

- (iii) University Grants Commission Regulation on the minimum standards of Instruction for the grant of first Degree in Arts/Science/Commerce.

The University Grants Commission has written to the University vide letter at Annexure-'I' regarding regulations on the minimum standards of Instructions for the grant of first Degree in Arts/Science/Commerce.

The main points based on the recommendation made by a Committee appointed for the purpose are as under:

1. No students shall be eligible for admission to the First Degree Course unless he has successfully completed twelve years of schooling through an Examination conducted by a Board.
2. No students shall be eligible for the award of the First Degree unless he has successfully completed the three years' Degree Course.
3. The Three Years' Degree Course after 10+2 stage should in no case be termed as BA/B.Sc/B.Com(Pass) Degree. It may instead be called BA/B.Sc/B.Com (General/Honours/Special) Degree as the case may be.
4. No private candidate should be permitted to appear for an Examination.
5. No students shall be eligible to seek admission to the Master's Course who has not completed the First Degree Course of Three Years' duration.

The University has gone for the Three Years' Degree Course being termed as BA/B.Sc/B.Com(General/Major). It appears that the normal nomenclature suggested by the UGC for those opting for Major should be termed as "Honours/Special" and not as 'Major'.

Further it appears as per the UGC instructions no private candidates should be allowed to appear for the first Degree Examinations, although at the moment the University allows private candidates.

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The matter was placed in the 53rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 3rd and 4th June, 1996 which considered the norms laid down and RESOLVED to accept the above recommendation.

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for consideration.

The main points based on the recommendation made by a Committee appointed for the purpose are as under:

1. The students shall be eligible for admission to the First Degree Course unless he has successfully completed two years of schooling through an Examination conducted by a Board.

2. The students shall be eligible for the award of the First Degree unless he has successfully completed the three years' Degree Course.

3. The three years' Degree Course after 10+2 mode should in no case be termed as B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Degree. It may instead be called B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (General/Honours/Special) Degree as the case may be.

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D.O.F.11-4/92(CPP-II)

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Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the U.G.C. Regulations on the minimum standards of Instructions for the grant of First Degree through formal and non-formal education in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Sciences, Commerce and Sciences (copy enclosed) provides that :

FORMAL EDUCATION"2. Admission/Students

- (1) No students shall be eligible for admission to the 1st Degree Course in these faculties unless he has successfully completed 12 years schooling through an examination conducted by a Board/University. The admission shall be made on merit on the basis of criteria notified by the Institutions after taking into account the reservation order issued by the Government from time to time.
- (2) Student enrolment shall be in accordance with the number of teachers and physical facilities available.
- (3) No student shall be eligible for the award of the first degree unless he has successfully completed a three year course; this degree may be called the B.A/B.Sc./B.Com (General/Honours/Special) degree as the case may be :

Provided no student shall be eligible to seek admission to the Master's Course in these faculties, who has not successfully pursued the first Degree Course of three years' duration.

Provided further that as a transitory measure where the universities are unable to change over to a three year degree course, they may award a B.A/B.Sc./B.Com.

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(pass) degree on successful completion of two year course, but that no student of this stream shall be eligible for admission to the Master's course unless he has undergone a further one year bridge course and passed the same. The three year degree course after 10 + 2 stage should in no case be termed as B.A/B.Sc./B.Com. (Pass) degree".

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

"2 Admission/students

(1) No student shall be eligible for admission to the 1st Degree Course through non-formal/distance education unless he has successfully completed 12 years schooling through an examination conducted by a Board/University. In case there is no previous academic record, he shall be eligible for admission if he has passed an entrance test conducted by the University provided that he is not below the age of 18 years on July 1 of the year of admission.

(2) No student shall be eligible for the award of the first degree unless he has successfully completed a three year course; this degree may be called the B.A/B.Sc./B.Com.(General/Honours/Special) degree as the case may be.

Provided that no student shall be eligible to seek admission to the Master's Course in these faculties, who has not successfully pursued the first Degree Course of three years duration.

Provided further that, as a transitory measure where the universities are unable to change over to a three year degree course, they may award a B.A/B.Sc./B.Com. (Pass) degree on successful completion of two year course, but that no student of this stream shall be eligible for admission to the Master's course unless he has undergone a further one year bridge course and passed the same. The three year degree course after 10 + 2 stage should in no case be termed as B.A/B.Sc./B.Com.(Pass) degree.

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The matter regarding validity of one-sitting degree course equivalent to three years degree course has been under the consideration of the Commission, on receipt of number of references from individuals and other quarters regarding the one-year degree course(one-sitting)being offered by a few universities in the country which is violative of the above regulations.

The Commission in its meeting held on 20th March,1996 considered the recommendation made by the Committee appointed by it to consider the matter regarding validity of one-year degree course(one-sitting),equivalent to three-years regular course of first degree and decided as under :

1. According to the UGC Regulations of minimum standards,both formal and non-formal degree courses must be of three years duration.
2. The Undergraduate programme has been generally accepted as a three year programme in most of the universities. However, it was noted that in some States, the Universities offer a two-year degree course after + 2. However, such students are not eligible for admission to the Master's degree programme.
3. It was desired that the U.G.C. regulations of minimum standards for formal as well as non-formal education be circulated to the universities for compliance.
4. It was decided that should be permitted to appear for an examination.

I shall be grateful if you would kindly ensure that the above decision of the Commission as well as the UGC regulations on the minimum standards of instructions for both formal and non-formal are scrupulously followed by your university and the practice of private appearance of candidates in the degree exam. as well as of offering one-sitting exams,are stopped, with immediate effect.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely,
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5:5 Examination Matters -

- (i) Three Year Degree Course with Annual System of Examinations.

No:EC:90:96:5:5:(i): The Council considered the Annual System of Examination for the Three Year Degree Course and RESOLVED to accept the continuation of the Annual System of Examination as approved by the Academic Council and also the minimum requirement of 45% marks for admission to the Degree Course.

- (ii) Recognition of the Plus Two Stage of Meghalaya Board of Secondary Education.

No:EC:90:96:5:5:(ii): The Council considered the recognition of the Plus Two Stage of the Meghalaya Board of Secondary Education and while **noting** the action taken RESOLVED to approve the same.

- (iii) University Grants Commission Regulation on the minimum standards of Instruction for the grant of first Degree in Arts/ Science/Commerce.

No:EC:90:96:5:5:(iii): The Council considered the minimum standards of instruction for the Three Year Degree Course for Arts, Science and Commerce as laid down by the University Grants Commission vide its D.O.No.F.11-4/92(CPP-II) of April 24/17 May, 1996 and RESOLVED to accept the same.

- (iv) **Order** of the Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench under Civil Rule No.65/94(AB) regarding the case of Ms.L.V.Zodinpuui for condonation of late submission of her M.A.(Education) Dissertation.

No:EC:90:96:5:5:(iv): The Council considered the recommendations of the Committee appointed to look into the irregularities that occurred in the Department of Education at Mizoram Campus and RESOLVED to accept recommendations made by the Academic Council.

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