



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

Regulations regarding the award of Grace marks/Credits for students under the MGU-UGP(Honours), MGU- BBA(Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours) and MGU-BVOC(Honours) Programmes for NSS / NCC / Cultural Activities / Sports & Games - Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC A 3 SECTION

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*Read:-*1. University Order No. 8493/ACA 3/2025/M.G.U, dated 11.09.2025
2. Item No.99/26.05/14968/AcA3-3/2025 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 20.05.2026

ORDER

As per the order referred (1) above, a Syndicate Committee was constituted to study and give recommendations on the Kerala Government Committee report containing guidelines for granting grace marks for activities like NSS/NCC/Cultural Activities/Sports & Games in four-year degree programmes (FYUGP) in a uniform manner in all universities across the state. The report of the respective Syndicate Committee was approved in the Syndicate meeting held on 20.05.2026 as per Read 2. Accordingly, the rules & regulations regarding the award of grace marks/credits for students under the FYUGP is hereby implemented in this university strictly in accordance to the recommendations of the report of the above mentioned Syndicate Committee dated 05.05.2026 which is appended herewith.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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Regulations regarding the Award of Grace Marks/Credits for students participating in Sports and Games, NSS, NCC, Cultural Activities, Entrepreneurial Ventures, Start-up Incubation, Innovation-based Activities, College Union Activities, and Other Eligible Activities, and for the Grant of Grace Marks/Credits and/or Concessions to Differently Abled Candidates under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) Programmes.

1. General Conditions

1.1. Introduction

The Regulations on the Award of Grace Marks/Credits for Sports and Games, NSS, NCC, Cultural Activities, Entrepreneurial Ventures, Start-up Incubation, Innovation-based Activities, College Union Activities, and Other Eligible Activities, and for the Grant of Grace Marks/Credits and/or Concessions to Differently Abled Candidates under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) Programmes shall be applicable to students admitted to the above-mentioned programmes from the 2024 admission onwards in the affiliated colleges of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

1.2. Flexibility in Choice

In the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes, students shall opt for either Grace Marks or Grace Credits at the time of submitting their application, based on their performance, achievements, participation in activities, enrolment, or eligibility, as prescribed in these guidelines. Once exercised, this option shall be binding for the concerned semester and shall not be altered retrospectively.

1.3. Application Process for Grant of Grace Marks/Credits

1. Students shall apply for the award of Grace Marks/Credits based on their performance, achievements, participation in activities, enrolment, or eligibility, as prescribed in these guidelines, within one academic year from the date of such performance; achievement, participation, enrolment, or eligibility.
2. Applications submitted during the second academic year (i.e., after one year but within two academic years) may be considered subject to the payment of a fine, and those submitted during the third academic year (i.e., after two years but within three academic years) may be considered subject to the payment of a higher fine, as prescribed by the University from time to time. However, the request for Grace Marks/Credits received after the prescribed time limit will not be entertained on any account.
3. The Performing Year/Academic Year shall be reckoned from 1st June to 31st May. Any delay or lag in semesters/examinations shall not affect the year of performance.

4. Once approved, these Grace Marks/Credits shall be deposited in a designated Grace Credits/Marks Bank.
5. Upon a request submitted by the student, either at the time of valid exit, while opting out of the programme, or within the period prescribed by the University following the declaration of semester results, Grace Marks/Credits shall be awarded to the respective semesters based on the student's performance in each event or other eligible categories, in accordance with these Regulations.
6. The benefit of Grace Marks/Credits shall be granted to a candidate, only up to the maximum period allowed to complete the course as per the regulation of each course.

1.4. Application and Awarding Process for Grant of Grace Marks/Credits or Concessions to Differently Abled Candidates

1. Applications for Grace Marks/Credits or Concessions shall be submitted to the college office along with the original Medical Certificate (Form VI, VII, or VIII) as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, or a Unique Disability Identity (UDID) Card/Certificate, for the purpose of verification.
2. The Principal of the College shall verify the documents and forward the application along with the relevant certified documents to the University through the portal within the stipulated time.
3. The Principal shall prepare a panel of scribes from among willing students. A scribe shall be a student studying in the immediately lower class than that of the differently abled candidate. The scribe shall not be a relative of the candidate and shall submit a declaration to that effect.
4. Candidates with Severe Intellectual Disability, Severe Mental Illness, Severe Multiple Disabilities including Deaf-blindness, or Down Syndrome, who bring their own scribe, shall submit an undertaking in the prescribed format as per the Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.
5. Content-Based Evaluation shall be applicable to all students availing Concessions.
6. In odd semesters, the Principal shall assign a Chief Examiner from among the faculty members of the respective discipline for the valuation of answer scripts of differently abled candidates availing content-based evaluation.
7. In even semesters, the answer scripts of differently abled candidates shall be clearly identified, separately packed, and forwarded to the respective valuation camp/ University, along with other answer scripts, in accordance with the directions issued by the University. The Chief Superintendent shall:
 - (a) Clearly mark the answer scripts of differently abled candidates with the superscription "Differently Abled Candidate" in bold letters on the facing sheet at the commencement of each examination.
 - (b) Forward such answer scripts to the University in separate covers with the same superscription after each day's examination.

- (c) During centralized valuation, the answer scripts of differently abled candidates shall be evaluated by the Chief Examiner for the concerned course, in accordance with the provisions for content-based evaluation.
8. The maximum Grace Marks/Credits awarded to differently abled candidates shall be 30% of the aggregate maximum marks of the ESE of all courses that include a written (theory) examination as a component of the ESE in an academic year, subject to the following:
- (a) 25% under Concessions,
 - (b) and 5% under other eligible activities for which Grace Marks/Credits are admissible.
9. Differently abled candidates not covered under the specified categories of disabilities in these Regulations shall be eligible for compensatory time, the service of a scribe/interpreter, and the use of a computer, upon submission of a Medical Certificate issued by a Medical Board (Form VI/VII/VIII) under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 or a valid UDID Card/Certificate.
10. In cases where the percentage of permanent disability is not recorded in the Medical Certificate or UDID, the candidates shall be eligible for all admissible benefits except Grace Marks/Credits.
11. In the case of candidates with intellectual disabilities, where the Medical Certificate contains remarks such as "Likely to improve" or "Reassessment required" with a specified validity period, such candidates shall be eligible for Concessions and Grace Marks/Credits only up to the validity period specified in the Medical Certificate.

1.5. Application Portal for Grace Marks/Credits or Concessions

1. Mahatma Gandhi University shall provide a dedicated online portal for the submission and processing of applications for Grace Marks/Credits or Concession through the Student Portal.
2. Students shall submit applications for Grace Marks/Credits or Concession through the portal along with scanned copies of the relevant certificates and supporting documents.
3. The portal shall provide login access to Programme Coordinators, Nodal Officers, Staff Advisors, and other faculty members in charge of the relevant activities for the purpose of verifying the details and documents submitted by students of their respective colleges.
4. The concerned faculty member shall verify the application and supporting documents with the original certificates/documents. After verification, the Principal of the college shall forward the application to the University through the portal.
5. The original certificates of students shall not be forwarded to the University, unless specifically required.
6. The college shall ensure the **validity and genuineness of the certificates and supporting documents** submitted by the students of the college in connection with applications for Grace Marks/Credits or Concession.

7. The University shall process the applications through the portal. The concerned section shall verify the supporting documents and place the applications before the competent Committee/Authority for approval.
8. Upon approval by the competent Committee/Authority, the award of Grace Marks/Credits or Concession shall be communicated to the students through the portal.
9. The concerned section(s) and/or the competent Committee/Authority may request the production of original supporting documents for verification whenever deemed necessary.
10. Through the portal, students shall be provided with facilities to view the status of their applications for Grace Marks/Credits or Concession, as well as the details of Grace Marks/Credits available for redemption, the balance remaining, and the Grace Marks/Credits already availed during the programme period.
11. The schedule for submission and processing of applications for Grace Marks/Credits or Concession shall be notified and published by the University from time to time.

1.6. Standing Committee for Grace Marks/Credits in Sports and Games

A Standing Committee for Grace Marks/Credits in Sports and Games shall be constituted by order of the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Director of Physical Education of the University – Chairperson
- (b) Three Heads of Physical Education Departments from affiliated colleges – Members
- (c) Two experts in the field of Sports and Games – Members

The Heads of Physical Education Departments and the experts shall be nominated by the University. The experts may include coaches recognised by the Sports Authority/Council concerned.

The Committee shall:

- (a) Prepare and recommend the list of eligible categories of Sports and Games events and coaching camps recognised by the Kerala State Sports Council for the purpose of awarding Grace Marks/Credits.
- (b) Specify the levels of coaching camp participation, achievement, and eligibility criteria for the award of Grace Marks/Credits.
- (c) Frame Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and other conditions for the implementation of the provisions relating to Grace Marks/Credits in Sports and Games in accordance with these Regulations.

The tenure of the Committee shall be two (2) years. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be three members, including the Chairperson, and decisions shall be taken by majority.

The Committee shall meet as and when required, preferably at the end of each semester, to process and review applications and to consider the inclusion of any additional eligible activities or items for the award of Grace Marks/Credits in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Based on the SOP approved under these Regulations, the concerned section of the University shall verify the applications and the supporting documents or certificates submitted by the students through the portal and recommend the award of Grace Marks/Credits to the competent authority.

The Committee Members shall be eligible for Travelling Allowance (TA) and Dearness Allowance (DA) as per the norms of the University.

1.7. Standing Committee for Grace Marks/Credits in Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Start-up Activities

A Standing Committee for Grace Marks/Credits in Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Start-up Activities shall be constituted by order of the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Director of the Business Innovation and Incubation Centre (BIIC) of the University – Chairperson
- (b) Three faculty members from affiliated colleges, who are serving as Coordinators or Nodal Officers of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres (IEDC) or Incubation Centres for Entrepreneurship, Innovation, or Start-up Activities nominated by the University – Members
- (c) Two experts in the field of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, or the Start-up ecosystem, nominated by the University – Members.

The Committee shall:

- (a) Prepare and recommend the list of eligible categories under Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Start-up Activities in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, and recommend the award of Grace Marks/Credits as per the prescribed criteria.
- (b) Frame Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and other conditions for the implementation of the provisions relating to Grace Marks/Credits in 'Earn While You Learn' scheme, entrepreneurial ventures, start-up incubation, innovation-based activities in accordance with these Regulations.

The tenure of the Committee shall be two (2) years. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be three members, including the Chairperson, and decisions shall be taken by majority.

The Committee shall meet as and when required, preferably at the end of each semester, to process and review applications and to consider the inclusion of any additional eligible activities or items for the award of Grace Marks/Credits in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Based on the SOP approved under these Regulations, the concerned section of the University shall verify the applications and the supporting documents or certificates submitted by the students through the portal and recommend the award of Grace Marks/Credits to the competent authority.

The Committee Members shall be eligible for Travelling Allowance (TA) and Dearness Allowance (DA) as per the norms of the University.

1.8. Calculation and Awarding of Grace Marks/Credits

1. For the purpose of awarding Grace Marks/Credits under these guidelines, **no minimum marks** shall be required to have been secured by the candidate in the concerned course.
2. Grace Marks/Credits shall be awarded only for courses in which the student has appeared for the End Semester Evaluation (ESE). Notwithstanding the above, Grace Credits for Exceptional Athletic Achievements may be awarded for courses for which the student has registered for the ESE.
3. In the case of students identified as slow learners, such course(s) may also be considered for the award of Grace Marks/Credits.
4. Grace Marks shall be added to the total marks, being the sum of the Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA) and ESE marks of the course.
5. Credits shall be awarded shall be treated as equivalent to the credits earned through the CCA and ESE marks of that course.
6. The total Grace Marks/Credits that may be awarded to a candidate, other than differently abled candidates, in a given academic year for all eligible activities taken together shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the maximum Marks/Credits prescribed for that academic year.
7. After the expiry of the maximum time limit specified in these Regulations, any remaining Grace Marks/Credits in the account of a student shall, upon a request submitted by the student, either at the time of valid exit, while opting out of the programme, or within the period prescribed by the University following the declaration of semester results, be distributed in such a manner as to enable the student to secure the maximum possible number of course passes.
8. If a student requests the distribution of grace marks during the programme period and such distribution does not result in a pass in the concerned course, the distribution shall not be effected, and the corresponding marks or credits shall remain in the grace mark account.
9. A candidate may opt for the distribution of Grace Marks/Credits irrespective of pending supplementary examinations, revaluation, or scrutiny.

10. Grace marks shall be applied to the highest marks obtained by the candidate in a course, whether through regular, improvement, or supplementary examinations, as on the date of distribution.
11. If the distribution of the remaining Grace Marks/Credits cannot result in additional course passes, the remaining Grace Marks/Credits shall be distributed equally among the courses already passed by the student.
12. If the equal distribution of the remaining Grace Marks/Credits among the passed courses is not feasible, or if any balance remains after such equal distribution, the remaining Grace Marks/Credits shall be allocated to the courses in the order of higher credits first, following a descending sequence starting from the last semester onwards, in accordance with these Regulations.
13. Students who have already earned the required number of credits prescribed for the programme shall be awarded the remaining Grace Marks/Credits equally among all courses in the programme, in accordance with these Regulations.
14. In the case of students who could not pass the programme even after the award of Grace Marks/Credits, the Grace Marks/Credits shall be distributed in such a manner as to enable the student to secure the maximum possible number of course passes.
15. For the purpose of allocation, priority shall be assigned among courses in the following order: Major/Core/SDC, Minor/MPC, SEC, VAC, AEC, AEC-OL, and MDC/MDE and other categories of Courses.
16. Grace Marks/Credits shall be allotted in accordance with the above priority. In cases where equal probability exists among courses within the same category, the allocation shall be made by following the descending order of course codes within the respective category, in accordance with these Regulations.
17. After the distribution of Grace Marks, the total marks awarded to a student in any course shall not exceed the maximum marks prescribed for that course, in accordance with these Regulations.
18. In cases where the addition of Grace Marks results in the candidate attaining the maximum permissible marks for the programme, any excess grace marks shall be retained in the Grace Mark account.
19. Any examination for which the candidate has registered shall stand cancelled if the distribution of Grace Marks renders the candidate ineligible for that examination.
20. If a candidate passes a regular examination through the application of Grace Marks/Credits and is otherwise eligible, as per programme regulations, to register for the same examination as an improvement candidate, such candidature shall not be cancelled.
21. In such cases, the status of registration shall be changed from supplementary to improvement.
22. Grace Marks/Credits awarded under this scheme shall not be transferred to improved marks/credits obtained subsequently and shall remain attached to the examination in which they were originally allotted.

23. The candidate shall be entitled to retain the better of the two scores for the purpose of final consolidation.
24. In the event of changes in marks due to revaluation, the candidate shall be eligible for revision of marks in the same manner as a candidate without grace marks.
25. Grace Marks/Credits once distributed to a student for courses across various semesters of study shall, after the final result processing of the programme, be treated as final and shall not be subject to redistribution.
26. A candidate may avail a one-time Top-Up option for the updation of grace marks/credits after the consolidation of existing Grace Marks/Credits and before submitting the application for the degree certificate.
27. The application for this facility shall be submitted through the designated portal.
28. In the application, the candidate shall specify the achievements already obtained but not yet availed, as well as any achievements deemed eligible for Grace Marks/Credits.
29. The candidate shall also submit an affidavit declaring that no further claims for additional Grace Marks/Credits will be made after availing this one-time Top-Up facility.
30. The candidate shall submit an affidavit stating that *"I hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I shall not make any further claims for additional Grace Marks/Credits after availing this one-time Top-Up facility."*
31. However, even after final consolidation or availing the one-time Top-Up, if the candidate secures higher marks through revaluation, such revised marks may be incorporated into the existing course marks; in such cases, the candidate shall not be permitted to opt for redistribution of Grace Marks/Credits after incorporating the revaluation marks.

1.9. Award of Grace Marks, Letter Grades and Grade Points

1. Grace Marks can be awarded to courses comprising Lecture (L), Tutorial (T), Practical (P), and/or Other (O) components, and to any other category of credits, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations governing the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes.
2. The percentage of Grace Marks shall be calculated with reference to the total marks prescribed for all courses in the respective academic year, which shall be normalized to 25 marks per credit, in accordance with the provisions of the respective Regulations governing the programme or course.
3. Grace Marks/Credits shall be awarded only in integer values. Any fractional mark or credit arising out of calculation shall be discarded and shall not be carried forward.
4. The award of grace credits, in lieu of grace marks, for a course in a discipline shall carry the letter grade "O" (Outstanding) with a grade point of ten (10).
5. The Grace Marks/Credits awarded to a candidate shall be cumulative in nature, based on the performance, achievements, participation in activities, enrolment, or eligibility

attained by the candidate in the respective events or activities, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

6. Grace Marks/Credits awarded to a student shall not be considered for Ranking or for the issuance of Position Certificates.
7. Grace Marks/Credits awarded to a student shall not be considered for Outcome-Based Education (OBE)-based results, including the calculation of Programme Outcome (PO) and Course Outcome (CO) attainments. However, if a student has attained the required level of CO or PO attainment without the aid of Grace Marks/Credits, such attainment shall be considered for the purpose of OBE attainment calculations.
8. The award of Grace Marks/Credits shall be clearly indicated in the grade card of students who avail such benefits, in accordance with these Regulations. The prescribed notation for the same shall be: *"Grace Marks/Credits awarded as per Regulations."*

1.10. Course Discipline, Course Code and Course Title

1. In cases where grace credits are awarded against a single three (3) credit Value Addition Course either in the third or fourth semester, the course discipline and course title shall be duly recorded under the relevant category for which the grace credits are awarded.
2. Students shall have the option to redeem Grace Credits for only one VAC, even if they have participated in multiple eligible activities or events.
3. The course code format shall be **XXYAA BBB000**, an alphanumeric code consisting of twelve (12) characters. The first two characters (XX) represent the University code (MG for Mahatma Gandhi University). The third character (Y) represents the semester (1, 2, etc.). The fourth to sixth characters (AAA) represent the course category (e.g., DSE – Discipline Specific Elective Course, VAC – Value Addition Course, etc.). The seventh to ninth characters (BBB) represent the discipline or activity code (e.g., NSS – National Service Scheme, NCC – National Cadet Corps, etc.). The last three characters (000) represent the course level (e.g., 100 for Level-100 courses, 200 for Level-200 courses, etc.).

Table 1: Discipline – Discipline Code – Course Title Mapping

Activity	Discipline	Discipline Code	Course Title
Sports and Games Camps	Sports and Games	SAG	Sports and Games Camps
Sports Activities at College	Sports and Games	SAC	Sports Activities at College Level
National Service Scheme	National Service Scheme	NSS	National Service Scheme
National Cadet Corps	National Cadet Corps	NCC	National Cadet Corps
Cultural Events	Cultural Events	CUE	Cultural Events

College Union	College Union	COU	College Union
Co-curricular, Experiential, and Extension Activities	Co-curricular, Experiential, and Extension Activities	CEE	Co-curricular, Experiential, and Extension Activities

2. Award of Grace Credits for Performance, Achievements, and Participation

Grace Credits shall be awarded to candidates under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes for performance, achievements, or participation in Sports and Games, Cultural Activities, NCC, NSS, and other eligible activities, in order to recognise and reward excellence in such areas, in accordance with these Regulations. Grace Credits serve as an additional incentive for such notable achievements and performances.

2.1. Credits for Exceptional Athletic Achievements

1. A student qualifying for and representing the nation in the Olympic Games, Pre-Olympics, Afro-Asian, Asian Games, or Commonwealth Games may be entitled to receive up to 52 credits directly (approximately 39% of the 133, total credits required for the award of a three-year undergraduate degree). Of these 52 credits, up to 32 credits may be adjusted against Major/Minor course requirements, as per the candidate's choice, while the remaining 20 credits may be adjusted against General Foundation Courses – AEC, SEC, VAC, and MDC – as well as internship requirements.
2. Credits awarded under these provisions shall be mapped to courses based on the claim submitted by the candidate and shall be subject to verification and approval by the competent academic authorities.
3. Where a student fails to secure the minimum prescribed credits individually in the Major and Minor disciplines, but has earned the total credits required across different disciplines, the University may award a General BA/BSc/BCom degree, as applicable. Such a student shall be permitted to upgrade to a Major degree in a discipline at a later stage, subject to the completion of the additional credits prescribed for that discipline as a Major, in accordance with the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) regulations.

2.2. Grace Credits for Sports and Games Performance

1. Students may be awarded Grace Credits based on their performance in Sports and Games, in either individual or team events.
2. Grace Credits shall be limited to Sports and Games events approved by the Kerala Sports Council and/or University.
3. The Grace Credits awarded for each performance of a candidate at different levels in various competitions shall be added cumulatively on an annual basis.

4. Credits shall be accumulated up to a maximum of twenty-five per cent (25%) per annum.
5. Where grace credits are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.

Table 2 : Grace Credits for Sports and Games Performance

Grace Credits for Sports and Games Performance				
Sl. No	Event	Position	Code	Credit (%)
1	Representing India in Senior/ Youth/ Junior competitions, Approved International Competition (Olympics, Pre- Olympics, Afro-Asian, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships/ Cups, World University Games/ Championships)	First	CSGP01	25
		Second	CSGP02	24
		Third	CSGP03	23
		Participation	CSGP04	22
2	All India Inter University Championships/ Khelo India University Games	First	CSGP05	17
		Second	CSGP06	14
		Third	CSGP07	12
		Fourth	CSGP08	10
		Participation	CSGP09	7
3	South Zone/ South-West Zone Inter-University Championship	First	CSGP10	14
		Second	CSGP11	12
		Third	CSGP12	10
		Fourth	CSGP13	8
		Participation	CSGP14	7
4	Senior National Championship of Recognized National Federations	First	CSGP15	14
		Second	CSGP16	12
		Third	CSGP17	10
		Participation	CSGP18	6
5	Junior National Championship of Recognized National Federations	First	CSGP19	10
		Second	CSGP20	9

		Third	CSGP21	8
		Participation	CSGP22	6
6	All India Inter University / South Zone/ South-West Zone Inter-University Non- Participation	Member, University Team	CSGP23	5
7	Inter District (state) Level Championships	First	CSGP24	4
		Second	CSGP25	3
		Third	CSGP26	2
8	Inter Collegiate Competitions	First	CSGP27	5
		Second	CSGP28	4
		Third	CSGP29	3
		Fourth	CSGP30	1
	Maximum Credits			25
9	Blind students securing I/II/III places in Sports and Games events conducted by Kerala Federation of the Blind at College/ University/ Inter- University Level	First/ Second/ Third	CSGP31	5

2.3. Grace Credits for Participation in National, State, and University Level Sports and Games Camps

1. Students participating in coaching camps conducted by Universities, State Associations, or National Federations may earn academic credits for such participation, provided prior sanction is obtained through the Head of Physical Education department and the Principal of the College, and with the approval of the Director of Physical Education of the University in the case of the final National Camp or the final State team camp.
2. Credits shall be awarded on the basis of verified participation and shall be deemed to fall under the category of Value Addition Course (VAC). Where a candidate earns three (3) credits, one VAC shall accordingly stand completed.
3. Students may be provided with a provision to earn academic credits, in addition to VAC credits, for participation in structured training programmes, based on performance evaluation criteria provided by a committee constituted by the University. Such credits may be considered on par with Vocational Minor courses or an equivalent category, and a maximum of twelve (12) credits may be awarded under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes, in accordance with the credits so earned.

4. For the award of credits, the student shall submit a statement of the total hours of engagement or training, duly certified by the Director of Sports of the University in the case of University-level camps, and by the Secretary or Head Coach of the concerned State Association or National Federation in the case of State-level or National-level camps, along with other relevant details, through the portal made available by the University.
5. Hour to credit Conversion

$$\text{Credits} = \frac{\text{total hours involved}}{60}$$

2.4. Credits for Participation in Sports Activities at College Level

1. With a view to promoting physical fitness and encouraging student participation in sports, Yoga, and physical programmes, it is proposed to institute a credit-based system for involvement in such activities.
2. The following guidelines outline the procedure for the acquisition and award of credits through participation in these activities.
3. All students shall be eligible to participate in sports activities, fitness drives, Yoga, and physical programmes conducted by the College.
4. Participation shall be officially documented by the Faculty of the Department of Physical Education or the Programme Coordinator concerned, and shall be verified and approved by the Principal of the College.
5. Students who complete the prescribed sports activities with a minimum of two hundred and forty (240) hours of regular participation during the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), or MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes shall be awarded three (3) credits, which shall be recognised as fulfilment of one Value Addition Course (VAC).

2.5. Award of Grace Credits for Achievements in Cultural Events

1. Students may be awarded credits based on their performance in cultural events conducted as part of Youth Festivals.
2. Grace Credits shall be limited to events included in the annual Youth Festival list approved by the University.
3. The Grace Credits awarded for each performance of a student at different levels in various competitions shall be added cumulatively on an annual basis.
4. Grace Credits shall be accumulated up to a maximum of twenty per cent (20%) per annum.
5. Where credits are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.

Table 3 : Grace Credits for Achievements in Cultural Events

Grace Credits for Achievements in Cultural Events				
Sl. No	Event	Position	Code	Credits (%)
1	Inter-Collegiate / Inter-Zone – Individual Event	First / A Grade	CCE01	5
		Second	CCE02	4
		Third	CCE03	3
2	Inter-Collegiate / Inter-Zone – Group Event	Best Actor / Best Actress	CCE04	5
		First / A Grade	CCE05	4
		Second	CCE06	3
		Third	CCE07	2
Maximum Credits		Limited to 5% (1 & 2)		
3	South Zone Inter-University Youth Festival – Individual Event	First	CCE08	6
		Second	CCE09	5
		Third	CCE10	4
		Participation	CCE11	2
4	South Zone Inter-University Youth Festival – Group Event	First	CCE12	5
		Second	CCE13	4
		Third	CCE14	3
		Participation	CCE15	2
Maximum Credits		Limited to 6% (3 & 4)		
5	National Level Youth Festival – Individual Event	First	CCE16	10
		Second	CCE17	7
		Third	CCE18	5
		Participation	CCE19	3
6	National Level Youth Festival – Group Event	First	CCE20	8
		Second	CCE21	6

		Third	CCE22	4
		Participation	CCE23	3
	Maximum Credits	Limited to 10% (5 & 6)		
7	Blind students securing I/II/III places in Cultural / Youth Festival events conducted by Kerala Federation of the Blind at College/ University/ Inter-University Level	First/ Second/ Third	CCE24	5

2.6. Grace Credits for participation in National Cadet Corps (NCC) activities in the College Level

1. Students who participate in the prescribed NCC activities with not less than seventy-five per cent (75%) attendance over a period of three (3) years shall be awarded three (3) credits, which shall be recognised as fulfilment of one Value Addition Course (VAC) under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), or MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes.
2. Participation shall be duly recorded by the Associate NCC Officer of the Unit and shall be certified by the Principal of the College.
3. Grace Credits for NCC activities shall be limited to events listed below and approved by the University.
4. The Grace Credits for each event will be added cumulatively annually.
5. Grace Credits can be accumulated up to a maximum of 20% per annum.
6. Where Grace Credits are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.
7. **Students who opt for NCC as an Elective Discipline shall not be eligible for the award of any Grace Credits under these Regulations.**

Table 4 : Grace Credits for NCC Activities

Grace Credits for NCC Activities			
Sl. No	Activity	Code	Credits (%)
1	Attending Republic Day Camps / Parade / Independent Day Camps / National Youth Exchange Programme/ Foreign Cruise	CNCC01	12
2	All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC)/ All India Nau Sainik Camp (AINSC)/ All India Thal Sainik Camp (AITSC)/ Inter-Directorate Sports Shooting Championship	CNCC02	8

	(IDSSC)/ Yachting Regatta (Any One)		
3	All Centrally Organized Adventure Activities/ Mountaineering Expedition/ Mountaineering Course/ Para Jump Course/ Para Sailing/ Cycling Expedition/ Trekking/ Sailing Expeditions (Inshore/Off Shore)/ Gliding (Max Three Launches)/Power Flying (Solo)/ Scuba Diving Course/ Skiing Course/ Rock Climbing Training/ Camp/ South Zone Shooting Competition/ Camel Safari (Any One)	CNCC03	6
4	Centrally Organised Camps; Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB)/ National Integration Camp (NIC)/ Special NIC (SNIC)/ Advanced Leadership Camp (ALC)/ Basic Leadership Camp (BLC)/ Attachment with Army, Navy, or Air Force/ Inter-Group Competition (IGC)/ Social Service Camp (SSC)/ Independence Day Sports and Games Camp/ NCC National Games (Any One)	CNCC04	6
5	Passed C Certificate	CNCC05	5
6	Passed B Certificate	CNCC06	4
7	National Para Basic Course	CNCC07	4
8	Inter group Competition/ Pre-RDC – II/ Pre-RDC – III	CNCC08	3
9	Preparatory Camps, Pre-NCC National Games Camp/ Pre-RDC/ Pre-TSC/ Pre-NSC/ Pre-VSC (Any One)	CNCC09	3
10	Annual Training Camp (ATC)/ Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) (Any One)	CNCC10	3
11	Special Volunteer Service during Pandemics and Natural Disasters (Floods, Droughts, etc.) (Centrally coordinated; Participation Certificate issued by DDG/ADG.)	CNCC11	3
12	Special Service Certificate or Letters of Appreciation awarded by the State Government or by the DDG/ADG for participation in State Government– or Central Government–approved programmes of a duration of 5–7 days or a minimum of 50 hours (excluding routine camp periods).	CNCC12	3
13	75% or above attendance over a period of three years	CNCC13	3
14	Blood Donation (Minimum 4 times)	CNCC14	2
	Maximum Grace Credits		20

2.7. Grace Credits for participation in National Service Scheme (NSS) activities in College Level

1. Students who complete a minimum of two hundred and forty (240) hours of regular activities under the NSS and who successfully complete one (1) NSS Special Camping Programme of seven (7) days' duration shall be awarded three (3) credits, which shall be recognised as fulfilment of one Value Addition Course (VAC) under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), or MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes.
2. Participation shall be duly recorded by the Programme Officer of the NSS Unit and shall be certified by the Principal of the College.
3. Grace Credits for NSS activities shall be limited to events listed below and approved by the University.
4. The Grace Credits for each event will be added cumulatively annually.
5. Grace Credits can be accumulated up to a maximum of 20% per annum.
6. Where Grace Credits are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.

Table 5 : Grace Credits for NSS Activities

Grace Credits for NSS Activities			
Sl. No	Activity	Code	Credits (%)
1	Participation in international events approved by the State Cell / Directorate of NSS	CNSS01	7
2	Participation in the Republic Day Camp (RD Camp)	CNSS02	5
3	Recipients of National-level awards.	CNSS03	5
4	A minimum of ten days (50 hours) of volunteer service rendered in official State Government programmes or in special projects initiated by the State Government or the State NSS Cell.	CNSS04	4
5	Participation in State-level camps or additional special camps approved or organised by the State NSS / Government of Kerala.	CNSS05	4
6	Participation in approved National Camps/ National Integration Camps (NIC)/ National Youth Festivals (NYF)/ Pre-Republic Day (Pre-RD) Camps/ Adventure Camps.	CNSS06	4
7	Recipients of State-level awards.	CNSS07	4

8	Special Service Certificate or Letter of Appreciation awarded by the State Government or the State NSS Cell for NSS activities.	CNSS08	3
9	Special Volunteer Service during Pandemics and Natural Disasters (Floods, Droughts, etc.)	CNSS09	3
10	Special Camp – 7 Days (Residential), as per amendment	CNSS10	3
11	First Place in State-level NSS Festival / State NSS Meet / NSS Competitions organised by the State Government or the State NSS Cell.	CNSS11	3
12	Second Place in State-level NSS Festival / State NSS Meet / NSS Competitions organised by the State Government or the State NSS Cell.	CNSS12	2
13	University-level Leadership Camp (Minimum 100 hours)	CNSS13	2
14	Blood Donation (Minimum 4 times)	CNSS14	2
	Maximum Grace Credits		20

2.8. Grace Credits for Entrepreneurial ventures and Other Eligible participations in the College Level

1. Students' participation in the 'Earn While You Learn' scheme, entrepreneurial ventures, start-up incubation, innovation-based activities, services rendered during natural disasters, socially relevant or community support activities or any other activities prescribed by the University from time to time shall be eligible for the award of credits.
2. Students who complete a minimum of two hundred and forty (240) hours of regular engagement in any one of the above activities during the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), or MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes shall be awarded three (3) credits, which shall be recognised as fulfilment of one Value Addition Course (VAC).
3. A student shall be permitted to claim credits for only one such activity during the entire duration of the Programme.
4. Participation shall be duly recorded by the Programme Coordinator or the Nodal Officer of the College and shall be certified by the Principal of the College.
5. They may participate either as individuals or as part of a team in these activities.
6. Students who have been incubated in a Technology Business Incubator (TBI) or Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) recognized by K-DISC, Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), or DST, Government of India, or who are actively engaged in registered start-up ventures validated by the Institution Innovation Council (IIC), University Entrepreneurship Cell (UEC), or other bodies recognized by the University from time to time shall be eligible, and both technology-based and service-based start-ups shall be considered.

7. Students enrolled in the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes may be awarded Grace Credits in accordance with the criteria prescribed in the table below.

Table 6 : Grace Credits for Entrepreneurial ventures and Other Eligible participations

Grace Credits for Entrepreneurial ventures and Other Eligible participations			
Sl. No	Stage	Code	Credits (%)
1	Prototype or Working Model Development (Technology-Based Firms) #	COE01	10
2	Business Service Launch (Service-based Firms) #	COE02	5
3	Teaming and Company Formation	COE03	5
4	Ideation / Concept Validation Stage	COE04	5

- Firms shall demonstrate either (a) a viable prototype, or (b) a sustainable business plan validated by a recognized incubator, indicating tangible progress toward commercial viability or social impact.

8. In addition to the above-mentioned items, additional Grace Credits shall be awarded to students for the following achievements:

Table 7 : Additional Grace Credits for Achievements in Other Eligible Participations

Additional Grace Credits for Achievements in Other Eligible Participations			
Sl. No	Activity	Code	Credits (%)
1	Receiving External Grant / Seed Fund (From KSUM, K-DISC, or approved innovation scheme)	COE05	5
2	Filing a Patent or Intellectual Property (IP) Application with Official Proof of Filing	COE06	5
3	Winning a Recognized Start-up, Idea, or Business Plan Competition at the National or International Level	COE07	2
4	Winning a Recognized Start-up, Idea, or Business	COE08	2

	Plan Competition at the University or State Level		
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9. The total Grace Credits from all courses shall not exceed 25 per cent in any annum.
10. The concerned TBI shall issue a Performance Certificate specifying the stage attained by the student entrepreneur.
11. Each student or student team shall be evaluated by the respective TBI, IEDC, IIC, UEC, or other competent bodies based on demonstrable progress across the stages of start-up development.
12. Participation shall be duly recorded by the Programme Coordinator or the Nodal Officer of the College and shall be certified by the Principal of the College.
13. A student shall not be permitted to claim or receive benefits under more than one scheme for the same activity.

2.9. National Cadet Corps (NCC) as an elective Discipline in Honours Programme

1. Students may register for the NCC as a discipline under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), or MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes.
2. The detailed syllabus, training requirements, and assessment methodology for NCC shall be prescribed and notified by the University with the approval of the Academic Council from time to time.
3. For the purpose of credit equivalence, sixty (60) hours of duly verified NCC training shall be deemed to be equivalent to one (1) academic credit.
4. Credits earned by students may be applied to any one of the following categories: Vocational Minor, Skill Enhancement Course, or Value Addition Course. In respect of candidates for whom National Cadet Corps (NCC) forms a component of the approved academic curriculum, NCC shall be treated as an integral part of the programme structure, and such candidates shall not be eligible for the award of any additional Grace Marks/Credits under the NCC category in accordance with these Regulations.
5. The Associate NCC Officer (ANO) of the College, in coordination with the NCC Directorate, shall be responsible for maintaining verified records of participation, attendance, and performance.
6. Credits shall be awarded only upon successful completion of all prescribed activities and assessments in accordance with the NCC curriculum.
7. Since NCC is chosen as an elective discipline by the students, they shall adhere to all procedures, assessment requirements, and other instructions prescribed by the University in the respective semester for the successful completion of the course.
8. For these candidates NCC will be part of their academic structure they shall not be eligible for any additional Grace Marks/Credits under the NCC category under these regulations.

2.10. Credits for Participation in College Union Activities

1. Students serving as elected office bearers of the College Union shall be awarded three (3) credits, which shall be recognised as fulfilment of one Value Addition Course (VAC), in recognition of their leadership and organisational contributions.
2. In order to avail the same, Elections for the College Union shall be conducted by secret ballot, either in the Presidential Mode or Parliamentary Mode, following the Simple Majority Election System, in accordance with the regulations and notifications issued by Mahatma Gandhi University from time to time.
3. Eligible posts shall include Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, General Secretary, Councillor(s) to the University Union, Editor of the College Magazine, Arts Club Secretary, student representatives from each year of Degree and Post-Graduate programmes, Lady Representatives, and nominated representatives belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) / Scheduled Tribes (ST), if any.
4. This recognition shall be restricted to elected or nominated office bearers of the recognised Students' Union and shall be duly recorded and certified by the Staff Advisor and the Principal of the College.
5. The credits awarded under this provision shall not overlap with credits awarded for any other activity.
6. For the award of credits, the student shall submit a certificate issued by the Principal confirming the student's election or nomination as an office bearer of the College Union for the respective academic year, along with other relevant details, through the portal made available by the University.

3. Award of Grace Marks for Performance, Achievements, and Participation

Grace Marks shall be awarded to candidates under the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes for performance, achievements, or participation in Sports and Games, Cultural Activities, NCC, NSS, and other eligible activities, in order to recognise and reward excellence in such areas, in accordance with these Regulations. Grace Marks serve as an additional incentive for such notable achievements and performances.

3.1. Grace Marks for Sports and Games Performance

1. Students may be awarded Grace Marks based on their performance in Sports and Games, in either individual or team events.
2. Grace Marks shall be limited to Sports and Games events approved by the Kerala Sports Council and/or University.
3. The Grace Marks awarded for each performance of a candidate at different levels in various competitions shall be added cumulatively on an annual basis.
4. Grace Marks shall be accumulated up to a maximum of twenty-five per cent (25%) per annum.

5. Where Grace Marks are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.

Table 8 : Grace Marks for Sports and Games Performance

Grace Marks for Sports and Games Performance				
Sl. No	Event	Position	Code	Marks (%)
1	Representing India in Senior/ Youth/ Junior competitions, Approved International Competition (Olympics, Pre- Olympics, Afro-Asian, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships/ Cups, World University Games/ Championships)	First	MSGP01	25
		Second	MSGP02	24
		Third	MSGP03	23
		Participation	MSGP04	22
2	All India Inter University Championships/ Khelo India University Games	First	MSGP05	17
		Second	MSGP06	14
		Third	MSGP07	12
		Fourth	MSGP08	10
		Participation	MSGP09	7
3	South Zone/ South-West Zone Inter-University Championship	First	MSGP10	14
		Second	MSGP11	12
		Third	MSGP12	10
		Fourth	MSGP13	8
		Participation	MSGP14	7
4	Senior National Championship of Recognized National Federations	First	MSGP15	14
		Second	MSGP16	12
		Third	MSGP17	10
		Participation	MSGP18	6
5	Junior National Championship of Recognized National Federations	First	MSGP19	10
		Second	MSGP20	9
		Third	MSGP21	8

		Participation	MSGP22	6
6	All India Inter University / South Zone/ South-West Zone Inter-University Non- Participation	Member, University Team	MSGP23	5
7	Inter District (state) Level Championships	First	MSGP24	4
		Second	MSGP25	3
		Third	MSGP26	2
8	Inter Collegiate Competitions	First	MSGP27	5
		Second	MSGP28	4
		Third	MSGP29	3
		Fourth	MSGP30	1
	Maximum Grace Marks			25
9	Blind students securing I/II/III places in Sports and Games events conducted by Kerala Federation of the Blind at College/ University/ Inter- University Level	First/ Second/ Third	MSGP31	5

3.2. Award of Grace Marks for Achievements in Cultural Events

1. Students may be awarded Grace Marks based on their performance in cultural events conducted as part of Youth Festivals.
2. Grace Marks shall be limited to events included in the annual Youth Festival list approved by the University.
3. The Grace Marks awarded for each performance of a student at different levels in various competitions shall be added cumulatively on an annual basis.
4. Grace Marks shall be accumulated up to a maximum of twenty per cent (20%) per annum.
5. Where Grace Marks are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.

Table 9 : Grace Marks for Achievements in Cultural Events

Grace Marks for Achievements in Cultural Events				
Sl. No	Event	Position	Code	Marks (%)

1	Inter-Collegiate / Inter-Zone – Individual Event	First / A Grade	MCE01	5
		Second	MCE02	4
		Third	MCE03	3
2	Inter-Collegiate / Inter-Zone – Group Event	Best Actor / Best Actress	MCE04	5
		First / A Grade	MCE05	4
		Second	MCE06	3
		Third	MCE07	2
Maximum Grace Marks		Limited to 5% (1 & 2)		
3	South Zone Inter-University Youth Festival – Individual Event	First	MCE08	6
		Second	MCE09	5
		Third	MCE10	4
		Participation	MCE11	2
4	South Zone Inter-University Youth Festival – Group Event	First	MCE12	5
		Second	MCE13	4
		Third	MCE14	3
		Participation	MCE15	2
Maximum Grace Marks		Limited to 6% (3 & 4)		
5	National Level Youth Festival – Individual Event	First	MCE16	10
		Second	MCE17	7
		Third	MCE18	5
		Participation	MCE19	3
6	National Level Youth Festival – Group Event	First	MCE20	8
		Second	MCE21	6
		Third	MCE22	4
		Participation	MCE23	3
Maximum Grace Marks		Limited to 10% (5 & 6)		
7	Blind students securing I/II/III places in Cultural / Youth Festival events conducted	First/ Second/ Third	MCE24	5

	by Kerala Federation of the Blind at College/ University/ Inter- University Level		
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3.3. Grace Marks for Participation in NCC Activities

1. Grace Marks for NCC activities shall be limited to events listed below and approved by the University.
2. The Grace Marks for each event will be added cumulatively annually.
3. Grace marks can be accumulated up to a maximum of 20% per annum.
4. Where Grace Marks are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.
5. Students who opt for NCC as an Elective Discipline shall not be eligible for the award of any Grace Marks under these Regulations.

Table 10 : Grace Marks for NCC Activities

Grace Marks for NCC Activities			
Sl. No	Activity	Code	Marks (%)
1	Attending Republic Day Camps / Parade / Independent Day Camps / National Youth Exchange Programme/ Foreign Cruise	MNCC01	12
2	All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC)/ All India Nau Sainik Camp (AINSC)/ All India Thal Sainik Camp (AITSC)/ Inter-Directorate Sports Shooting Championship (IDSSC)/ Yachting Regatta (Any One)	MNCC02	8
3	All Centrally Organized Adventure Activities/ Mountaineering Expedition/ Mountaineering Course/ Para Jump Course/ Para Sailing/ Cycling Expedition/ Trekking/ Sailing Expeditions (Inshore/Off Shore)/ Gliding (Max Three Launches)/Power Flying (Solo)/ Scuba Diving Course/ Skiing Course/ Rock Climbing Training/ Camp/ South Zone Shooting Competition/ Camel Safari (Any One)	MNCC03	6
4	Centrally Organised Camps; Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB)/ National Integration Camp (NIC)/ Special NIC (SNIC)/ Advanced Leadership Camp (ALC)/ Basic Leadership Camp (BLC)/ Attachment with Army, Navy, or Air Force/ Inter-Group	MNCC04	6

	Competition (IGC)/ Social Service Camp (SSC) / Independence Day Sports and Games Camp/ NCC National Games (Any One)		
5	Passed C Certificate	MNCC05	5
6	Passed B Certificate	MNCC06	4
7	National Para Basic Course	MNCC07	4
8	Inter group Competition/ Pre-RDC – II/ Pre-RDC – III	MNCC08	3
9	Preparatory Camps; Pre-NCC National Games Camp/ Pre-RDC/ Pre-TSC/ Pre-NSG/ Pre-VSC (Any One)	MNCC09	3
10	Annual Training Camp (ATC)/ Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) (Any One)	MNCC10	3
11	Special Volunteer Service during Pandemics and Natural Disasters (Floods, Droughts, etc.) (Centrally coordinated; Participation Certificate issued by DDG/ADG.)	MNCC11	3
12	Special Service Certificate or Letters of Appreciation awarded by the State Government or by the DDG/ADG for participation in State Government or Central Government-approved programmes of a duration of 5–7 days or a minimum of 50 hours (excluding routine camp periods).	MNCC12	3
13	75% or above attendance over a period of three years	MNCC13	3
14	Blood Donation (Minimum 4 times)	MNCC14	2
	Maximum Grace Marks		20

3.4. Grace Marks for Participation in NSS Activities

1. Grace Marks for NSS activities shall be limited to events listed below and approved by the University.
2. The Grace Marks for each event will be added cumulatively annually.
3. Grace Marks can be accumulated up to a maximum of 20% per annum.
4. Where grace marks are awarded, they shall be distributed between both semesters of the relevant academic year.

Table 11 : Grace Marks for NSS Activities

Grace Marks for NSS Activities

Sl. No	Activity	Code	Marks (%)
1	Participation in international events approved by the State Cell / Directorate of NSS	MNSS01	7
2	Participation in the Republic Day Camp (RD Camp)	MNSS02	5
3	Recipients of National-level awards.	MNSS03	5
4	A minimum of ten days (50 hours) of volunteer service rendered in official State Government programmes or in special projects initiated by the State Government or the State NSS Cell.	MNSS04	4
5	Participation in State-level camps or additional special camps approved or organised by the State NSS / Government of Kerala.	MNSS05	4
6	Participation in approved National Camps/ National Integration Camps (NIC)/ National Youth Festivals (NYF)/ Pre-Republic Day (Pre-RD) Camps/ Adventure Camps.	MNSS06	4
7	Recipients of State-level awards.	MNSS07	4
8	Special Service Certificate or Letter of Appreciation awarded by the State Government or the State NSS Cell for NSS activities.	MNSS08	3
9	Special Volunteer Service during Pandemics and Natural Disasters (Floods, Droughts, etc.)	MNSS09	3
10	Special Camp – 7 Days (Residential), as per amendment	MNSS10	3
11	First Place in State-level NSS Festival / State NSS Meet / NSS Competitions organised by the State Government or the State NSS Cell.	MNSS11	3
12	Second Place in State-level NSS Festival / State NSS Meet / NSS Competitions organised by the State Government or the State NSS Cell.	MNSS12	2
13	University-level Leadership Camp (Minimum 100 hours)	MNSS13	2
14	Blood Donation (Minimum 4 times)	MNSS14	2
	Maximum Grace Mark		20

3.5. Grace Marks for Entrepreneurial ventures and Other Eligible participations in the College Level

- Students' participation in the 'Earn While You Learn' scheme, entrepreneurial ventures, start-up incubation, innovation-based activities, services rendered during natural

- disasters, socially relevant or community-support activities or any other activities prescribed by the University from time to time shall be eligible for the award of marks.
2. A student shall be permitted to claim credits for only one such activity during the entire duration of the Programme.
 3. Participation shall be duly recorded by the Programme Coordinator or the Nodal Officer of the College and shall be certified by the Principal of the College.
 4. They may participate either as individuals or as part of a team in these activities.
 5. Students who have been incubated in a Technology Business Incubator (TBI) or Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) recognized by K-DISC, Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), or DST, Government of India, or who are actively engaged in registered start-up ventures validated by the Institution Innovation Council (IIC), University Entrepreneurship Cell (UEC), or other bodies recognized by the University from time to time shall be eligible, and both technology-based and service-based start-ups shall be considered.
 6. Students enrolled in the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes may be awarded Grace Marks in accordance with the criteria prescribed in the table below.

Table 12 : Grace Marks for Entrepreneurial ventures and Other Eligible participations

Grace Marks for Entrepreneurial ventures and Other Eligible participations			
Sl. No	Stage	Code	Marks (%)
1	Prototype or Working Model Development (Technology-Based Firms) #	MOE01	10
2	Business Service Launch (Service-based Firms) #	MOE02	5
3	Teaming and Company Formation	MOE03	5
4	Ideation / Concept Validation Stage	MOE04	5

- Firms shall demonstrate either (a) a viable prototype, or (b) a sustainable business plan validated by a recognized incubator, indicating tangible progress toward commercial viability or social impact.

7. In addition to the above-mentioned items, additional Grace Marks shall be awarded to students for the following achievements:

Table 13 : Grace Marks for Achievements in Other Eligible Participations

Additional Grace Marks for Achievements in Other Eligible Participations			
Sl. No	Activity	Code	Marks (%)
1	Receiving External Grant / Seed Fund (From KSUM, K-DISC, or approved innovation scheme)	MOE05	5
2	Filing a Patent or Intellectual Property (IP) Application with Official Proof of Filing	MOE06	5
3	Winning a Recognized Start-up, Idea, or Business Plan Competition at the National or International Level	MOE07	2
4	Winning a Recognized Start-up, Idea, or Business Plan Competition at the University or State Level	MOE08	2

8. The total Grace Marks from all courses shall not exceed 25 per cent in any annum.
9. The concerned TBI shall issue a Performance Certificate specifying the stage attained by the student entrepreneur.
10. Each student or student team shall be evaluated by the respective TBI, IEDC, IIC, UEC, or other competent bodies based on demonstrable progress across the stages of start-up development.
11. Participation shall be duly recorded by the Programme Coordinator or the Nodal Officer of the College and shall be certified by the Principal of the College.
12. A student shall not be permitted to claim or receive benefits under more than one scheme for the same activity.

3.6. Grace Marks for Differently Abled

1. Differently Abled students enrolled in the MGU-UGP (Honours), MGU-BBA (Honours), MGU-BCA (Honours), and MGU-BVOC (Honours) programmes may be awarded Grace Marks in accordance with the criteria prescribed below.

Table 14 : The categories of disabilities listed in the RPWD Act 2016 are given below.

Sl. No.	Differently Abled Category
1	Physical Disability – Locomotor Disability
2	Physical Disability – Leprosy Cured Persons
3	Physical Disability – Cerebral Palsy
4	Physical Disability – Dwarfism

5	Physical Disability – Muscular Dystrophy
6	Physical Disability – Acid Attack Victims
7	Visual Impairment – Blindness
8	Visual Impairment – Low Vision
9	Hearing Impairment – Deaf
10	Hearing Impairment – Hard of Hearing
11	Speech and Language Disability
12	Intellectual Disability
13	Intellectual Disability – Specific Learning Disabilities
14	Intellectual Disability – Autism Spectrum Disorder
15	Mental Behaviour – Mental Illness
16	Chronic Neurological Conditions
17	Chronic Neurological Conditions – Multiple Sclerosis
18	Chronic Neurological Conditions – Parkinson's Disease
19	Blood Disorder – Haemophilia
20	Blood Disorder – Thalassemia
21	Blood Disorder – Sickle Cell Disease
22	Multiple Disabilities including Deaf-Blindness

- Grace Marks shall be granted based on the classification in the Medical Certificate from approved Medical Board preferably in form VI/VII/VIII RPWD ACT 2016/UDID.
- Differently Abled students who take their evaluation with the assistance of a scribe approved by the University shall not be required to appear for the End Semester Evaluation (ESE) of Ability Enhancement Course – Other Languages (AEC-OL).
- The marks for AEC-OL shall be awarded by assigning the Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA) and ESE marks based on the average of the respective CCA and ESE marks obtained by the student in all other courses registered in during that semester.
- Differently-abled students who undertake evaluation with the assistance of a scribe approved by the University shall not be required to appear for the ESE of a course in which the total marks are assessed exclusively through a viva-voce examination.

6. This option shall be available only when the viva-voce examination constitutes the sole component of the evaluation. In such cases, the marks for the viva-voce examination shall be awarded by taking the average of the ESE marks obtained by the student in all other courses registered in during that semester.
7. In cases where exemption is granted for a viva-voce evaluation associated with a project, the marks shall be awarded in proportion to the marks obtained for the project work by the candidate.
8. Grace Marks for differently abled candidates shall be awarded only in respect of courses having a written (theory) examination as a component of the ESE.
9. The percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded shall be calculated with reference to the aggregate maximum marks, normalized to 25 marks per credit, of the ESE of all courses that include a written (theory) examination as a component of the ESE in an academic year.

3.6.1. Physical Disability

A. Locomotor Disability, Leprosy Cured Persons, Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism, Muscular Dystrophy, Acid Attack Victims, Visual Impairment – Blindness, Low Vision, Speech and Language Disability

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students with Locomotor Disability, Leprosy Cured Persons, Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism, Muscular Dystrophy, Acid Attack Victims, Visual Impairment – Blindness, Low Vision, Speech and Language Disability, as specified in the table below.

Table 15 : Grace Marks for Physical Disability categories – 1

Sl. No.	Disability	Disability in percentage (y)	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Locomotor Disability, Leprosy Cured Persons, Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism, Muscular Dystrophy, Acid	$70 \% \leq y$	MPHD01	25%
2		$60 \% \leq y < 70\%$	MPHD02	20%

3	Attack Victims, Visual Impairment – Blindness, Low Vision, Speech and Language Disability	$50 \% \leq y < 60\%$	MPHD03	15%
4		$40 \% \leq y < 50\%$	MPHD04	10%

B. Hearing Impairment – Deaf and Hard of Hearing

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students with Hearing Impairment – Deaf and Hard of Hearing, as specified in the table below.

Table 16 : Grace Marks for Physical Disability categories – 2

Sl. No.	Disability	Disability in percentage (y)	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Deaf	$40 \% \leq y$	MPHD05	25%
2	Hard of Hearing	$70 \% \leq y$	MPHD06	25%
3		$60 \% \leq y < 70\%$	MPHD07	20%
4		$50 \% \leq y < 60\%$	MPHD08	15%
5		$40 \% \leq y < 50\%$	MPHD09	10%
6	Cochlear implant		MPHD10	10%

3.6.2. Intellectual Disability

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students with Intellectual Disability – Specific Learning Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Mental Retardation as specified in the table below.

Table 17 : Grace Marks for Intellectual Disability categories

Sl. No.	Disability	Disability in percentage (y)	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Specific learning Disability • Dyslexia • Dysgraphia • Dyscalculia • Dyspraxia • Developmental Aphasia	$70 \% \leq y$	MIND01	25%
		$60 \% \leq y < 70\%$	MIND02	20%
		$50 \% \leq y < 60\%$	MIND03	15%
		$40 \% \leq y < 50\%$	MIND04	10%
2	Autism Spectrum Disorder	$40 \% \leq y$	MIND05	25%
3	Mental Retardation	Mild/ Moderate/ Severe/ Profound/ $40 \% \leq y$ / Borderline Intelligence/ Borderline Intelligence Functioning/ IQ Level 20-84	MIND06	25%

The term Subnormality of Intelligence/Intellectual Subnormality recommended by Medical Board shall be included in the category of Mental Retardation.

3.6.3. Mental Behaviour – Mental Illness

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students with Mental Behaviour – Mental Illness, as specified in the table below.

Table 18 : Grace Marks for Mental Behaviour – Mental Illness Disability categories

Sl. No.	Disability	Disability in percentage (y)	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Severe	$40 \% \leq y$	MMEI01	25%
2	Moderate		MMEI02	15%

3	Mild		MMEI03	10%
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3.6.4. Chronic Neurological Conditions and Blood Disorder

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students with Chronic Neurological Conditions and Blood Disorders, as specified in the table below.

Table 19 : Grace Marks for Chronic Neurological Conditions and Blood Disorder Disability categories

Sl. No.	Disability	Disability in percentage (y)	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Chronic Neurological conditions such as, • Multiple Sclerosis • Parkinson's disease • Dystonic Hand Tremor	40 % ≤ y	MCNB01	25%
2	Blood disorder such as, • Haemophilia • Thalassemia • Sickle Cell disease • Wilson's disease		MCNB02	

3.6.5. Multiple Disabilities Including Deaf-Blindness, Down Syndrome

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students with Multiple Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness, and Down Syndrome, as specified in the table below.

Table 20 : Grace Marks for Multiple Disabilities Including Deaf-Blindness, Down Syndrome Disability categories

Sl. No.	Disability	Disability in percentage (y)	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Multiple Disabilities	$40 \% \leq y$	MMDI01	25%

3.6.6. Students Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students undergoing treatment for cancer during the course period, subject to the production of a valid Medical Certificate and a certified copy of the treatment records issued by the concerned Registered Medical Practitioner, as specified in the table below.

Table 21 : Grace Marks for Students Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Sl. No.	Treatment	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Cancer	MCAN01	10%

3.6.7. Students Who Had Undergone Organ Transplantation or Donated Organ

1. Grace Marks shall be awarded to students who have undergone organ transplantation or have donated an organ during the course period, subject to the production of a valid Medical Certificate issued by a duly constituted Medical Board, as specified in the table below.

Table 22 : Students Who Had Undergone Organ Transplantation or Donated Organ

Sl. No.	Treatment	Code	Percentage of Grace Marks to be awarded
1	Organ Transplantation OR Donated Organ	MOTD01	10%

4. Concessions in Examinations for Differently Abled Students

Table 23 : Concessions in Examinations for Differently Abled Students

Sl. No.	Disability	Concessions
1	A. Physical Disability and others (i) Locomotor Disability (ii) Leprosy Cured Persons	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr

	(iii) Cerebral Palsy (iv) Dwarfism (v) Muscular Dystrophy (vi) Acid Attack Victims (vii) Candidates with permanent nature of disability who are unable to move their hands freely and write with normal speed	(b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer
	B. Visual Impairment a. (Disability of 40% to 80%) i. Blindness ii. Low vision	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer/Braille converter
	Visual Impairment b. (Disability of 81% to 100%) i. Blindness ii. Low vision	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer/Braille converter (d) Exemption from the payment of Examination fee for all University Examinations including Supplementary and Improvement Examinations
	C. Hearing Impairment i. Deaf and Hard of Hearing D. Speech and Language disability	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer (d) Exemption from writing AEC-OL (e) Exemption from appearing for oral (viva-voce) examinations.
2	Intellectual Disability i. Specific learning Disability • Dyslexia • Dysgraphia • Dyscalculia • Dyspraxia • Developmental Aphasia ii. Autism Spectrum Disorder	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer (d) Exemption from writing AEC-OL (e) Exemption from appearing for oral (viva-voce) examinations.

iii. Mental Retardation		
3	Mental Behaviour – Mental Illness	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer
4	i. Chronic Neurological conditions such as, • Multiple Sclerosis • Parkinson's disease • Dystonic Hand Tremor ii. Blood disorder such as, • Haemophilia • Thalassemia • Sickle Cell disease • Wilson's disease	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer
5	Multiple Disabilities Including Deaf - Blindness, Down Syndrome	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer/Braille converter (d) Exemption from writing AEC-OL (e) Exemption from appearing for oral (viva-voce) examinations.
6	Students suffering from Type I Diabetes	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Permitted to bring Insulin Pen/ Pump, sugar tablet, Chocolate candy, fruits snacks in the examination hall on production of Medical Certificate or certified treatment history from a Civil Surgeon / DMO / Medical Superintendent of a Government Hospital.
7	Students suffering from Epilepsy	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr
8	Cancer	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr, for students undergoing treatment for cancer

		during the course period, subject to the production of a valid Medical Certificate and a certified copy of the treatment records issued by the concerned Doctor.
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5. Grievance Redressal

Grievances raised by students and HEIs will be resolved in accordance with the prevailing norms of the UGC, AICTE, University, and the Government.

6. Power to Remove Difficulties

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the Vice-Chancellor may, by order, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the Act, Statutes, Ordinances, or other Regulations, as may appear to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty. Every order made under this rule shall be subject to ratification by the appropriate university authorities.

7. Modifications to the Regulations

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, any amendments, modifications, or directions issued or notified by the UGC, AICTE, or the State Government from time to time shall be deemed to have been incorporated into these Regulations and shall form an integral part thereof.