

**(Abstract)**

Guidelines for Conducting Generic Elective Courses (Open Courses) in V Semester of UG Programmes CBCSS-OBE with respect to the Clause 4.7 in the Regulations for Choice Based Credit and Semester System(OBE) for UG Programmes in affiliated Colleges, implemented w.e.f 2019 - approved - Orders issued

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Dated: 29.07.2021

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Read:-1. U.O Acad/ C2/429/2017/Vol II dated 03.06.2019

2. Minutes of the meeting of Curriculum Syllabus Monitoring Committee held on 19.07.2021

**ORDER**

1. As per paper read (1) above, Clause 4.7 of the Regulations for Choice Based Credit & Semester System for UG programmes (CBCSS) 2019 admission states that, "***There shall be one Generic Elective Course in the fifth Semester. This course shall be open to all the students in the institution except the students in the parent department. The students of parent department can opt that course from any other department in the institution. Each department shall offer five Generic Elective Courses***".
2. A meeting of the Curriculum Syllabus Monitoring Committee was held on 19.07.2021 with a view to formulate Guidelines for choosing Generic Elective Courses, as envisaged in the Regulations of the Choice Based Credit Semester System (OBE).
3. As per paper read (2) above, the Curriculum Syllabus Monitoring Committee, in consultation with Academic and Examination Branches, prepared and submitted Guidelines for conducting Generic Elective Courses in the Fifth Semester of the UG Programmes under Choice Based Credit and Semester System(OBE), in Affiliated Colleges w.e.f 2019 admission.
4. The Vice-Chancellor, after examining the matter in detail, and in exercise of the powers of the Academic Council conferred under Section 11(1) Chapter III of Kannur University Act 1996 accorded sanction to implement the Guidelines pertaining to conduct Generic Elective Course offered in the Fifth semester of UG Programmes CBCSS-OBE w.e.f 2019 admission in Affiliated Colleges, as recommended by the Curriculum Syllabus Monitoring Committee and subject to the reporting to the Academic Council.
5. The Guidelines for the conducting Generic Elective Courses offered in the Fifth

Semester of UG Programmes under CBCSS-OBE w.e.f 2019 admission in Affiliated Colleges are appended and the same is uploaded on the University website.(www.kannuruniversity.ac.in) also.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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2. Members of Curriculum Syllabus Monitoring Committee

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**Appendix to U.O.No. Acad/C2/429/2017 dated 29.07.2021**

**GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES (OPEN COURSES)  
TO BE OFFERED IN V SEMESTER UG PROGRAMME REGULATIONS FOR CHOICE  
BASED CREDIT AND SEMESTER SYSTEM FOR UNDER GRADUATE PROGRAMME  
IN AFFILIATED COLLEGES-2019(IN OBE-OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION-SYSTEM)**

The Revised Regulation for UG Programmes under Choice Based Credit and Semester System in Affiliated Colleges was implemented with effect from 2019 admission onwards. Regarding the **Generic Elective courses**, the regulation states in para 4.7 as follows.

**There shall be one Generic Elective Course in the fifth Semester. This course shall be open to all the students in the institution except the students in the parent department. The students of parent department can opt that course from any other department in the institution. Each department shall offer five Generic Elective Courses.**

Though the programme is titled as Choice Based Credit System, the room for actual choice could not be materialized. The Revised Regulation clearly underlined the fact that **Each department shall offer Five Generic Elective courses**. In this context Curriculum Monitoring Committee prepared detailed guidelines for the conduct of Generic Elective courses in compliance with the spirit of the revised UG regulation 2019

**PART A: ABOUT GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES AND THEIR EVALUATION**

- 1- Generic Elective Courses (Open courses) are offered by a department for students belonging to other departments.( Read Para 4.7 of Regulations For Choice Based Credit and Semester System For Under Graduate Programme in Affiliated Colleges-2019(in OBE-Outcome Based Education-system)
- 2- Core/ Complementary/Language / Physical Education Departments can offer Generic Elective courses.
- 3- Each department shall offer **two to five Generic Elective Courses course at a time** in fifth semester.

- 4- The class room transaction will be in the **project/ guidance mode; not alone in the existing class room teaching mode.**
- 5- Maximum strength required for one Generic Elective Course and for a batch of five Generic Elective Courses offered by each department in a college shall be decided in a meeting of department co-ordinators of CBCSS of each college.
- 6- Total marks for each Generic Elective Course shall be 25 in which 20 is the marks for End Semester Evaluation and 5 is for Continuous Evaluation. Each Generic Elective Course has two credits. Its Evaluation shall be in 4:1 weightage pattern as specified in Para 8 of the Regulations (that is 80% End Semester Evaluation and 20% Continuous Evaluation).The mark distribution and components of both evaluation are in accordance with the specifications given in the Scheme and Syllabus of the subject concerned.
- 7- 2 hours are allotted in a week for the guidance to students for Generic Elective Courses. It will be more convenient if two continuous hours are allotted per week for the smooth conduct of the guidance and other group activities of Generic Elective Courses. The class rooms of sixth semester degree programme of each core department can be used for the open course offered by that department. Separate arrangements are to be done for the arrangements of class rooms for the conduct of the Generic Elective Courses offered by the complementary/ Language/ Physical Education department as the case may be.
- 8- CBCSS college coordinator of each affiliated institution is to collect the name of five Generic Elective Courses offered by each department . Each department co-ordinator is to lead the process of registration and introduce the students the five courses offered by each department.
- 9- Students can approach each department for the curriculum, syllabus, the salient features, course outcomes of the Generic Elective Courses they offer.
- 10- The syllabus of all Generic Elective courses is to be separately published in the notice board and in the college website or in other media. It will help them to choose the Generic Elective course.
- 11- A registration system for the Generic Elective courses is to be introduced in colleges.

## **PART B: METHOD OF REGISTRATION AND SCREENING**

- 1- College Co-ordinator of CBCSS will give the registration form to Department Co-ordinators of CBCSS. Google form or any other convenient method may be adopted by each college.
- 2- The duly filled Registration form are to be submitted by the students within 20 days of commencement of fifth semester to the Department coordinators concerned
- 3- The Registration form contains the space for filling the total mark in Plus- two classes, list of all Generic Elective courses offered in the college, the batch strength and a column for writing the student's preference like 1, 2,3,...
- 4- The total marks in Plus- two out 600 is the basis of screening.
- 5- If the student is in any other stream other than Kerala Govt. Higher Secondary, convert it in to 600 by the formula given below

$$\text{Converted mark out of 600} = (\text{Marks awarded} / \text{Total aggregate mark}) \times 600$$

For example, suppose a student gets 450 marks out of 500 in CBSE stream.

Her/ his equivalent mark out of 600 =  $(450 / 500) \times 600$

$$= 540$$

- 6- Rank all the students in the order of their marks out of 600, prepare a rank list and arrange the registration form in the order of rank list.
- 7- An allotment of Generic Elective course preferred by the students in the rank list is done on the basis of their first / second / third etc order of preference subject to the minimum and maximum allotted batch strength and in a simultaneous manner.
- 8- Thus all students will get the admission according to their qualifying marks and preference
- 9- The College Co-Ordinator of CBCSS shall prepare the final list and shall send the number of students admitted to each open course for the smooth conduct of the examinations.



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Signature of the student

Signature of the Department Co-ordinator

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**For official use**

Mark out of 600:

Generic Elective Course Allotted:

Signature of CBCSS Co-ordinator:

\*Google form or any other convenient media can also be used by each college