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CIRCULAR

Subject: Summer Semester for UG programmes with effect from the academic year 2024-25 for non-autonomous (affiliated) colleges of university regarding...

Reference:

1. JBOS Recommendation dated: 03.01.2025
2. Proceeding 2.2.1 of 181st EC meeting held on 07.02.2025
3. UGC 2022 Curriculum and Credit Framework for Under Graduate Programmes

A **summer semester** is an additional academic term offered during the summer break (after the even semester), typically shorter than regular semesters. It is designed to benefit students in the following ways:

1. Clearing Backlogs:

- Students who were ineligible to appear for the SEE due to a shortage of attendance or insufficient CIE marks can retake and pass the subjects.
- Students who failed in the SEE can retake and clear their subjects.

2. Accelerating Graduation: Students who wish to take extra courses from higher semesters to complete their degree early.

3. Supporting Slow Learners: Students can register for a few courses from odd or even semesters during the summer to complete them within the same academic year.

4. Special Courses: Enables students to take short-term, skill-based, or bridge courses during the summer.

All the details regarding the summer semester are enclosed to this circular for all stakeholder's reference and use.

All principals of engineering colleges under the university's jurisdiction, as well as chairpersons and program coordinators of university departments, are hereby instructed to ensure that the contents of this circular are communicated to all concerned without fail.

Enclosures: Details of SUMMER SEMESTER

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To,

- The Principals of all engineering (Constituent/Affiliated) Colleges under the ambit of the university
- The Chairpersons of University Departments at Kalaburgi, Belagavi, Mysuru and Bengaluru

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1. The Registrar (Evaluation), VTU Belagavi, for information and needful
2. The Special Officer QPDS VTU Belagavi for information and needful
3. The Director, ITI SMU VTU Belagavi, for information and to make arrangement to upload the circular on the VTU web portal
4. Office File

A Typical Breakdown of Academic Year into Semesters (to be in line with the Regulations made by university in this regard)	
1. Number of Semesters/ Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three per year; Two being Main Semesters: Odd, Even and one being a Summer Semester. • Normally Odd semester is from August to December, Even semester is from January to May and Summer semester is from June to July. <p><i>(Summer semester is Limited to UG only, as it is not feasible to conduct one more examination for PG Programmes which may have many specializations)</i></p>
2. Semester Durations	<p>Odd Semester: 20 weeks, (including examinations).</p> <p>Even Semesters: 20 weeks (including examinations).</p> <p>Summer semester: 10 weeks (including examinations).</p>
3. Academic Activities (in Weeks)	<p><u>Semesters: Odd and Even</u></p> <p>Registration of Courses- 0.5; Course Work- 15.5. Examination Preparation-1.0; Examinations- 2.0. Declaration of Results- 1.0; Total: 20.</p> <p><u>Summer Semester:</u></p> <p>Registration of Courses- 0.5; Course Work- 7.0. Examination Preparation-0.5; Examinations- 2.0. Total: 10.</p> <p><i>(Note: In each Semester, there shall be various provisions for students like, Registration of Courses at the beginning, Dropping of Courses after the first CIE and Withdrawal from Courses towards the end, all being under the Faculty Member's (Course Instructor/ Faculty Advisor's) advice. The above provisions made available are to be judiciously used, which need proper monitoring by Faculty Advisors, leading to the improved learning capabilities of students and minimizing their chances of failure in the Courses registered.)</i></p>

4. Examinations	<p><u>Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) and Semester End Examination (SEE)</u> both have equal weightages in the students' performance in Course Work/Laboratory Work and other activities.</p> <p>The following examinations are to be conducted in an academic year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Odd Semester: CIEs during the semester and SEE at the end of the semester for the courses offered in the odd semester only. • In Even Semester: CIEs during the semester and SEE at the end of the semester for the courses offered in the even semester only. • In Summer Semester (For UG Programmes Only): CIEs during the semester for the courses offered in summer semester and SEE at the end of the semester for the courses offered in the summer semester and all other courses of previous semesters in which students have 'F' Grade/'AB' Grade.
5. A Typical Calendar (In an academic year)	<p>Typical Academic calendar (Due to the delay in CET seat allotment, the current academic calendar has been postponed).</p> <p>Odd Semester: 1st August - 17th December (20 Weeks) Recess: 18th December – 1st January (2 Weeks)</p> <p>Even Semester: 02nd January – 20th May (20 Weeks) Recess: 21st May - 31st July (10 Weeks) {Only for students who do not register to summer semester}</p> <p>Summer Semester: 21st May - 31st July (10 Weeks)</p> <p>Total: 52 Weeks</p> <p>(Note: This calendar is to be used only as an <i>example</i> to assist. Specific time periods are to be provided in this calendar for Registration of Courses, Dropping of Courses and Withdrawal from Courses by the Colleges individually. Also, each College to provide for a 3-week Induction Programme for UG students at the beginning of their 1st Semester to meet the requirements of AICTE Model Curriculum for First Year UG students, Feb. 2018.</p>
6. Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care shall be taken by each College to ensure that the total number of days for academic work is ≥ 180 / year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic schedules prescribed shall be strictly adhered to for the success of the <i>Semester Scheme</i>. • Minimum, Maximum and Average Course loads per Semester shall be the same at all Colleges as fixed by the University from time to time. • Students with satisfactory CIE and attendance in a course/s is absent for SEE ('AB' grade) or appeared to SEE, but failed ('F' grade) in SEE, need not re-register for course/s but can register and appear for SEE directly, whenever next SEE is held for that course in Odd/Even/Summer Semester.
a) Summer Semester (For UG Programmes Only)	
I) Purpose of Conducting Summer Semester	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To enable students to complete courses having 'DX'/'NP' grades or to complete dropped/withdrawn courses or to do additional courses or to do higher semester courses for extraordinary learners or to help slow learners to pace their studies/learning based on their individual abilities. ii) To enable students who wish to undertake a one-year research/industry internship (leading to a project/startup)/ placement training (leading to job assurance) at the final year level, to complete higher semester courses by registering in summer semester iii) To enable readmitted/ change of branch/ scheme/ college students to progress to higher semesters by offering backlog/ equivalent courses during summer semester. iv) To offer Internship/ apprenticeship/ work-based vocational education and training especially by students who wish to exit after 4 or 6 semesters of study. 	
II) Conduction of Summer Semester	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The summer semester, held annually after the EVEN semester, shall comprise of 8 weeks of classes followed by 2 weeks of examinations called SEE. ii) A limited number of courses are offered depending on the student's requirement and the faculty availability. Selected regular courses, including audit/ mandatory courses, are offered during the summer semester. iii) A student is permitted to register not more than 14 credits in UG programmes, except for the Architecture programme where a student is permitted to register up to 18 credits in the 	

summer semester for coursework, excluding audit/Mandatory Non-credit courses. However, there is no limit for a student to register for 'F'/'AB' grade courses for SEE.

- iv) Students are not permitted to register for project work and internship in summer semester.
- v) Since summer semester duration is about half of the main semesters, to relate the credits and the hours of course work, multiply the teaching hours per week by 2 such that the total number of hours per semester shall be same as that of Odd/Even semester.
- vi) For students completing four years of study and still have courses with 'DX' / 'NP' grades, summer semester shall be conducted along with the regular odd/even semesters to facilitate such students to complete the degree without much delay. However, such students can also re-register to 'DX' / 'NP' grade courses, if they are offered in the regular odd/ even semesters of the ongoing batch of students.
- vii) Students who do not vertically progress to a higher year of study and are detained for a year need not wait till the commencement of the summer semester to register for 'DX' / 'NP' grade courses. They can register for such courses in the ongoing odd/even semesters and appear for their exams in the regular odd/even SEE.

Note:

For UG Programmes: Courses with 'DX' Grades/'NP' Grades in Odd/Even/previous Summer Semester shall be registered again in the following Summer Semester only.

For PG Programme: Courses with 'DX' Grades/'NP' Grades shall be registered again in subsequent Odd/Even Semester, when offered.

(Conditions for Re-registration of courses in UG & PG programmes are different. Conditions for UG are not applicable for PG, as PG is only a 2 year course).

b) Eligibility to Register for a Course in a Summer Semester

- i) Students who have 'DX' / 'NP' grades i.e., either a shortage of attendance or not having the minimum CIE or both in a course. Such students shall register for the summer semester to satisfy the minimum attendance and CIE requirements to appear for the Summer Semester End Examination (SEE).
- ii) Students with 'F' / 'AB' grade having requisite attendance and CIE in a course, but, wish to re-register to that course for better learning, can do so in the summer semester by letting go the previous CIE marks and acquiring the required attendance and CIE marks afresh, However, they are eligible to register directly for SEE of summer semester by carrying forward their previous CIE marks.
- iii) Students in the **extraordinary category** (with a CGPA of ≥ 9.0) who wish to complete the programme in 3.5 years, may register for additional subjects from higher semester's regular courses during the summer semester, if offered by the HEI.
- iv) Slow learners may opt not to register/Drop a few courses in the regular Odd/Even semesters and register those courses in the summer semester. This shall be done under the guidance of the Faculty Mentors subject to the condition that the course load in every semester shall not fall below the minimum limit.