

Implementation of
Fourth Year Undergraduate (FYUG)
Programmes under

NEP -2020

from

2026 – 27

Degrees offered under NEP-2020

UG Certificate

- Students who opt to exit after completion of the first year and have secured 44 credits will be awarded a UG certificate if, in addition, they complete one vocational course of 4 credits during the summer vacation of the first year.
- These students are allowed to re-enter the degree programme within three years and complete the degree programme within the stipulated maximum period of seven years

UG Diploma

- Students who opt to exit after completion of the second year and have secured 88 credits will be awarded the UG diploma if, in addition, they complete one vocational course of 4 credits during the summer vacation of the second year.
- These students are allowed to re-enter within a period of three years and complete the degree programme within the maximum period of seven years.

Degrees offered under NEP-2020

3-year UG Degree

- Students who wish to undergo a 3-year UG programme will be awarded UG Degree in the Major discipline after successful completion of three years, securing 132 credits and satisfying the minimum credit requirement.

4-year UG Degree (Honours)

- A four-year UG Honours degree in the major discipline will be awarded to those who complete a four-year degree programme with 176 credits and have satisfied the credit requirements.

4-year UG Degree (Honours with Research)

- Only Students who secure 75% marks and above in the first six semesters can choose a research stream in the fourth year.
- They should do a research project or dissertation under the guidance of a faculty member of the University/College in major discipline.
- The students who secure 176 credits, including 12 credits from a research project/dissertation, are awarded UG Degree (Honours with Research).

Degrees offered under NEP-2020

2-year PG Degree

- Students who wish to undergo a 2-year PG programme will be awarded PG Degree in the Major discipline after successful completion of two years, securing 88 credits and satisfying the minimum credit requirement.
- Those who have completed 3 year UG program are eligible for this.

PG Diploma

- Students who opt to exit after completion of the first year of 2 year PG program and have secured 44 credits will be awarded the PG diploma.
- These students are allowed to re-enter within a period of three years and complete the degree programme within the maximum period of seven years.

1-year PG Degree (to be implemented from AY 2027-28)

- A one-year Master's programme for students who are completing a four-year Bachelor's programme with honours or honours with Research. The degree will be awarded after successful completion of one year, securing 44 credits and satisfying the minimum credit requirement.

Research Project / Dissertation (12 Credits)

- Students choosing a **4-Year Bachelor's degree (Honours with Research)** are required to take up **research projects** under the guidance of a faculty member.
- Under four-year UG Degree (Honours with Research), the students will work on a research project or dissertation of 12 credits in the fourth year in the respective Major Subject.
- The research outcomes of their project work may be published in peer-reviewed journals or may be presented in conferences /seminars or may be patented.
- The decision regarding the distribution of 12 credits in Semester VII and VIII of fourth year will be taken by Academic Authorities of University/ Autonomous Colleges.

Guidelines to implement Fourth Year of FYUG

- The fourth year of the four-year UG programme will **not be granted** to any such college as 'natural growth'.
- The **affiliated colleges conducting 3-year UG** degree programme will **seek permission to commence fourth year UG programme** as extension by following the prevailing statutory procedures.
- However, Colleges already **having permission and recognition for the PG** degree programme along with UG degree programme in the same Major shall be **automatically allowed to continue PG degree** programme and conduct the **fourth year of UG Honors** Degree programme without undergoing any additional procedures.
- Similarly, the colleges with **approved PG programme and Ph.D. Research Centre** shall be **automatically** allowed to **continue PG Degree** programme and start the **fourth year of UG Honors with Research** Degree programme without undergoing any additional procedures.
- For students of Colleges running only three year UG Degree Programme, the University shall evolve suitable mechanisms for admission to fourth-year honours program in other Colleges.

Some of the key points stated in Maha GR dated 20 April 2023

- The fourth year of four years honors UG degree shall be identical in structure to the first year of two year PG programmes offered after three year UG programmes.
- Eligibility for admission to the fourth year of four year Honours with Research Degree Programmes as per UGC guidelines: Minimum CGPA of 7.5 or minimum 75% at three year degree.

Credit Framework for Level 6.0

Degree	Difficulty	Year of the degree	Sem	Major Core (Th + Pr)	Major Elective (Th + Pr)	Internship	Research Methodology	Research Project	Total
PG	500	First	1	14	4	0	4	0	22
Fourth Year Undergraduate (FYUG) (Honors)	400	Fourth	7	14	4	0	4	0	22
FYUG (Honors with Research)	400	Fourth	7	10	4	0	4	4	22

Degree	Difficulty	Year of the degree	Sem	Major Core (Th + Pr)	Major Elective (Th + Pr)	Internship	Research Methodology	Research Project	Total
PG	500	First	2	14	4	4	0	0	22
FYUG (Honors)	400	Fourth	8	14	4	4	0	0	22
FYUG (Honors with Research)	400	Fourth	8	10	4	0	0	8	22