Policy for Award of Accelerated Degree Programs

Based on UGC Notification dated 26th March 2025
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I. Objectives:

1. To provide structured academic flexibility while ensuring adherence to National Credit Framework (NcrF).
2. To create pathways for early completion (Accelerated Programs) without compromising academic integrity.
3. To enable learners with varying learning abilities to move through curriculum at rates faster than standard duration of a program by earning required credits.

II. Eligibility and Admission to Pathways

1. ADP shall be applicable to only undergraduate level.
2. The Head of the Institute shall constitute a committee comprising the respective Deans, the Head of Department, and the Registrar to make final decisions regarding students opting for ADP. The decisions made by this committee shall be considered final
3. Students may be allowed for ADP only up to **10% of the sanctioned intake for a batch of students**. If there are more than 10% eligible students interested in taking ADP, the selection will be based on the merit basis and the final decision given by constituted committee.
4. Minimum **CGPA of 8/10** or equivalent at the end of first semester or second semester.
5. No active backlogs at the time of application.
6. Students shall have option to choose ADP either at the end of 1st Semester or 2nd Semester and not beyond that.
7. Demonstrated capacity to handle an increased academic load.
8. Recommendation of the respective Head of Department.
9. Submission of the prescribed application form to the Registrar Office.

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III. Structure and Duration

1. Committee constituted by institute will evaluate the credit completing potential of a student based on their performance in first or the second semester and give the recommendations for ADP.
2. The student may register for additional credits up to the maximum limit of 10 credits per semester or as decided by the constituted committee based on Curriculum and Credit framework for undergraduate programmes.
3. Course Registration for the additional credits will be applicable as per the completion of pre-requisites for the courses opted during a semester.
4. Credit accumulation through MOOC's / online or industry modules may be permitted as per institute norms.
5. Students opting for ADP will earn additional credits per semester starting from 2nd Semester or 3rd semester depending on when they transit to ADP. i.e. If they join ADP after 1st semester, they will begin earning extra credits from 2nd Semester onwards. Similarly, if they join ADP after 2nd Semester, the additional credits load will start from 3rd Semester onwards.
6. In a 3-year undergraduate program, students can shorten the duration by a maximum of one semester. (e.g. Students can earn the total credits needed for 3-year undergraduate program in five semesters.)
7. In a 4year undergraduate program, students can shorten the duration by one semester or a maximum of two semesters (e.g. Students can earn the total credits required for 4-year undergraduate program in six or seven semesters.)

IV. Curriculum and Academic Standards

1. ADP shall follow the **approved curriculum, course outcomes, and evaluation as per the** Scheme of Instructions of the respective degree program.
2. There shall be no dilution in course quality, rigor, or exit standards as approved by the Academic Council.
3. Academic progress of the students will be monitored at the end of each semester by the Committee constituted by the institute. The report of the same shall be submitted to Dean Academics from time to time.

V. Assessment, Examination & Attempts

1. Accelerated-track students may undergo continuous and re- assessments throughout the academic session as per the scheduled examinations of the institute.

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2. The maximum number of permissible attempts per course shall be as per the institute Examination regulations.

VI. Credit Transfer & Recognition

The institute shall recognize:

1. Credits from approved online learning platforms (SWAYAM, NPTEL etc.) with prior permission from the Head of the Department.
2. Industry certifications mapped to program outcomes shall be approved by the respective Board of Studies.
3. Vocational or internship experiences relevant to the curriculum shall be in accordance with the scheme as approved by the respective Board of Studies.

Credit accumulation for Accelerated Programs shall be governed by separate academic regulations issued from time to time.

VII. Governance and Administrative Procedures

1. Applications for ADP shall be submitted in the prescribed format to the Registrar Office.
2. Approvals shall be governed by the **Committee** Constituted by the institute, **respective Deans**, **Head of Department** and **Registrar.**
3. The Academic Council shall serve as the final approving authority for any exceptions or deviations.
4. The institute shall maintain separate records of student progression under both pathways.

VIII. Fee Structure

1. Fees for additional/re-examinations under ADP shall be charged on a per-credit or per-term basis.
2. There shall be no additional fees other than examination fee for students opting ADP. But the student must pay the prescribed fees for the complete duration of the program.

IX. Reversion, Exit & Re-entry

1. Students may request reversion from ADP to the standard pathway subject to approval by the Committee.
2. Early exit provisions (Certificate/Diploma) shall follow guidelines under the Multiple Exit pathways approved by the respective Board of Studies.

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X. Award of Degrees

1. Degree award for ADP shall be after the completion of the program subjected to minimum of six semesters or maximum seven semesters.
2. The degree will be issued to the students on completion of the program in the opted shortened duration. There is no need to wait for standard duration for the award of formal degree.
3. For accelerated degrees, a self-contained note should be added in the degree stating that the academic requirements required in a standard duration have been completed in a shortened duration. E.g. for 4year UG program for ADP, a note will be "student completed academic requirements of a 4year program in six or seven semesters" as the case may be.
4. As per the UGC Notification Dated 26th March 2025, ADP degrees will be at par with the Degrees of standard duration for recruitment purposes in Government as well as private organizations and recruiting agencies like UPSC/State Service Commission etc.

XI. Interpretation Clause

Any doubt arising in the interpretation or implementation of this Ordinance shall be referred to the Academic Council, whose decision shall be final and binding.

Issued with the approval of the Academic Council/ Governing Body.

Dean, Academics **Director** **Campus Director**