REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE
INTEGRATED M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMMES
UNDER CHOICE BASED CREDIT AND SEMESTER SYSTEM (CBCSS) FOR AFFILIATED COLLEGES

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
(w.e.f. 2021 Admissions)

I Title

These Regulations shall be called 'The University of Kerala Regulations for Integrated M.A Degree Programmes under the Choice Based Credit and Semester System (CBCSS) in Affiliated Colleges', 2021

II Commencement

These regulations shall come into force with effect from the Academic Year 2021-2022.

III Course Duration

The Integrated M.A.Degree Programme is a five-year programme with an exit option after the completion of VI Semester. Students, who have successfully completed according to the minimum grade required for pass, will be awarded B.A.Degree in the discipline concerned after the VI semester. Students, who continue and successfully complete the entire Five Year Programme will be awarded the Integrated M.A.degree in the discipline. concerned.

Each semester shall consists of 90 instructional days having 5 hours per day for lectures, seminars, debates, test papers and project instruction.

IV Scheme and Syllabus

The scheme and syllabus for each course in the Integrated MA Degree Programme shall be framed by the Board of Studies (Pass and PG), concerned, Faculty and Academic Council of the University.

V Monitoring of the Programme

Monitoring of the Integrated M.A. Degree Programmes shall be done by Committees at three levels viz., Department Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC), College Level Monitoring Committee (CLMC), and University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC).

Department Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC): A Committee consisting of the Head of the Department and all teachers of the Department shall monitor the conduct of Courses and evaluation under CE. This Committee shall examine the complaints, if any, from aggrieved students regarding the evaluation. The Head of the Department shall be the Chairperson and a teacher selected by the DLMC from among the members shall be the Convener.

College Level Monitoring Committee (CLMC): The College Level Monitoring Committee shall consist of the Principal, the Heads of the Departments and the elected representatives of teachers in College Council. The Principal shall be the Chairperson and a member

selected by the CLMC from among the Heads of the Departments shall be the Convener. This Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the Integrated MA Degree Programmes, ensuring minimum instructional days, making arrangements for ESE (University Examinations) of various semesters. This Committee shall consider all the complaints not redressed by the DLMCs. While considering the complaints, by the CLMC, the College Union Chairperson shall be included as an invitee. The College Level Monitoring Committee shall be reconstituted by the Principal, immediately on commencement of each academic year.

University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC): The University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC) constituted for the First Degree Programmes under CBCS system and the PG level Monitoring Committee for PG Programmes shall be jointly responsible for the monitoring and conduct of the Integrated MA Degree Programmes under CBCS system. As envisaged in the Regulations, these committees shall finalize the academic calendar and the conduct of the ESE in the colleges. These committees shall also serve as an appellate committee to examine and settle the complaints not redressed by the CLMC. The committee shall suggest amendments, if any, to the Regulations.

All Committees mentioned above shall meet three times in a Semester, at the beginning, middle and at the end of the semester. 50% of total number of members of the respective committee shall form the quorum of the committee.

VI Eligibility for Admission

Eligibility for admissions and reservation of seats shall be according to the rules framed by the University from time to time. No candidate shall be admitted to the course unless he/she has passed the Higher Secondary Examination of the Government of Kerala or any other examination recognized as equivalent thereto by this University.

Index Mark for Admission shall be according to admission procedure framed by the University from time to time for First degree programmes under CBCS system. The Degree awarded to Integrated M.A. Degree shall be considered as equivalent to the M.A. Degree in the discipline concerned for academic and professional purposes.

Admission taken at the First year shall be admission to Five Year Integrated programme and students will not be required to take re-admission at any stage of the course unless the student discontinues the course after the third year.

If any vacancy arises due to discontinuation or exit option after VI Semester, fresh admission (lateral entry) shall be allowed subject to University Admission regulations and

the degree awarded shall be M.A. degree in the respective discipline and they shall not be eligible for the Integrated M.A. Degree.

VII Annual Student Intake

The maximum number of students to be admitted to the Programme shall be limited to 25 .

Transfer of students following the Integrated Programme, from one college to another college to III,V,VII and IX Semester, will be according to the existing rules and procedures of the University.

VIII Requirement of Attendance and Progress

Students who secure a minimum of 75% attendance in the aggregate for all the Courses of a semester taken together alone will be allowed to register for End Semester Evaluation. Others have to repeat the semester along with the next batch, unless they could make up the shortage of attendance through condonation.

Condonation of shortage of Attendance will be according to the existing rules of the University for the Degree Programmes for First Level and that to the Post Graduate Programmes for the Advanced Level.

IX Programme Structure

The Integrated MA Degree Programme shall follow the 3+2 year pattern with 6 semesters in 3 years and 4 semesters in 2 years. The first 6 semesters shall be called First Level and last 4 semesters shall be called Advanced Level.

The Schedule of Courses of the first six semesters (BA) shall be as follows: English Language Courses and Additional Language Courses shall be mandatory for the first 4 semesters. For Additional Language Courses the students can choose one among the languages offered by the University.The first 6 semesters shall include Core Courses, Complementary Courses, Elective Courses, Open Courses and a Project.

X Course and Credit Structure

SEM.	COURSE CODES*	COURSE NAME	INSTR. HRS	NUMBER OF CREDIT	MARKS (CE+ESE)
I		English-I	5	4	20+80
		Addl. Language I	4	3	20+80
		Foundation Course I	4	2	20+80

		Core I-	6	4	20+80
		Complementary I	3	2	20+80
		Complementary II	3	2	20+80
		Total	**25**	**17**	**600**
II		English II	5	4	20+80
		English III	4	3	20+80
		Addl. Language II	4	3	20+80
		Core II -	6	4	20+80
		Complementary III	3	3	20+80
		Complementary IV	3	3	20+80
		Total	**25**	**20**	**600**
III		English IV	5	4	20+80
		Addl. Language III	5	4	20+80
		Foundation Course II	4	3	20+80
		Core III	5	4	20+80
		Complementary V	3	3	20+80
		Complementary VI	3	3	20+80
		Total	**25**	**21**	**600**
IV		English V	5	4	20+80
		Addl. Language IV	5	4	20+80
		Core IV	5	4	20+80
		Core V	4	3	20+80
		Complementary VII	3	3	20+80
		Complementary VIII	3	3	20+80

		Total	**25**	**21**	**600**
V		Core VI	4	4	20+80
		Core VII	4	4	20+80
		Core VIII	3	2	20+80
		Core IX	4	4	20+80
		Core X	4	4	20+80
		Open Course	3	2	20+80
		Dissertation / Project	3	---	
		Total	**25**	**20**	**600**
VI		Core XI	5	4	20+80
		Core XII	5	4	20+80
		Core XIII	5	4	20+80
		Core XIV	4	3	20+80
		Elective 1	3	2	20+80
		Project / Dissertation	3	4	20+80
		Total	**25** 21		**600**
		Grand Total	**150**	**120**	**3600**
VII		Core XV	7	4	25+75
		Core XVI	6	4	25+75
		Core XVII	6	4	25+75
		Core XVIII	6	4	25+75
		Total	**25**	**16**	**400**

Sem		Course	Hours	Credits	Marks
VIII		Core XIX	6	4	25+75
		Core XX	6	4	25+75
		Core XX I	6	4	25+75
		Elective II	3	3	25+75
		Elective III	3	3	25+75
		Dissertation	1		
	Total		**25**	**18**	**500**
IX		Core XXII	6	4	25+75
		Core XXIII	6	4	25+75
		Core XXIV	6	4	25+75
		Elective IV	3	3	25+75
		Elective V	3	3	25+75
		Dissertation	1		
	Total		**25**	**18**	**500**
X		Core XXV	6	4	25+75
		Core XXVI	6	4	25+75
		Core XXVII	6	4	25+75
		Core XXVIII	6	4	25+75
		Dissertation / Project and Project based viva	1	4	20+80

		Comprehensive Viva			100
		Total	**25**	**20**	600
		Grand Total	**100**	**72**	2000
		Programme Total	**250**	**192**	5600

* course codes shall relate to the respective disciplines

XI Credits

The total credits for Integrated M. A. Degree programme shall be 192 for 10 semesters in which 120 credits will be for the First level (first 6 semesters) and 72 credits for Advanced level (last four semesters) courses. These credits shall be spread across Core Courses, Electives, Open Courses, Seminars and Project/Dissertation.

XII Course Code

Each Course shall have a number to designate it and this shall contain two alphabets for First Language, Second Language and Complementary Course and five alphabets for Integrated Core Courses. The first numeral 1 representing first degree, 2 representing advanced degree, the second numeral between 1-10 representing the semester, the third numeral representing the type of the course (Language Course- 1, Foundation Course- 2, Complementary Courses- 3, Core Course- 4, Open Course- 5 and Elective- 6 and the fourh numeral between 1-5 representing the course number of the subject in that semester.

XIII Evaluation and Grading

The Evaluation of each Course shall consists of two parts 1) Continuous Evaluation (CE) 2) End Semester Evaluation (ESE). There shall be a maximum of 80 marks for ESE and maximum of 20 marks for CE from First to Sixth Semester. There shall be a maximum of 75 marks for ESE and maximum of 25 marks for CE from Seventh to Tenth Semester.

XIV CE Marks Distribution

Internal Assessment Marks for the CE from first to Sixth Semester in each written course shall be distributed as follows:

i. Test Paper – 10 marks

ii. Assignment/Seminar – 10 marks

Internal Assessment Marks for the CE from Semester VII to Semester X in each written course shall be distributed as follows:

i. Test Paper – 10 marks

ii. Assignment– 10 marks

iii. Seminar Presentation – 5 marks

The marks for Continuous Evaluation (CE) shall be awarded by the Teacher in charge of each course, countersigned by the Principal and forwarded to the University before the commencement of the written examination. A statement containing the marks awarded to each student as Continuous Evaluation in each course shall also be published.

Display of results	Within 5 working days from the last day of the semester
Complaints, if any	Submitted within 3 working days to HoD
Final statement of marks	Forwarded to the University within 15 days from the last day of the end semester examination.

XV End Semester Examinations

There shall be a University examination at the end of each semester. Each course carrying 100 Marks is divided into 80 Marks for End Semester Evaluation (ESE) and 20 Marks for Continuous Evaluation (CE) from I to VI Semester. From semester VII to X, each course carrying 100 Marks is divided into 75 Marks for End Semester Evaluation and 25 Marks for Continuous Evaluation. End Semester Evaluation shall be for a duration of 3 hours. The minimum requirement for pass for each course at the First Level is 35% for CE and 35% for ESE and an aggregate of 40% is required for a semester. The minimum requirement for pass at the Advanced Level is 40% for CE and 40% for ESE for each course and an aggregate minimum of 50% for Theory, Project, Project- based Viva-voce and Comprehensive Viva-voce for a semester.

XVI Project/Dissertation Work

Students have to submit a Project at the end of VI and X Semester.

For VI and X Semester all students are to carry out a project work individually under the supervision of a teacher. The project work may commence in the V semester and IX semester respectively. The report of the project shall be submitted to the College, in duplicate, before the completion of the VI and X semester.

The Board of Examiners appointed by the University shall evaluate the report of the Dissertation/Project work. The Viva-voce based on the Project Report shall be conducted individually. The maximum marks for the evaluation of the Project shall be 100, distributed among the following components of Project evaluation.

Component	Description	Max. Marks
1	Introduction(Statement of the problem, objectives and significance of the study)	10
2	Review of Literature and Research Methodology	15
3	Content Analysis (Chapters)	20
4	Discussion of findings and conclusion	20
5	Language, Style and Grammar	10
6	Bibliography	5
7	Viva-Voce	20
	Grand Total	**100**

For **First Level** the minimum requirement for a pass for Dissertation and that for Viva- voce shall be 40%for each.

For **Advanced Level** the minimum requirement for a pass for Dissertation and that for Viva -voce shall be 50% for each.

XVII Social Service/Extension Activities

It is mandatory to participate in any one Social Service/Extension activities during the third and fourth semester for the successful completion of the course, as per University guidelines.

XVIII Grading system

The grading system shall be as stipulated by the regulations of the university. Ranking shall be done on the basis of the marks obtained by the candidate in the whole examination (Ten semesters) passed in the first chance.

Grading of Student Performance:

Performance of students in individual courses shall be evaluated and grades will be assigned. The grading scale shall be as follows. Each grade shall be indicated by a letter as in the table below:

First Level SCPA

Sl.No.	Percentage of	Grade Point	Grade

	marks		
1	90 and above	10	A+ Outstanding
2	80 to less than 90	9	A Excellent
3	70 to less than 80	8	B+ Very Good
4	60 to less than 70	7	B Good
5	50 to less than 60	6	C Above average
6	45 to less than 50	5	D Average
7	40 to less than 45	4	E Pass
8	Less than 40	0	F Fail

Advanced Level SCPA

Sl. No	Percentage of marks	Grade Point	Grade
1	90 to 100	10	O (Outstanding)
2	85 to less than 90	9	A+ (Excceptional)
3	80 to less than 85	8.5	A (Excellent)
4	75 to less than 80	8	B+ (Very Good)
5	70 to less than 75	7.5	B(Good)
6	65 to less than 70	7	C+ (Above Average)
7	60 to less than 65	6.5	C (Above Satisfactory)
8	55 to less than 60	6	D+ (Satisfactory)
9	50 to less than 55	5	D (Pass)
10	Less than 50	0	F (Fail)

Consolidation of SCPA: SCPA is obtained by dividing the sum of Credit Points (CP) obtained in a semester by the sum of Credits (C) taken in that semester. After the successful completion of a semester, Semester Credit Point Average (SCPA) of a student in that semester shall be calculated.

Suppose the student has taken 4 courses each of 4 credits and 2 courses each of 2 credits in a particular semester, after consolidating the Grade for each course, SCPA has to be calculated as shown in the example given below.

Consolidation of SCPA for First Level

Course Code	Title	Credit (C)	Marks (M)	Grades	Grade Points (G=M/10)	Credit Point CP=C*G
01	....	4	82	A	8.2	32.8
02	....	4	60	B	6.0	24.0
03	....	4	50	C	5.0	20.0
04	....	4	45	D	4.5	18.0
05	....	2	75	B+	7.5	15.0
06	....	2	40	E	4.0	8.0
Total	....	20				**119.8**
SCPA= Total Credit Points/Total Credits=119.8/20=5.99						

For the successful completion of a semester, a student has to score a minimum SCPA of 4 (E Grade) for First Level and a minimum SCPA of 5 (D Grade) for Advanced Level. However, a student is permitted to move to the next semester irrespective of his / her SCPA.

Consolidation of CCPA: An overall letter Grade (Cumulative Grade) for the whole Programme shall be awarded to the student based on the value of CCPA using a 10-point scale, as given below. It is obtained by dividing the sum of the Credit Points in all the Courses taken by the student, for the entire Programme by the total number of Credits.

Consolidation of CCPA

Semester	SCPA Credit Point(CP)	SCPA Credit(C)

1	119	17
2	120	20
3	110	21
4	105	21
5	100	20
6	120	21
7	96	16
8	85	18
9	78	18
10	106	20
Total	**1039**	**192**

CCPA=Total Credit Points of all semesters/Total Credits of all semesters=1039/192=5.4 =D Grade

Overall Grade in the Programme

Sl. No	Percentage of marks	Grade Point	Grade
1	90 to 100	10	O (Outstanding)
2	85 to less than 90	9	A+ (Excceptional)
3	80 to less than 85	8.5	A (Excellent)
4	75 to less than 80	8	B+ (Very Good)
5	70 to less than 75	7.5	B(Good)
6	65 to less than 70	7	C+ (Above Average)
7	60 to less than 65	6.5	C (Above Satisfactory)
8	55 to less than 60	6	D+ (Satisfactory)
9	50 to less than 55	5	D (Pass)
10	Less than 50	0	F (Fail)

Consolidation of SCPA and CCPA, for students who choose exit option, shall be as per the Regulations relating to First Degree Programmes under CBCS system. For students who are admitted to the Programme through lateral entry, the result of the candidate shall be published as per this Regulations.

XIX Grace Marks

Grace marks shall be awarded for Sports/Arts/NCC/NSS in recognition of meritorious achievements.

XX Publication of Results

The results of each semester examination shall be published, however, final results of the programme shall be published only after the candidate has passed all the previous semester examinations.

XXI Award of Degrees

After successful completion of 10 semesters, Master Degree in Integrated MA in the discipline concerned, shall be awarded by the University. First three years (First Level) courses will be considered for awarding Bachelor's Degree based on the completion of minimum course credit of 120; a project and minimum graduating CGPA of 4. Fourth and fifth years (Advanced Level) courses will be considered for awarding the Master's Degree with completion of minimum course credits of 72 and minimum graduating CGPA of 5. Successful completion of the Dissertation and Viva-voce is mandatory.

XXII Mark cum Grade Sheet

The University under its seal shall issue to the students Mark cum Grade Sheet on completion of each semester indicating the details of courses, credits, Marks for CE and ESE, Grades, Grade Points, Credit Points and Semester Credit Point Average(SCPA) for each course.

Consolidated Mark cum Grade sheet shall be issued to candidates on successful completion of the 5 year Integrated MA Programme.

XXIII Faculty

The Degree of the Programme shall be awarded under the **Faculty of the respective discipline.**

XXIV Re-admission, Internal Re-do and Internal assessment

The rules followed by the University as per the Regulations for the First Degree Programmes under CBCS system and that for PG programmes under semester system in Affiliated colleges.

XXV Reappearance and improvement examination

The rules followed by the University as per the Regulations for the First Degree Programmes under CBCS system and that for PG programmes under semester system in Affiliated colleges.

XXVI Duration of the Course

The Integrated MA Degree Programme shall be completed within a period of 10 continuous semesters. If required, students will be given an extra period of not more than two years, immediately after the course for the completion of the Integrated MA Degree Programme.

XXVII Exit points

Exit option is normally not encouraged, however students are eligible to get their Under Graduate level degree certificates, after successful completion of 6 semesters of the programme.

After successfully completing the first six semesters with the minimum graduating CCPA required, a B.A. degree in the respective discipline shall be awarded.

After successfully completing all the ten semesters with the minimum graduating CCPA required, an Integrated M.A.degree in the respective discipline shall be awarded.

XXVIII Transitory Provision

Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Vice-Chancellor shall, for a period of two years from the date of coming into force of these Regulations, have the power to provide by order that these Regulations shall be applied to any Integrated MA Degree Programme with such modifications, as may be necessary.