

DIVISION II. ORDINANCES

EXTRACT FROM THE INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY ACT, 1961 (SECTION 28, 29 AND 38)

Section 28 Ordinances Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Ordinances of each Institute may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:

- (a) the admission of the students to the Institute;
- (b) the courses of study to be laid down for all degrees and diplomas of the Institute;
- (c) the conditions under which students shall be admitted to the degree or diploma courses and to the examinations of the institute, and shall be eligible for degrees and diplomas;
- (d) the conditions of award of the fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (e) the conditions and mode of appointment and duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators;
- (f) the conduct of examinations;
- (g) the maintenance of discipline among the students of the Institute and
- (h) any other matter which by this Act or the Statute is to be or may be provided for by the Ordinances.

Section 29 Ordinances
how made.

- (1) Save as otherwise provided in this section, Ordinances shall be made by the Senate.
- (2) All Ordinances made by the Senate shall have effect from such dates as it may direct, but every Ordinance so made shall be submitted, as soon as may be, to the Board and shall be considered by the Board at its next succeeding meeting.
- (3) The Board shall have power by resolution to modify or cancel any such Ordinance and such Ordinance shall from the date of such resolution stand modified accordingly or cancelled, as the case may be.

Section 38
Transitional provisions

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act,

- (a) the Board of Governors of an Institute functioning as such immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to so function until a new Board is constituted for that Institute under this Act, but on the constitution of a new Board under the Act, the members of the board holding office before such constitution shall cease to hold office;
- (b) the Staff committee constituted in relation to the College of Engineering and Technology, Delhi and any Academic Council constituted in relation to any other Institute before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be the Senate constituted under this Act until a Senate is constituted under this Act for that Institute and
- (c) until the first Statutes and the Ordinances are made under this Act, the Statutes and Ordinances of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur as in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to apply to that Institute and shall, with the necessary modifications and adaptations, also apply to any other Institute, so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

ORDINANCE NO.0

INTRODUCTORY

0.1 The constituents of the Senate and its functions are as defined in the Act and Statutes of the Institute. The Senate shall primarily be concerned with the academic affairs of the Institute encompassing academic staff, students and instructional matters.

0.2 The Senate shall ensure that every Academic programme, leading to the award of a Degree/Diploma as appropriate to the Programme, conforms to the Ordinances of the Institute.

0.3 The Senate shall discharge its duties and responsibilities generally through its Standing and Special Committees, Academic Departments, Interdisciplinary Programmes and Centres. The Senate may delegate any of its powers to the Chairman Senate or to its Committees at any relevant or appropriate time.

ORDINANCE NO.1

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND DEGREES/DIPLOMAS

1.1 The Senate, after examining each proposal for introduction of a new Programme from the point of view of its viability and desirability in the light of broad goals as set forth in the Act & Statutes of the Institute, shall make suitable recommendations to the Board of Governors of the Institute.

1.2 The recommendations of the Senate on each proposal for introduction of a new Programme shall be considered by the Board of Governors. In case no new Degree/Diploma is being mooted in the said proposal, the Board may approve the proposed Programme recommended by the Senate for implementation. However, in case the proposal involves the award of a new Degree/ Diploma and Board concurs with the recommendations of the Senate, the Board shall seek the advice of the IIT Council for introduction of such a Degree/Diploma.

1.3 The minimum admission standards and the duration of each Programme, whether existing or new, shall be advised by the IIT Council.

1.4 The curriculum of each Programme, required for its successful completion, shall require prior approval of the Senate. Any change in the approved curriculum of any existing Programme shall also require prior approval of the Senate.

1.5 The Senate shall approve the format of each Degree/Diploma to be awarded to a student after successful completion of the Programme. Any revision in the format of a Degree/Diploma shall also require approval of the Senate.

1.6 Conferment of an Honorary Degree of the Institute shall be in accordance with Statute 24. The Senate shall approve the format of the Honorary Degree in each case.

ORDINANCE NO.2

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Amended
265th
meeting
13.02.2025
&
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meeting
22.06.2025

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2.1 The Academic Session shall normally commence in the fourth week of July every year. Each Academic Session shall consist of two regular semesters and a Summer-Term, apart from vacations, and mid-semester recesses. Each regular semester shall consist of fourteen weeks of classes, one week of mid-semester recess, and up to three weeks of mid-semester and end-semester examinations. The Summer Term shall consist of seven weeks of classes, excluding the examination period.

2.2 The exact dates for the important academic events scheduled during the Academic Session shall be specified in the Academic Calendar. In particular, the dates for the following events shall be specified:

Registration, Late Registration, Commencement of Classes,
Adding and Dropping of Courses, Submission of
Documents, Examinations, Submission of Grades; Conversion
of "I" Grades, Vacations, Mid-Semester Recesses.

2.3 The Academic Calendar, or any change therein during the session, shall require prior approval of the Senate.

ORDINANCE NO. 3

ADMISSIONS

3.1 The number of admissions that can be made to any approved Programme of the Institute shall be as decided by the Senate from time to time. Reservation of seats for various reserved categories shall be as prescribed by the Board of Governors.

3.2 The Admission of Indian Nationals to the B.Tech. and B.S. Programmes shall be made once a year on the basis of the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) conducted jointly by all the IITs.

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3.3 A limited number of Indian Nationals who have qualified for Senate-approved Olympiads can be admitted without JEE to the B.Tech. and B.S. Programmes as per rules and procedures laid down by the Senate.

3.4 Normally, B.Tech. and B.S. students shall be admitted only to the first year of the Programme. However, under very exceptional circumstances, the Senate may admit a student with advanced standing on the basis of partial completion of a similar program elsewhere. However, such advanced standing could utmost be of 4 semesters.

3.5 Students admitted to the B.Tech. and B.S. Programmes shall normally pursue the Programme initially allocated to them at the time of admission. However, the Senate may permit a limited number of students to change their Programme as per the "Change of Branch Rules" laid down by the Senate.

3.6 Some students of the B.Tech. and B.S. programmes may convert to existing B.Tech.- M.Tech. (Dual Degree) programmes as per rules and procedures laid down by the Senate.

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3.7 The eligibility requirements and frequency of admission to eMasters, M.S. (by Research), M.Tech., M.Sc. (Two Year), M.B.A., M.Des., M.Sc.-Ph.D. (Dual Degree), Ph.D., and any other approved postgraduate programmes, shall be decided by the Senate, taking into consideration any requirements that may be specified by the IITs Council.

Some students of the M.Tech./M.Des./M.S. (by Research)/M.B.A. programmes may convert to the existing Ph.D. programme, and some students of the M.Tech. programme may convert to the existing M.Tech. (with Project) programme, as per the rules and procedures laid down by the Senate.

3.8 Candidates studying in the final year of their qualifying degree may be considered for provisional admission to Postgraduate Programmes provided they satisfy all other requirements prescribed by the Senate.

3.9 The departments may stipulate additional requirements over and above the minimum admission requirements stipulated by the Senate for admission to Postgraduate Programmes. However, such additional departmental requirements require prior approval of the Senate.

3.10 The admission procedure for the Postgraduate Programmes shall be as laid down by the Senate from time to time.

3.11 The admission requirements and procedures for all categories of students shall be as laid down by the Senate.

3.12 Every student, admitted provisionally or otherwise to any Programme of the Institute, shall submit copies of the qualifying degree/provisional certificate and such other documents as prescribed by the Senate. These documents must be submitted by the prescribed date. The admission, provisional or otherwise, of any student who either does not submit the required documents by the stipulated date or fails to meet any other stipulated requirement for admission can be cancelled by the Senate.

3.13 The admission of any student may also be cancelled by the Senate, at any later time, if it is found that the student had supplied some false information or suppressed some relevant information while seeking admission.

3.14 The academic programmes of the Institute shall be open to all persons without regard to their sex, race, caste, class, religion, profession or gender identity.

ORDINANCE NO.4

REGISTRATION

4.1 The Senate shall lay down norms for registration of students.

4.2 Before the commencement of each semester, every student, unless otherwise exempted by the Senate, shall register for the prescribed courses to be pursued during that semester on the registration date as specified in the Academic Calendar. The registration for Summer-Term shall be subject to the conditions that may be laid down by the Senate.

4.3 Payment of prescribed semester/summer-term fees, and all other dues outstanding against the name of the student to the Institute, the Halls of Residence or any other recognized organ of the Institute shall ordinarily be a precondition for registration.

4.4 For bonafide reasons, students may be permitted to register late in a semester/summer-term on the date so prescribed in the Academic Calendar on payment of prescribed late registration fee. The Senate shall lay down the conditions and procedure for such late registration. Any other exceptional case of registration requires approval of the Senate.

4.5 The registration of any student may be cancelled or changed during the semester/summer-term, partly or wholly, according to the norms laid down by the Senate.

4.6 A letter grade shall be awarded in a course to a student only if the student is duly registered in the course at the time of the award of the letter grade.

ORDINANCE NO.5

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Absence during the semester shall be discouraged for all registered students. However, for bonafide reasons, a student may be granted leave of absence as per proviso made for such absence in the Ordinances.

5.2 Undergraduate students shall be entitled to avail the vacations and the mid-semester recesses as provided in the Academic Calendar. In addition, the Undergraduate students may be allowed leave of absence during a semester, as per rules and procedures laid down by the Senate.

5.3 Postgraduate students shall be entitled to the following kinds of leave of absence without loss of financial assistance, as per rules and procedures laid down by the Senate:

(a) **Personal leave**

(b) **Casual leave**

(c) **Medical leave**

5.4 Female students shall be entitled to maternity leave, as per rules and procedures laid down by the Senate.

5.5 Leave of absence beyond that provided in the Ordinances 5.1 to 5.4 may also be granted. However, such leave of absence shall entail loss of financial assistance, if any.

5.6 Without prejudice to the provision made for leave of absence in the Ordinances, absence for a period of four or more weeks at a stretch, during a semester, shall result in automatic cancellation of the registration of students from the course(s) in that semester. However, award of partial credit of research units, if applicable, may be considered for such students.

5.7 Unauthorized absence (i.e. absence without due permission) may, result in termination of the student's programme by the Senate in addition to loss of financial assistance, if any, for the entire period of such unauthorized absence(s) or part thereof.

5.8 Students are expected to complete their Programme without any break. However, for bonafide reasons, students may be granted leave of absence from the Programme. But such absence(s) shall ordinarily not exceed two semesters with or without break.

ORDINANCE NO.6

RESIDENCE AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

6.1 The Senate shall prescribe the minimum residence requirements (duration) for all approved Academic Programmes of Study. The residence requirement of one semester is equivalent to that of registration of a normal load of course/research during one semester.

6.2 The Senate shall prescribe the maximum duration within which each Programme must be completed. However, students who fail to complete their Programme, even within the maximum duration, may be allowed by the Senate to continue in the Programme on the merit of each case.

6.3. All approved Academic Programmes are credits based. The Senate shall prescribe the minimum credits requirements through coursework and/or research work.

6.4 The Senate shall prescribe the structure of courses to be successfully completed in the B.Tech./B.S./M.B.A./M.Sc. (Two Year), and all dual degree programmes.

6.5 In addition to the minimum academic requirements stipulated for Postgraduate Programmes, the departments may prescribe additional academic requirements to suit their Programmes. Such additional requirements shall require prior approval of the Senate.

6.6 A student, admitted to any Programme, may be granted relaxation by the Senate from the prescribed academic requirements, in view of the work done in the Institute or elsewhere, as considered appropriate on the merit of each case.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7

TEACHING AND EVALUATION

7.1 The medium of instruction shall be the English language.

7.2 Each course, along with its credits, shall require approval of the appropriate Standing Committee of the Senate according to the course approval procedures laid down by the Senate. Only approved courses can be offered during any semester/summer-term.

7.3 Each approved course, whenever offered in any given semester, shall be conducted by the assigned Instructor-in-Charge with the assistance of the required number of Instructors/Tutors. The Instructor-in-Charge shall be responsible for conducting the course, holding the examinations, evaluating the performance of the students and awarding the grades at the end of the semester.

7.4 The list of all courses to be offered by a department, during any semester/summer-term, shall be finalized, before the beginning of the semester/summer-term, by the concerned Head of the Department, taking into consideration all the departmental requirements and the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Senate.

7.5 The Instructor-in-Charge, Instructors and Tutors for all the courses to be offered by a department, during any semester/summer-term shall be assigned by the concerned Head of Department.

7.6 Students registered in courses shall be continuously evaluated through quizzes, examinations, viva, projects, presentations etc. For the regular full semester courses, there shall normally be one Mid-Semester Examination and one End-Semester Examination. In case of undergraduate core courses, there shall be atleast one quiz each in the periods preceding the Mid-Semester Examination and between the Mid-Semester and End-Semester Examinations towards continuous evaluation.

In the half semester modular courses, there shall be only one Examination upon completion of the module. In case of core undergraduate courses, there shall be at least one quiz in the period preceding this Examination towards continuous evaluation.

As far as possible, all the examinations shall be conducted during the announced examination periods.

7.7 Students who fail to appear in any examination, due to bonafide reasons, may be permitted to appear in the Make-up Examination as per the procedures laid down by the Senate.

7.8 Each student, registered for a course, shall be awarded a letter grade by the concerned instructor-in-charge. The grade awarded to a student depends upon his/her performance in various examinations, quizzes, home assignments, laboratory work and regular attendance. The letter grades to be used and their numerical equivalents are as follow:

LETTER GRADE	GRADE POINT
A ⁺	10
A	10
B ⁺	09
B	08
C ⁺	07
C	06
D ⁺	05
D	04
E	00
F	00
S	Satisfactory
X	Unsatisfactory

A student may register for a course for S/X grades as per Senate prescribed guidelines.

Research credits shall be evaluated in terms of "S" and "X" grades ("S" for satisfactory work and "X" for unsatisfactory work).

For every 9 credits of research work, one "S" or "X" grade shall be awarded.

7.9 A student may be awarded grade "I" (Incomplete) in a course, if he/she has missed a minor part of the course requirement but has done all other parts satisfactorily. A student is not entitled for "I" grade simply because he/she has failed to appear in some examinations. An "I" grade cannot be given for research units.

An "I" grade award to any student must be converted by the Instructor-in-Charge to an appropriate letter grade before the date announced in the Academic Calendar. Any "I" grade outstanding two days after the last scheduled make-up examination shall automatically be converted to a "F" grade.

7.10 A letter grade once awarded by the Instructor-in-Charge cannot be changed unless the request for change of grade, either by the Instructor-in-Charge or by other Instructors/Tutors of the course, is approved by the Chairman, Senate. Any request for change of grade must be made within six weeks of the start of the next semester and must be justified with reasons for recommending the change of grade.

7.11 Each department shall evolve a procedure for award of letter grades in all project courses.

7.12 The academic performance of a student in any given semester shall be measured in terms of the Semester Performance Index (SPI). The SPI is the weighted average of the grade points, the weights being the course credits.

7.13 The Cumulative Performance Index (CPI) in a semester is computed in a manner similar to the computation of SPI from the grade points of all the grades that a student has received up to that semester in the Programme. Whenever a student is permitted to repeat or substitute a course, the initial grade in the course is to be ignored in the computation of CPI.

7.14 The "X" and "S" grades are not to be considered while computing the SPI/CPI.

7.15 A UG student shall be called "Academically Deficient" if his/her performance at the end of any regular semester in terms of average number of credits earned by him/her up to that semester falls below a level prescribed by the Senate.

The Senate shall prescribe norms for advising deficient students, based on their academic performance, for continuation in the Programme. Such advice shall be given in writing along with conditions, if any, for continuation. After giving the written warning to a deficient UG student, the Senate may even terminate the Programme of the student who fails to meet the stipulated requirements for continuation.

7.16 The Senate shall prescribe norms, in terms of SPI/CPI and the number of E, F and X grades, for a PG student to continue in the Programme.

The Senate shall also prescribe norms for evaluating the academic performance of PG students who fail to satisfy the prescribed requirements to continue in the Programme. The Senate may even terminate the Programme of any PG student whose academic performance is considered unsatisfactory. In the cases of deficiency related to SPI/CPI and the number of E, F and X grades, the termination will be preceded by a show-cause notice to the student.

7.17 The Programme of any student can be terminated only after the Senate has considered and approved the proposal for termination.

7.18 A student whose programme has been terminated by the Senate on account of unsatisfactory academic performance shall have the right to appeal to the Chairman, Senate against such a termination. While making such an appeal, the student is expected to give reasons for the poor academic performance. The Senate, after considering all the available inputs, shall take a final decision on each such appeal. No further appeal for review of the termination shall be entertained, unless some substantial additional information is brought to the notice of the Senate.

7.19 The programme of a Ph.D. student can be changed to an appropriate postgraduate programme as an exit option by following the rules and procedures laid down by the Senate.

7.20 A UG student can be permitted by the Senate to exit with Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Applied Sciences degree, provided the student completes the prescribed number of credits according to the course template specified by the Senate.

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ORDINANCE NO.8

PROJECT AND THESIS EVALUATION

8.1 Every PG student shall have at least one Thesis/Project supervisor from amongst the faculty members of the Institute. A PG student shall not normally have more than two supervisors at any given time. However, another co-supervisor from outside the Institute, if necessary, may be appointed.

8.2 Each department shall evolve modalities for the appointment of supervisors keeping in view the student's aspirations and the research interests of the faculty. These modalities shall also include the procedures to be followed for change of supervisors.

8.3 In case a supervisor proceeds on leave for a prolonged period, resigns, superannuates, or otherwise ceases to be a faculty member of the Institute before submission of the thesis, a new supervisor or a co-supervisor, as the case may be, shall be appointed as per the procedures laid down by the Senate. However, if the thesis is nearly complete and only routine formalities concerning the evaluation remain, a Programme Co-ordinator may be appointed for completing the same.

8.4 Every Ph.D. student must pass a Comprehensive Examination. The procedure for the conduct of the Comprehensive Examination shall be as prescribed by the Senate.

8.5 A Ph.D. student shall be formally considered to be a candidate for the Ph.D. degree only after the student has:

- a. successfully completed all course requirements;
- b. secured at least the minimum required CPI; and,
- c. passed the Comprehensive Examination.

8.6 Every Ph.D. student admitted to the candidacy of the Ph.D. degree shall give a "State-of-the-Art Seminar".

8.7 Each Ph.D. student must deliver an "Open Seminar" wherein the thesis work shall be presented. This seminar shall be given before submission of the synopsis of the thesis.

8.8 Only those Ph.D. students shall be allowed to submit their thesis who have:

- a. been formally admitted to the candidacy for the Ph.D. degree;
- b. delivered the "State-of-the-Art Seminar"; and,
- c. delivered the "Open Seminar".

8.9 The Thesis Board and the Oral Board for Ph.D. students and the Oral Examination Committee for other PG students shall be constituted as per the procedure laid down by the Senate.

8.10 A Ph.D. thesis shall first be evaluated by a Thesis Board and thereafter by an Oral Board. The Senate shall prescribe the procedure to check whether or not reports of the Ph.D. thesis board warrant the conduct of the Oral Examination. The thesis supervisor shall initiate the constitution of the Oral Board only after the Chairman Senate has accorded approval for the conduct of the Oral Examination. All other cases shall be referred to the Senate for further action to be taken.

8.11 The Ph.D. Oral Examination shall be an "Open Examination". This examination shall be conducted as per the procedure laid down by the Senate.

8.12 If a member of the Oral Board fails to be present on the specified date and time of the Oral Examination, the Chairman Senate may appoint a substitute examiner on the recommendations of the thesis supervisor and the Head of Department / Interdisciplinary Programme. If found necessary, the oral examination may also be rescheduled.

8.13 The role of the Ph.D. Oral Board shall be:

- (a) to check whether the thesis reports imply award of the degree;
- (b) to examine whether or not the essential modifications, suggested by the thesis examiners, if any, have been incorporated;
- (c) to elicit candidate's response to the questions raised by the Thesis Examiners;
- (d) to authenticate the thesis work as the student's own work; and,
- (e) to judge whether or not the presentation of the work and the answers to the questions put to the candidate have been satisfactory.

8.14 The candidate is considered to have passed the Oral Examination for the Ph.D. if all the members of the Oral Board, except at the most one member, consider that the performance of the candidate is satisfactory. On the other hand, if more than one member of the Oral Board consider the performance of the candidate as unsatisfactory, the Board shall either declare the candidate to have failed or recommend that the candidate be given another chance for the Oral Examination. The Oral Board, for the re-examination shall ordinarily be the same as for the original examination unless otherwise approved by the Chairman, Senate. In the rescheduled examination, the Oral Board must declare the candidate either to have passed or failed, but shall not recommend a third Oral Examination.

8.15 The thesis/project of all PG students other than Ph.D. students shall be considered to have been accepted if all members of the Oral Examination Committee recommend its acceptance. The Committee may recommend re-submission of the thesis/project at most once, after incorporating the suggestions made by the Committee for revaluation.

ORDINANCE NO.9

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

9.1 Each student shall conduct himself/herself, both within and outside the campus of the Institute, in a manner befitting a student of an Institute of National importance. No student is expected to indulge in any activity which tends to bring down the prestige of the Institute. Each student shall show due respect and courtesy to the teachers, administrators, officers and employees of the Institute; and, good neighborly behaviour to fellow students. They should also pay due attention and courtesy to the visitors and residents of the campus.

9.2 Lack of courtesy and decorum; unbecoming conduct (both within and outside the Institute); willful damage or removal of Institute property or belongings of a fellow student; disturbing fellow students in their studies; adoption of unfair means during examinations; breach of rules and regulations of the Institute; noisy and unseemly behaviour and similar other undesirable activities shall constitute violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

9.3 Violation of the Student Code of Conduct by any student, shall invite disciplinary action and may merit punishment, such as reprimand, disciplinary probation, fine, being debarred from examination, debarring the use of placement services, withholding of grades, withholding of degree, cancellation of registration and even dismissal from the Institute.

9.4 The Warden-in-Charge of the concerned Hall of Residence shall have power to reprimand or impose fine or take any other such suitable measure against any resident of the Hall, who violates either the rules and regulations or the Code of Conduct pertaining to the concerned Hall of Residence.

9.5 The Instructor-in-Charge of a course shall have the power to debar a student from the examination and/or fail the student in the course in which the student is detected to have indulged in any act of academic dishonesty. The Instructor/Tutor shall have the power to take appropriate action against a student who attempts to misbehave in the class. Use of unfair means in any form including plagiarism in academic work will constitute violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

9.6 Ragging and/or sexual harassment, in any form, is strictly prohibited and any violation is a serious offence, which can lead to dismissal from the Institute.

9.7 The Senate shall constitute a Standing Committee to investigate the alleged misdemeanor reported and recommend a suitable course of action. The Senate shall also prescribe the procedure for dealing with the recommendations of this Committee. Violation of the Student Code of Conduct, by a student or a group of students can be referred to this Committee by any student, teacher, the Director or any other functionary of the Institute.

9.8 In very exceptional circumstances, the Chairman, Senate may appoint a Special Disciplinary Committee to investigate and/or recommend the action to be taken in case of any act of gross indiscipline involving a large number of students which may tarnish the image of the Institute.

9.9 The case of a defaulting student recommended for dismissal from the Institute shall ordinarily be referred to the Senate for its final decision.

9.10 A defaulting student who feels aggrieved with the punishment awarded may prefer an appeal to the Chairman, Senate stating clearly the reasons why the punishment should not be awarded. The Senate shall prescribe the procedure to process such an appeal.

9.11 A student who is found guilty of some major offence may not be recommended by the Senate to the Board of Governors for the award of a degree/diploma/certificate even if all the academic requirements have been satisfactorily completed by the concerned student.

ORDINANCE NO.10

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRANT OF DEGREES

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10.1 A B.Tech./B.S./M.Sc. (Two Year) student has to complete the prescribed number of credits for graduation.

An eMasters/M.Tech./P.G. Diploma/M.B.A./M.Des./M.S. (By Research)/M.Tech. (with Project)/M.A. (By Research) student with a CPI below 6.0 is not eligible for graduation.

A Ph.D. student with a CPI less than 6.5 is not eligible for graduation.

10.2 A student shall be deemed to have completed the graduation requirements if the student has:

- (a) earned all the prescribed credits;
- (b) attained the minimum required CPI;
- (c) satisfied the minimum academic and residence requirements;
- (d) satisfied all the requirements specified by the concerned department, if any
- (e) satisfied all the requirements specified by the Senate and the Ordinances.

In addition, the student should have paid all the dues to the Institute, and, should have no pending case of indiscipline.

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10.3 A student who has completed all the graduation requirements shall be recommended by the Senate to the Board of Governors for the award of appropriate Degree/Diploma. A Degree/Diploma can be awarded only after the approval of Board of Governors. It will be deemed to be awarded on the date of Board approval. Each Degree/Diploma so awarded will be listed during the ensuing convocation.

10.4 Under extremely exceptional circumstances, where gross violation of the graduation requirements is detected at any later stage, the Senate may recommend to the Board of Governors to withdraw the Degree/Diploma, already awarded.

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10.5 A Ph.D. student admitted directly after the B.Tech./B.S./M.Sc. degree can get an additional M.Tech./M.Des./M.S. (By Research)/M.B.A. degree along with the Ph.D. degree at the time of graduation, provided he/she completes the additional requirements as laid down by the Senate.

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10.6 A M.Tech./M.B.A./Ph.D. student can opt to get a joint degree with a foreign university, provided he/she satisfies the requirements for the joint degree programme in M.Tech./ M.B.A./Ph.D., as approved by the Senate.

ORDINANCE NO. 11

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

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11.1 IIT Kanpur is a residential Institute and, therefore, every registered student shall reside in a room assigned to him/her in one of the Halls of Residence. In exceptional cases, the Director may permit a student to reside with his or her parent/local guardian. Such students shall, however, pay full seat rent and such other dues as may be prescribed from time to time. Part time and eMasters students are not eligible for accommodation in the Halls of residences.

11.2 For each Hall of Residence there shall be a Warden-in-Charge and such other number of Wardens and other staff as may be determined by the Board of Governors from time to time. The office of the Warden-in-Charge and other Wardens shall be held by the members of the academic staff of the Institute. These appointments shall be made by the Director. The Warden-in-Charge of a Hall shall be responsible for managing the Hall efficiently.

11.3 Every student residing in a Hall shall join the Hall Mess. However, the Warden-in-Charge may exempt an individual student from the Hall Mess on medical grounds for a specified period.

11.4 During Institute vacations, messes of a few Halls will function, depending upon need. All students staying in the Halls during vacation shall have to join one of these messes. No other arrangement will normally be permitted.

11.5 Each Hall of Residence shall have a Hall Executive Committee (HEC). The constitution of the HEC and its functions shall be as decided by the Senate.

11.6 Every resident shall be personally responsible for the safe up- keep of the furniture and other items supplied to the resident and will be charged for any damage or loss caused by design or negligence during the occupancy of the room.

11.7 Every resident must pay the mess bill by the due date, announced by the Warden. Failure to deposit the dues in time may result in fine or such other penalty as the Warden may deem fit. Even the registration of a student may be cancelled in case of failure to clear the mess dues within 30 days of the due date.

11.8 Besides the payment of mess dues, every resident will also pay establishment charges every month at the rate prescribed from time to time by the Warden-in-Charge. This is in addition to the mess establishment charges payable to the Institute.

11.9 Residents shall respect the right of each individual to express his/her ideas, pursue his/her interests and follow the style of life most meaningful to him /her. However, party based political campaigning is prohibited.

11.10 Visitors of the opposite sex are discouraged to enter the residential blocks of the Halls during 0000 to 0600 hours.

11.11 Use of liquor, drugs, or any other intoxicants in the Hall premises is strictly prohibited.

11.12 Every resident shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the Halls of Residence as may be in force from time to time. The Warden-in-Charge shall take necessary action against the defaulters.

ORDINANCE NO.12

SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES, MEDALS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

12.1 Scholarships, Freeships, Prizes, Awards and Certificates of Merit shall be awarded to undergraduate students according to the rules laid down by the Senate and provisions of Statutes.

12.2 Scholarships and freeships are liable to be withdrawn, partially or wholly, in case of misconduct, deliberate concealment of material facts and/or supply of false information.

12.3 Students leaving the Institute on their own accord without completing the programme of study may be required to refund the amount of scholarship received during that year.

12.4 No student can receive two scholarships simultaneously.

12.5 Scholarships will not be paid after the month in which a student completes all the prescribed academic requirements of the programme.

12.6 To promote and recognize academic excellence, constructive leadership and overall growth and development of students, the Senate shall award Prizes/Medals/Scholarships to be instituted either by the Institute or through endowment /grants of donors. The norms and conditions for the institution of such Scholarships/ Prizes/Medals shall require approval of the Board of Governors.

12.7 Students who are admitted as non-sponsored, regular, full-time, postgraduate students shall be eligible for financial assistance according to the norms approved by the Board of Governors.

12.8 Postgraduate students can also receive financial assistance from the Government, Public Sector Organizations, private industrial and commercial organizations, and research schemes directed by the faculty members of the Institute.

GLOSSARY

Academic- Activities concerned with teaching and research

Calendar - dates for various academic activities

Centre - unit engaged in specified research activities

Department - comprises a group of academic staff pursuing similar academic interests

Programme - sequence of academic activities leading to a degree/ diploma

Session - comprises two regular semesters along with a summer term

Staff - employees engaged in teaching and research

Candidacy for Ph.D. degree - a Ph.D. student who has completed the prescribed academic requirements for, submission of Ph.D. thesis

Course - a sequence of topics which can be covered during a semester

Approved - a course approved by the appropriate body using the guidelines provided by the Senate

Credits - approved weight of a course which is based on the total effort expected of a student

Curriculum of a Programme - a prescribed set of courses and other academic activities

Disciplinary Probation - a student status due to disciplinary action requiring special monitoring

Document Submission - submission of qualifying and other prescribed certificates required for authenticating admission

Examination - a procedure used to evaluate the academic performance of a student
Comprehensive - written and/or oral evaluation of a Ph.D. student to assess his/her preparation for starting research work; a requirement for admittance to Ph.D. candidacy

End-Semester - examination conducted at the end of a semester during the prescribed dates

Make-up - meant for a student who is not able to appear in the scheduled examination

Mid-Semester - examination conducted during the semester

Oral - thesis evaluation, in person, of a Ph.D./M.Tech. student

Grade - A letter grade indicating the performance of a student in a course (A*, A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D, E, F, S or X) or in thesis (S or X).

Graduation Requirement - minimum academic and other requirements which entitles a student for the award of a degree/diploma

Interdisciplinary Programme - an academic programme involving more than one department

Open Seminar - seminar in which a Ph.D. student presents the research work done for the thesis and which is open to all

Performance Index - indicator of the efforts put in by a student in all the courses/thesis/project

Cumulative (CPI) - weighted average of the numerical values of all the letter grades obtained by a student, the weights being the credits of the respective courses

Semester (SPI) - weighted average of the numerical values of all the letter grades obtained by a student in a semester, the weights being the credits of the respective courses.

Residence Requirement - One semester residence requirement is equivalent to that of registration of a normal course/research load during one semester

Registration - enrolment in the courses/research that a student wants to pursue during a semester as required by the Programme of the student

State-of-the-Art-Seminar - seminar given by a Ph.D. student in which the research work intended to be pursued is presented

Student - a bona-fide student on the rolls of the Institute Academically Deficient - a student not satisfying the prescribed academic requirements

Postgraduate - a student enrolled for the eMasters / P.G. Diploma / M.S. (By Research) / M.S. / M.Sc. (Two Years) / M.Tech./ M.Tech. (With Project) / M.Des. / M.B.A. / M.A. (By Research) / Ph.D. / M.Sc.-Ph.D. (Dual Degree) programme.

Undergraduate-a student enrolled for the B.Tech./B.S. Programme

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