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Ref. No.: SMVDU/AA/20/1169

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

**NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: Regarding Mechanism for Major Examination for Even Semester, Session 2019-20 in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown**

**Reference:** 1. Minutes of Meeting of Heads & Deans & Section Heads held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
2. Notification No. SMVDU/AA/20/1159, SMDU/AA/20/1160 & SMVDU/AA/20/1161 dated 01/06/2020

This is in continuation with the earlier notifications, as referred above, regarding Evaluation of Major Project/Dissertation/Minor Project & Evaluation of 50% worth marks for all Theory, Lab & Studio based courses, for all semesters & programs, in view of the situation arising out of COVID 19 pandemic. After further deliberations on this issue and the assessment of the situation, the following decisions are notified regarding the conduct of Major Exam, Even Semester, Session 2019-20 for the students of various programs and semesters (except Nursing):

**A) For First Year/Intermediate Year Students of all Programs**

1. The First Year/Intermediate Year students of all programs will be exempt from writing the Major Exams for Even Semester Session 2019-20 and **all the students will be promoted to the next semester**. As a onetime exception for the students of Batch 2019, they will not face termination of admission/holding back for a year, even if they do not meet the conditions and criteria mentioned in the relevant Academic rules and regulations of the university, for continuation of admission.
2. Following evaluation mechanism will be applied for the various theory, lab & studio courses/components:

**i. For Students of 1<sup>st</sup> Year of all programs (For Theory, Lab & Studio Component in each course)**

50% of the marks will be based on the various mechanism already notified vide SMVDU/AA/20/1161 dated 1st June 2020. For balance 50% marks, the marks equivalent to the SGPA of the student, as obtained in 1st Semester (Odd Semester, Session 2019-20) will be utilized. The final grade in each course will be assigned based on this mechanism.

**ii. For Students of Other Intermediate Years (Non-Terminal) viz. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of B.Tech., 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Year of B.Arch. & 5 Years Integrated M.Sc.(Economics) (For Theory, Lab & Studio Component in each course)**

50% of the marks will be based on the various mechanism already notified vide SMVDU/AA/20/1161 dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. For balance 50% marks, the marks equivalent to the highest SGPA of the student, as obtained in any of the previous semesters will be utilized. The final Grade in each course will be assigned based on this mechanism.

3. Student will be allowed to register, in subsequent semesters, for improvement of Grade in a course where D, C (+) or C grade is obtained in the current semester, at most once per course. To be eligible the student should have CGPA 7.0 or less, at the time of applying for improvement. Academic rules & regulations of the university may be referred for details.
4. In case a Non-Terminal student (Non final year) has registered for a NPTEL/SWAYAM course as an Elective/Open Elective Course, as a Credit course and is unable to take the Certification exam due to the current situation, then the course will be treated as dropped and the student will be required to register for an equivalent course in the next semester to make up the credits. This will not show on the grade-sheet of the student and will not be counted towards GPA calculation.

**B) For Students of Final Year (Terminal) of all Programs (For Theory, Lab & Studio Component in each course)**

1. 50% of the marks will be based on the various mechanism already notified vide SMVDU/AA/20/1161 dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. For the balance 50% of the marks, Major Examination (Theory/Lab/Studio) will be conducted from **1<sup>st</sup> July 2020** onwards, at the campus, as per the Date Sheet/Schedule to be notified



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- by the respective schools, keeping in mind the protocols of “social distancing”. The theory paper will be of 2 hours duration and sufficient choice will be available in the question papers. The date at which the students are required to arrive at the campus will be communicated shortly.
2. Doubt clearing sessions will be scheduled wherein faculty members will be available as per following schedule which can be attended by interested students:
    - i. 24<sup>th</sup> June-30<sup>th</sup> June: B.Arch., M.Sc.(Biotechnology), M.A.(English), M.Sc.(Physics)
    - ii. 8<sup>th</sup> July-14<sup>th</sup> July: MBA, M.Sc.(Math), Integrated M.Sc.(Economics)
  3. Major laboratory exams will be conducted in person or vide Skype, Google Meet etc. or alternate means, if there's a network issue.
  4. No Major examination will be held for Open Elective Courses offered by the various Schools in class-room mode and the marks will be awarded based on the highest SGPA of the student as obtained in any of the semesters prior to the current semester and the grade will be awarded accordingly.
  5. For the students of B.Arch., the evaluation of thesis by Jury and the conduct of Major Exams in other courses, will be conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 in the School as per the Date sheet/schedule to be notified by the School of Architecture & Landscape Design.
  6. For the backlog/Improvement courses registered by the Final Year students of any program, the mechanism as mentioned at **Point A-2(ii)** will be followed.
  7. The mechanism for evaluation of the Major Project/Dissertation/Internship/Minor Project for final year students of M.Tech., M.Sc., M.A., MBA, Integrated M.Sc. & B.Tech. Program has already been notified and does not require the presence of the students in person.
  8. In case a Final Year student has registered for a NPTEL/SWAYAM course as an Elective/Open Elective Course, and is unable to take the exam due to current situation, the average of best 8 assignments will be considered proportionately towards 50% of internal marks while for the balance 50% marks, the mechanism for **Point A-2(ii)** will be followed and grade will be awarded based on this.
  9. In case a student is unable to take the Major Examination as per the Date sheet, due to a genuine reason, she/he can apply for an I grade to the concerned Head of School, which may be granted by the competent authority based on the verification of the genuineness of the case and on recommendation of concerned Head & Dean of Faculty, in which case the student is required to take the Major Exam within 10 days of the last date of the Major Exam, as per the Date Sheet. **However, keeping in view the extra-ordinary situation, this time may be enhanced, on case to case basis.**

**C) For Students who have completed all semesters of study prior to current semester but have registered for backlog/improvement in some course**

The mechanism as enumerated at **Point A-2(ii)** will be followed.

**D) General Guidelines**

- 1) The period of lockdown will be treated as ‘deemed to be attended’ by all the students, thus, as a general decision, minimum attendance criteria, as mentioned in the Academic Rules & Regulations of the university, will not be applicable to any student in the Even Semester, Session 2019-20
- 2) The students who have not appeared for Minor-I exams in the current semester are required to take the Minor-I exam physically on their arrival in the university and their result will be withheld till then (Except Open Elective Course for Final Year Students).
- 3) The Semester registration for the continuing students of all programs will be held on **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020** and class work will commence from 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The Semester registration for the freshly admitted students in 1<sup>st</sup> year of all programs shall be held on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**
- 4) The period of the lockdown will be considered as summer break.
- 5) University will devise a detailed Standard Operating Procedure to be followed by all concerned for safe stay of the final year students in the campus and their subsequent exit. This SoP along with date of arrival of the students at the campus, for Major Exams, will be communicated to the students shortly.

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Registrar

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1. All Deans/ HOD's, for information and compliance and circulation among all Faculty Members for information and for information of students.



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