

THE NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY ORDINANCES**OC-7****ON THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES
IN ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE***Under Section 26 (1) (b) of the NEHU Act, 1973*

1. The Master's Degree Programmes in the Schools under the University are full time courses of study spread over a period of four academic Semesters or two academic years. These courses cannot be combined with any other full-time course or any part-time post-graduate course offered by the University except those which may be designed by the University for the post- graduate students of the University.
2.
 - i. A candidate seeking admission to any of the courses must possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board of the School as approved by the Academic Council from time to time.
 - ii. Admissions to different courses shall be made only in the first semester at the beginning of each academic year unless specifically decided for a course by the Academic Council.
 - iii. Candidates who have taken the Bachelor's Degree (Pass or Honours), of this University or any other recognised University shall be eligible to apply for admission to the courses offered by the Schools subject to provisions of the regulations relating to prerequisites if any. The minimum qualifying marks for admission to the different courses shall be as per regulation prescribed for the purpose.
 - iv. Admission to a course shall be made on the basis of the candidate's performance at the admission test, if any, conducted by the concerned Department and/or her/his merit in the concerned subject at the undergraduate level.
3.
 - i. Subject to the general guidance of the Board of School, the instruction and routine in each course shall be under the control and direction of the Head of the Department concerned.
 - ii. Each student, with respect to her/his work in the course as well as his general conduct in the University, shall remain under the control of the School and the discipline of the concerned Department.
 - iii. Each course of a given programme of study shall have a credit value ranging from 2 to 6. Credit shall be defined on the basis of maximum marks allotted to the course and contact hours. One credit is assigned for each 25 marks and 12 contact hours of teaching for theory or 24 contact hours for practical.

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4. Ordinarily , a student shall earn 72 credits during the period of four semesters. Out of these 60 credits shall have to be earned from the core courses of the programme to which she/he is admitted. The balance 12 credits shall be earned by the student from the courses offered under the open choice. A student can, however, earn the 72 credits within a maximum period of six semesters.

5. A student must have attended a minimum of 75% of the lectures, which may also include seminars and tutorials organized by the Department, during a Semester to be eligible to appear at the end semester examination.

6. The School Board may, on the recommendation of the Department concerned, consider and decide on the request for condonation of shortage of attendance up to 5%. Condonation of any shortage more than 5% and up to 15% may be recommended by the Board to the Vice-Chancellor with full justification, whose decision shall be final.

7. A student who does not earn credit(s) in a given semester, for any reason whatsoever, may do so in one of the remaining semesters during which she/he is eligible to participate in the curricular programme under the provisions of 4 above.

Provided that if a student is not able to earn at least 24 credits by the end of the second semester she/he shall not be eligible to move on to the third semester. Under such cases the student shall be required to seek fresh admission and pursue the entire course-work as a fresh candidate.

8.
 - i. Evaluation for each course shall be done on the basis of performance in continuous assessment and end-semester examination.

 - ii. Each course shall carry maximum marks/ credits as may be prescribed by the School Board. For the purposes of determining the marks obtained by the student in any course, the weightage assigned to continuous assessment and end-semester examination shall be 1:3.

 - iii. The pattern and schedule of continuous assessment and its evaluation shall be laid down in the regulation.

9.
 - i. Each semester shall have at least 90 working days excluding examination days.

 - ii. The dates of commencement and termination of each semester shall be fixed by the Academic Council.

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10. Examiners or a Board of examiners for each course of study shall be appointed by the Board of the concerned School on the recommendations of the Board of Post-Graduate Studies in accordance with the provisions of regulations concerning P.G. examinations of the University.
11. A candidate shall apply for admission to the end-Semester examination in the prescribed form to the Dean of the concerned School through the Head of the Department. Such applications shall be accompanied by certificates indicating that:
 - i. the candidate has attended the minimum number of lectures etc. in respect of all courses and open choice courses.
 - ii. all dues including prescribed examination fee have been deposited.
12. The end-semester results shall be placed before the Vice-Chancellor for approval after they have been screened by a committee consisting of the Head of the Department concerned and not less than two faculty members appointed by the Dean on the recommendation of the Head of the Department.
13.
 - i. In order to qualify for the Master's degree a candidate shall have to earn 72 credits; to earn credits assigned to a course the candidate shall have to secure at least grade point 4, in the seven point grading scale (as per clause 17) in that course.
 - ii. Candidates securing grade points 5, 4, or 0 may be allowed to repeat / improve upon a paper within the maximum period of six semesters as prescribed in clause 4.
14. Successful candidates shall be awarded the Degree under the following classification:

First Division: Obtained Grade points: 9 (Outstanding), 8 (Excellent), 7 (very good), or 6 (Good), in the seven point grading scale (as per clause 17) in the aggregate of all the examinations and continuous assessments.

Second Division: Obtained Grade: 5 (Fair), in the seven point grading scale (as per clause 17) in the aggregate of all examinations and continuous assessments.

Pass: Obtained Grade: 4 (Average), in the seven point grading scale (as per clause 17) in the aggregate of all examinations and continuous assessments.
15. No candidate will be allowed to appear in any course more than twice (which shall include the paper which the candidate opts not to appear) and no candidate shall be allowed to appear in any course beyond six semesters of her/his first admission to the programme.

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16. The courses of study and the scheme of examination for the degree in each subject shall be such as may be approved by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Board of the School and the Board of Post-Graduate Studies of the Department concerned.
17. The grade points/description/percent marks and the division obtained shall be as determined below:

Grade Points	Description	Percentage of Marks	Division
9	Outstanding	90% to 100%	First
8	Excellent	80% to 89%	First
7	Very good	70% to 79%	First
6	Good	60% to 69%	First
5	Fair	50% to 59%	Second
4	Average	40% to 49%	Pass
0	Fail	Below 40%	Fail

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