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ವಿಟಿಯು ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ೧೯೯೪ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿತವಾದ ರಾಜ್ಯವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ
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Revised-NOTIFICATION

- Subject:** The Additional Skill Labs for UG and PG Programmes under the 2025 and 2026 Schemes – Regarding.
- Reference:** (i)JBOS proceeding dated:27.06.2026
(ii)Regulation committee proceedings dated:30.06.2026
(iii)The Hon'ble VC sir approval dated: 03.07.2026
(iv)The proceeding no. 2.2.1 of 190th EC meeting held on 25th August 2026
(V) The hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's approval Dated: 16.09.2026

The additional Skill Labs are introduced to promote experiential, project-based, skill-oriented, and industry-driven education for all students admitted under the 2025 Scheme of Engineering programmes and for the 2026 Scheme of MBA and MCA programmes.

These skill labs are mandatory and are the integral part of the curriculum. Each lab carries one credit. Students shall successfully complete the skill labs as specified in the Skill Lab Guidelines, enclosed with this circular. Earning the prescribed Skill Lab credits, like earning of AICTE Activity Points, is a mandatory requirement for the award of the degree.

All 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 take necessary action for their effective implementation.

Encl: Skill Lab Guidelines and list of university approved skill labs at university departments/ constituent /affiliated colleges are made available @ <https://vtu.ac.in/en/b-e-scheme-syllabus/>.

Rampure 18/09/26
REGISTRAR

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.

Additional 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/centres established in the University's Skill Centres, University Departments, constituent colleges 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:

(A) Undergraduate Engineering Programmes

1. Completion of the prescribed additional number of Skill Labs, within the prescribed duration of programme, is mandatory for the award of the degree.
2. All prescribed Skill Labs shall be completed before the prescribed duration of the respective degree programme.
3. Successful completion of one Skill Lab of 30 hours shall carry one (01) credit.
4. The skill labs shall be attempted/registered only one at a time.
5. Prescribed number of skill labs for the Engineering programmes
 - (i) Regular students admitted to the 1 year of all undergraduate Engineering programmes through regular admission, and regular students who have been transferred/ changed branch or changed colleges, or readmitted to first semester of 2025-26 batch from any of the permissible previous scheme that are under VTU ambit / transferred from other universities to third (03) semester of the programme shall successfully complete five (05) Skill Labs. These additional skill labs shall be completed during the period third (03) and seventh (07) semesters.
 - (ii) Lateral Entry Students (LES), who have passed diploma or B.Sc./ admitted to the third (03) semester of the programme, or LES of VTU who changed branch/college or both, and students transferred from other universities, or readmitted to third (03) semester of 2025-26 batch from any of the permissible previous scheme shall successfully complete four (04) Skill Labs. These additional skill labs shall be completed during the period third (03) and six (06) semesters.
 - (iii) Students transferred from other universities to fifth (05) semester of the programme shall successfully complete two (02) Skill Labs. These additional skill labs shall be completed during the period fifth (05) and six (06) semesters.

(iv) From, the academic year 2026-27 and onwards, the students admitted to the first (01) year of the Undergraduate Engineering programmes, shall complete the skill labs starting from first (01) semester and before proceeding to the 7th semester.

(v) 2026-27 batch lateral entry students admitted to the Third (III) semester of the 2025 scheme programme, or lateral entry students of VTU who changed branch/college or both, and students transferred from other universities shall successfully complete four (04) Skill Labs starting from third (03) semester and before proceeding to the 7th semester.

(vii) These provisions shall also apply to students of earlier batches (prior to the academic year 2025-26) who are readmitted to the First (1st) or Second (2nd) year of the programme under the 2025 Scheme. Such students shall complete five (5) or four (4) Skill Labs, and two (02) respectively, as applicable.

(viii) Even with the introduction addition 5(regular students), 4(lateral entry students), or 2 credits(students admitted to 5th semester from other university), as applicable, to the engineering programme, the programme credits remain to be 160 and 120, as applicable, as per AICTE norms.

The CGPA of the programme shall be calculated based on 160 or 120 credits, as applicable. Also, the additional skill lab credits shall not be considered for vertical progression, award of rank, or award of medals. However, the successful completion of the prescribed Skill Labs shall be reflected in the Eighth Semester Grade Card.

(ix) Students shall attend to these skill Labs during Saturdays, Sundays, general holidays, vacations and Summer Semesters with an aim that they acquire skills of their choice to become industry ready graduates.

(B) Postgraduate Programmes MBA and MCA

(i) Students admitted to the 2026 Scheme of the MBA and MCA programmes shall successfully complete two (02) Skill Labs before completion of the 4th semester. The students readmitted from the previous scheme to the 2026 Scheme shall also complete two (2) Skill Labs before completing the 4th semester.

(ii) With the introduction of Skill Labs, the total credits for the MBA and MCA programmes under the 2026 -27 scheme shall be 102 and 82 credits, respectively. Also, the additional skill lab credits shall not be considered for vertical progression, award of rank, or award of medals. However, the successful completion of the prescribed Skill Labs shall be reflected in the fourth Semester Grade Card. The CGPA of the programme shall be calculated based on 100 or 80 credits, as applicable.

(iii) Students shall attend to these skill Labs during Saturdays, Sundays, general holidays, vacations and Summer Semesters with an aim that they acquire skills of their choice to become industry ready graduates.

(C) General Instructions

(i) The list of Skill Labs 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 (@ <https://vtu.ac.in/en/b-e-scheme-syllabus/>).

(ii) 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 (Centres of Excellence) or at university-approved Skill Centres established in other affiliated colleges. The required permission to carried in other colleges shall be made by the principal on requests by the students.

(iii) Skill Labs completed by students at any Skill Centres/Labs, that are not approved by the University shall not be recognized for the purpose of fulfilling the prescribed Skill Lab requirement.

(iv) On successful completion of skill lab, the principal shall issue a certificate as per the format that shall be issued in due course.

(v) 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.

(D) Evaluation of Skill Labs

Each skill lab shall be evaluated for 100 marks, by two internal examiners immediately after completion of the skill labs. The internal examiners are appointed by the Principal/Chairperson/Programme coordinator (One examiner may be skill lab trainer/coordinator and another examiner preferably the senior faculty/head of the department).

The certificate issued and marks scored shall be finalized and kept ready for uploading to the VTU portal whenever called for by the University. In this regards the Registrar (Evaluation) will issue circular for submission of the skill lab completed details.

(vi) 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.

The earning of AICTE Activity Points and Skill Lab credits is mandatory. The completion of the same shall be reflected on the Eighth Semester Grade Card with the following details:

Sl. No.	Course Code	Title of the courses registered	Credit Assigned	Credit Earned [C]	Letter Grade	Credit Point (G)
	1BSDL001					
	1BSDL002					
	1BSDL003					
	1BSDL004					
	1BSDL005					

The college/organization which is conducting the skill labs has to issue a certificate of completion of skill lab to the students of own organization/another college in the following format

Sample Certificate

Letter Head of the College/separately design having college logo and CoE logo

CERTIFICATE OF SKILL LAB COMPLETION

This is to certify that **Mr./Ms.** _____ **USN:** _____, a student of **B.E./B.Tech./MBA/MCA** _____ **Programme**, studying in _____ department of _____ **College**, has successfully completed the Skill Lab titled “ _____ ” carrying **01 Credit** during the Academic Year _____ from _____ to _____

The Skill Lab was conducted for a duration of 30 hours and the student has satisfactorily completed all the prescribed activities, assignments, practical exercises, and assessment requirements as per the guidelines of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.

This certificate is issued in recognition of the successful completion of the Skill Lab.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Skill Lab Coordinator/ Trainer

Signature and Seal

Principal /Head of Department

Signature and Seal

The format shall be modified slightly to suit-university department or Institute/organization or MBA/MCA