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M.Sc. - Regulations (Two year / 4 Semester system) under CBCS Pattern.

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1	**PREAMBLE:**
	In exercise of the powers conferred by **sub-section (3) of section 13** of **The Swami Vivekananda University Act, 2019 (West Bengal Act XV of 2019**), the University hereby makes the following Regulations, namely:-
	M.Sc. Programme is meant for candidates desirous of pursuing post-graduate programme in Arts. This post-graduate programme would comprise theoretical courses and practical courses. Theoretical courses include core, major elective, minor elective (interdisciplinary choice based), compulsory foundation, and elective foundation. Practical courses consist of practicals of different departments. In addition, research work (where applicable) in the form of a dissertation would form an essential part of the programme. Depending on the actual design and declared objectives, the programme provides opportunities for students to extend as well as deepen their knowledge and understanding.

2	**General Objectives :**
	The curriculum is designed to achieve the following general objectives of the M. Sc. Programme- (i) To impart specialized knowledge and understanding about the courses. (ii) To develop ability to understand the knowledge and to guide the learners to learn efficiently and effectively. (iii) To impart knowledge and understanding of the process of research and skill in conducting research in specialized areas. (iv) To develop critical thinking among students pertaining to issues related to the programme. (v) To understand and use formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continuous physical, intellectual and social development of the students. (vi) To generate awareness and understanding of some specialized areas.

3	**SHORT TITLE, APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT:**
	These regulations may be called The **Swami Vivekananda University REGULATIONS: "Regulation relating to PG course of studies & examinations offered by School of Life Science."**
	These shall come into force with the passing of the same by the **Academic Council** of the University.
	PG course of study & examination of The Swami Vivekananda University, prepared as per the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), for the students admitted during or after 2020 - 2021 academic year, shall

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4	DEFINITIONS :	
	4.1	**"University"** means the Swami Vivekananda University established and incorporated under section 3 of this Act
	4.2	**"Post Graduate Course of Study" '(PG)'** means a TWO year course of study divided into FOUR semesters, each of six months duration, after successful completion of UG (Honours) Degree examination.
	4.3	**'Departmental Committee'** means the Committee of different departments comprising of full-time faculty members of the respective departments constituted under these Regulations
	4.4	**"Academic Session"** means four consecutive (Two odd + Two even) Semesters;
	4.5	**'Choice Based Credit System'** (CBCS) provides choice for students to select from the prescribed courses as offered by the University.
	4.6	**'Programme'** means the Masters programme conducted by the Swami Vivekananda University.
	4.7	**"Semester"** means 15 weeks of academic work following a five days week pattern. The odd semester commences in July and ends in December and the even semester commences in January and ends in June.
	4.8	**'Course'** is a component of a programme. All courses need not carry the same weightage. Courses define learning objectives and learning outcomes. A course may be designed to comprise lectures / tutorials / clinical work / field work / outreach activities / project work / vocational training / viva voce / seminars / term papers / assignments / presentations etc. or a combination of some of these.
	4.9	**'Core course'** means a course that the student admitted to a particular programme must successfully complete to receive the Degree and which cannot be substituted by any other course. For this purpose, all courses other than Specialization / Choice Based Electives, are considered as Core courses.
	4.10	**'Elective Course'** means a course other than a Core course. Elective course may be **'Generic Elective'** focusing on disciplines which may add generic proficiency to students or **'Discipline Centric Elective'** which enables students to achieve proficiency in a specialized discipline or **'Open Elective'** which may be chosen from an unrelated discipline.
	4.11	**"Credit"** means the unit by which the course work is measured. It is equivalent to one hour of teaching (Lecture or Tutorial) or two hours of Practical work/Field work per week. According to 'Credit Based Semester System' (CBSS) a student needs to obtain credits as specified by the university from time to time for the award of a degree
	4.12	**"Letter Grade"** means an index of the performance of students in a said course. Grades are allotted by letters O, A+,A,B+,B,C,P and F, and Absent will be stated as 'Ab'

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	4.13	**"Grade Point"** means a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10 point scale.
	4.14	**"Credit Point"** means the product of grade point and number of credits for a course.
	4.15	**"Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)"** means a measure of performance of a student in a semester. It is the ratio of total credit point secured by a student in various courses registered in a semester and the total course credits taken during that semester. It shall be expressed up to two decimal places.
	4.16	**'Cumulative Grade Point Average' (CGPA)** is a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student in all semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all the semesters. It is calculated up to two decimal places.
	4.17	**"Grade Card"** based on grades obtained shall be issued to all the registered students after every semester. The grade card will display the details of courses studied (code, title, number of credits, grade secured) along with SGPA of that semester and CGPA. However, SGPA will be calculated only for those students who have passed all the courses of that semester. Similarly, Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be calculated only for those students who have passed all the subjects upto the final semester.
	4.18	**"Enroll"** means enrollment of a student for appearing at first Semester final examination.
	4.19	**'Post Graduate Board of Studies'** means the Board of Studies of different departments comprising of members of the respective departments constituted under these Regulations, to monitor and review the existing programme structures, course syllabi, vis-à-vis programmes of other Universities, teaching and evaluation methodology, market requirement, modern trend and update the courses and programmes and make suggestions for amendments, if any.
	4.20	The Words and Expressions used but not defined shall be interpreted to have the same meaning as they have in The Swami Vivekananda University Act, 2019 (West Bengal Act XV of 2019).

5	**COURSE OF STUDIES:**	
	5.1	There shall be courses of studies leading to M.Sc. Degree and each course shall be of two years, i.e., four semesters.
	5.2	The admission to PG courses of study will be governed by the guidelines of the Swami Vivekananda University and the Higher Education Department of Govt. of West Bengal as framed from time to time.
	5.3	A Candidate shall be allowed to pursue any one of the Post- Graduate Degree programme of the University (not more than one) at a time.

6	**INTAKE :**
	As fixed by the University Authority from time to time

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7	ELIGIBILITY :	
	7.1	(i) General candidates who have obtained at least 45% marks in undergraduate (Hons) degree and SC, ST, OBC-A, OBC-B, and differently-abled candidates who have obtained at least 40% marks in undergraduate (Hons) degree from a UGC recognized university.
		(ii) There will be reservation of seats for SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled candidates as per West bengal Govt. Rules. For differently-abled candidate minimum disability up to 40% will be considered.
	7.2	**Session Gap:**
		For admission to the M.Sc Course there should not be a gap of more than three (3) years between the year of Graduation and the year of admission to M.Sc. course of study. In respect of calculation of marks for admission to M.Sc. course a deduction of 1% percent per year from the marks of Hons. subject would be made in case of candidates passing out in previous years.

8	ADMISSION PROCEDURE:
	The selection of candidates will be based on total merit point of Honours degree. If this is same in case of more than one candidate, the result of the immediate preceding examination of such candidates will be considered.

9	Attendance
	75% attendance is mandatory for appearing in the examination in each Semester.

10	FEES :
	As notified by the University Authority from time to time

11	ACADEMIC SESSION and CALENDER :
	(i) **The academic session** shall be of two years duration consisting of four semesters. (ii) **The academic session** normally shall start in July in each year. (iii) There shall be at least 75 teaching days in each semester excluding periods of examination and admission etc. for instruction, field work and dissertation (iv) Two weeks preparatory leave shall be provided before each Semester examination. (v) **The academic calendar** shall be published for each Semester prior to commencement of the Semester. (vi) **The academic calendar** shall include dates of all important events, commencement of classes, holidays, days of teaching and assessment, preparatory leave, dates of examinations, semester break etc. (vii) **The academic calendar** shall also indicate the date of commencement of classes in the next Semester.

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12	Examination & Evaluation	
	12.1	A candidate shall be eligible for appearing at any of the Semesters of P.G. Examination, fulfilling the following two essential conditions: • Minimum 75% attendance of lectures delivered. • Students should complete internal assessments
	12.2	The evaluation of the students shall be a continuous process and shall be based on their performances in Assignment, Assessment, and the End-Semester Examination.
	12.3	The final performance in a course means the total or aggregate of the marks obtained in internal assessment evaluation and the marks obtained at the End-Semester Examination (Theoretical & Practical) including Assignment.
	12.4	There shall be one written and one practical examination (where applicable) at the end of each semester as per the prescribed syllabus in the subject concerned.
	12.5	There shall be no qualifying marks for internal assessment but the candidates shall have to appear at the said part of the examination.
	12.6	The qualifying marks for each course shall be 40% in each Semester.
	12.7	The provisional result of each semester will be published stating only the total SGPA obtained by a candidate and the **'Grade Card'** would be issued showing the details of courses studied (code, title, number of credits, grade secured) along with SGPA of that semester and CGPA of all the semesters.
	12.8	If a candidate fails to secure qualifying (pass) marks in one paper or more in a particular semester examination his/her result of semester examination will be declared as 'SNC' (i.e., Semester Not Cleared). Final Semester result will be withheld till other Semester/Semesters is/are cleared.
	12.9	There will be no scope of re-appearing in internal assessment examination.
	12.10	Marks awarded in internal assessment will be credited to a candidate's performance in subsequent chances.
	12.11	To qualify for position in the merit list a candidate shall have to pass all the semesters in his/her regular chances.
	12.12	A candidate shall have to complete each semester examination with 3 (three) consecutive chances including his/her first appearance in the concerned semester examination. If any of the chances mentioned above is not availed of by a candidate within the stipulated period, the chance shall be deemed to have lapsed.
	12.13	The student will automatically move to the next and subsequent semester immediately after completion of one semester course irrespective of the performance at the last examination, provided She / he has appeared in the preceding semester examinations or filled up the form for previous semester examinations and completed internal assessment.

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	12.14	The result of 4th semester examination shall be kept withheld unless a candidate clears all the semesters within the stipulated chances. She / he would be declared to have passed the final examination in the year in which she / he clears his/her all semesters.
	12.15	In case of Compulsory Foundation Course the grade will be awarded on the basis of satisfactory / unsatisfactory performance of the examinee. The minimum marks to be obtained for satisfactory grade is 30%.
	12.16	Practical examinations are to be decided by the departments concerned.
	12.17	The schedule for the End-Semester Examination shall be prepared and announced by the Controller of Examinations. Except for exigencies, all the examinations shall usually be held within the dates specified in the academic calendar
	12.18	Names of the paper-setter (one internal and one external), examiner (internal) of each subject, and moderator (one external for each semester) shall be recommended by the Post Graduate Board of Studies and approved by the Vice- Chancellor.
	12.19	Question pattern: To be determined by the concerned department
	12.20	Duration of Examinations :

Subjects	Full marks	Duration
Theoretical Paper	40	2 Hours
Theoretical Paper	30	1 Hour 30 minutes
Practical Paper	40/10	As per Department concerned

13	**Results and Award of Degree:**	
	13.1	The final result of a candidate shall be determined on the basis of CGPA .
	13.2	Grade Card shall be made as per grading system. Course-wise marks (internal and ESE added together) will be converted into percentage of mark. Percentage of mark will be converted into Grade Letter and Grade Point. Credit and Grade point will be converted into Credit Point. Finally, Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be computed.
	13.3	The Grade Card of a Semester shall be issued only after completion of that Semester.
	13.4	**(A) Conversion of Marks into grade letter and grade point**

% of marks	*Letter Grade*	*Grade point*
91 and Above	O (Outstanding)	10
81 - 90	A+ (Excellent)	9
71 - 80	A (Very Good)	8
61 - 70	B+ (Good)	7
56 - 60	B (Above Average)	6
51 - 55	C+ (Average)	5.5
41 - 50	C (Below Average)	5
Passed with 40	P (Pass)	4
Below 40	F (Fail)	0
Absent	Ab	0

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(B) Computation of SGPA

Example

Course	Credit	Grade Letter	Grade point	Credit Point
Course 1	3	A	8	3x8=24
Course 2	4	B+	7	4x7=28
Course 3	3	B	6	3x6=18
Course 4	4	B	6	4x6=24
TOTAL	**14**			**94**

SGPA : 94 / 14 = 6.71

(C) Computation of CGPA

Example

	Semester 1	**Semester 2**	**Semester 3**	**Semester 4**
Credit	14	16	15	14
SGPA	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.7
Credit x SGPA	14x6.7= 94	16x6.3= 101	15x6.6= 99	14x6.7= 94

CGPA = (94+101+99+94) / (14+16+15+14)

= 388 / 59 = 6.57

(D) Conversion of SGPA/CGPA into Percentage of Marks:

Ten (10) times of SGPA / CGPA

(E) Final Result / Grades Description

Semester GPA / Program CGPA	**Alpha-Sign / Letter Grade**	**Result / Class Description**
9.00 - 10.00	O (Outstanding)	Outstanding
8.00 - < 9.00	A+ (Excellent)	First Class Exemplary
7.00 - < 8.00	A (Very Good)	First Class Distinction
6.00 - < 7.00	B+ (Good)	First Class
5.50 - < 6.00	B (Above Average)	High Second Class
5.00 - < 5.50	C (Average)	Second Class
4.00 - < 5.00	P (Pass)	Pass Class
Below 4.00	SNC	SNC
0	SNC	SNC

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14	**Provisions for Review :**	
	14.1	A candidate may apply for Post-Publication Review of her/his theoretical answerscripts in a maximum number of 50% of total theoretical courses appeared in each semester in the prescribed form and manner and on submission of requisite fees. But s/he must have to secure a minimum alphabetic grade of P (Grade 4) in the theoretical part of all the courses not asked for Review of the particular semester examination.
	14.2	There will be no scope of Post-Publication Review of practical course(s) / Term Paper(s) / Project(s) / Internal Assessment / Viva-voce / Field Report / Survey Report, etc. if any.
	14.3	Under no circumstances, fees for Post-Publication Review once paid will be refunded.
	14.4	**Computation of Results:**
		(a) Calculation of final marks after Post-Publication Review will be made, Course wise, and result will be finalized accordingly.
		(b) If the marks awarded by the Post-Publication Review examiner in a Course do not exceed the original award by the more that 8% of the full marks, the review examiner's award will be accepted as final marks in that Course. If the increase of marks in a Course exceeds 8% of the full marks, the additional marks to the extent of 8% of the full marks plus half of the increase in excess of 8% in that Course shall be accepted as increase in marks of the candidate in that Course.
		(c) If the marks awarded by the Post-Publication Review examiner in a Course reduces the original award by not more that 4% of the full marks, the review examiner's award shall be accepted as final marks in that Course. If the decrease exceeds more that 4% of the full marks of a Course, the decrease in marks to the extent of 4% in the said Course plus half of the decrease in marks in excess of the same will be accepted as final decrease in marks of the candidate in that Course provided that such reduction does not result in the failure of a successful candidate who has secured already qualifying alphabetic grade of P (Grade 4) in the said Course in a semester or in lowering the Grade obtained by a candidate prior to review and in that case the status of original result (before Post Publication Review) of the candidate shall not be changed.
		(d) If the difference (increase/decrease) between the original marks and the marks after Post-Publication Review in a Course is more than 20% of the full marks, the relevant answerscript(s) shall be referred to a third examiner and in that case the average of three awards given by the three examiners shall be treated as final marks in the Course.
		(e) While making calculation, any fractional figure may be rounded off to the next higher digit.
	14.5	In case of an unsuccessful candidate, addition of marks on Post-Publication Review in a Course shall be given effect to only when it leads to change in his/her result status, prior to review position, otherwise the original award shall be retained and, in that case, no fresh Grade Card will be issued to such candidate.
	14.6	Any addition or subtraction of marks as declared by the University after Post-Publication Review shall be binding on the candidate. No further application for consideration of one's review results shall be entertained.

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15	TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAMME
	If a student newly admitted to the first semester remains absent from attending classes for more than the first 15 days continuously without any intimation, her/his admission will stand cancelled.

16	Discipline
	Every student is required to observe discipline and decorous behavior both inside and outside the campus and refrain from any activity which may tarnish the image of the university. Any act of indiscipline, misbehavior including unfair practice in examinations will be referred to the authorities of the University that will make a detailed enquiry on the matter and decide on the course of action to be taken.

17	Amendment to Regulations
	Notwithstanding all that has been stated above, the University has the right to modify any of the above regulations from time to time.

If any dispute arises in respect of interpretation of the regulations or any matter not covered by these, the decision of the Vice Chancellor in that respect shall be final and binding.