8	32
II	Course 9	3	C	5	15
II	Course 10	3	O	10	30
II	Course 11	3	B+	7	21
II	Course 12	4	B	6	24
II	Course 13	4	A	8	32
II	Course 14	3	O	10	30
III	Course 15	2	A	8	16
III	Course 16	1	C	5	5
III	Course 17	4	O	10	40
III	Course 18	3	B+	7	21
III	Course 19	4	B	6	24
III	Course 20	4	A	8	32
III	Course 21	3	B+	7	21
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>69</b>		<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>518</b>

$$\text{CGPA} = 518/69 = 7.51$$

The above illustrated calculation process of CGPA will be followed for each subsequent semester until 8<sup>th</sup> semester. The CGPA obtained at the end of 8th semester will become the final CGPA secured for entire B.Tech. Program.

**9.10** For merit ranking or comparison purposes or any other listing, **only** the ‘rounded off’ values of the CGPAs will be used.

**9.11** SGPA and CGPA of a semester will be mentioned in the semester Memorandum of Grades if all subjects of that semester are passed in first attempt. Otherwise the SGPA and CGPA shall be mentioned only on the Memorandum of Grades in which sitting he passed his last exam in that semester. However, mandatory courses will not be taken into consideration.

## **10.0 Passing standards**

**10.1** A student shall be declared successful or ‘passed’ in a semester, if he secures a  $GP \geq 5$  (‘C’ grade or above) in every subject/course in that semester (i.e. when the student gets an  $SGPA \geq 5.00$  at the end of that particular semester); and he shall be declared successful or ‘passed’ in the entire under graduate program, only when gets a  $CGPA \geq 5.00$  for the award of the degree as required.

**10.2** After the completion of each semester, a grade card or grade sheet shall be issued to all the registered students of that semester, indicating the letter grades and credits earned. It

will show the details of the courses registered (course code, title, no. of credits, grade earned, etc.), credits earned.

#### **11.0 Declaration of results**

**11.1** Computation of SGPA and CGPA are done using the procedure listed in 9.6 to 9.9.

**11.2** For final percentage of marks equivalent to the computed final CGPA, the following formula may be used.

$$\% \text{ of Marks} = (\text{final CGPA} - 0.5) \times 10$$

#### **12.0 Award of degree**

**12.1** A student who registers for all the specified subjects/ courses as listed in the course structure and secures the required number of 160 credits (with CGPA  $\geq 5.0$ ), within 8 academic years from the date of commencement of the first academic year, shall be declared to have '**qualified**' for the award of B.Tech. degree in the chosen branch of Engineering selected at the time of admission.

**12.2** A student who qualifies for the award of the degree as listed in item 12.1 shall be placed in the following classes.

**12.3** A student with final CGPA (at the end of the under graduate program)  $\geq 8.00$ , and fulfilling the following conditions - shall be placed in '**first class with distinction**'. However, he

- (i) Should have passed all the subjects/courses in '**first appearance**' within the first 4 academic years (or 8 sequential semesters) from the date of commencement of first year first semester.
- (ii) Should have secured a CGPA  $\geq 8.00$ , at the end of each of the 8 sequential semesters, starting from I year I semester onwards.
- (iii) Should not have been detained or prevented from writing the semester end examinations in any semester due to shortage of attendance or any other reason.

A student not fulfilling any of the above conditions with final CGPA  $> 8$  shall be placed in '**first class**'.

**12.4** Students with final CGPA (at the end of the under graduate program)  $\geq 6.50$  but  $< 8.00$  shall be placed in '**first class**'.

**12.5** Students with final CGPA (at the end of the under graduate program)  $\geq 5.50$  but  $< 6.50$ , shall be placed in '**second class**'.

**12.6** All other students who qualify for the award of the degree (as per item 12.1), with final CGPA (at the end of the under graduate program)  $\geq 5.00$  but  $< 5.50$ , shall be placed in 'pass class'.

**12.7** A student with final CGPA (at the end of the under graduate program)  $< 5.00$  will not be eligible for the award of the degree.

**12.8** Students fulfilling the conditions listed under item 12.3 alone will be eligible for award of 'Gold Medal'.

### **13.0 Withholding of results**

**13.1** If the student has not paid the fees to the institute at any stage, or has dues pending due to any reason whatsoever, or if any case of indiscipline is pending, the result of the student may be withheld, and the student will not be allowed to go into the next higher semester. The award or issue of the degree may also be withheld in such cases.

### **14.0 Student transfers**

**14.1** There shall be no branch transfers after the completion of admission process.

**14.2** The students seeking transfer to VBIT from colleges affiliated to JNTUH & from various other Universities/institutions have to pass the failed subjects which are equivalent to the subjects of VBIT, and also pass the subjects of VBIT which the students have not studied at the earlier institution. Further, though the students have passed some of the subjects at the earlier institutions, if the same subjects are prescribed in different semesters of VBIT, the students have to study those subjects in VBIT in spite of the fact that those subjects are repeated.

**14.3** The transferred students from other Universities/institutions to VBIT who are on rolls are to be provided one chance to write the CBT (internal marks) in the equivalent subject(s) as per the clearance letter issued by the University.

### **15.0 Scope**

**15.1** The academic regulations should be read as a whole, for the purpose of any interpretation.

**15.2** In case of any doubt or ambiguity in the interpretation of the above rules, the decision of the Controller of Examinations and Principal is final.

**15.3** Institute may change or amend the academic regulations, course structure or syllabi at any time, and the changes or amendments made shall be applicable to all students with effect from the dates notified by the College Academic Council.

**15.4** Where the words "he", "him", "his", occur in the regulations, they include "she", "her", "hers".

### **Academic Regulations for B.tech. (lateral entry scheme) from the academic year 2019-20**

**1. Eligibility for award of B. Tech. Degree (LES)**

The LES students after securing admission shall pursue a course of study for not less than three academic years and not more than six academic years.

2. The student shall register for 122 credits and secure 122 credits with CGPA  $\geq 5$  from II year to IV year B.Tech. program (LES) for the award of B.Tech. degree.
3. The students, who fail to fulfil the requirement for the award of the degree in six academic years from the year of admission, shall forfeit their seat in B.Tech.
4. The attendance requirements of B. Tech. (Regular) shall be applicable to B.Tech. (LES).

**5. Promotion rule**

S. No	Promotion	Conditions to be fulfilled
1	Second year first semester to second year second semester	Regular course of study of second year first semester.
2	Second year second semester to third year first semester	(i) Regular course of study of second year second semester.  (ii) Must have secured at least 21 credits out of 42 credits i.e., 50% credits up to second year second semester from all the relevant regular and supplementary examinations, whether the student takes those examinations or not.
3	Third year first semester to third year second semester	Regular course of study of third year first semester.
4	Third year second semester to fourth year first semester	(i) Regular course of study of third year second semester.  (ii) Must have secured at least 50 credits out of 84 credits i.e., 60% credits up to third year second semester from all the relevant regular and supplementary examinations, whether the student takes those examinations or not.
5	Fourth year first semester to fourth year second semester	Regular course of study of fourth year first semester.

6. All the other regulations as applicable to B. Tech. 4-year degree course (Regular) will hold good for B. Tech. (Lateral Entry Scheme).

### MALPRACTICES RULES

#### DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR / IMPROPER CONDUCT IN EXAMINATIONS

	Nature of Malpractices/Improper conduct	Punishment
	If the student:	
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 student is appearing but has not made use of (material shall include any marks on the body of the student 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 student orally or by any other body language methods or communicates through cell phones with any student 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 students 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 student is appearing.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the student 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 student is to be cancelled.
3.	Impersonates any other student in connection with the examination.	The student who has impersonated shall be expelled from examination hall. The student is also debarred and forfeits the seat. The

		performance of the original student 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 student is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the student 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 student 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 student is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all examinations. The continuation of the course by the student 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 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 student(s) has (have) already appeared and shall not be permitted to appear for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The students also are debarred

	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.	and forfeit their seats. In case of outsiders, they will be handed over to the police and a police case is registered against them.
7.	Leaves the exam hall taking away answer script or intentionally tears off 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 student 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 student is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all examinations. The continuation of the course by the student is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat.
8.	Possesses 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 student 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 student is also debarred and forfeits the seat.
9.	If student of the college, who is not a student for the particular examination or	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject



	any person not connected with the college indulges in any malpractice or improper conduct mentioned in clause 6 to 8.	and all other subjects the student 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 student is also debarred and forfeits the seat.  Person(s) who do not belong to the college will be handed over to the 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 student has already appeared for 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 student has appeared for 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 institute for further action to award a suitable punishment.	

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