

Dr. B. R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

ORDINANCE No. 03:

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

1. Short title and commencement –

- 1.1 This Academic Ordinance No. 3 shall be called the “Choice based Credit System for Undergraduate Courses” under section 31 (i) of the University Act, 2016.
- 1.2 It shall come into force on such date as the Executive Council of the University approve.

2.0 AIM:

The aim of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences is to accelerate higher education, research, extension and training in all aspects of social sciences and other disciplines for educational excellence and socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto. The mandate of the University BRAUSS, is to provide maximum interdisciplinary as well as multidisciplinary opportunities to students for higher education.

3.0 Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):

The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) offers wide ranging choice for students of various courses of studies to opt for interdisciplinary courses based on their aptitude as well as achieving the mandate & objectives of the University. Social Science Research is truly interdisciplinary in nature and enables integration of concepts, theories, techniques, and perspectives from different disciplines so as to advance fundamental understanding or to solve problems whose solutions are beyond the scope of a single discipline to cover concerns of social sciences. All programmes of studies of BRAUSS, shall be offered with the following courses to accomplish a holistic learning experience at higher education:

3.1 Core Course:

A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core requirement is termed as a Core course. The Core course of the University shall consist of the Major course of the academic programme and shall consist of theoretical introduction to the Major disciplines and their practices.

3.2 Allied Courses:

Allied Courses shall be offered by each department with a number of innovative papers akin to the mandate & objectives of the University. Allied courses are aimed at facilitating desired complementarily with the Major courses of study.

3.3 Elective courses:

A course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may be very specific or specialized or advanced or supportive to the discipline/ subject of study or which provides an extended scope or which enables an exposure to some other discipline/subject/domain or nurtures the candidate's proficiency/skill is called an Elective Course.

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course: Elective courses may be offered by the main discipline/subject of study is referred to as Discipline Specific Elective. Generic Elective (GE) Course: An elective course chosen generally from an unrelated discipline/subject, with an intention to seek exposure is called a Generic Elective.

An inter-disciplinary Elective and a General Elective may be offered by each department to impart skill-based instruction, thus providing an opportunity for the Undergraduate student to gain knowledge in an application-oriented subject.

3.4 Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC):

The Ability Enhancement (AE) Courses may be of two kinds:

- (i) Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)
- (ii) Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC).

3.4.1 "AECC" courses are mandatory for all disciplines and these are based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement;

- i. Environmental Science, Community Leadership & Sustainable Development
- ii. English/Communication.

3.4.2 SEC courses are value-based and/or skill-based and are aimed at providing hands-on-training, competencies, skills or skill-based knowledge.

3.4.3 Project work/Dissertation is considered as a special course involving application of knowledge in solving / analyzing /exploring a real life situation / difficult problem. A Project/Dissertation work would be of 6 credits. A Project/Dissertation work may be given in lieu of a discipline specific elective paper.

3.5 Credits for Graduation with B.A. with Honours:

An undergraduate degree with Honours in a discipline may be awarded if a student completes:

- (i) 14 core papers in that discipline,
- (ii) 2 Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC),
- (iii) minimum 2 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) and
- (iv) 4 papers each from a list of Discipline Specific Elective and Generic Elective papers respectively.

3.6 Credits for Graduation B.A. / BSW:

An undergraduate Program degree may be awarded if a student completes

- (i) 4 core papers each in two disciplines of choice
- (ii) 2 core papers each in English and Communication respectively
- (iii) 2 Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)
- (iv) minimum 4 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)
- (v) 2 papers each from a list of Discipline Specific Elective papers based on the two disciplines of choice selected above, respectively,
- (vi) 2 papers from the list of Generic Electives papers.

4 Credit-wise System:

- 4.1 One credit is equivalent to one hour (60 minutes) of teaching (lecture or tutorial) or two hours (120 minutes) of practical work/ field work for 16-18 weeks of academic work.
- 4.2 The credits associated with the courses will be valid credits, while credits associated with comprehensive viva-voce will be virtual credits.
- 4.3 The concerned School shall workout the required minimum number of Credits for the award of the degree on an average of valid 20 credits per 16-18 weeks of academic work for all the programmes, except Honours programmes where required minimum number of credits will be worked out on an average of valid 24-26 credits per 16-18 weeks of academic work.
- 4.4 The distribution of the credits among theory, practical, field work, project work, will be worked out by the concerned School.

5. Choice of Courses, MOOCS and SWAYAM:

- 5.1 The students will have the choice to opt a course under elective-generic category available within the School or in other School but from same level of the programmes.
- 5.2 An alternate choice will also be available to the students to opt a course under elective-generic category from Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) available at SWAYAM (Study Web of Active Learning by Young and Aspiring Minds) platform.
- 5.3 The students can also opt a course under elective-Discipline Centric category from Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) available at SWAYAM (Study Web of Active Learning by Young and Aspiring Minds) platform.
- 5.4 The university will take a decision for allowing the online courses of SWAYAM if:
 - (i) Suitable teaching staff is not available in the University for running the course.
 - (ii) The facilities for offering the elective courses sought for by the students are not available in the University but available on the SWAYAM platform.
 - (iii) The courses offered on SWAYAM would supplement the teaching-learning process in the University.
- 5.5 Every student opting a course available on SWAYAM platform would be required to register for the course at SWAYAM. The student will pay the fee to SWAYAM for registering the course, if required.
- 5.6 While allowing the online learning courses offered by SWAYAM, it shall be ensured that the physical facilities like laboratories, computer facilities and library etc. essential for pursuing the courses shall be made available free in adequate measure by the University.
- 5.7 The School can only allow up to 20% of the total courses being offered in a particular program through the online learning courses provided through SWAYAM platform.
- 5.8 The requirement of project / dissertation, as notified by the respective School need to be undertaken by the candidate for the specified credits. The project may be undertaken in any of the National Laboratories / Institutes / Universities / Government approved Companies / Industries. Minor project should not exceed 4 credits while major project / dissertation should be of maximum of 12 credits.

6. Course Credits:

6.1 B.A. (Hons)-

Course	*Credits	
	Theory+ Practical	Theory + Tutorial
<u>I. Core Course</u>		
(14 Papers)	14X4= 56	14X5=70
Core Course Practical / Tutorial*		
(14 Papers)	14X2=28	14X1=14
<u>II. Elective Course</u>		
(8 Papers)		
A.1. Discipline Specific Elective	4X4=16	4X5=20
(4 Papers)		
A.2. Discipline Specific Elective		
Practical/ Tutorial*	4 X 2=8	4X1=4
(4 Papers)		
B.1. Generic Elective/		
Interdisciplinary	4X4=16	4X5=20
(4 Papers)		
B.2. Generic Elective		
Practical/ Tutorial*	4 X 2=8	4X1=4
(4 Papers)		
<u>III. Ability Enhancement Courses</u>		
1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)		
(2 Papers of 2 credit each)	2 X 2=4	2 X 2=4
Environmental Science		
English/MIL Communication		
2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)		
(Minimum 2)	2 X 2=4	2 X 2=4
(2 Papers of 2 credit each)		
Total credit	140	140

Institute should evolve a system/policy about ECA/ General Interest/Hobby/Sports/NCC/NSS/related courses on its own.

* wherever there is a practical there will be no tutorial and vice-versa

6.2 Course Credits: B.A. / BSW & other Graduation courses -

Course	*Credits	
	Paper+ Practical	Paper + Tutorial
<u>I. Core Course</u> (12 Papers) Two papers – English Two papers – MIL Four papers – Discipline 1. Four papers – Discipline 2.	12X4= 48	12X5=60
Core Course Practical / Tutorial* (12 Practicals)	12X2=24	12X1=12
<u>II. Elective Course</u> (6 Papers) Two papers- Discipline 1 specific Two papers- Discipline 2 specific Two papers- Inter disciplinary Two papers from each discipline of choice and two papers of interdisciplinary nature.	6x4=24	6X5=30
Elective Course Practical / Tutorials* (6 Practical/ Tutorials*) Two papers- Discipline 1 specific Two papers- Discipline 2 specific Two papers- Generic (Inter disciplinary) Two papers from each discipline of choice including papers of interdisciplinary nature.	6 X 2=12	6X1=6
<u>III. Ability Enhancement Courses</u>		
1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) (2 Papers of 2 credits each) Environmental Science English Communication/MIL	2 X 2=4	2 X 2=4
2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (4 Papers of 2 credits each)	4 X 2=8	4 X 2=8
	Total credit= 120	Total = 120

7 General Guidelines:

- 7.2 The minimum duration of a programme shall be as per guidelines of the UGC and other statutory bodies like AICTE/ BCI/ NCTE/ PCI etc. The maximum duration of a programme shall be twice of the minimum duration of the programme
- 7.3 Requirement of attendance will be as per University Ordinance governing the examinations or the guidelines of the statutory body. In general attendance of at least seventy-five percent of lectures and practicals separately will be required in each course and end examination.
- 7.4 For special reasons such as prolonged illness deficiency in percentage of attendance not exceeding fifteen percent of the total number of lectures delivered and practical/sessional held in each course may be condoned by the Vice Chancellor.
- 7.5 A student will be eligible for award of a degree when he/ she earns minimum required number of valid and virtual credits specified for the programme within maximum duration of the programme, but not before minimum duration of the programme
