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The Directorate of Higher Education had constituted a committee to review various aspects of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020), specifically for the implementation of the academic structure in HEIs under its administrative purview. Based on the committee's recommendation, the Directorate issues the following guidelines for various aspects of the academic structure to be followed in Government and Aided Colleges with effect from academic year 2024-25.

1. Minimum strength of students for Multidisciplinary, Skilled Enhancement Courses, and Value Added Courses in all disciplines

Following shall be the minimum strength of students under Multidisciplinary (MC), Skilled Enhancement Courses (SEC), and Value Added Courses (VAC) of any disciplines:

- a. **Multidisciplinary Course:** 30 students
- b. **Skilled Enhancement Courses :** 20 (For all science courses + Psychology + Geography)
- c. **Skilled Enhancement Courses :** 60 (Commerce and Arts)
- d. **Value Added Courses :** 30 (except for NCC. For NCC actual strength be accepted.)

2. Minimum strength of students for Major and Minor courses in all disciplines including languages

In the first year, the minimum strength for major and minor courses in all disciplines (including languages) shall be 15. This minimum strength preferably should be retained up to Third academic year, except in the case of languages (Konkani & Marathi). If the minimum strength is not retained consecutively for two academic years, the course shall be discontinued.

3. Minimum/Maximum number of students per faculty for supervising projects /dissertations.

Project supervision workload to be counted only during the sixth semester. The guidelines for total number of hours (workload) shall be followed as per the timely updated Goa University guidelines.

4. Criteria for offering the Major and Minor degree programmes

Only Programmes under which CBCS were offered as honours and approved by the Directorate can be offered as Major and Minor degree programmes. Such programmes must satisfy all the criteria including minimum student strength, infrastructure, etc.

5. Batch sizes for Practicals in Arts, Commerce, and Sciences for SEC courses.

Colleges shall strictly follow the practical batch sizes as per Goa University Ordinance OC 13.15.

First batch = 20 students, and subsequent batches =15 students.

6. Online digital courses from Swayam portal.

Colleges are recommended that at least one SWAYAM course (for course other than Core Courses) per college shall be offered to students through credit-transfer mode, as per Goa University guidelines.

In line with the recommendations put forth by the committee, this Directorate issues the following directives regarding the introduction of **new programmes** under NEP 2020 in different Institutions starting from the academic year 2024-25.

7. Criteria for Institutes to offer the degree program under NEP 2020.

a) **Single major:** Colleges will be eligible to offer Single Major programme only if it was offering honours program during academic year 2023-24 as per CBCS.

b) **Double major**

c) **Multi-disciplinary**

d) **Interdisciplinary**

Independent of Programmes offered under (a) to (d) above, all Colleges are requested to submit a detailed proposal to this Directorate for offering programmes under (a) to (d). Based on the availability of infrastructure including faculty, classrooms, and other resources as well as the eligibility criteria set by the Government, this Directorate may permit programmes under (a) to (d).

8. Eligibility criteria for Colleges to offer four Year Degree Programs under NEP 2020:

(a) **A four-year Honours Degree Program:** This program may be offered by colleges who offer single major and meet the criteria of having a minimum of 15 students enrolled in the fourth year and possessing the necessary infrastructure. A committee constituted by this Directorate will review infrastructure and the proposal before the approval of 4-year Honours programme.

(b) **A four-year Honours Degree with Research:** This program may be offered by Institutions that meet the following criteria.

- i. Single Major offered currently under CBCS.
- ii. Colleges satisfying the condition of two PhD guides in a particular discipline or any other conditions as laid down by UGC and Goa University.

AND

- iii. Institutes having minimum strength of 15 students in the fourth year, and required infrastructure.

As mentioned in (7) above, a detailed proposal must be submitted to this Directorate regarding requesting permission to offer 4- year honours degree programme.

The above guidelines must be strictly followed by all HEIs.

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