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NOTIFICATION

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Change of Branch and Course/Credit Equivalence at 3rd Semester Level in B.E./B.Tech. Programmes under 2025 Scheme - Reg.
Reference: The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's approval dated: 16.09.2026

It is hereby notified that, the following provisions shall be applicable to students of B.E./B.Tech. programmes under the 2025 Scheme in respect of change of branch and course/credit equivalence at 3rd semester level.

The 2025 Scheme is stream-specific and includes Programme-Specific Courses (PSC) and Programme-Specific Course Laboratories (PSCL). Accordingly, students admitted to a particular branch are required to study the courses and laboratories prescribed for that branch. In the event of change of branch, the student shall be required to complete the Programme-Specific Course (PSC) and Programme-Specific Course Laboratory (PSCL) prescribed for the newly selected branch.

Applicability for same scheme:

The following provisions shall apply to students admitted to the B.E./B.Tech. programme under the 2025 Scheme who are permitted to change their branch:

- The Programme-Specific Course (PSC) of 03 credits and the Programme-Specific Course Laboratory (PSCL) of 01 credit prescribed for the newly selected branch shall be treated as **additional courses**.
- The student shall register for, attend, and complete the prescribed Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) requirements in respect of the said courses during the ensuing Summer Semester and secure the minimum prescribed marks in CIE. Upon successful completion of the CIE requirements, the student shall be eligible to appear for the Semester End Examination (SEE) for the said courses in the Summer Semester conducted after completion of the IV Semester.
In the event that the student fails to qualify in the said courses during the Summer Semester, the student shall be permitted to register for and complete the said courses in any subsequent Summer Semester(s) before the completion of the degree programme, subject to the applicable University Regulations.
Any subsequent appearance in the SEE for such courses shall be treated as a subsequent attempt and shall be recorded accordingly in the Grade Card.
- The credits already earned in the first and second semesters shall remain credited to the student. The additional courses required consequent upon change of branch shall not be added to the prescribed total credits required for award of the B.E./B.Tech. degree.
- The credits and grades obtained in the additional courses shall not be considered for: vertical progression; award of University rank; calculation of SGPA; and calculation of CGPA.
- However, the additional courses, along with the credits and grades secured, shall be reflected in the Grade Card of the respective examination session/semester in which the student completes the courses.
- The above provision shall be applicable to students shifting:
 - from an Autonomous Scheme to the VTU Affiliated Scheme; and
 - from one Affiliated Scheme to another Affiliated Scheme,
 subject to the applicable University regulations and approval for change of branch.

Applicability to Different Schemes:

- a) In respect of students transferring from another University to a VTU-affiliated college and seeking/change of branch, the equivalence shall be considered separately. For such students:
- Course equivalence and credit equivalence shall be determined based on the scheme of study of the previous University.
 - The University/College shall determine the applicable course equivalence, credit equivalence, marks equivalence and grade equivalence, wherever required.
 - The student shall be advised regarding the courses required to be completed in accordance with the applicable VTU scheme and regulations.
 - The students have to register, attend and qualify for additional courses in summer semester only.

All Principals of the affiliated (Constituent/Autonomous/Non-autonomous) Engineering Colleges are hereby informed to bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of all concerned and ensure strict compliance with the provisions contained herein.

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To,

1. The Principals of All affiliated Engineering Colleges (Constituent / Non-Autonomous / Autonomous) under the ambit of the university
2. The Chairpersons/ Programme coordinators of university departments at Kalaburgi, Belagavi, Mysuru and Belagavi.

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