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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Implementation of Skill Labs for UG and PG Programmes under the 2025 and 2026 Schemes – Regarding.
Reference: JBOS proceeding dated:27.06.2026
Regulation committee proceedings dated:30.06.2026
The Hon'ble VC sir approval dated: 03.07.2026

In order to enhance the employability and strengthen the hands-on training, experiential learning, innovation, design thinking, prototyping, industry collaboration, and domain-specific skill development, thereby enhancing students' technical competence, professional skills, **Skill Labs** are introduced as an integral part of the curriculum for Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programmes of the University.

The Skill Lab component is **mandatory** for all students admitted under the **2025 Scheme** of Engineering programmes and the **2026 Scheme** of MBA and MCA programmes.

Skill Labs carry the prescribed credits, and every student shall compulsorily earn the requisite Skill Lab credits as specified in the **Guidelines** before the completion of the respective degree programme. Earning the prescribed Skill Lab **credits** is a mandatory requirement for the award of the degree.

The detailed guidelines regarding the implementation, conduct, and evaluation of Skill Labs are enclosed with this circular.

All the Principals of affiliated, constituent, and autonomous colleges are requested to bring the contents of this circular and the enclosed guidelines to the notice of all concerned faculty members and students and to take necessary action for their effective implementation.

Encl: Skill Lab Guidelines

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To,

The principals of affiliated (Constituent, Non-autonomous and Autonomous) engineering colleges under the ambit of the university.

The Chairpersons/Programme coordinator of university departments at Bengaluru, Belagavi, Kalaburgi, Mysuru and Talkal

Copy to.

1. To the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, through the Secretary to the VC, VTU Belagavi, for information
2. The Registrar (Evaluation), VTU Belagavi, for information and the needful.
3. The Director ITI SMU, VTU Belagavi, for information and to make arrangements to upload on the VTU web portal.
4. The Special Officer QPDS section VTU Belagavi for the information and needful (with a copy to Mr.P. Manjunath)
5. All the concerned Special Officer/s and Caseworker/s of the academic section, VTU, Belagavi
6. Office copy.

Skill Lab Guidelines:

Preamble:

In alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the guidelines of the All India Council for Technical Education, and the Government of India's Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) under the Skill India Mission, Visvesvaraya Technological University is committed to promoting experiential, project-based, skill-oriented, and industry-driven education through Skill Laboratories/centers established in the University's Skill Centres, University Departments, and at affiliated engineering colleges. These laboratories shall facilitate hands-on training, experiential learning, innovation, design thinking, prototyping, industry collaboration, and domain-specific skill development to enhance students' technical competence and employability.

Guidelines:

1. Completion of the prescribed number of Skill Labs is mandatory for the award of the degree.
2. All prescribed Skill Labs shall be completed before the completion of the respective degree programme.
3. Each Skill Lab shall have a minimum duration of 25–30 hours. Successful completion of one Skill Lab of 25–30 hours shall carry one (01) credit.
4. Students admitted to the 2025 Scheme of all Undergraduate Engineering programmes through regular admission shall successfully complete five (05) Skill Labs. Students admitted through lateral entry under the 2025 Scheme shall successfully complete four (04) Skill Labs. Students admitting to the 2026 Scheme of the MBA and MCA programmes shall successfully complete two (02) Skill Labs.
5. The students admitted during the Academic Year 2025–26 under the 2025 Scheme shall complete the five prescribed skill Labs between the 3rd and 7th semesters. Further, students admitted from Academic Year 2026–27 and onwards thereafter shall complete the skill Labs as specified below:
 - (a) Regular entry students: between the 1st and 6th semesters.
 - (b) Lateral entry students: between the 3rd and 6th semesters
6. 2026 scheme (MBA and MCA) admitting students have to complete the skill labs before completion of their degree duration.
7. Students shall attend to these skill Labs during Saturdays, Sundays, general holidays, vacations and Summer Semesters with an aim that students acquire skills of their choice to become industry ready graduates.
8. With the introduction of Skill Labs, the total credits for the B.E./B.Tech. programmes shall be 165 for students admitted through regular admission to the first year and 124 for students admitted through lateral entry to third semester under the 2025 Scheme. However, the additional Skill Lab credits shall not be considered for the award of rank, calculation of the Programme Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), or vertical progression. The successful completion of the prescribed Skill Labs shall, however, be reflected in the **Eighth Semester Grade Card**.
9. With the introduction of Skill Labs, the total credits for the MBA and MCA programmes under the 2026 Scheme shall be 102 and 82 credits, respectively. However, the additional two (02) Skill Lab credits shall not be considered for the award of rank, calculation of the Programme Cumulative Grade

Point Average (CGPA), or vertical progression. The successful completion of the prescribed Skill Labs shall, however, be reflected in the **final Semester Grade Card**.

10. The students of affiliated colleges where University-approved Skill Centres have not been established shall complete the prescribed skill Labs at the University Skill Centres (Centers of Excellence) or at university-approved Skill Centers established in other affiliated colleges.
11. The **list** of Skill Labs to be offered through the University Skill Centres (Centres of Excellence), University Regional Offices/Departments, and University-approved Skill Centres established in affiliated colleges shall be notified by the University separately from time to time.
12. The evaluation methodology for the Skill Labs shall be based on the nature and objectives of the respective programme. Skill Labs based on Project-Based Learning (PBL) shall be evaluated on the lines of project work evaluation, while Skill Labs based on Experimental/Hands-on Learning shall be evaluated in a manner like practical examinations. Each skill lab shall be evaluated out of 100 marks, by two internal examiners after completion of the skill labs immediately. The examiners are appointed by the Principal/Chairperson/Programme coordinator. The marks shall be finalized and kept ready for uploading to the VTU portal whenever called for by the University.
13. The Principal of the concerned college shall submit, from time to time, the list of students registered for the Skill Labs, along with the details of the respective Skill Centre, to the Registrar, VTU, Belagavi, with a copy to the Registrar (Evaluation), VTU, Belagavi, without fail..

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Note:

Go to the web page

<https://vtu.ac.in/en/b-e-scheme-syllabus/>

click on the link whose title given below for skill lab details

Skill labs details (university Departments) Skill Lab details
affiliated colleges

