



4th Year under 4 Year UG & PG Programme

Clarification & Discussion



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Credit Structure of 3-Year UG Programme

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NCrF Credit Level	Semester	Major (Core)	Minor (Electives)	Multi/Interdisciplinary	AEC	SEC/Internship	VAC/IKS	RP/OJT	Total Credit per Sem.	Qualification/Certificate
4.5 First Year	I	8	4	4	2	2 (SEC)	2 (IKS)	-	22	UG Certificate
	II	8	4	4	2	2 (SEC)	2 (VAC)	-	22	
1st Year Total Credits		16	8	8	4	4	4	-	44	
Exit 1: Award of UG certificate in Major course with 44 credits with additional 4 credits of Summer Internship in core specific NSQF defined course OR continue with Major and Minor course for next NCrF credit level										
5.0 Second Year	III	12	-	4	2	2 (SEC)	2 (IKS)	-	22	UG Diploma
	IV	12	4	-	2	2 (SEC)	2 (VAC)	-	22	
2nd Year Total Credits		40	12	12	8	8	8	-	88	
Exit 2: Award of UG Diploma in Major course with 88 credits with additional 4 credits of Summer Internship in core specific NSQF defined course OR continue with Major and Minor course for next NCrF credit level										
5.5 Third Year	V	12	8	-	-	2 (SEC)	-	-	22	UG Degree
	VI	12	4	-	2	4 (Internship)	-	-	22	
3rd Year Total Credits		64	24	12	10	14	8	-	132	
Award of UG Degree in Major course with 132 credits and Internship in core discipline OR continue with Major and Minor course for next NCrF credit level										

Credit Structure of Honours/Honours with Research

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NCrF Credit Level	Semester	Major (Core)	Minor (Electives)	Multi/Interdisciplinary	AEC	SEC/Internship	VAC/IKS	RP/OJT	Total Credit per Sem.	Qualification/Certificate
6.0 Fourth Year	VII	12	4	-	-	-	-	6 (OJT)	22	UG Honours Degree
	VIII	12	4	-	-	-	-	6 (OJT)	22	
4 th Year Total Credits		88	32	12	10	14	8	12	176	
Award of UG Honours Degree in Major course with total 176 credits										
6.0	VII	12	4	-	-	-	-	6 (RP)	22	UG Honours with Research Degree
	VIII	12	4	-	-	-	-	6 (RP)	22	
4 th Year Total Credits		88	32	12	10	14	8	12	176	
Award of UG Honours with Research Degree in Major course with total 176 credits										

Note: In case students opting Honors with Coursework in 4th year: Students choosing this path must take 12 credit courses instead of OJT.

Key Features of 4-Year UGPA



- ❖ Introduced by UGC to align with international education standards.
- ❖ Allows students to earn an Honors degree or Honors with Research in 4 years.

Implementation in Gujarat

- All universities of Gujarat state have adopted a Credit & Curriculum Framework. (*GR No: KCG/admin/2023-24/0607/kh.1*)
- The Education Department has issued an SOP to guide NEP-2020 Implementation in Gujarat State in July 2023.

Benefits for Students

- ✓ Enhances global academic mobility, making it easier for students to pursue studies abroad.
- ✓ Flexible learning pathways with multiple entry and exit options.

A step towards a globally competitive education system! 🚀

Why 4th year?

- Every year, around **8 lakh students** go abroad for higher studies
- It helps fulfill the international **12+4 eligibility** criteria for Master's programmes
- Enhances opportunities for **higher studies abroad**, where four-year UG degrees are preferred.
- NEP aims to **align the curriculum with global education** standards.
- Deeper conceptual clarity and subject knowledge
- Improves **academic preparedness and global mobility** for students.

❖ **Student have the option to take exit after the completion of 3 year UG programme.**

As per the **Government Resolution dated July 2023** issued by the **Education Department, Government of Gujarat**, a student must **earn a total of 176 credits** to be awarded a **UG Honours / Honours with Research degree**



4th Year Honours with Research

- NEP-2020 introduces a four-year undergraduate structure, offering students the option to pursue a 4th year with Honours or Honours with Research.
- Students completing the 4th year with research can directly progress to a Ph.D. programme.
- Institutions must have the necessary infrastructure to offer the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP).
- Students enrolled in Honours with Research will receive guidance from a Research Supervisor.

Feature	Honours with Research
Duration	4 Years
Total Credits	176
Research Project	✓ Mandatory (12 credits)
Minimum Marks Requirement	75% in first 3 Years (aggregate)
Focus	Research & academic pathway

- **UGC Regulation 2022** (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree)
- After NEP-2020, now students can enroll in a Ph.D. after 16 years (**12+4**), provided they have 75% aggregate marks in their UG degree.

4th Year with Honours without Research



- Major focus is on the **subject rather than research**
- The 4th year with Honours will function **similar to the first year of a postgraduate programme**
- All students pursuing FYUGP with Honours can directly enroll in a **one-year postgraduate programme.**
- **Provision of On- Job-Training:** Students can opt 6 credit OJT in each Semester OR 6 credit course instead of OJT in each semester.

Feature	Honours
Duration	4 Years
Total Credits	176
Research Project	✗ Not mandatory
Minimum Marks Requirement	Min. passing marks as per SOP
Focus	Advanced subject mastery

NHEQF Levels (UGC 2023)

NHEQF level	Examples of higher education qualifications located within each level
Level 6	Bachelor's Degree (Honours/ Honours with Research). Programme duration: Four years (eight semesters).
Level 6	Post-Graduate Diploma. Programme duration: One year (two semesters) for those who exit after successful completion of the first year (two semesters) of the 2-year master's programme.
Level 6.5	Master's degree. (e.g. M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc.) Programme duration: Two years (four semesters) after obtaining a 3- year Bachelor's degree (e.g. B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. etc.).
Level 6.5	Master's degree. (e.g. M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc.) Programme duration: One year (two semesters) after obtaining a 4 -year Bachelor's degree (Honours/ Honours with Research) (e.g. B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. etc.).
Level 7	Master's degree.(e.g. M.E./M.Tech. etc.) Programme duration: Two years (four semesters) after obtaining a 4-year Bachelor's degree. (e.g. B.E./B.Tech. etc.)
Level 8	Doctoral Degree

PG programme

- ❖ The State Higher Education Department provides academic autonomy to the universities to determine the credit structure for their postgraduate (PG) programmes.
- ❖ As per the GR dated July 2023 on the UG credit and curriculum framework, a common credit structure has been adopted with a permissible deviation of up to 10% on the higher side of the UGC framework (i.e., 22 credits per semester).

1 Year PG

Balanced Approach: 50% coursework combined with 50% research for comprehensive learning and investigation.

Coursework Focus: 100% coursework for students seeking intensive academic study without research component.

Research Focus: 100% research for students pursuing deep investigation in their specialized field.

2 Year PG

First Year **Semesters 1 & 2:**
Only coursework to build foundational knowledge and theoretical understanding

Second Year
Option A: Only coursework in the 3rd & 4th semesters
Option B: Coursework in 3rd semester, research in 4th semester
Option C: Only research in both 3rd & 4th semesters

Thank You!

