

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY, KARAIKUDI – 630 003
CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

REGULATIONS
(For the Postgraduate Programmes)

(For the candidates to be admitted from the academic year 2017-18 onwards)

I. ELIGIBILITY:

1) For Admission

A candidate who is a graduate of this University or any recognized University in the main subject / subjects as given below against each or who has passed an examination accepted by the Syndicate, as equivalent thereto. Provided that candidates who have qualified for the B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.B.A. / B.Lit. shall also be eligible for M.A. programmes in the Language concerned offered by them under Part I and Part II.

Arts

1. M.A. Tamil : B.A., /B.Lit., degree with Tamil B.A., B.Sc., under Part I or Part III
2. M.A. English : B.A., English Literature/B.A./ or B.Sc., with Part I – II English
3. M.A. History : Any Graduate preference be given to History Graduates
4. M.A. Economics : B.A., in Economics/ Business Economics/ Cooperation/ B.B.M./B.B.E./BBA /B.Com/ B.Sc., Statistics and B.Sc., Mathematics

Science

A candidate who is a graduate of this University or any recognized University in the main subject / subjects as given below against each or who has passed an examination accepted by the Syndicate as equivalent thereto.

1. M.Sc. Physics : B.Sc., Physics, Applied Science, Special Physics/ Electronics minimum of 55% in Part III (for SC/ST candidates 45%)
2. M.Sc., Computer Science : B.Sc., degree in Computer Science/ Information Technology/Electronics or B.C.A. or any qualification equivalent thereto in 10+2+3 pattern with 55% marks in Part III (for SC/ST candidates 50%)

3. M.Sc., Mathematics : B.Sc., (Mathematics)/ Applied Mathematics/Special Mathematics
4. M.Sc., Biochemistry : B.Sc., Bio-Chemistry / Chemistry / Zoology / Botany/ Nutrition & Dietetics / Food Science / Microbiology / Biotechnology
5. M.Sc., Information Technology / M.C.A. / M.Sc., Computer Science and IT : A first class degree in Mathematics/ Statistics/ Applied Sciences/ Computer Science/ Information Technology (or) B.Sc., degree in Physics/Chemistry/ Electronics with Mathematics as ancillary subject (or) B.C.A./B.Com/B.B.A./B.E. (or) any equivalent qualification thereto (for others - 60%, SC/ST candidates- 55% in Part III)
6. M.Sc., Microbiology : B.Sc. Botany / Zoology / Biology / Nutrition and Dietetics / Bio chemistry / Biotechnology or Botany or Zoology or Biology as Allied subjects in B.Sc. Degree or B.Sc., Microbiology as Major or Allied subjects
7. M.Sc., Chemistry : B.Sc., Degree examinations with Chemistry / Special Chemistry / Industrial Chemistry/ Textile Chemistry/ Electro Chemistry/ Applied Chemistry/ and any other specialization in Chemistry as main subject of study and any two of Maths, Physics, Botany, Zoology, Computer Applications, Microbiology, Textile Chemistry, Electro Chemistry, Applied Chemistry as ancillary subjects with a minimum of 55% in Part III (for SC/ST candidates 45%)
8. M.Sc., Botany : B.Sc., Botany / Plant Science
9. M.Sc., Zoology : B.Sc., Degree in Biological Sciences (Zoology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Veterinary Science and Fisheries Science, Pharmacy or equivalent degree) with atleast 50% marks

Commerce

1. M.Com : B.Com. / BBM/BBA / B.A. Corporate Secretaryship/ B.A., Economics with Accountancy as ancillary
2. M.B.A. : A pass in any degree 10+2+3 pattern
3. M.S.W. : A pass in any degree 10+2+3 pattern

2) FOR THE DEGREE

The candidates shall have subsequently undergone the prescribed programme of study in a College affiliated to this University / Department of the University for not less than two academic years comprising 4 semester, passed the examinations prescribed and fulfill such conditions as have been prescribed therefore.

II. DURATION

The programme is for a period of two years. Each year shall consist of two semesters viz. Odd and Even semesters. Odd semesters shall be from June / July to October / November and Even semesters shall be from November / December to April / May. There shall be not less than 90 working days which shall comprise 450 teaching clock hours for each semester (exclusive of the days for the conduct of University end-semester examination).

III. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction for all PG programmes is English except M.A., Tamil

IV. COURSES IN PROGRAMMES

The Postgraduate programme consists of a number of courses. The term 'Course' is applied to indicate a logical part of the subject matter of the programme and invariably equivalent to the subject matter of a "paper" in the conventional sense. The following are the various categories the courses suggested for the Postgraduate programmes.

CORE COURSES (CC) 13 papers for project pattern & 14 papers for non-project pattern

ELECTIVE COURSES (EC) 5 with a Project Work (PW) either for the whole fourth semester or a Project Work with One extra Core Course or 2 extra Core Courses.

V. PROJECT

Each candidate shall be required to take up a Project Work; submit Project Report at the end of the second year. The Head of the Department shall assign the Guide who in turn will suggest the Project Work to the student in the beginning of the second year. One typed copy of the Project Report shall be submitted to the University through Head of the Department on or before the date fixed by the University.

The project report will be evaluated by an Internal Examiner and an External Examiner, nominated by the University. The candidate concerned will have to defend his project in a Viva- Voce examination.

VI. SEMESTERS

An Academic year is divided into two **Semesters**. In each semester, courses are offered in 15 teaching weeks and the remaining 5 weeks are to be utilized for conduct of examination and evaluation purposes. Each week has 30 working hours spread over 5 / 6 days a week.

VII. CREDITS

The Term "Credit" refers to the weightage given to a course, usually in relation to the instructional hours assigned to it. For instance, a six hour course is assigned four credits; four / five hour course is assigned three credits. However, in no instance the credits of a course can be greater than the hours allotted to it.

The total minimum credits, required for completing a PG programme is 90. The details of credits for individual components and individual courses are given in Table - 1.

VIII. COURSE

Each **Course** is to be designed variously under lectures / tutorials / laboratory or fieldwork / seminar / practical training / assignments / term paper or report writing etc., to meet effective teaching and learning needs.

IX. EXAMINATIONS

- i) There shall be examinations at the end of each semester, for odd semesters in the month of October / November; for even semesters in April / May.
- ii) A candidate who does not pass the examination in any course(s) may be permitted to appear in such failed course(s) in the subsequent examinations to be held in October / November or April / May. However candidates who have arrears in Practical shall be permitted to take their arrear Practical examination only along with Regular Practical examination in the respective semester.
- iii) A candidate should get registered for the first semester examination. If registration is not possible owing to shortage of attendance beyond condonation limit / regulation prescribed OR belated joining OR on medical grounds, the candidates are permitted to move to the next semester. Such candidates shall re-do the missed semester after completion of the programme.
- iv) Viva-Voce: Each candidate shall be required to appear for Viva-Voce Examination (in defense of the Project only).

- v) For the Project Report, the maximum marks will be 75 percent for project report evaluation and for the Viva-Voce it is 25 percent (if in some programmes, if the project is equivalent to more than one course, the project marks would be in proportion to the number of equivalent courses).
- vi) The results of all the examinations will be published through the College/ University Department where the student underwent the course as well as through University Website. In the case of private candidates, the results will be published through the Centre in which they took the examinations as well as through University Website.

X. CONDONATION

Students must have earned 75% of attendance in each course for appearing for the examination. Students who have earned 74% to 70% of attendance to be applied for condonation in the prescribed form with the prescribed fee. Students who have earned 69% to 60% of attendance to be applied for condonation in the prescribed form with the prescribed fee alongwith the Medical Certificate.

Students who have below 60% of attendance are not eligible to appear for the examination. They shall re-do the semester(s) after completion of the programme.

XI. QUESTION PAPER PATTERN

	Part - A	
Ten questions (No choice)		10 x 2 = 20 marks
Two questions from each Unit		
	Part - B	
Five questions (either or type)		5 x 5 = 25 marks
One question from each unit		
	Part - C	
Three questions out of five		3 x 10 = 30 marks
One question from each unit		

(Only for M.Sc., Physics - In Part - B any two questions, either (a) or (b) may be Problems.)

XII. EVALUATION

The performance of a student in each course is evaluated in terms of percentage of marks with a provision for conversion to grade points. Evaluation for each course shall be done by a continuous internal assessment by the concerned Course Teacher as well as by an end semester examination and will be consolidated at the end of the course. The components for continuous internal assessment are:

Two tests	-	15 marks (Third / repeat tests for genuine Absentees)
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Seminar / Quiz	-	5 marks
Assignments	-	5 marks

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Attendance need not be taken as a component for continuous assessment, although the students should put in a minimum of 75% attendance in each course. In addition to continuous evaluation component, the end semester examination, which will be a written examination of at least 3 hours duration, would also form an integral component of the evaluation. The ratio of marks to be allotted to continuous internal assessment and to end semester examination is 25: 75. The evaluation of laboratory component, wherever applicable, will also be based on continuous internal assessment and on an end-semester practical examination.

XIII. PASSING MINIMUM

A candidate shall be declared to have passed in each course if he / she secures not less than 40% marks in the University Examinations and 40% marks in the Internal Assessment and not less than 50% in the aggregate, taking Continuous assessment and University Examinations marks together.

Failed candidates in the Internal Assessment are permitted to improve their Internal Assessment marks in the subsequent semesters (2 chances will be given) by writing the CIA tests and by submitting assignments.

Candidates, who have secured the pass marks in the end-semester examination (U.E) and in the CIA but failed to secure the aggregate minimum pass mark (E.S.E + I.A.), are permitted to improve their Internal Assessment mark in the following semester and / or in University examinations.

A candidate shall be declared to have passed in the Project Work if he / she gets not less than 40% in each of the Project Report and Viva-Voce but not less than 50% in the aggregate of both the marks for Project Report and Viva-Voce.

A candidate who gets less than 40% in the Project Report must resubmit the Project Report. Such candidates need take again the Viva-Voce on the resubmitted Project.

Improvement of marks - Norms for the Improvement marks

- a) Candidates willing to improve his / her performance of marks in the University Examinations (other than Practical / Project Work) in Theory course shall be permitted to re-appear again in the succeeding semester examination for the theory course(s) in which he / she has passed in the first appearance.
- b) Improvement of performance of marks is allowed only once for a (theory course) course.

- c) If the candidate shows no improvement in such appearance, marks secured by him / her in the first appearance will remain. No fresh marks statement will be issued in such cases.
- d) If the candidate shows improvement, a revised mark statement will be issued on production of the original mark statement issued to him / her.
- e) On improvement of performance, if a candidate becomes eligible for a higher class / GPA and CGPA it shall be incorporated / awarded in the mark statement/ provisional certificate / degree certificate on an application made by the candidate (along with the original Mark Statement / Provisional Certificate / Degree Certificate) already issued (as the case may be) together with a fee prescribed for the purpose. However, he / she is not eligible for Revision of Rank or for the award of Prize.
- f) Candidates willing to appear for the examination for improvement of marks at his / her last semester examination may await for the results of his / her latest appearance and re-appear twice in the immediately succeeding examination sessions.
- g) The fee for permission to re-appear for improvement of marks is to be paid in addition to the examination fee for each course for which he / she is appearing for.
- h) The application for permission of re-appearance must be sent separately to the Controller of Examinations in the prescribed form duly recommended by the Principal of the College on or before the last date for receipt of application for registration.
- i) Fees paid once by these candidates will not be refunded or adjusted under any circumstances.

XIV. GRADING

Once the marks of the CIA and end-semester examinations for each of the courses are available, they will be added. The marks, thus obtained will then be graded as per the scheme provided in Table 2.

From the second semester onwards the total performance within a semester and continuous performance starting from the first semester are indicated respectively by **Grade Point Average (GPA)** and **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**. These two are calculated by the following formulae (Table 3):

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i G_i}{n}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n C_i$$

Where 'C_i' is the Credit earned for the Course i in any semester; 'G_i' is the Grade Point obtained by the student for the Course i and 'n' is the number of Courses **passed** in that semester.

CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) = Average Grade Point of all the Courses passed starting from the first semester to the current semester.

XV. CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULTS (TABLE - 4)

- a) The final result of the candidate shall be based only on CGPA earned by the candidate.
- b) Successful candidates passing the examinations and earning CGPA between 6.01 and 7.50 shall be declared to have passed in First Class and those who earned CGPA between 5.00 and 6.00 shall be declared to have passed in Second Class.
- c) Candidates earning CGPA between 7.51 and 9.00 in the first appearance with in the prescribed duration of the programme shall be declared to have passed in First Class with Distinction and those who earned CGPA 9.01 and above in the first appearance within the prescribed duration of the programme shall be declared to have passed in First Class - Exemplary in the respective Programmes.
- d) Absence from an examination shall not be taken as an attempt.

XVI. CONFERMENT OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE

A candidate shall be eligible for the conferment of the Degree only after he / she has earned the minimum required credits for the programme prescribed therefore (i.e.90 credits).

XVII. RANKING: UNIVERSITY RANK EXAMINATION

- 1) The University Rank Examination shall be conducted for the toppers (First Rankers) of all the colleges (having passed their examinations in the first appearance within the prescribed duration of the programme) including autonomous / non-autonomous ones and they are required to take two examinations. Absence from an examination shall not be taken as an attempt.
- 2) The questions papers of the examinations comprise of objective type questions covering the core courses in each of the Programmes generally followed by both autonomous / non-autonomous streams.

- 3) The top scorers in this University Rank Examination would be declared as University Rank Holders, based on the marks in their respective University end semester examinations.
- 4) Rank Certificate will be issued for a Programme as follows
 - a) Only THREE Ranks if the students strength is below 20.
 - b) Only FIVE Ranks if the students strength is above 20 but below 50.
 - c) Only TEN Ranks where the students strength exceeds 50 but is less than 100.
 - d) Only 20 Ranks if the students strength is 100 and above
 - e) The students' strength of the course concerned will be indicated in the Rank Certificates.

XVIII. SELF FINANCING STREAM:

The above regulations shall be applicable also for the candidates undergoing the programmes in Self-Financing Stream.

XVIII. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE:

The college shall form a Grievance Redressal Committee for each course in each Department with the Course Teacher and the HOD as the members. This committee shall solve all grievances relating to the Internal Assessment marks of the students.

XIX. TRANSFER OF CREDITS:

Students are permitted to transfer their Course Credits from Centre for Distance Education (CDE) of Alagappa University to Regular Stream and vice-versa.

XX. REVISION OF REGULATIONS AND CURRICULUM:

The University may from time to time revise, amend and change the regulations and the curriculum, if found necessary.

Table 1
Details on the number of courses and credits per course in different PG programmes

Pattern for full semester project

Semester	Core (4 credits)	Elective (4 credits)	Total Credits
I	5	1	24
II	4	2	24
III	4	2	24
IV	Project		18
Total			90

Pattern for only papers

Study Components	Number of Courses	Credits per Course	Total Credits
1. Core Courses (CC)	14	5	70
2. Elective Courses (EC)	5	4	20
TOTAL			90

Table 2
Grading of the Courses

MARKS	GRADE POINT	LETTER GRADE
96 and above	10	S+
91 - 95	9.5	S
86 - 90	9.0	D++
81 - 85	8.5	D+
76 - 80	8.0	D
71 - 75	7.5	A++
66 - 70	7.0	A+
61 - 65	6.5	A
56 - 60	6.0	B
50 - 55	5.5	C
Below 50	0	F

Table 3

Final Result

CGPA	Letter Grade	Classification of Final Results
9.51 and above	S+	First class - Exemplary
9.01 - 9.50	S	
8.50 - 9.00	D++	First class - Distinction
8.01 - 8.50	D+	
7.50 - 8.00	D	
7.01 - 7.50	A++	First Class
6.51 - 7.00	A+	
6.01 - 6.50	A	
5.51 - 6.00	B	Second Class
5.00 - 5.50	C	
Below 5.00	F	Fail



CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

REGULATIONS

(For ALL UG Programmes)

(Applicable to all the candidates admitted from the academic year 2017-18 onwards)

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- i) **For Admission:** A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination (Academic / Vocations Stream) conducted by the Government of Tamilnadu, or an examination accepted as equivalent thereto (like PUC) by the Syndicate, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed therefore.
- Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Tamil as one of the subjects of study shall only be considered in admission to **B.A., (Tamil) and B.Lit., (Tamil)** Degree programmes.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with English/History/Economics as one of the subjects of study shall only be considered in admission to **B.A.,(English)/B.A.,(History)/B.A.,(Economics)** Degree programmes.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination be considered in admission to **B.A., (Political Science)** Degree programme.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Commerce and Accountancy as one of the subjects of study shall only be considered in admission to **B.B.A., B.Com., B.Com (Computer Applications) and B.Com (Corporate Secretaryship)** Degree programmes. 20% reserved for Vocational Stream.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry shall only be considered in admission to **B.Sc., (Mathematics), B.Sc., (Physics) and B.Sc.,(Chemistry)** and the candidates should have studied Mathematics as compulsory.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Botany, Zoology, Biology and Chemistry shall only be considered in Admission to **B.Sc.,(Chemistry), B.Sc., (Botany), B.Sc.,(Zoology) and B.Sc.,(Biochemistry)** and the candidates should have studied Chemistry as compulsory.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Botany, Zoology and Biology shall only be considered in Admission to **B.Sc.,(Microbiology)** and 80% for students who have studied Botany and Zoology subjects and 20% reserved for Biology students.

- Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Biotechnology/ Biology/ Botany/ Zoology shall only be considered in Admission to **B.Sc., (Microbiology & Clinical Lab Technology) & B.Sc., (Biotechnology)**
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Physics and Mathematics shall only be considered in admission to **B.Sc.,(Electronics)** and Physics and Chemistry to **B.Sc.,(Geology)**.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Computer Science & Mathematics shall be considered for **B.Sc.,(Computer Science), B.C.A., B.Sc., (Information Technology) & B.Sc., (Software)** degree programmes. 2/3 of seats are for students who have studied Computer Science as a subject in plus two and 1/3rd seats are for students who have not studied Computer Science as a subject in plus two.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination with Chemistry and Biology shall be considered in admission to **B.Sc., (Home Science)** Degree programmes and 25% of Vocational students shall be considered for B.Sc., (Home Science) programme.
 - Provided that the candidates who have passed the qualifying examination be considered in admission to **B.Sc., (Fashion Technology and Costume Designing)** Degree programme.
- ii) **For the Degree:** The candidates shall have subsequently undergone the prescribed course of study in a college affiliated to this University for a period of not less than three academic years, passed the examinations prescribed and fulfilled such conditions as have been prescribed therefore.

2. DURATION:

The course is for a period of three years. Each academic year shall comprise of two semester viz. Odd and Even semesters. Odd semesters shall be from June / July to October / November and Even Semesters shall be from November / December to April / May. There shall be not less than 90 working days which shall comprise 450 teaching clock hours for each semester. (Exclusive of the days for the conduct of University end-semester examinations).

3. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The medium of instruction for all UG programmes is English except B.A., Tamil & B.Lit.,Tamil

4. PROGRAMMES:

a. Arts:

- Tamil
- English

- History
- Economics
- Political Science

b. Science:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Botany
- Zoology
- Zoology (Industrial Microbiology)
- Computer Science
- Electronics
- Home Science
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology
- Geology
- Information Technology
- Software

Bachelor of Computer Applications (B.C.A)

- c. B.Com. , B.Com.(CA) , B.Com (Corporate Secretaryship)
- d. Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- e. B.Lit., Tamil

5. THE CBCS SYSTEM:

All programmes (named after the core subject) mentioned earlier shall be run on **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**. It is an instructional package developed to suit the needs of students to keep pace with the developments in higher education and the quality assurance expected of it in the light of liberalization and globalization in higher education.

6. COURSES IN PROGRAMMES:

The UG programme consists of a number courses. The term 'course' is applied to indicate a logical part of the subject matter of the programme and is invariably equivalent to the subject matter of a 'paper' in the conventional sense. The following are the various categories of courses suggested for the UG programmes.

Part I - Language Courses (LC) (any one of Tamil, Hindi, Sanskrit, Arabic or special subject designed in lieu of the above).

Part II - English Language courses (ELC) or special subject designed in lieu of.

The Language courses and English Language Courses are 4 each / 2 each in number and the LC and ELC are meant to develop the students' communicative skill at the UG level. Core courses are the basic courses compulsorily required for each of the programme of study.

Part III includes Core Course (CC), Allied Course (AC) and Elective Course (EC).

- i) Core courses are the basic courses compulsorily required for each of the programme of study. These will be related to the subject of programme in which the candidate gets his / her degree. The number of Core Courses shall be 15 for B.A./B.Sc. and 18 for B.Com/B.Com(CA)/ B.Com (CS)/BBA.
- ii) Allied Courses cover preferably two disciplines that are generally related to the main subject of the programme. **Each discipline shall provide 4 Allied Courses.** The students of each Department may select two Allied courses each from two disciplines.
- iii) Elective Courses are three in number for each UG programme. Each discipline shall provide three set of Elective Courses (each set contain 2 Elective courses). Out of which, a student is required to choose three Elective courses from the options given in the respective Discipline. Six Elective Courses are given to the students. A student shall choose three Elective Courses from the list of Elective Courses offered at their respective disciplines.

Selection of students to the EC:

The Department Committee shall follow a selection procedure on a first come first served basis, fixing the maximum number of students, giving counselling to the students etc. to avoid overcrowding to particular course (s) at the expense of some other courses. The Colleges shall provide all information relating to the ECs in each programme to all the students so as to enable them to choose their ECs.

Part IV: It consists of four categories:

- i)
 - a) Those who have not studies Tamil upto XII standard and taken a Non-tamil language under Part I shall take Tamil comprising of two courses (level will be at 6th Standard).
 - b) Those who have studies Tamil upto XII standard and taken a non-tamil language under Part I shall take advanced Tamil comprising of two core subjects.
 - c) Non-major Elective: Others who do not come under the above two categories (a & b) can choose non-major elective comprising of two compulsory courses, viz. **Communicative English in First Semester and Effective Employability Skills in Third Semester.**
- 2) **Skill-based Subjects:** In view of enhancing the employable skills of the students, two group of skill oriented courses (five courses in each group) are given for students' option. The student should take any one course out of first two courses offered in the list of Group I in Third Semester and two courses out of the remaining Three courses in Group I in Fifth Semester. Also they should take any one course out of first two courses offered in the list of Group II in Fourth Semester and two courses out of the remaining three courses in Group II in Sixth Semester.
- 3) UGC sponsored Environmental studies course in Second Semester
- 4) Value Education in Fourth Semester
- 5) Extension and Extra Curricular Activities: These should be carried out outside the class hours

7. SEMESTERS: An academic year is divided into two Semesters. In each semester, courses are offered in 15 teaching weeks and the remaining 5 weeks are to be utilized for conduct of examinations and evaluation purposes. Each week has 30 working hours spread over 5 / 6 days a week.

8. CREDITS:

The term 'credit' refers to the weightage given to a course, usually in relation to the instructional hours to it. For instance, a six hour course per week is assigned five/ four credits, four / five hour course per week is assigned four / three credits and two hour course per week is given two credits. However, in no instance the credits of a course can be greater than the hours allotted to it.

The total minimum credits, required for completing a UG programme is 140. The details of credits for individual components and individual courses are given in Table - 1(A) & 1(B).

9. COURSE:

Each course is to be designed variously under lectures / tutorials / laboratory or field work / seminar / practical training / Assignments / Term paper or Report writing etc., to meet effective teaching and learning needs.

10. EXAMINATIONS:

- i) There shall be examinations at the end of each semester, for odd semesters in the month of October / November, for even semesters in April / May. A candidate who does not pass the examination in any course(s) shall be permitted to appear in such failed courses in the subsequent examinations to be held in October / November or April / May.
- ii) A candidate should get registered for the first semester examination. If registration is not possible owing to shortage of attendance beyond condonation limit / regulations prescribed OR belated joining OR on medical grounds, the candidates are permitted to move to the next semester. Such candidates shall re-do the missed semester after completion of the programme.
- iii) The results of all the examinations will be published through the college where the student underwent the course as well as through University Website. In the case of private candidates, the results, will be published through the Centres in which they took the examinations as well as through University Website.

Candidates studying Sanskrit under Language Course are permitted to write the Examinations in Sanskrit Or English Or Tamil. While answering in Sanskrit "Devanagari Script" alone be used.

11. CONDONATION:

Students must have 75% of attendance in each course for appearing the examination. Students who have 74% to 70% of attendance shall apply for condonation in the prescribed form with the prescribed fee. Students who have 69% to 60% of attendance shall apply for condonation in prescribed form with the prescribed fee along with the Medical Certificate.

Students who have below 60% of attendance are not eligible to appear for the examination. They shall re-do the semester(s) after completion of the programme.

12. QUESTION PAPER PATTERN: (except B.Sc., Physics)

	<u>Core Papers</u>	<u>Allied Papers</u> (Theory)
Part A		
Ten questions (No choice)	10 x 2 = 20 marks	10 x 1½ = 15
Two questions from each unit		
Part B		
Five questions (either or type)	5 x 5 = 25 marks	5 x 3 = 15
One question from each unit		
Part C		
Three questions out of five	3 x 10 = 30 marks	3 x 10 = 30
One question from each unit		

Distribution of marks between Theory, Practical and Project:

<u>Core / Elective</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Theory papers	25	75	100
Practical papers	40	60	100
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<u>Allied courses</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Theory papers	15	60	75
Practical papers	20	30	50

13. EVALUATION:

The performance of a student in each course is evaluated in terms of percentage of marks with a provision for conversion to grade points. Evaluation for each course shall be done by a continuous internal assessment by the concerned course teacher as well as by an end semester examination and will be consolidated at the end of the course. The components for continuous internal assessment are:

Two tests	-	15 marks (third / repeat test for genuine absentees)
Seminar / Quiz	-	5 marks
Assignments	-	5 marks

Total	-	25 Marks

Allied courses

Two tests	-	10 marks (third / repeat test for genuine absentees)
Seminar / Quiz	-	2.5 marks
Assignments	-	2.5 marks

Total - **15 Marks**

Attendance need not be taken as a component for continuous assessment, although the students should put in a minimum of 75% attendance in each course. In addition to continuous evaluation component, the end semester examination, which will be a written type examination of at least 3 hours duration, would also form an integral component of the evaluation. The ratio of marks to be allotted to continuous internal assessment and to end semester examination is 25 : 75. the evaluation of laboratory component, wherever applicable. Will also be based on continuous internal assessment and on an end-semester practical examination.

14. PASSING MINIMUM:

The passing minimum for CIA shall be 40% out of 25/15* marks (i.e.10/6* marks) in Theory papers and 40% out of 40/10* marks (i.e. 16/4* marks) in Practical Examinations.

Failed candidates in the Internal Assessment are permitted to improve their Internal Assessment marks in the subsequent semesters. (2 chances will be given) by writing test and by submitting Assignments.

The passing minimum for University Examinations shall be 40% out of 75/ 60*marks (i.e. 30/24* marks) for Theory papers and 40% out of 60/40* marks (i.e. 24/16* marks) for Practical papers.

* for allied courses

15. GRADING

Once the marks of the CIA and end-semester examinations for each of the courses are available, they will be added. The marks thus obtained will then be graded as per details provided in Table 3.

From the second semester onwards the total performance within a semester and continuous performance starting from the first semester are indicated respectively by **Grade Point Average (GPA)** and **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**. These two are calculated by the following formulae.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i G_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i},$$

where 'C_i' is the Credit earned for the Course i in any semester ; 'G_i' is the Grade Point obtained by the student for the Course i and 'n' is the number of Courses **passed** in that CGPA = GPA of all the Courses starting from the first semester to the current semester.

Note: The GPA and CGPA shall be calculated separately for the following five parts:

Part I: LCs; Part II : ELCs and Part III : CCs, ACs, ECs , Part IV: NME, SBC,ES,VE, Part V:VP.

16. CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULTS (TABLE - 3)

- (i) For each of the three parts, there shall be separate classification on the basis of CGPA as indicated in Table - 4.
- (ii) For purpose of declaring a candidate to have qualified for the degree of Bachelor of Arts/Science/Commerce/Management/Literature in the First class/ Second class/Third class or First class with Distinction / Exemplary, the marks and the corresponding CGPA earned by the candidate in part III alone will be the criterion, provided he / she has secured the prescribed passing minimum in Part I, II, IV and V.

17. CONFERMENT OF THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A candidate shall be eligible for the conferment of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts / Science / Commerce / Management / Literature only if he / she has earned the minimum required credits for the programme prescribed therefore (i.e.140 credits).

18. RANKING: UNIVERSITY RANK EXAMINATION

1. The University Rank Examination shall be conducted for the toppers (first toppers) of all the colleges (having passed their examinations in the first appearance within the prescribed duration of the programme. Absence from an examination shall not be taken as an attempt) including autonomous / non-autonomous ones and they are required to take two examinations.
2. The questions papers of the examinations comprise of objective type questions covering the core courses in each of the Programmes generally followed by both autonomous / non-autonomous streams.
3. The top scorers in this University Rank Examination would be declared as University Rank Holders, based on the marks secured in their semester examinations.
4. Three Ranks shall be given for each of the Programmes if the student strength is below 20; upto 5 Ranks if the student strength is above 20 but below 50; upto 10 Ranks where the student strength exceeds 50 but less than 100; and upto 20 Ranks if the student strength is 100 and above.

19. SELF-FINANCING STREAM

The above Regulations shall be applicable also for the candidates undergoing the programmes in Self-Financing Stream.

20. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE

The College shall form a Grievance Redressal Committee for each course in each department with the Course Teacher and the HOD as the members. This Committee shall solve all grievances relating to the Internal Assessment marks of the students.

21. TRANSFER OF CREDITS

Students are permitted to transfer their course credits from Centre for Distance Education (CDE) of Alagappa University to Regular Stream and vice-versa.

22. Revision of Regulations and Curriculum

The University may from time to time revise, amend and change the Regulations and Curriculum, if found necessary.



Table - 1(A)

Details on the number of courses and credits per course in different UG programmes

Sl. No.	Study Components	B.A./B.Sc.			
		Number of Courses	Credits per Course	Total Credits	Total Weekly hours / 180 weekly hours
1.	Language Course (LC)	4	3	12	24
2.	English Language Course (ELC)	4	3	12	24
3.	Core Course (CC)	15	4	60	79
4.	Allied Course (AC)	4	5	20	20
5.	Elective Courses (EC)	3	5	15	15
6.	Part IV Courses:				
	a) Major / Non/major Elective	2	2	4	2
	b) Skill based subjects	6	2	12	12
	c) Environmental Studies	1	2	2	2
	d) Value Education	1	2	2	2
7.	Part V: Extension activities	1	1	1	-
	TOTAL			140	180

Table - 1(B)

Sl. No.	Study Components	B.Com/B.Com(CA)/B.Com(CS)/BBA			
		Number of Courses	Credits per Course	Total Credits	Total Weekly hours / 180 weekly hours
1.	Language Course (LC)	2	3	6	12
2.	English Language Course (ELC)	2	3	6	12
3.	Core Course (CC)	18	4	72	103
4.	Allied Course (AC)	4	5	20	20
5.	Elective Courses (EC)	3	5	15	15
6.	Part IV Courses:				
	a) Non-major Electives	2	2	4	2
	b) Skill based subjects	6	2	12	12
	c) Environmental Studies	1	2	2	2
	d) Value Education	1	2	2	2
7.	Part V: Extension activities	1	1	1	-
	TOTAL			140	180

Distribution of Marks:

(1) Core / Elective

	Internal	External	Total
Theory papers	25	75	100
Practical papers	40	60	100

(2) Allied for Arts

	Internal	External	Total
Theory papers	25	75	100

(3) Allied for Science (Theory and Practical)

	Internal	External	Total
Theory papers	15	60	75
Practical papers	20	30	50

Allied	I Semester	II Semester	III Semester	IV Semester
Arts - Marks (Int. + Ext.)	25+75	25+75	25+75	25+75

Theory only				
Credits	5 credits	5 credits	5 credits	5 credits
Science - Theory	15+60	15+60	15+60	15+60
Credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits
Practical	20+30		20+30	
Credits	2 Credits		2 Credits	

Practicals: 2 credits only
only 2 practicals at the end of the year or even semester

Table 2

Grading of the Courses

Marks	Grade Point	Letter Grade
96 and above	10	S⁺
91 - 95	9.5	S
86 - 90	9.0	D⁺⁺
81 - 85	8.5	D⁺
76 - 80	8.0	D
71 - 75	7.5	A⁺⁺
66 - 70	7.0	A⁺
61 - 65	6.5	A
56 - 60	6.0	B⁺
51 - 55	5.5	B
46 - 50	5.0	C⁺
40 - 45	4.5	C
Below 40	0	F

Table 3

Final Result

CGPA	Letter Point	Classification of Final Result
9.51 and above	S⁺	First Class - Exemplary
9.01 - 9.50	S	
8.51 - 9.00	D⁺⁺	First Class - Distinction
8.01 - 8.50	D⁺	
7.51 - 8.00	D	
7.01 - 7.50	A⁺⁺	First Class
6.51 - 7.00	A⁺	
6.01 - 6.50	A	
5.51 - 6.00	B⁺	Second Class
5.01 - 5.50	B	
4.51 - 5.00	C⁺	Third Class
4.00 - 4.50	C	
Below 4.00	F	Fail

Credit based weighted Mark System is adopted for individual semesters and cumulative semesters in the column 'Marks Secured' (for 100).



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B.COM (CA) – PROGRAMME STRUCTURE
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Sem	Course			Cr.	Hrs./ Week	Marks		Total
	Part	Subject Code	Name			Int.	Ext.	
I	I	1BCC111	வணிகக்கடிதங்கள்	3	6	25	75	100
	II	112E	English – I	3	6	25	75	100
	III	1BCC1C2	Core – I – Advanced Accountancy – I	4	6	25	75	100
		1BCC1C2	Core – II – Fundamentals of Computer	4	6	25	75	100
			Allied – I	5	5	25	75	100
IV	1NME1A/ 1NME1B/ 1NME1C	(1) Non-Major Elective – I – (a)தமிழ் மொழியின் அடிப்படைகள்/ (b) இக்கால் இலக்கியம் / (c) Communicative English	2	1	40	60	100	
		Total	21	30	--	--	600	
II	I	1BCC211	அலுவலக முறைகள்	3	6	25	75	100
	II	122E	English – II	3	6	25	75	100
	III	1BCC2C1	Core – III – Advanced Accountancy – II	4	6	25	75	100
		1BCC2C2	Core – IV – MS Office	4	5	25	75	100
			Allied – II	5	5	25	75	100
IV	1BES2	(3) Environmental Studies	2	2	25	75	100	
		Total	21	30	--	--	600	
III	III	1BCC3C1	Core – V – Tally	4	6	25	75	100
		1BCC3C2	Core – VI – C Programming	4	6	25	75	100
		1BCC3C3	Core – VII – Business Statistics	3	5	25	75	100
		1BCC3C4	Core – VIII – Advanced Accountancy – III	3	5	25	75	100
			Allied – III	5	5	25	75	100
	IV	1NME3A/ 1NME3B/ 1NME3C	(1) Non-major Elective – II – (a)இலக்கியமும் மொழிப் பயன்பாடும்/ (b) பழந்தமிழ் இலக்கியங்களும் இலக்கியவரலாறும் / (c) Employability Skills	2	1	40	60	100
		1SBS3A1/ 1SBS3A2	(2) Skill Based Subjects – I	2	2	40	60	100
V	1BEA3	Extension activities	1	-	100	--	100	
		Total	24	30	--	--	800	
IV	III	1BCC4C1	Core – IX – E-commerce & Internet	4	6	25	75	100
		1BCC4C2	Core – X – C++ Programming	4	5	25	75	100
		1BCC4C3	Core – XI – Advanced	3	5	25	75	100

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B.C.A. – PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Sem.	Part	Course Code	Title of the Course	Cr.	Hrs./ Week	Marks		Total	
						Int.	Ext.		
I	I	711T	Tamil/other languages – I	3	6	25	75	100	
	II	712E	English – I	3	6	25	75	100	
	III		7BCA1C1	Core – I – C and Data Structure	4	6	25	75	100
			7BCA1P1	Core–II–C and Data Structure Lab	4	6	40	60	100
				Allied – I (Theory only) (or)	5	5	25	75	100
				Allied – I (Theory cum Practical)	4	3	15	60	75
			Allied Practical – I	-	2**	--	--	---	
IV	7NME1A / 7NME1B / 7NME1C	(1) Non-Major Elective – I – (A)தமிழ் மொழியின் அடிப்படைகள் /(B) இக்கால இலக்கியம் / (C) Communicative English	2	1	25	75	100		
Total (Allied Theory only)				21	30	--	--	600	
Total (Allied Theory cum Practical)				20				575	
II	I	721T	Tamil/other languages – II	3	6	25	75	100	
	II	722E	English – II	3	6	25	75	100	
	III		7BCA2C1	Core – III – Programming in C++	4	6	25	75	100
			7BCA2P1	Core –IV –Programming in C++ Lab	4	5	40	60	100
				Allied – II (Theory only) (or)	5	5	25	75	100
				Allied– II (Theory cum Practical)	4	3	15	60	75
			Allied Practical – I	2	2	20	30	50	
IV	7BES2	(3) Environmental Studies	2	2	25	75	100		
Total (Allied Theory only)				21	30	--	--	600	
Total (Allied Theory cum Practical)				22				625	
III	I	731T	Tamil/other languages – III	3	6	25	75	100	
	II	732E	English – III	3	6	25	75	100	
	III		7BCA3C1	Core – V – Database Management Systems	4	5	25	75	100
			7BCA3P1	Core – VI – Oracle Lab	4	5	40	60	100
				Allied – III (Theory only) (or)	5	5	25	75	100
				Allied–III (Theory cum Practical)	4	3	15	60	75
			Allied Practical – II	-	2**	--	--	---	
IV	7NME3A / 7NME3B / 7NME3C	(1) Non-major Elective – II – (A)இலக்கியமும்மொழிப்பயன்பாடும்/ (B) பழந்தமிழ் இலக்கியங்களும் இலக்கியவரலாறும்/ (C) Effective Employability Skills	2	1	25	75	100		
	7SBS3A1/ 7SBS3A2/ 7SBS3A3	(2) Skill Based Subjects – I	2	2	25	75	100		
V	7BEA3	Extension Activities	1	-	100	-	100		
Total (Allied Theory only)				24	30	--	--	800	
Total (Allied Theory cum Practical)				23				775	
IV	I	741T	Tamil/other languages – IV	3	6	25	75	100	


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M.A., ENGLISH – PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Sem.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Cr.	Hrs/ week	Max. Marks		
					Int.	Ext.	Total
I	7MEN1C1	Core – I – British Literature-I (Chaucer to Milton)	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN1C2	Core – II – Indian Writing in English	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN1C3	Core – III – Shakespeare	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN1C4	Core – IV – Literary Criticism	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN1E1/ 7MEN1E2	Elective-I –A) Mass Communication and Journalism (or) B) Writing for the Media	4	6	25	75	100
		Total	24	30	--	--	500
II	7MEN2C1	Core – V – British Literature-II (Restoration to Romantics)	5	7	25	75	100
	7MEN2C2	Core – VI – American Literature	5	7	25	75	100
	7MEN2C3	Core – VII – English Language Teaching-Theory and Practice	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN2C4	Core – VIII – World Classics in English Translation	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN2E1/ 7MEN2E2	Elective-II-A) Study of an Author: Rabindranath Tagore (or) B) Diasporic Literature	4	4	25	75	100
		Total	24	30	--	--	500
III	7MEN3C1	Core – IX – British Literature-III (Victorian to Modern)	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN3C2	Core – X – New Literature	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN3C3	Core – XI – Research Methodology	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN3E1/ 7MEN3E2	Elective – III- A) Literature for Social Transformation (or) B) Subaltern Literary Studies	4	6	25	75	100
	7MEN4E1/ 7MEN4E2	Elective-IV-A) Comparative Literature (or) B) Advanced English Grammar, Rhetoric and Writing	4	6	25	75	100
		Total	23	30	--	--	500
IV	7MEN4C1	Core – XII – Aspects of English Language and Linguistics	5	8	25	75	100
	7MEN4C2	Core – XIII – Contemporary Critical Theories	5	8	25	75	100
	7MEN4PR	Core – XIV – Project	5	6	25	75	100
	7MEN5E1/ 7MEN5E2	Elective-V-A) Effective Communication and Skill Development (or) B) Literature : Feminist Perspectives	4	8	25	75	100
		Total	19	30	--	--	400
		Grand Total	90	120	--	--	1900


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M.Sc. COMPUTER SCIENCE – PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Sem	Course		Cr.	Hrs./ Week	Max. Marks		Total	
	Course Code	Title of the Course			Int.	Ext.		
I	7MCE1C1	Core – I – Applied Mathematics for Computer Science	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE1C2	Core–II– Design and Analysis of Algorithms	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE1C3	Core – III – Advanced JAVA programming	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE1C4	Core – IV – Principles of Compiler Design	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE1P1	Core-V-Advanced JAVA programming lab	4	5	40	60	100	
			Elective – I	4	5	25	75	100
		Total	24	30	--	--	600	
II	7MCE2C1	Core – VI – Computer System Architecture	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE2C2	Core – VII – .Net Technology	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE2C3	Core – VIII – Distributed Operating system	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE2P1	Core – IX – .Net Technology Lab	4	5	40	60	100	
			Elective – II	4	5	25	75	100
			Elective – III	4	5	25	75	100
		Total	24	30	--	--	600	
III	7MCE3C1	Core – X – Cryptography and Network Security	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE3C2	Core – XI – Programming in PHP	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE3C3	Core – XII – Data Mining and Data Warehousing	4	5	25	75	100	
	7MCE3P1	Core – XIII – Programming in PHP Lab	4	5	40	60	100	
			Elective – IV	4	5	25	75	100
			Elective – V	4	5	25	75	100
		Total	24	30	--	--	600	
IV	7MCE4PR	Core – XIV – Project Work	18	30	50	150	200	
		Total	18	30	-	--	200	
		Grand total	90	120	-	--	2000	


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