

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS (R20) FOR B. TECH (REGULAR)

Applicable for the students of B.Tech from the Academic Year 2020 – 21 onwards

1. Award of B. Tech. Degree

A student will be declared eligible for the award of B. Tech. degree if he/she fulfills the following:

- Pursues a course of study in not less than four and not more than eight academic years.
- After eight academic years from the year of their admission, he/she shall forfeit their seat in B. Tech course and their admission stands cancelled.
- Registers for 160 credits and must secure all the 160 credits.
- A student shall be eligible for the award of **B.Tech degree with Honors or Minor if he/she earns 20 credits in addition to the 160 credits. A student shall be permitted to register either for Honors or for Minor and not for both simultaneously.**

2. **Courses of Study:** The following courses of study are offered at present as specializations for the B. Tech. Courses

S. No.	Branch	Branch Short Form	Branch Code
1	Civil Engineering	CIV	01
2	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	EEE	02
3	Mechanical Engineering	MEC	03
4	Electronics and Communication Engineering	ECE	04
5	Computer Science and Engineering	CSE	05
6	Information Technology	INF	12
7	CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)	CSM	42
8	CSE (Internet of Things and Cyber Security with Block Chain Technology)	CIC	47
9	CSE (Internet of Things)	CSO	49
10	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	AID	54
11	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	AIM	61

3. **Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction of the entire B. Tech undergraduate programme in Engineering & Technology (including examinations and project reports) will be in English only.
4. **Admissions:** Admission to the B. Tech Programme shall be made subject to the eligibility, qualifications and specialization prescribed by the A.P. State Government/University from time to time. Admissions shall be made either on the basis of the merit rank obtained by the student in the common entrance examination conducted by the A.P. Government/University or on the basis of any other order of merit approved by the A.P. Government/University, subject to reservations as prescribed by the Government/University from time to time.
5. **Structure of the Undergraduate Engineering program:** Every course of B. Tech. Program shall be placed in one of the nine categories as listed in table below:

S.No.	Category	Breakup of Credits
1	Humanities and social science including Management courses	10.5 - 12
2	Basic Science courses	21 - 25
3	Engineering science courses	24
4	Professional core Courses	48 - 51
5	Open Elective Courses	12 - 18
6	Professional Elective Courses	15 - 18
7	Internship, seminar, project wok	15 – 16.5
8	Mandatory courses	NC
9	Skill Oriented Courses	----
Total Credits		160

** Breakup of Credits based on AICTE /APSCHE

Assigning of Credits

- Hr. Lecture (L) per week - 1 credit
- Hr. Tutorial (T) per week - 1 credit
- Hr. Practical (P) per week - 0.5 credits

6. Programme Pattern

- i. Total duration of the of B. Tech (Regular) Programme is four (three for lateral entry) academic years
- ii. Each Academic year of study is divided in to two semesters.
- iii. Minimum number of instruction days in each semester is 90.
- iv. Grade points, based on percentage of marks awarded for each course will form the basis for calculation of SGPA (Semester Grade Point Average) and CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average).
- v. The total credits for the Programme are 160.
- vi. A three-week induction program is mandatory for all first year UG students (Physical activity, Creative Arts, Universal Human Values, Literary, Proficiency Modules, Lectures by Eminent People, Visits to local Areas, Familiarization to Dept./Branch & Innovations etc.,) and shall be conducted as per AICTE/UGC/APSCHE guidelines.
- vii. Student is introduced to “Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)”.
- viii. A pool of interdisciplinary and job-oriented mandatory skill courses which are relevant to the industry are integrated into the curriculum of concerned branch of engineering (total five skill courses: two basic level skill courses, one on soft skills and other two on advanced level skill courses)
- ix. A student has to register for all courses in a semester.
- x. All the registered credits will be considered for the calculation of final CGPA.
- xi. Each semester has - Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) and Semester End Examination (SEE). Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Credit Based Semester System (CBSS) as indicated by UGC and course structure as suggested by AICTE are followed.
- xii. A 10 months industry/field mandatory internship, both industry and social, during the summer vacation and also in the final semester to acquire the skills required for job and make engineering graduates to connect with the needs of the industry and society at large.
- xiii. All students shall be mandatorily registered for NCC/NSS activities. A student will be required to participate in an activity for two hours in a week during second and third semesters. Grade shall be awarded as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory in the mark sheet on the basis of participation, attendance, performance and behavior. If a student gets an unsatisfactory Grade, he/she shall repeat the above activity in the subsequent years, in order to complete the degree requirements.
- xiv. Courses like Environmental Sciences, Human Values, Ethics, Indian Constitution, Essence of Indian Traditional Knowledge etc., shall be included in the curriculum as

non-credit mandatory courses. Environmental Sciences is to be offered compulsorily as mandatory course for all branches. A student has to secure 40% of the marks allotted in the internal evaluation for passing the course. No marks or letter grade shall be allotted for all mandatory non-credit courses.

- xv. College shall assign a faculty advisor/mentor after admission to each student or group of students from same department to provide guidance in courses registration/career growth/placements/opportunities for higher studies / GATE / other competitive exams etc.
- xvi. Departments may swap some of the courses between first and second semesters to balance the work load.
- xvii. The concerned Board of studies can assign tutorial hours to such courses wherever it is necessary, but without change in the total number of credits already assigned for semester.

8. Registration for Courses

- i. The college shall invite registration forms from the students at the beginning of the semester for the registration for courses each semester. The registration process shall be closed within one week. If any student wishes to withdraw the registration, he/she shall submit a letter to the principal through the class teacher/instructor and HOD. The principal shall communicate the registration and withdraw details courses of each student in a consolidated form to the college examination section and University without fail.
- ii. There are four open electives in each branch. All Open Electives are offered to students of all branches in general. A student shall choose an open elective, by consulting the HOD/advisor, from the list in such a manner that he/she has not studied the same course in any form during the Programme. The college shall invite registration forms from the students at the beginning of the semester for offering professional and open elective courses. There shall be a limit on the minimum and maximum number of registrations based on class/section strength.
- iii. A student shall be permitted to pursue up to a maximum of two elective courses under MOOCs during the programme. Students are advised to register for only for minimum 12 weeks in duration MOOCs courses. Student has to pursue and acquire a certificate for a MOOC course only from the SWAY/NPTE through online with the approved by the BoS in order to earn the 3 credits. The Head of the department shall notify the list of such courses at the beginning of the semester. The details of the MOOCs courses registered by the students shall be submitted to the University examination center as well as college examination center. The Head of the Department shall appoint a mentor for each of the MOOC subjects registered by the students to monitor the student's assignment submissions given by SWAYAM/NPTEL. The student needs to submit all the assignments given and needs to take final exam at the proctor center. The student

needs to earn a certificate by passing the exam. The student will be awarded the credits given in curriculum only by submission of the certificate. In case if student does not pass subjects registered through SWAYAM/NPTEL, the same or alternative equivalent subject may be registered again through SWAYAM/NPTEL in the next semester with the recommendation of HOD and shall be passed.

- iv. Two summer internships each with a minimum of six weeks duration shall be mandatorily done/completed respectively at the end of second and third years (during summer vacations). The internship can be done by the students at local industries, Govt. Organizations, construction agencies, Industries, Hydel and thermal power projects and also in software MNCs. After completing the summer internship, the students shall register in the immediate respective odd semester and it will be evaluated at the end of the semester as per norms of the autonomy. The student has to produce the summer internship satisfactory report and certificate taken from the organization to be considered for evaluation. The College shall facilitate and monitor the student internship programs. Completion of internships is mandatory, if any student fails to complete internship, he/she will not be eligible for the award of degree. In such cases, the student shall repeat and complete the internship.
- v. In the final semester, the student should mandatorily register and undergo internship and in parallel he/she should work on a project with well-defined objectives. At the end of the semester the candidate shall submit an internship completion certificate and a project report. A student shall also be permitted to submit project report on the work carried out during the internship. The project report shall be evaluated with an external examiner.
- vi. Curricular Framework for Skill oriented courses
 - a. There are five (05) skill-oriented courses shall be offered during III to VII semesters and students must register and pass the courses successfully.
 - b. For skill oriented/skill advanced course, one theory and 2 practical hours (1-0-2) or two theory hours (2-0-0) may be allotted as per the decision of concerned BOS.
 - c. Out of the five skill courses; (i) two shall be skill-oriented courses from the same domain and shall be completed in second year (ii) Of the remaining 3 skill courses, one shall be necessarily be a soft skill course and the remaining two shall be skill-advanced courses either from the same domain or job-oriented skill courses, which can be of inter disciplinary nature.
 - d. Students may register the interdisciplinary job-oriented skill courses based on the prerequisites and eligibility in consultation with HoD of the college.
 - e. The student shall be given an option to choose either the skill courses being offered by the college or to choose a certificate course being offered by industries/Professional bodies/APSSDC or any other accredited bodies. However, the department has to assign mentors in the college to monitor the performance of the students.

- f. If a student chooses to take a certificate course offered by industries/Professional bodies/APSSDC or any other accredited bodies, in lieu of the skill advanced course offered by the department, then the department shall mark overall attendance of the student for the remaining courses in that semester excluding the skill course in all the calculations of mandatory attendance requirements upon producing a valid certificate. However, the student is deemed to have fulfilled the attendance requirement of the course, if the external agency issues a certificate with satisfactory condition. If the certificate issued by external agency is marked with unsatisfactory condition, then the student shall repeat the course either in the college or at external agency. The credits will be awarded to the student upon producing the successful course completion certificate from the agency/professional bodies and after passing in the viva-voce examination conducted at college as per BoS norms at the end of the semester.

9. Attendance Requirements:

- i. A student is eligible to write the semester-end examinations if he acquires a minimum of 40% in each subject and 75% of attendance in aggregate of all the subjects.
- ii. Shortage of Attendance below 65% in aggregate shall in NO case be condoned. Students whose shortage of attendance is not condoned in any semester are not eligible to take their end semester examination of that class and their registration shall stand cancelled.
- iii. Condonation for shortage of attendance in aggregate up to 10% (65% and above and below 75%) in each semester may be granted by the College Academic Committee.
- iv. A student will not be promoted to the next semester unless he satisfies the attendance requirements of the present semester, as applicable. They may seek readmission for that semester when offered next.
- v. A student will be promoted to the next semester if he satisfies the(a) attendance requirement of the present semester and (b) minimum required credits (from Vth Semester onwards).
- vi. If any candidate fulfills the attendance requirement in the present semester, he shall not be eligible for readmission into the same class.
- vii. For induction programme attendance shall be maintained as per AICTE norms.
- viii. For non-credit mandatory courses the students shall maintain the attendance similar to credit courses.

10. Evaluation-Distribution and Weightage of marks

Paper setting and evaluation of the answer scripts shall be done as per the procedures laid down by the Academic Council of the institute from time to time.

- i. A student is deemed to have satisfied the minimum academic requirements if he/she has earned the credits allotted to each theory/practical design/drawing subject/ project etc. by securing not less than 35% of marks in the end semester exam and minimum

40% of marks in the total of the internal marks and end semester examination marks together.

- ii. For non-credit mandatory courses, like Environmental Sciences, Universal Human Values, Ethics, Indian Constitution, Essence of Indian Traditional Knowledge, the student has to secure 40% of the marks allotted in the internal evaluation for passing the course. No marks or letter grade shall be allotted for all mandatory non-credit courses.
- iii. **Distribution and Weightage of marks:** The assessment of the student's performance in each course will be based on Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) and Semester-End Examination (SEE). The performance of a student in each semester shall be evaluated subject-wise with a maximum of 100 marks for theory subject, 50 marks for practical subject/Mini Project/Internship/Industrial Training/ Skill Development programmes/Research Project, and 200 marks for end Project Work.
- iv. **Guide lines for Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE)**
 - a. For theory subjects, during a semester, there shall be two mid-term examinations. Each mid-term examination consists of (i) one online objective examination (ii) one descriptive examination (iii) one assignment and (iv) one Subject Seminar. The online examination (objective) shall be 10 marks with duration of 20 minutes, descriptive examination shall be for 10 marks with a duration of 1 hour 30 minutes, assignment test shall be 5 marks with duration of 50 minutes (Open book system with questions of L4 standard on Bloom's scale) and Subject Seminar 5 marks.
 - b. The first online examination (objective) is set with 20 multiple choice questions for 10 marks (20 questions x 1/2 marks) from first two and half units (50% of the syllabus).
 - c. The descriptive examination is set with 3 full questions for 10 marks each from first two and half units (50% of the syllabus), the student has to answer all questions.
 - d. The Assignment Test from first two and half units conducted for 20 Marks and will be scaled down to 5 Marks. The test is open book system and the duration of the exam is 50 minutes. Students can bring a maximum of three printed text books related to that subject. (Soft copies of the text books will not be allowed.) The assignments have to provide broadened exposure to the course. The questions shall include problem solving approach, problem analysis & design, implementation, case studies etc.
 - e. For the subject seminar 5 marks, each student shall be evaluated based on the presentation on any topic of his/her choice in the subject duly approved by the faculty member concerned.
 - f. For the subject having design and / or drawing (such as Engineering Graphics, Engineering Drawing, Machine Drawing) and estimation, the distribution shall be 30 marks for internal evaluation (15 marks for continuous Assessment (day-to-day

work) and 15 marks for internal tests).

In the similar lines, the mid-2 examinations shall be conducted on the rest of the syllabus.

- f. For practical subjects there shall be continuous evaluation during the semester for 15 marks. The internal 15 marks shall be awarded as follows: day to day work 5 marks, record 5 marks and the remaining 5 marks are to be awarded by conducting an internal laboratory test of 3 hours duration.
- g. The mid marks submitted to the examination section shall be displayed in the concerned department notice boards for the benefit of the students. If any discrepancy found in the displayed Mid marks, it shall be brought to the notice of examination section within two working days from the date of display.
- h. Internal marks can be calculated with 80% weightage for better of the two mid exams and 20% Weightage for another mid exam.

Example:

Mid-1 marks = Marks secured in (online examination-1+descriptive examination-1 +one assignment-1 + Seminar-1)

Mid-2 marks = Marks secured in (online examination-2+descriptive examination-2 +one assignment-2 + Seminar-2)

Final internal Marks = (Best of (Mid-1/Mid-2) marks x 0.8 + Least of (Mid-1/Mid-2) marks x 0.2)

v. **Semester End Examinations Evaluation:**

- a. The semester end examinations for theory subjects will be conducted autonomous examination section for 70 marks consists of five questions carrying 14 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.
- b. For practical subjects shall be conducted for 35 marks by the teacher concerned and external examiner appointed by Chief superintendent/ Controller of Examinations (CoE), VVIT. All the laboratory records and internal test papers shall be preserved in respective departments as per autonomous norms and shall be produced to the Committees as and when they ask for.
- c. Evaluation of the summer internships: It shall be completed in collaboration with local industries, Govt. Organizations, construction agencies, Industries, Hydel and thermal power projects and also in software MNCs in the area of concerned specialization of the UG programme. Students shall pursue this internship during summer vacation just before its offering as per course structure. The minimum

- duration of this course shall be at least 6 weeks. The student shall register for the internship as per course structure after commencement of academic year. A supervisor/mentor/advisor has to be allotted to guide the students for taking up the summer internship. The supervisor shall monitor the attendance of the students while taking up the internship. Attendance requirements are as per the norms of the academic regulations. After successful completion, students shall submit a summer internship technical report to the concerned department and appear for an oral presentation before the departmental committee consists of an external examiner appointed by Chief superintendent/ CoE; Head of the Department, supervisor of the internship and a senior faculty member of the department. A certificate from industry/skill development center shall be included in the report. The report and the oral presentation shall carry 40% and 60% weightages respectively. It shall be evaluated for 50 external marks at the end of the semester. There shall be no internal marks for Summer Internship. A student shall secure minimum 40% of marks for successful completion. In case, if a student fails, he/she shall reappear as and when semester supplementary examinations are conducted by the examination section.
- d. The job-oriented skill courses may be registered at the college or at any accredited external agency. A student shall submit a record/report on the on the list skills learned. If the student completes job-oriented skill course at external agency, a certificate from the agency shall be included in the report. The course will be evaluated at the end of the semester for 50 marks (record: 15 marks and viva-voce: 35 marks) along with laboratory end examinations in the presence of external (appointed by the Chief superintendent/ CoE) and internal examiner (course instructor or mentor). There are no internal marks for the job-oriented skill courses.
 - e. Mandatory Course (M.C): Environmental Sciences, Universal Human Values, Ethics, Indian Constitution, Essence of Indian Traditional Knowledge etc. non-credit (zero credits) mandatory courses. Environmental Sciences shall be offered compulsorily as mandatory course for all branches. A minimum of 75% attendance is mandatory in these subjects. There shall be an external examination for 70 marks and it shall be conducted by the department internally. Two internal examinations shall be conducted for 30 marks and a student has to secure at least 40% of the marks for passing the course. There is no online internal exam for mandatory courses. No marks or letter grade shall be printed in the transcripts for all mandatory non-credit courses, but only Completed (Y)/Not-completed (N) will be specified.
 - f. Procedure for Conduct and Evaluation of MOOC: There shall be a Discipline Centric Elective Course through Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) as Program Elective course. The student shall register for the course (Minimum of 12 weeks) offered by SWAYAM/NPTEL/etc., through online with the approval of Head of the Department. The Head of the Department shall appoint one mentor for each of the MOOC subjects offered. The student needs to register the course in the

SWAYAM/NPTEL portal. During the course, the mentor monitors the student's assignment submissions given by SWAYAM/NPTEL. The student needs to submit all the assignments given and needs to take final exam at the proctor center. The student needs to earn a certificate by passing the exam. The student will be awarded the credits given in curriculum only by submission of the certificate. In case if student does not pass subjects registered through SWAYAM/NPTEL, the same or alternative equivalent subject may be registered again through SWAYAM/NPTEL in the next semester with the recommendation of HOD and shall be passed.

- g. Major Project (Project - Project work, seminar and internship in industry): In the final semester, the student should mandatorily register and undergo internship and in parallel he/she should work on a project with well-defined objectives. At the end of the semester the candidate shall submit an internship completion certificate and a project report. A student shall also be permitted to submit project report on the work carried out during the internship. The project report shall be evaluated with an external examiner. Evaluation: The total marks for project work 200 marks and distribution shall be 60 marks for internal and 140 marks for external evaluation. The supervisor assesses the student for 30 marks (Report: 15 marks, Seminar: 15 marks). At the end of the semester, all projects shall be showcased at the department for the benefit of all students and staff and the same is to be evaluated by the departmental Project Review Committee consisting of supervisor, a senior faculty and HOD for 30 marks. The external evaluation of Project Work is a Viva-Voce Examination conducted in the presence of internal examiner and external examiner appointed by the Chief superintendent/ CoE and is evaluated for 140 marks.
- vi. Recounting/ Revaluation/ Revaluation by Challenge in the End Semester Examination: A student can request for recounting/ revaluation/ revaluation by challenge of his/her answer book on payment of a prescribed fee as per autonomous norms.
- vii. Supplementary Examinations: A student who has failed to secure the required credits can appear for a supplementary examination, as per the schedule announced by the examination section.
- viii. Malpractices in Examinations: Disciplinary action shall be taken in case of malpractices during Mid/End examinations as per the rules framed by the academic council.
- ix. If the student is involved in indiscipline/malpractices/court cases, the result of the student will be withheld.

11. Promotion Rules:

- i. A student shall be promoted from first year to second year if he fulfills the minimum attendance requirements.
- ii. A student will be promoted from II year to III year if he fulfills the academic requirement of 40% of credits up to either II year I-Semester or II year II-Semester

from all the examinations, whether or not the candidate takes the examinations and secures prescribed minimum attendance in II year II semester.

- iii. A student shall be promoted from III year to IV year if he fulfills the academic requirements of 40% of the credits up to either III year I semester or III year II semester from all the examinations, whether or not the candidate takes the examinations and secures prescribed minimum attendance in III year II semester.

12. Course Pattern

- i. The entire course of study is for four academic years; all years are on semester pattern.
- ii. A student eligible to appear for the end semester examination in a subject, but absent from it or has failed in the end semester examination, may write the exam in that subject when conducted next.
- iii. When a student is detained for lack of credits/shortage of attendance, he may be re-admitted into the same semester/year in which he has been detained. However, the academic regulations under which he was first admitted shall continue to be applicable to him.

13. Grading:

The grade points and letter grade will be awarded to each course based on students' performance as per the grading system shown in the following Table.

% of Marks	Letter Grade	Level	Grade Points
≥ 90	A+	Outstanding	10
80 to 89	A	Excellent	9
70 to 79	B	Very Good	8
60 to 69	C	Good	7
50 to 59	D	Fair	6
40 to 49	E	Satisfactory	5
<40	F	Fail	0
ABSENT	Ab	Absent	0

14. Computation of SGPA and CGPA

- i. The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is the ratio of sum of the product of the number of credits with the grade points scored by a student in all the courses taken by a student and the sum of the number of credits of all the courses undergone by a student, i.e.

$$SGPA(S_i) = \frac{\sum (C_i \times G_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

where, C_i is the number of credits of the i^{th} subject and G_i is the grade point scored by the student in the i^{th} course

- ii. The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be computed in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a program, i.e.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum (C_i \times S_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

where ' S_i ' is the SGPA of the i^{th} semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester

- iii. Both SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcripts.
- iv. While computing the SGPA/CGPA, the subjects in which the student is awarded Zero grade points will also be included.
- v. Grade Point: It is a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale.
- vi. Letter Grade: It is an index of the performance of students in a said course. Grades are denoted by letters A+, A, B, C, D, E and F.
- vii. As per AICTE regulations, conversion of CGPA into equivalent percentage as follows:
Equivalent Percentage = $(\text{CGPA} - 0.75) \times 10$

- viii. Illustration of Computation of SGPA and CGPA

Illustration for SGPA: Let us assume there are 6 subjects in a semester. The grades obtained as follows:

Course	Credit	Grade Obtained	Grade point	Credit x Grade Point
Subject 1	3	B	8	3 X 8 = 24
Subject 2	4	C	7	4 X 7 = 28
Subject 3	3	D	6	3 X 6 = 18
Subject 4	3	A+	10	3 X 10 = 30
Subject 5	3	E	5	3 X 5 = 15
Subject 6	4	D	6	4 X 6 = 24
	20			139

Thus, SGPA (S_i) = $139/20 = 6.95 = 6.9$ (approx.)

Illustration for CGPA:

	Sem-1	Sem-2	Sem-3	Sem-4	Sem-5	Sem-6	Sem-7	Sem-8
Credits	20	22	25	26	26	25	21	23
SGPA	6.9	7.8	5.6	6.0	6.3	8.0	6.4	7.5

CGPA

$$= \frac{20 \times 6.9 + 22 \times 7.8 + 25 \times 5.6 + 26 \times 6.0 + 26 \times 6.3 + 25 \times 8.0 + 21 \times 6.4 + 23 \times 7.5}{188}$$

$$= \frac{1276.3}{188} = 6.78$$

15. Award of Class:

After a student has satisfied the requirements prescribed for the completion of the program and is eligible for the award of B. Tech. degree, he/she shall be placed in one of the following:

Class Awarded	CGPA to be secured
First Class with distinction*	≥ 7.5
First Class	≥ 6.5 & < 7.5
Second Class	≥ 5.5 & < 6.5
Pass Class	≥ 4 & < 5.5
Fail	< 4

* Awarded only if all the credit courses prescribed are cleared within four years for regular candidates and three years for lateral entry candidates

The students who are approved for break in study for entrepreneurship / startups will also be considered for award of first class with distinction

For the purpose of awarding First, Second and Pass Class, CGPA obtained in the examinations appeared within the maximum period allowed for the completion of the program shall be considered

16. Gap - Year:

Gap Year – concept of Student Entrepreneur in Residence shall be introduced and outstanding students who wish to pursue entrepreneurship are allowed to take a break of one year at any time after I year/II year/III year to pursue entrepreneurship full time. This period shall be counted for the maximum time for graduation. An evaluation committee at university level shall be constituted to evaluate the proposal submitted by the student and the committee shall decide on permitting the student for availing the Gap Year.

17. Transitory Regulations

A candidate, who is detained or discontinued a semester, on re-admission shall be required to pass all the courses in the curriculum prescribed for such batch of students in which the student joins subsequently and the academic regulations be applicable to him/her which are in force at the time of his/her admission. However, exemption will be given to those candidates who have already passed in such courses in the earlier semester(s) and additional courses are to be studied as approved by Board of Studies and ratified by Academic Council.

18. Curricular Framework for Honors Programme

- i. Students of a Department/Discipline are eligible to opt for Honors Programme offered by the same Department/Discipline.
- ii. A student shall be permitted to register for Honors program at the beginning of 4th semester provided that the student must have acquired a minimum of 8.0 SGPA up to the end of 2nd semester without any backlogs. In case of the declaration of the 3rd semester results after the commencement of the 4th semester and if a student fails to score the required minimum of 8 SGPA, his/her registration for Honors Programme stands cancelled and he/she shall continue with the regular Programme.
- iii. Students can select the additional and advanced courses from their respective branch in which they are pursuing the degree and get an honors degree in the same. e.g. If a Mechanical Engineering student completes the selected advanced courses from same branch under this scheme, he/she will be awarded B.Tech. (Honors) in Mechanical Engineering.
- iv. In addition to fulfilling all the requisites of a Regular B.Tech Programme, a student shall earn 20 additional credits to be eligible for the award of B. Tech (Honors) degree. This is in addition to the credits essential for obtaining the Under Graduate Degree in Major Discipline (i.e., 160 credits).
- v. Of the 20 additional Credits to be acquired, 16 credits shall be earned by undergoing specified courses listed as pools, with four courses, each carrying 4 credits. The remaining 4 credits must be acquired through two MOOCs, which shall be domain specific, each with 2 credits and with a minimum duration of 8/12 weeks as recommended by the Board of studies.
- vi. It is the responsibility of the student to acquire/complete prerequisite before taking the respective course. The courses offered in each pool shall be domain specific courses and advanced courses.
- vii. The concerned BoS shall decide on the minimum enrolments for offering Honors program by the department. If minimum enrolments criteria are not met then the students shall be permitted to register for the equivalent MOOC courses as approved by the concerned Head of the department in consultation with BoS.

- viii. Each pool can have theory as well as laboratory courses. If a course comes with a lab component, that component has to be cleared separately. The concerned BoS shall explore the possibility of introducing virtual labs for such courses with lab component.
- ix. MOOC courses must be of minimum 8 weeks in duration. Attendance will not be monitored for MOOC courses. Students have to acquire a certificate from the agencies approved by the BOS with grading or marks or pass/fail in order to earn 4 credits. If the MOOC course is a pass/fail course without any grades, the grade to be assigned will be as decided by the university/academic council.
- x. The concerned BoS shall also consider courses listed under professional electives of the respective B. Tech programs for the requirements of B. Tech (Honors). However, a student shall be permitted to choose only those courses that he/she has not studied in any form during the Programme.
- xi. If a student drops or is terminated from the Honors program, the additional credits so far earned cannot be converted into free or core electives; they will remain extra. These additional courses will find mention in the transcript (but not in the degree certificate). In such cases, the student may choose between the actual grade or a “pass (P)” grade and also choose to omit the mention of the course as for the following: All the courses done under the dropped Minors will be shown in the transcript. None of the courses done under the dropped Minor will be shown in the transcript.
- xii. In case a student fails to meet the CGPA requirement for Degree with Honors at any point after registration, he/she will be dropped from the list of students eligible for Degree with Honors and they will receive regular B.Tech degree only. However, such students will receive a separate grade sheet mentioning the additional courses completed by them.
- xiii. Honors must be completed simultaneously with a major degree program. A student cannot earn Honors after he/she has already earned bachelor’s degree.

19. Curricular Framework for Minor Programme

- i. Students who are desirous of pursuing their special interest areas other than the chosen discipline of Engineering may opt for additional courses in minor specialization groups offered by a department other than their parent department. For example, If Mechanical Engineering student selects subjects from Civil Engineering under this scheme, he/she will get Major degree of Mechanical Engineering with minor degree of Civil Engineering
- ii. Student can also opt for Industry relevant tracks of any branch to obtain the Minor Degree, for example, a B.Tech Mechanical student can opt for the industry relevant tracks like Data Mining track, IOT track, Machine learning track etc.
- iii. The BOS concerned shall identify as many tracks as possible in the areas of emerging technologies and industrial relevance / demand. For example, the minor tracks can be

the fundamental courses in CSE, ECE, EEE, CE, ME etc., or industry tracks such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Data Science (DS), Robotics, Electric vehicles, Robotics, VLSI etc.

- iv. The list of disciplines/branches eligible to opt for a particular industry relevant minor specialization shall be clearly mentioned by the respective BoS.
- v. There shall be no limit on the number of programs offered under Minor. The college can offer minor programs in emerging technologies based on expertise in the respective departments or can explore the possibility of collaborating with the relevant industries/agencies in offering the program.
- vi. The concerned BoS shall decide on the minimum enrolments for offering Minor program by the department. If a minimum enrolments criterion is not met, then the students may be permitted to register for the equivalent MOOC courses as approved by the concerned Head of the department in consultation with BoS.
- vii. A student shall be permitted to register for Minors program at the beginning of 4th semester subject to a maximum of two additional courses per semester, provided that the student must have acquired 8 SGPA (Semester Grade point average) up to the end of 2nd semester without any history of backlogs. It is expected that the 3rd semester results may be announced after the commencement of the 4th semester. If a student fails to acquire 8 SGPA up to 3rd semester or failed in any of the courses, his registration for Minors program shall stand cancelled. An SGPA of 8 has to be maintained in the subsequent semesters without any backlog in order to keep the Minors registration active.
- viii. A student shall earn additional 20 credits in the specified area to be eligible for the award of B. Tech degree with Minor. This is in addition to the credits essential for obtaining the Under Graduate Degree in Major Discipline (i.e., 160 credits).
- ix. Out of the 20 Credits, 16 credits shall be earned by undergoing specified courses listed by the concerned BoS along with prerequisites. It is the responsibility of the student to acquire/complete prerequisite before taking the respective course. If a course comes with a lab component, that component has to be cleared separately. A student shall be permitted to choose only those courses that he/she has not studied in any form during the Programme.
- x. In addition to the 16 credits, students must pursue at least 2 courses through MOOCs. The courses must be of minimum 8 weeks in duration. Attendance will not be monitored for MOOC courses. Student has to acquire a certificate from the agencies approved by the BOS with grading or marks or pass/fail in order to earn 4 credits. If the MOOC course is a pass/fail course without any grades, the grade to be assigned as decided by the University/academic council.
- xi. Student can opt for the industry relevant minor specialization as approved by the concerned departmental BoS. Student can opt the courses from Skill Development

Corporation (APSSDC) or can opt the courses from an external agency recommended and approved by concerned BOS and should produce course completion certificate. The Board of studies of the concerned discipline of Engineering shall review such courses being offered by eligible external agencies and prepare a fresh list every year incorporating latest skills based on industrial demand.

- xii. A committee should be formed at the level of college / department to evaluate the grades/marks given by external agencies to a student which are approved by concerned BoS. Upon completion of courses the departmental committee should convert the obtained grades/marks to the maximum marks assigned to that course. The controller of examinations can take a decision on such conversions and may give appropriate grades.
- xiii. If a student drops (or terminated) from the Minor program, they cannot convert the earned credits into free or core electives; they will remain extra. These additional courses will find mention in the transcript (but not in the degree certificate). In such cases, the student may choose between the actual grade or a “pass (P)” grade and also choose to omit the mention of the course as for the following: All the courses done under the dropped Minors will be shown in the transcript or None of the courses done under the dropped Minor will be shown in the transcript.
- xiv. In case a student fails to meet the CGPA requirement for B.Tech degree with Minor at any point after registration, he/she will be dropped from the list of students eligible for degree with Minors and they will receive B. Tech degree only. However, such students will receive a separate grade sheet mentioning the additional courses completed by them.
- xv. Minor must be completed simultaneously with a major degree program. A student cannot earn the Minor after he/she has already earned bachelor’s degree.

20. Industrial Collaborations (Case Study)

Institution-Industry linkages refer to the interaction between firms and universities or public research centers with the goal of solving technical problems, working on R&D, innovation projects and gathering scientific as well as technological knowledge. It involves the collaboration of Industries and Universities in various areas that would foster the research ecosystem in the country and enhance growth of economy, industry and society at large.

The Institutions are permitted to design any number of Industry oriented minor tracks as the respective BoS feels necessary. In this process the Institutions can plan to have industrial collaborations in designing the minor tracks and to develop the content and certificate programs. Industry giants such as IBM, TCS, WIPRO etc., may be contacted to develop such collaborations. The Institutions shall also explore the possibilities of collaborations with major industries in the core sectors and professional bodies to create specialized domain skills.

21. **Amendments to Regulations:** The college may from time-to-time revise, amend or change the Regulations, Curriculum, Syllabus and Scheme of examinations through the Board of Studies with the approval of Academic Council and Governing Body of the college.
22. **Transferred Students:** The students seeking transfer to VVIT from various Universities/ Institutions have to obtain the credits of any equivalent subjects as prescribed by the Academic Council. Only the internal marks obtained in the previous institution will be considered for evaluation of failed subjects.

**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS (R20) FOR B. TECH.
(LATERAL ENTRY SCHEME)**

Applicable for the students admitted into II-year B. Tech. from the Academic Year 2021-22 onwards

- 1. Award of B. Tech. Degree:** A student will be declared eligible for the award of B. Tech. Degree if he fulfills the following academic regulations:

- A student shall be declared eligible for the award of the B. Tech Degree, if he pursues a course of study in not less than three academic years and not more than six academic years.
- The candidate shall register for 121 credits and secure all the 121 credits.
- A student shall be eligible for the award of B.Tech degree with Honors or Minor if he/she earns 20 credits in addition to the 121 credits. A student shall be permitted to register either for Honors or for Minor and not for both simultaneously.

- 2.** The attendance regulations of B. Tech. (Regular) shall be applicable to B.Tech Lateral Entry Students.

3. Promotion Rule

- A student shall be promoted from second year to third year if he fulfills the minimum attendance requirement.
- A student shall be promoted from III year to IV year if he fulfills the academic requirements of 40% of the credits up to either III year I semester or III year II semester from all the examinations, whether or not the candidate takes the examinations and secures prescribed minimum attendance in III year II semester.

4. Award of Class

After a student has satisfied the requirement prescribed for the completion of the program and is eligible for the award of B. Tech. Degree, he shall be placed in one of the following four classes:

Class Awarded	CGPA to be secured
First Class with distinction*	≥ 7.5
First Class	≥ 6.5 & < 7.5
Second Class	≥ 5.5 & < 6.5
Pass Class	≥ 4 & < 5.5
Fail	< 4

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

MALPRACTICE RULES**DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR IMPROPER CONDUCT IN EXAMINATIONS**

S.No.	Nature of Malpractices/Improper conduct	Punishment
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 he is appearing but has not made use of (material shall include any marks on the body of the candidate 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 candidate orally or by any other body language methods or communicates through cell phones with any candidate 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 candidates 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 candidate is appearing.	Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate 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 candidate is to be cancelled and sent to the University.
3.	Impersonates any other candidate in connection with the examination.	The candidate who has impersonated shall be expelled from examination hall. The candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat. The

		performance of the original candidate who has been impersonated, shall be cancelled in all the subjects of the examination (including practical and project work) already appeared and shall not be allowed to appear for examinations of the remaining subjects of that semester/year. The candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate 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 candidate 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 candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate 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	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 candidate(s) has (have) already appeared and shall not be permitted to appear for the remaining examinations of the subjects of that semester/year. The candidates also are

	<p>person on duty 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.</p>	<p>debarred and forfeit their seats. In case of outsiders, they will be handed over to the police and a police case is registered against them.</p>
7.	<p>Leaves the exam hall taking away answer script or intentionally tears of the script or any part thereof inside or outside the examination hall.</p>	<p>Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of performance in that subject and all the other subjects the candidate 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 candidate is also debarred for two consecutive semesters from class work and all University examinations. The continuation of the course by the candidate is subject to the academic regulations in connection with forfeiture of seat.</p>
8.	<p>Possess any lethal weapon or firearm in the examination hall.</p>	<p>Expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate 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 candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat.</p>






9.	If student of the college, who is not a candidate for the particular examination or any person not connected with the college indulges in any malpractice or improper conduct mentioned in clause 6 to 8.	Student of the college expulsion from the examination hall and cancellation of the performance in that subject and all other subjects the candidate 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 candidate is also debarred and forfeits the seat. Person(s) who do not belong to the College will be handed over to 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 candidate 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.
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 candidate has appeared 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 University for further action to award suitable punishment.	

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3. Ragging invokes suspension and dismissal from the College.
4. Outsiders are prohibited from entering the College and Hostel without permission.
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6. All the students must carry their Identity Cards and show them when demanded
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