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"Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit Policy"

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Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit Policy

Purpose:

To provide a flexible and student-centric approach to learning, allowing students to enter and exit the program at various points, while ensuring academic rigor and quality.

Scope:

This policy applies to all undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs being offered in Kolhapur Institute of Technology's College of Engineering (Autonomous), Kolhapur.

What is Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit?

- **Multiple Entry:** Students can enter the program at various points, based on their prior learning and experience.
- **Multiple Exit:** Students can exit the program at various points, with a recognized credential or certification.

Benefits of the Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit System:

1. **Reduced drop-out rates:** Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit System is going to play a significant role in reducing drop-out rates. Under the present situation, students who need to take a break even for any valid reason are labelled as drop-outs. They get no qualification certificate for the period they were enrolled and studied in Higher Education Institutes. The exit and entry options provided by Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit System will break this conventional pattern and make education more vibrant and valued for the student. Increasing Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education is one of the objectives of NEP 2020.

2. **The flexible course completion period:** An innovative and flexible curriculum with various entry and exit points will replace the existing rigid, uniform, and mechanical framework to provide students new opportunities to choose and select the courses they want to study based on their preferences, convenience, or necessities. The Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system will hold the credits that the students earn during their studies. Students can thus use these credits for additional education at any moment if they choose to take a break from their study and resume it within a specific time frame.

3. **Permit transdisciplinary combinations:** Students will have more freedom and flexibility to enroll in or withdraw from courses as they see fit. They will also have the chance to switch courses based on the eligibility criteria.

4. **Values student's choice of courses:** Students will have much more freedom under Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit System to choose the major and minor courses they want to pursue. This initiative will revolutionize India's higher education system, as only interested students would complete the degree through the Multiple Entry and Exit System.

Commencement:

These Regulations in accordance with National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 shall come in to force from Academic Year 2023-24 onwards. These regulations shall be implemented from the academic year as mentioned below:

Level	Programme	From Academic Year	Credits Requirement
Undergraduate Programme:			
Level 4.5	Undergraduate Certificate (One Year or Two Semesters)	2023-24	40-44
Level 5.0	Undergraduate Diploma (Two Years or Four Semesters)	2024-25	80-88
Level 5.5	Three Years Bachelor's Degree (Three Years or Six Semesters)	2025-26	120-132
Level 6.0	Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and Technology (Four Years or Eight Semesters) OR	2026-27	160-176
	Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and Technology with Honors (Four Years or Eight Semesters) OR		
	Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and Technology with Emerging Minor (Four Years or Eight Semesters)		
Postgraduate Programme:			
Level 6.5	Postgraduate Diploma (One Year or Two Semesters)	2024-25	40-44
Level 7.0	Master's Degree (Two Years or Four Semesters)	2025-26	80-88

- **Exit Courses:** Additional credits (06-08) in the form of Skill-Based Courses, Internship, Mini Projects shall be offered in 8 weeks' vacation period after every year for Exit Options.

Academic Bank of Credits (ABC):

Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) shall support MEES to promote flexibility in curriculum ensuring mobility of learners across the Higher Education Institutes (HEIs)/ Universities of their choice. The students shall also get an option to gain the credits by learning quality Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) from UGC approved digital platforms such as Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM). This national-level credit account will facilitate the digital storage of earned credits from different HEIs and the certificate/diploma/degree shall be awarded in line with the accumulated credits in a specific duration at the Undergraduate and Master's levels. After registration in the national ABC framework, Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit System for smooth execution of multidisciplinary and flexible learning with impeccable credit count, credit transfer and credit acceptance from students' account shall be implemented.

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs):

Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM: www.swayam.gov.in) is India's national Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform, designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of India's Education Policy: access, equity, and quality. The University Grants Commission (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) Regulations, 2021 have been notified in the Gazette of India, which now facilitates an institution to allow up to 40 per cent of the total courses being offered in a particular programme in a semester through the online learning courses offered through the SWAYAM platform. HEIs/ Universities with approval of the competent authority may adopt SWAYAM Courses for the benefit of the students. A student will have the option to earn credit by completing quality-assured MOOC programmes offered on the SWAYAM portal or any other online educational platform approved by the UGC/regulatory body from time to time.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Level 4.5**: The students who have successfully completed Grade 12 School Certificate or its equivalent course shall be eligible for admission to the First Year Degree Programme.
2. **Level 5.0:** The students who have successfully completed Level 4.5 of undergraduate programme of this Institute and registered on Academic Bank of Credits Portal.
3. **Level 5.5:** The students who have successfully completed Level 5.0 of undergraduate programme of this Institute and registered on Academic Bank of Credits Portal.
4. **Level 6.0:** The students who have successfully completed Level 5.5 (Bachelor degree of three years or six semesters) of undergraduate programme of this Institute and registered on Academic Bank of Credits Portal. (Credit requirements: 160-176)
5. **Level 6.5:** The students who have successfully completed Level 6.0 (Bachelor degree of four years or eight semesters) of undergraduate programme of this Institute and registered on Academic Bank of Credits Portal.
6. **Level 7.0:** The students who have successfully completed Level 6.5 (One year or two semesters) of post- graduate programme of this Institute and registered on Academic Bank of Credits Portal.

Undergraduate Programme

Criteria for Exit Pathways for Undergraduate Students:

1. Students opting exits at any level, are allowed to re-enter the degree programme within three years and complete the degree programme within the maximum stipulated period of seven years.

2. Students exiting the First Year B.Tech programme after securing **40-44 credits** will be awarded **Undergraduate Certificate (Level 4.5)** in the relevant Discipline/ Subject provided they secure additional 06-08 credits in the form of Skill-Based Courses, Internship, Vocational Courses etc. during vacation period after every year for Exit Options.

3. Students exiting the Second Year B.Tech Programme after securing **80-88 credits** will be awarded **Undergraduate Diploma (Level 5.0)** in the relevant Discipline /Subject provided they secure additional 06-08 credits in the form of Skill-Based Courses, Internship, Vocational Courses etc. during vacation period after every year for Exit Options.

4. Students exiting the Third Year B.Tech Programme after securing **120-132 credits** will be awarded **Three Years Bachelor's Degree (Level 5.5)** in the relevant Discipline /Subject provided they secure additional 06-08 credits in the form of Skill-Based Courses, Internship, Vocational Courses etc. during vacation period after every year for Exit Options.

5. On the successful completion of the Fourth Year B.Tech Programme students will be awarded **Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and Technology/ Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and Technology with Honors/ Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and Technology with Emerging Minor (Level 6.0)** after securing **160-176 credits** in the relevant Discipline /Subject.

6. A certificate on such an exit will be awarded to a student on demand for which a specific request will be made by him/ her.

Criteria for Entry Pathways for Undergraduate Students of KITCoE, Kolhapur:

The KITCoE, Kolhapur students who have sought exit from a programme as mentioned in above point can seek entry to that programme as per the following procedure.

1. The applicants who have successfully completed Undergraduate Certificate (Level 4.5, one year of undergraduate degree or two semesters) in the said programme from KITCoE, Kolhapur will be given lateral entry to second year of the programme of the same stream.

2. The applicants who have successfully completed Undergraduate Diploma (Level 5.0, two years of undergraduate degree or four semesters) in the said programme from KITCoE, Kolhapur will be given lateral entry to third year of the programme of the same stream.

3. The applicants who have successfully completed Three Years Batchlor's Degree (Level 5.5, three years of undergraduate degree or six semesters) in the said programme from KITCoE, Kolhapur will be given lateral entry to fourth year of the programme of the same stream.

4. The applicant will be required to submit the copies of grade card and certificate for this purpose.

5. The credits will be transferred along with the credits earned subsequently by him/ her.

6. An applicant seeking lateral entry to second year of the undergraduate programme will be given a maximum period of 5 years to complete the undergraduate degree.

7. An applicant seeking lateral entry to third year of undergraduate programme will be given a maximum period of 3 years to complete the undergraduate degree.

8. An applicant seeking lateral entry to fourth year of undergraduate programme will be given a maximum period of 1 year to complete the undergraduate degree.

9. The maximum period for completion of the degree programme will be specified as per UGC/ ABC norms.

10. The credits earned by a prospective applicant through SWAYAM/ MOOCs will be governed by the credit transfer rules of the Institute.

11. An applicant seeking admission through lateral entry to a programme will be given a separate enrolment number and the credits of the completed courses will be transferred to the new enrolment number. Registration fee as applicable will be charged from the applicant on account of this lateral admission as per Institute's policy. Prescribed fees will be paid by the student.

Criteria for Entry Pathways for Undergraduate Students Coming from Other Institution(s)/ University/ Universities:

The following procedure will be adopted for the students joining KITCoE, Kolhapur after completion of first year/ second year/ third year of their undergraduate degree from other institution(s)/ university/ universities.

1. The multiple entry facility will be available for the students coming from other institution(s)/ university/ universities where NEP, 2020 has been implemented and records of credits earned by the students are maintained on ABC portal.

2. These students will be required to complete at least 50% of the credits from KITCoE, Kolhapur even if more credits have been earned by them from other institution(s)/ university/ universities.

3. The applicants who have successfully completed Undergraduate Certificate (Level 4.5, one year of undergraduate degree or two semesters) in the said programme from other institution/ university will be given lateral entry to second year of the programme of the same stream.

4. The applicants who have successfully completed Undergraduate Diploma (Level 5.0, two years of undergraduate degree or four semesters) in the said programme from other institution(s)/ university/ universities will be given lateral entry to third year of the programme of the same stream.

5. The applicants who have successfully completed Three Years Batchlor's Degree (Level 5.5, three years of undergraduate degree or six semesters) in the said programme from other institution(s)/ university/ universities will be given lateral entry to fourth year of the programme of the same stream.

6. An applicant seeking lateral entry to second year of the undergraduate programme will be given a maximum period of 5 years to complete the undergraduate degree.

7. An applicant seeking lateral entry to third year of undergraduate programme will be given a maximum period of 3 years to complete the undergraduate degree.

8. An applicant seeking lateral entry to fourth year of undergraduate programme will be given a maximum period of 1 year to complete the undergraduate degree.

9. The maximum period for completion of the degree programme will be specified as per UGC/ ABC norms.

10. The applicants will be required to submit the self-attested copies of Grade Card and Certificate for this purpose.

11. The necessary credits of the undergraduate certificate/ undergraduate diploma/ three years bachelor's degree will be transferred to the undergraduate degree programme along with the credits earned subsequently by him/ her in KITCoE, Kolhapur.

12. Registration fee as applicable will be charged from the applicant on account of this lateral admission as per Institute's policy. Prescribed fees will be paid by the student.

13. The credits earned by a prospective applicant through SWAYAM/ MOOCs will be governed by the credit transfer rules of the Institute.

Process of Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit System Implementation:

1. The students who have successfully completed Grade 12 School Certificate shall be eligible for admission to a first degree programme.

2. The institute shall earmark seats for lateral entrants to the second year/ third year/ fourth year of a first degree programme, if the student has either (a) successfully completed the first year/ second year/ third year of the same programme in any institution, (b) already successfully completed a first degree programme and is desirous of pursuing another first degree programme in an allied subject.

3. Multiple entry and multiple exit points shall be available for students every year.

4. A maximum of 10% of the total intake or as per the vacant seat available in the department may be allowed as lateral entry in the third semester/ fifth semester/ seventh semester for those students who have successfully completed first year/ second year/ third year of the undergraduate programme with requisite credits / qualifying marks/ CGPA.

5. Lateral entry is allowed only in third semester/ fifth semester/ seventh semester and subjected to availability of vacancies in the department.

6. Lateral entry in third semester/ fifth semester/ seventh semester is subject to student securing requisite credits/ qualifying marks/ CGPA.

7. Lateral entry shall be made on merit on the basis of criteria notified by the Institute.

8. A maximum of 10% of the total intake seats may be allowed as lateral exit only after the second semester/ fourth semester/ sixth semester.

9. Lateral exit after second semester/ fourth semester/ sixth semester is subject to student securing requisite credits at different levels and provided they secure additional 06-08 credits in the form of skill-based courses, internship, vocational courses etc. during vacation period after every year for exit options.

10. The course structure of any programme shall include different courses semester wise, out of which the students may choose Entry or Exit.

11. The Programme curriculum design under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) should have flexibility for learners to move from one institution to another to enable them to have a multi and/or interdisciplinary learning.

12. Lateral entry into the programme of study leading to the undergraduate diploma/ three years bachelor's degree/ bachelor's degree in engineering and technology/ bachelor's degree in engineering and technology with honors/ bachelor's degree in engineering and technology with emerging minor will be based on the validation of prior learning outcomes achieved.

13. In case of lateral entrants, the Board of Studies (BoS) of that HEI should decide the requirements of bridge courses, prerequisite courses and additional credit requirements.

14. In case the lateral entrant is desirous of joining the four year degree programme different from his/ her earlier programme (i.e. with different combinations of Major and Minor), then the Board of Studies (BoS) of that HEI should decide the requirements of bridge courses, prerequisite courses and additional credit requirements for new combinations of Major and Minor which the lateral entrant must fulfil for the purpose of joining a new Programme.

15. Academic Equivalence/ Equivalence means that credits earned and accumulated in a scheme of study in one stream are considered equivalent to another scheme of study in another stream for the purpose of credits for admissions, or award of certificate, diploma or degree.

16. Equivalence is possible only within the same assessment band.

17. The Equivalence sets the base for establishing eligibility of students and/ or establishing multiple entry and exit pathways.

18. For establishing equivalence for a level (including academic), the requirement of any additional learning may be prescribed by the Concerned Regulator/ Autonomous Institution/ Board of Studies.

Postgraduate Programme

Admission Paths for the Postgraduate Programme:

The duration of the Postgraduate program is two Years (four semesters).

Entry Pathways:

1. Candidates who have successfully completed the four years bachelor's degree in engineering and technology/ bachelor's degree in engineering and technology with honors/ bachelor's degree in engineering and technology with emerging minor who wish to do two year postgraduate progarmme are eligible to apply for admission to the first semester of postgraduate programme.

2. Entry to first semester of the first year of post graduate programme shall be open to those who fulfil the requirements of the Entrance Test as per the postgraduate admission guidelines.

3. Entry to the first semester shall be granted as per the number of vacancies available in the postgraduate programme in the institute, qualifying marks, merit as well as on the basis of criteria notified by the concerned authorities.

4. There shall be no lateral entry in the Second Semester of postgraduate programme.

5. Candidates who have successfully completed the one year of postgraduate diploma programme are eligible to apply for admission to the third semester of the two years postgraduate programme.

6. A student will be allowed to enter/re-enter only at the odd semester and can only exit after the even semester.

7. Re-entry at various levels as lateral entrants in academic programmes should be based on the requisite credits/ qualifying marks/ CGPA.

Exit Pathways:

1. Candidates who join two years postgraduate programme, may exit after successfully completing the first year (after second semester) of the postgraduate programme.

2. Students exiting the first year of the postgraduate programme securing **40-44 credits** will be awarded **Postgraduate Diploma** (Level 6.5) in the relevant Discipline /Subject provided they secure additional 06-08 credits in the form of Skill-Based Courses, Internship, Vocational Courses etc. during vacation period after every year for Exit Options.

3. The candidates who exit after successfully completing two year (four semester) of the postgraduate programme with a minimum of **80-88 credits** will be awarded **Postgraduate Degree** (Level 7.0) in the relevant Discipline /Subject.

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