

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

REGULATIONS FOR THE MASTER OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY DEGREE COURSE

1. TITLE OF COURSE: MASTER OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (MASLP)

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

Minimum educational requirement for admission will be a degree in Bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Course from any recognized University, or any other degree recognized by the Kerala University as equivalent thereto, with minimum 50% pass percentage required as per university norms.

3. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The medium of instruction for the course shall be English

4. COURSE WORK

The course content of study for four semesters of MASLP shall include theory and practicum approved by RCI

5. STRUCTURE OF THE MASLP PROGRAMME

5.1 The duration of the course will be four semesters. Each semester shall consist of minimum 16 weeks.

5.2 The academic program of each semester will consist of course work and or thesis work. The total contact hours shall be a minimum of 30 hours per week including lectures, tutorials and practicals.

5.3 The program shall consist of

- Core Courses (CC),
- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC),
- Ability Enhancement Elective Course (AEEC) (skill Based),
- Elective Discipline Specific (DES),
- Audit Courses (AC)
- Clinical Practicum (CP)
- Thesis Work.

5.4 Credits will be assigned to the courses based on the general patterns as given in the table below.

Table 1: Distribution of credits

Course work	Credits allotted
Courses (CC)	4
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	2
Ability Enhancement Elective Course (AEEC) (skill Based)	2
Inter-disciplinary Discipline Specific (DES)	2
Thesis Courses (AC)	No credits Satisfactory/Non-satisfactory S/NS
Clinical Practicum (CP)	4
Others	6

5.5 A student will have to register for all the **core courses** listed in the scheme and syllabus and should successfully complete all of them. He/she has to register for the Ability Enhancement courses from the list of courses offered by the institution in that particular semester in consultation with the course coordinator.

6. CONTENT OF THE COURSE WORK

Semester	Courses				Clinical Practicum	Audit Courses
	Core Courses	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	Ability Enhancement Elective Courses (Skill Based) AEEC	Thesis		
First Semester	5	-	-	-	2	1
Second semester	4	1	1	-	2	1
Third semester	5	-	-	-	2	1
Fourth Semester	3	1	1	1	2	1

7 ATTENDANCE

7.1 Each candidate must have minimum attendance of 80% in theory classes and 90% in clinical practicum for each semester. Failure to meet the criteria will disqualify the student from attending the university examinations of the respective semester. The candidate will have to repeat the semester, i.e both theory and clinical practicum will have to be repeated in total.

7.2 Candidate can repeat the semester only once during the course.

7.3 A candidate is eligible for condonation of shortage of attendance only once in the entire program subject to the conditions given below

- The conduct and progress must be good as certified by the Head of the Respective Department
- Condonation will be granted if he or she has secured not less than 60% of the attendance
- By the recommendation of the head of the institution, the condonation shall be granted by the university subject to the rules and procedures prescribed by the University from time to time.

7.4 If a student is continuously absent for more than 15 working days without any intimation, his/her absence will be reported to the University.

8. INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

a. Theory

Twenty marks for each theory paper shall be given on the basis of internal assessment as follows.

- (i) 25% of the marks are allotted to attendance
- (ii) 25 % of the marks are allotted to assignments and presentations
- (iii) 50% of the internal marks are allotted to an examination to be conducted in every semester.

b. Practicum

The distribution of internal marks for clinical work is as follows:

- (i) 40% of the internal marks are allotted based on viva conducted at the end of the semester. The evaluation shall be done jointly by a clinical supervisor and another staff deputed by the Head of the Department.
- (ii) 20% of the marks shall be allotted` for the client contact hours obtained by the respective student during the practicum hours.
- (iii) 40% of the marks shall be allotted for the clinical performance of the respective semester. Marks shall be awarded on the basis of clinical knowledge, use of instruments, report writing/performa keeping, involvement/creativity in clinical activity and professionalism shown during clinical postings assessed using the clinical skill matrix.

9 EXAMINATION

There shall be semester examination conducted by the University at the end of each semester. Candidate securing a minimum of 50% marks in internal assessments of individual subjects and 50% marks in internal clinical evaluations (clinical assessment, client contact hours and internal viva) will only be allowed to appear for university examinations of the respective semester.

a. Theory Examinations

Each theory paper of the examinations conducted by the University will be valued by one external examiner and one internal examiner and the average of both rounded to the next integer shall be awarded to the candidate.

b. Practical Examinations

First, third and fifth semester

The maximum marks for clinical practicum examination for both Audiology and Speech Language Pathology practicum shall be fifty. Twenty marks shall be awarded based on internal assessment, ten marks based on client contact hours and the remaining 20 marks shall be awarded based on an internal viva voce examination conducted by two internal examiners.

Second, fourth and sixth Semester

The maximum marks for clinical practicum examination for each audiology and speech language pathology shall be fifty.

Twenty five marks each for audiology and speech language pathology practicum shall be awarded based on combined Comprehensive Viva Voce Examination for first and second semester together conducted by one external and one internal examiner.

The remaining 25 marks shall be awarded based on internal viva voce examination, internal assessment and client contact hours, of which ten marks shall be awarded for Internal Assessment (IA), 5 marks based on client contact hours and the remaining 10 marks shall be awarded based on internal viva voce examination conducted by two internal examiners.

c. Dissertation/Thesis

Dissertation has to be assessed by an external examiner for 80 marks (appendix 1). Remaining twenty marks will be awarded by the guide.

The candidates shall submit the dissertation before one month of the commencement of the theory examination of that semester. Candidates who fail to submit their dissertation on or before the date stipulated shall not be permitted to appear for the final semester examination

However an extension of twenty days can be provided based on university guidelines.

10. LETTER GRADES

For each subject in a semester, a letter grade (D, D+, C+, B, B+, A and A+) will be awarded based on the total marks obtained by the student in the Semester Examinations and Continuous Assessment (CA) put together. Each letter grade has a Grade Point (GP) as shown below.

% of total marks	Alpha-Sign Grade	Grade Point (G.P)	Remarks
Below 40%	D	1	Failed
40% and above but less than 50%	D+	2	Passed/ Failed
50% and above but less than 60%	C+	3	Passed
60% and above but less than 65%	B	4	
65% and above but less than 70%	B+	5	
70% and above but less than 75%	A	6	
75% and above	A+	7	Distinction

11 GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade Point Average (GPA) for each semester is calculated based on the GP obtained by the student for each subject and the credit assigned to that subject. It is calculated as

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum \text{Credit} \times \text{GP obtained for the subject}}{\sum \text{credit for subject}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{g1c1+g2c2+g3c3+\dots}{c1+c2+c3\dots}$$

Cumulative Grade point Average (CGPA) is the average grade points obtained by the students till the end of any particular semester. CGPA is calculated in a 7-point scale as shown below.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum \text{Credits for semester} \times \text{GPA obtained for the semester}}{\sum \text{Credits for semester}}$$

12. CRITERIA FOR PASSING A COURSE AND ACQUIRING CREDITS

- a. For core courses having external examination at the end of the semester, a student is deemed to have completed a course successfully and earned the credit if he / she gets grade C+ with 3 GP or more (50% or more marks) for each subject group (theory and practicum combined) with a separate minimum of grade D+ with 2 GP or more (40% or more marks) for each theory paper and its practicum.
- b. For core papers that have no practicum the minimum marks for pass will be Grade C+ with 3 GP (50%).
- c. For AEEC/AECC, the minimum marks for pass will be grade D+ with 2GP or more (40% or more marks)
- d. For Audit courses, a candidate has to secure a 'Satisfactory' status on a rating of Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory. If a candidate secures 40% or more marks in the internal assessments, he/she can be rated as having cleared the course satisfactorily. No external examination will be conducted for Audit courses
- e. A course successfully completed cannot be repeated. A letter grade D in any subject implies failure in that subject.
- f. A student securing D or D+ grade in any core course has to reappear for the examination for the same course in the subsequent chances.
- g. A student who has secured Grade C+ pass mark in the subject group for both theory and practicum, however has failed in a core paper has to reappear for that paper only
- h. If it is an elective course, the student has the option to reappear for the examination in the same course or to change the elective course in which case he/she has to repeat the course work with respect to the new elective course. A student will be given only three consecutive chances for reappear and retrieve the credits in this manner

13. PROMOTION

- a. A candidate should successfully complete all semester examinations within a period of 3 years. Those who fail to complete within this period, will have to discontinue the course.

- b.
- c. The candidate should have cleared all the papers of the first semester before appearing for the final semester examination.
- d. The candidate, who has failed to secure grade C+ (pass mark) for each subject group, has to reappear for both theory and practicum of that subject group.
- e. Internship will start only after the successful completion of fifth semester examinations and has appeared for the sixth semester examinations.

14. AWARD OF CLASS

Class shall be awarded for each semester examinations as given below.

- a. A candidate will be eligible for award of the MASLP degree, on completion of the mandatory requirements of 112 credit, obtaining minimum CGPA of 3.
- b. **Distinction:** The candidate securing Grade A+ with 7 CGPA (75% or more marks) in aggregate (both theory and practical of all examinations) shall be declared to have passed in First Class with Distinction.
- c. **First Class:** The candidate securing Grade B or above with 4 or more CGPA but less than 7 CGPA (60% marks or above) in the aggregate (both theory and practical of all examinations) shall be declared to have passed in First class.
- d. **Second Class:** The candidate securing Grade C+ or above with 3 or more CGPA (50% marks or above), but less than Grade B (60%) with 4 CGPA of the aggregate (both theory and practical of all examinations) shall be declared to have passed in Second class.
- e. The results of the candidates who have passed the MASLP examination in the second or third attempt will be classified in second class irrespective of the percentage of the marks secured.

15. AWARD OF RANKS

Ranks shall be awarded on the basis of the total marks secured in the First, Second, Third and Fourth semester examinations.

Candidates who fail in one or more subjects during the course shall not be eligible for award of ranks.

The candidates should have completed the course in the prescribed (minimum) number of years.

Normally the revision of the scheme and syllabus is to take place in every 3 years. But to keep the syllabus in tune with the new and emerging technology trend, a new elective course can be introduced after obtaining the approval of the University. The syllabus of the proposed course has to be approved before the commencement of the semester in which the course is proposed.