



Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University
A State University established under Uttar Pradesh State University Act 1973
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A
Policy document
for
Twinning, Joint and Dual Degree Programme
between
Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur,
UP, India
&
Foreign Higher Educational Institutions

Introduction:

F. No. 4-1/2022(IC).—In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (f) and (g) of subsection (1) of section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and in supersession of the University Grants Commission (Promotion & Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016 notified vide Gazette Notification dated 11.07.2016, the University Grants Commission hereby makes the Regulations 2022 for Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes. The definitions of technical terms and any issue covered in this regulation shall be adapted as such from the said regulation notified by the University Grants Commission New Delhi as issued on the 2nd May, 2022.

Academic Collaboration: In this regard, "Academic Collaboration" means academic partnership between the DDUGU and Foreign Higher Educational Institution(s), put into place through an instrument of written Agreement for the purposes of:

- 1. Twinning Programme
- 2. Joint Degree Programme
- 3. Dual Degree Programme

Provisions of Collaboration: -

Academic Collaboration between the DDUGU and Foreign Higher Educational

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Institutions under these Regulations shall facilitate the following academic activities: -

1. Twinning Programme

- i. "Twinning Programme" shall be a collaborative arrangement whereby students enrolled with the DDUGU may undertake their programme of study partly in the DDUGU, complying with relevant UGC Regulations, and partly in the Foreign Higher Educational Institution.
- ii. The degree offered under such twinning programmes shall be awarded by the DDUGU only.
- iii. Under twinning programme, credits earned by the students at a Foreign Higher Educational Institution shall be counted towards the degree awarded by the DDUGU. However, credits earned by the student from the Foreign Higher Educational Institution shall not exceed 30 per cent of the total credits for the programme.
- iv. Credits to be earned by the students of the DDUGU from the foreign institution and credits earned by the foreign students from the DDUGU shall be obtained through conventional mode.
- v. Each institution shall issue a transcript for their respective courses, with a remark indicating that the student has taken certain modules at the partner institution, wherever applicable.
- vi. The DDUGU shall ensure that the credits earned by the students from the Foreign Higher Educational Institution shall not be from overlapping course contents/curriculum.
- vii. Fees as applicable for the entire duration of the programme (including courses imparted by the Foreign Higher Educational Institution) shall be made public at the time of admission. Fee structure should be reasonable so as to make quality Higher Education accessible and affordable to all sections of the society.
- viii. Any degree to be awarded under such twinning programme must be in conformity with the rules and guidelines of the DDUGU, governing the said academic programme, and shall also be in conformity with the norms, standards and requirement of the UGC and other statutory authorities concerned.
- ix. The DDUGU shall make provisions for exit pathways for students who are unable to complete the Twinning programme with clear specification with respect to future acceptance of credits earned by the students.

2. Joint Degree Programme

- i. For a "Joint Degree programme", the curriculum shall be designed jointly by the DDUGU and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions and, upon completion of the programme, the Degree is awarded by the DDUGU and the collaborating Foreign Higher Educational Institution with a single Certificate.
- ii. Any Joint degree programme to be offered shall conform to the nomenclature and duration of the degrees as specified in section 22 (3) of the UGC Act, 1956 and shall also conform to minimum eligibility and other norms and standards to offer such degree programme.
- iii. The students must earn at least 30 per cent of the total credits from the DDUGU

- and the Foreign Higher Educational Institutions. Credits to be earned by the Indian students from the foreign institution and credits earned by the foreign students from the DDUGU shall be obtained through conventional mode.
- iv. Credits earned for the course(s) in an institution shall count towards the degrees jointly awarded by both the institutions.
 - v. The DDUGU and the collaborating foreign higher Educational Institution shall ensure that the credits earned by the students shall not be from overlapping course contents/curriculum and the student shall submit to only one examination and evaluation process for each of the courses by the institutions in which he/she has registered for that course.
 - vi. In case of a doctoral degree programme, students must have a supervisor at each institution. The student shall spend a minimum of one semester in each of the collaborating institutions during the study programme. However, the student shall submit a single thesis adhering to a framework jointly devised by the participatin institutions.
 - vii. Fees as applicable for the entire duration of the programme (including courses imparted by the Foreign Higher Educational Institution) shall be made public at the time of admission. Fee structure should be reasonable so as to make quality Higher Education accessible and affordable to all sections of the society.
 - viii. Each Higher Educational Institution shall issue a transcript for their respective courses, with a remark indicating that the student has taken certain modules at the partner institution.
 - ix. The collaborating Higher Educational Institutions shall make provisions for exit pathways for students who are unable to complete the Joint Degree programme with clear specification with respect to future acceptance of credits earned by the students.
 - x. All other provisions related to offering of Joint Degree Programme shall be decided mutually by the participating institutions conforming to the respective rules, regulations and laws of their respective institution and country.

3. Dual Degree Programme

- i. "Dual Degree Programme" shall be a programme jointly designed and offered by the DDUGU and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in the same disciplines/subject areas and in the same level. The degrees for such programme shall be conferred by the DDUGU and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions, separately and simultaneously, upon completion of degree requirements of both the institutions. This shall not in any way be construed as two degree programmes in separate disciplines/subject areas and/or levels being pursued simultaneously.
- ii. Under the Dual degree programme, the degrees to be offered by the DDUGU shall conform to the nomenclature and duration of the degrees as specified in section 22 (3) of the UGC Act, 1956 and shall also conform to minimum eligibility and other norms and standards to offer such degree programme.
- iii. Prospective students must meet the admission requirements of both ; the DDUGU and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions and shall apply to and be admitted separately to both the institutions.
- iv. The students must earn at least 30 percent of total credits from the DDUGU.

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- Credits to be earned by the student of the DDUGU from the foreign institution and credits earned by the foreign students from Indian institutions shall be obtained through conventional mode.
- v. Credit earned for the course(s) in an institution shall count towards degrees to be awarded by both the institutions.
 - vi. The collaborating Higher Educational Institutions shall ensure that the credits earned by the students shall not be from overlapping course contents/curriculum; and the student shall submit to only one examination and evaluation process for each of the courses by the institutions in which he/she has registered for that course.
 - vii. In case of a doctoral degree programme, students must have a supervisor at each institution. The student shall spend a minimum of one semester in each of the collaborating institutions during the study programme. However, the student shall submit a single thesis adhering to a framework jointly devised by the participating institutions.
 - viii. Fees as applicable for the entire duration of the programme (including courses imparted by the Foreign Higher Educational Institution) shall be made public at the time of admission. Fee structure should be reasonable so as to make quality Higher Education accessible and affordable to all sections of the society.
 - ix. Each of the Higher Educational Institutions concerned shall issue a transcript for its respective courses, with a remark indicating that the student has taken certain modules at the partner institution.
 - x. The collaborating Higher Educational Institutions shall make provisions for exit pathways for students who are unable to complete the Dual Degree programme with clear specification with respect to future acceptance of credits earned by the students.
 - xi. All other provisions related to offering of Dual Degree Programme shall be decided mutually by the participating institutions conforming to the respective rules, regulations and laws of their respective institution and country.

Conditions for Collaboration: -

- i. The DDUGU shall obtain the approval of the Vice Chancellor/ Executive Council for academic collaboration with any Foreign Higher Educational Institution.
- ii. The DDUGU shall seek necessary approval from the relevant Statutory Councils/ Bodies before entering into collaboration in technical, medical, legal, agricultural and such other professional programmes.
- iii. The DDUGU shall abide by the norms prescribed by the Government of India from time to time for collaboration with specific countries.
- iv. Academic infrastructure, including laboratory, library and workshop facilities of the Indian Higher Educational Institutions shall meet the requirements of the relevant professional Statutory Councils/ Bodies.
- v. The DDUGU shall have to enter into a written Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement with its partner Foreign Higher Educational Institution(s) for collaboration. The MoU or Agreement must categorically include the purposes and related provisions of collaboration.

- vi. The academic requirements and other details of the programme(s) of study to be offered under collaborative arrangements shall be made public by displaying prominently in the websites of both Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions, before the commencement of such programmes.
- vii. Wherever foreign exchange is involved, the DDUGU and the foreign collaborator shall abide by and comply with the relevant regulations, norms, notifications and instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India and Government of India from time to time.
- viii. The DDUGU shall ensure that the programme(s) of study and/or research offered is not against the national security and territorial integrity of India.
- ix. The Institutions concerned shall comply with all the provisions of these Regulations and also abide by any other condition(s) specified by the Government of India and Statutory Body(ies) concerned from time to time.
- x. The Degree awarded under these Regulations shall be equivalent to any corresponding degree awarded by the DDUGU with the following stipulations: (i) there shall be no further requirement of seeking equivalence from any authority; and (ii) the degree shall have all benefits, rights and privileges as obtaining in the case of degree, awarded by an Indian Higher Educational Institution ordinarily.
- xi. The programmes offered under these Regulations shall not be allowed in online and ODL mode.
- xii. No franchise arrangement/Study Centre, whether overtly or covertly, by whatever nomenclature used, between a Foreign Higher Educational Institution and an Indian Higher Educational Institution shall be allowed under these Regulations.
- xiii. The MoU/Agreement for collaboration shall include provisions related to student obligations, fees and other financial arrangements, intellectual property rights, student's attendance patterns, duration of stay for the study programme in both the Higher Educational Institutions, joint supervision arrangements, language of thesis and examinations, admission and evaluation process and graduation procedures, wherever applicable.
- xiv. Matters relating to the grievances of students, including legal matters relating to the collaboration shall be addressed by the DDUGU.
- xv. The monitoring shall be done through mandatory public disclosure.
- xvi. The DDUGU shall furnish information regarding the academic collaboration, as required by the Commission from time to time.

Eligibility for foreign Universities/HEIs

- i. Any Foreign Higher Educational Institution as mentioned in 2.9 figuring in top 1000 of Times Higher Education or QS World University ranking at the time of application.
- ii. However, we may allow foreign students credit transfer from our university without this condition. Even for one semester in flexible manner through MoU.
- iii. In the view of academic handholding and cultural exchange, the Vice Chancellor can permit the inclusion of any Foreign Higher Educational

Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programme.

Interpretation

- i. Any question as to the interpretation of these Regulations shall be decided by the Commission and its decision shall be final and binding in the matter.
- ii. Any dispute arising in relation to collaborative arrangement between DDUGU and Foreign Higher Educational Institution(s) shall be governed by the Indian law.


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