

University of Kerala

Regulations Relating to the B.A Honours Degree Programme

1. Title

These Regulations shall be called 'The University of Kerala Regulations relating to B.A Honours Degree Programme'

2. Admission

Eligibility for admissions and reservation of seats for the programme shall be according to the rules framed by the University from time to time. No student shall be eligible for admission to Honours Degree Programme unless he/she/they has/have successfully completed the examination conducted by a Board/University at the +2 level of schooling or its equivalent.

2.1 The maximum number of students to be admitted shall be limited to the number of seats sanctioned by the University.

3. Duration

The duration of the B.A Honours Degree Programme shall be three years consisting of six semesters.

3.1 The duration of each semester shall be five months inclusive of the days of the examinations. There shall be at least 90 working days in a semester.

4. Programme Structure

The B.A Honours Degree Programme has a total of thirty Courses out of which one is an individual project work to be conducted in the final semester. Rest are Core Courses with select skill enhancement components.

4.1 The Programme offers a course with internship openings in the fourth semester and skill based performance practice in first and sixth semesters.

4.2 The programme shall follow a specific pattern for assigning course code:

BAHE followed by three digits where in the first digit denotes First Degree Programme, second digit denotes the Semester and the third digit denotes the course chronology within a semester.

4.3 Social Service and Extension Activity

It is mandatory for a student to participate in a social service or extension activity for not less than forty hours for the successful completion of the programme. The students can either conduct their activities with the regular club activities in the college or do it as part of their internship programme.

5. Attendance

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. However the award of marks/grade for attendance in CE

shall be made course-wise for practicals only. Condonation of shortage of attendance to a maximum of 10 days in a semester subject to a maximum of two times during the whole period of a degree programme shall be granted by the university on valid grounds. This condonation shall not be considered for awarding marks for CE in practicals. Benefits of attendance for a maximum of 10 days in a semester shall be granted to students who participate/attend University Union activities, meetings of the university bodies and extracurricular activities, on production of participation/attendance certificate by the University authorities/Principals as the case may be. But in such cases, condonation will be considered for award of marks for CE in practicals only.

The allotment of marks for attendance for practicals shall be as follows

Attendance less than 51%	0 Mark
51% to 60%	1 Mark
61% to 70%	2 Marks
71% to 80%	3 Marks
81% to 90%	4 Marks
91% to 100%	5 Marks

6. Evaluation

The evaluation of each course shall consist of two parts

- a) Continuous Evaluation (CE)
- b) End Semester Evaluation (ESE)

There shall be a maximum of 80 marks for ESE and a maximum of 20 marks for CE. (Total Marks -100)

However, the evaluation pattern of the courses with internship and skill enhancement practices would be as follows

- a) Internship Evaluation/Viva voce/ Performance Evaluation
- b) Continuous Evaluation (CE)
- c) End Semester Evaluation (ESE)

There shall be a maximum of 20 marks for Internship Evaluation/Viva voce/ Performance Evaluation, a maximum of 20 marks for CE and a maximum of 60 marks for ESE (Total Marks -100)

6.1

The end semester examinations will be conducted by the University. A minimum of 40% Marks (E Grade) is required for passing a Course with a separate minimum of 40% (E Grade) for Continuous Evaluation and End Semester Evaluation. A separate minimum of 40% is required for internship/viva-voce/performance evaluation. Marks shall be converted to grade for each paper as per the scale below.

Percentage of Marks	Letter Grade
90 and Above	A+ Outstanding

80 to < 90	A Excellent
70 to < 80	B Very Good
60 to < 70	C Good
50 to < 60	D Satisfactory
40 to < 50	E Adequate
Below 40	F Failure

6.2 Improvement and Re- appearance of ESE

6.2.1

Candidates who have successfully completed the semesters, but wish to improve their marks for the End semester Evaluation (ESE) shall have only one chance for the same along with the next immediate regular batch of students. In this case the better marks obtained shall be considered.

6.2.2

Candidates who fail to score 'E' Grade in the ESE in any of the Course/Courses have to re appear for the ESE of the Course/Courses concerned with the next regular batch of students. The number of chances for such re appearances is limited to S+4 semesters unless otherwise specified by the apex bodies, where S stands for the normal or minimum duration prescribed for the completion of the programme.

The students shall not be allowed to repeat the Semester, but the marks secured by them for the CE Part shall be carried over and added to the marks obtained in the ESE they reappear. Those who fail in the CE (i.e. those who fail to secure a minimum of 'E' Grade) or fail to attend internship/viva-voce/ performance evaluation will have two chances to re-appear for the same, along with the next regular batches of students.

6.2.3 Grace Marks

Grace marks shall be awarded for Sports/Arts/NCC/NSS in recognition of meritorious achievement. This shall be done according to the existing rules and regulations of the University.

6.3 Continuous Evaluation

All records of Continuous Evaluation shall be kept in the department and shall be made available for verification by the University, if and when necessary.

The Total Marks for the CE shall be divided as follows,

a) Assignments/Seminars/Project Reports/Internal Activities - 10 Marks

b) Mid semester Tests Paper – 10 Marks

Total- 20 Marks

6.3.1 Assignments/Seminars/Project Reports/Internal Activities (10 Marks)

Each student shall be required to do an assignment or seminar or prepare a field visit/case study based report or participate in any specific activity as the syllabus demands for the continuous evaluation (CE).

6.3.2 Mid semester Tests Paper (Max. Marks 10)

For each course there shall be one class test during a semester. Valued answer scripts shall be made available to the students for perusal within 10 working days from the date of the test. The mid semester examination should be conducted for 50 marks. This should be later converted and made equivalent to 10 marks.

6.3.3 Announcement of Results of CE

The results of the CE shall be displayed within 5 working days from the last day of a semester. Complaints regarding the award of marks for CE if any, have to be submitted to the Head of the Department within three working days from the display of results of CE. These complaints shall be examined by the Department Committee and shall arrive at a decision, which shall be communicated to the student.

The statement of the marks of the CE of all the students shall be approved by the department committee, counter signed by the Principal and forwarded to the Controller of Examinations within 15 working days from the last day of the semester

6.4 End Semester Evaluation (ESE)

End Semester of all courses in all the semesters shall be conducted by the university. The results of the ESE shall be arranged to be published according to the Examination Calendar prescribed by the University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC), which shall not exceed 45 days from the last day of the examination.

7. Project/Dissertation

The students should do a Project work in Semester VI according to the guidelines provided in the syllabus. The project should be done individually. A viva-voce based on the project work should also be done individually. The evaluation pattern for the project would be, a maximum of 80 Marks for the Project and a maximum of 20 Marks for the viva based on the project. Project based viva-voce is compulsory. A student who fails to appear for the project viva or secure a minimum of 40% in the project viva need not repeat the project work. The marks for the project shall be carried over and he/she/they will have two chances to re-appear for the same, along with the next regular batches of students.

The topics shall either be allotted by the supervising teacher or selected by the students in consultation with the supervising teacher. The report of the Project/Dissertation shall be submitted to the Department before the completion of the sixth semester. There shall be no Continuous Evaluation for Project/Dissertation.

A Board of two examiners appointed by the University shall evaluate the report of the Project/Dissertation work.

8. Question Paper Pattern

Question I will contain short note questions, each to be answered in about 150 words. The short note questions shall be asked in three sections (A, B and C) by giving equal importance

to all the modules in the syllabus or as specified in the syllabus. Each section should carry four questions. Students are expected to answer 7 short note questions out of 12, choosing at least two from each section and without omitting any section. (7x5= 35 Marks)

Question II will contain essay questions, each to be answered in about 400 words. The essay questions shall be asked in three sections (A, B and C) by giving equal importance to all the modules or as specified in the syllabus. Each section should carry three questions. Students are expected to answer 3 essay questions out of 9, without omitting any section. (3x15=45)

The questions should follow continuous numbering. (Short note questions should follow the nos 1 to12, and essay questions 13 to 21)

However, the pattern for courses with internship and skill enhancement practice shall be different.

Question I will contain short note questions, each to be answered in about 150 words. The short note questions shall be asked in three sections (A, B and C) by giving equal importance to all the modules in the syllabus or as specified in the syllabus. Each section should carry three questions. Students are expected to answer 6 short note questions out of 9, choosing at least one from each section and without omitting any section. (6x5= 30 Marks)

Question II will contain essay questions, each to be answered in about 400 words. The essay questions shall be asked in two sections (A and B) by giving equal importance to all the modules or as specified in the syllabus. Each section should carry two questions. Students are expected to answer 2 essay questions out of 4, without omitting any section. (2x15=30)

9. Award of Degree

The Degree to be awarded shall be called Honours Degree in the respective discipline as specified by the Boards of Studies and in accordance with the nomenclature specified by the Act and Statutes of the University.

