

## Annexure-III

**Cotton University: Four-Year UG Programme**  
(Based on UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework)

The NEP2020 based Four-Year UG Programme (FYUGP), being adopted by Cotton University, is an 8-semester (4-year) programme of 160 credits with multiple exit and entry options at the successful completion of courses assigned at the end of each year.

- Students who opt to exit after completion of the first year and have secured 40 credits will be awarded a UG certificate if, in addition, they complete one vocational course of 4 credits during the summer vacation of the first year.
- Students who opt to exit after completion of the second year and have secured 80 credits will be awarded the UG diploma if, in addition, they complete one vocational course of 4 credits during the summer vacation of the second year.
- Students are allowed to re-enter the degree programme within three years and complete the degree programme within the stipulated maximum period of seven years.
- Students who opt to exit after completion of the third year and have secured 120 credits will be eligible for the UG degree in the Major discipline without Honours.

**Outline of Courses:**

The broad categories of courses and minimum credits required for the 4-year Honours degrees as per the UGC document are as follows:

1. **Major (Core):** 80 credits
2. **Minor:** 32 credits
3. **Multidisciplinary Elective (MDE):** 9 credits
4. **Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC):** 8 credits
5. **Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC):** 9 credits
6. **Value Added Courses (VAC):** 8 credits
7. **Summer Internship:** 2 credits
8. **Research Project/ Dissertation:** 12 credits (for Honours with Research degree)

The following points may be noted:

- In lieu of the Research Project, a student may study 3 courses each of 4 credits (i.e. total 12 credits), leading to an Honours degree (without Research).
- For the 4-year Honours degrees the Major subject/ discipline requires 80 credits and the Minor subject/ discipline requires 32 credits.
- For a **Double Major**, the minimum credit requirements are 48 (3-year degree) and 60 (4-year Honours degree) respectively in a subject/ discipline other than the original Major.
- In the UGC framework, papers in Major and Minor disciplines are categorized into **levels of 100, 200, 300 and 400**. Therefore, a course (paper) offered by a Department, say with 4 credits and of level 200, may be taken both as a Major (Core) course by one student and as a Minor course by another student having a different Major discipline, possibly in different semesters.

**Proposed Semester wise Course and Credit Distribution for FYUGP:**

Minimum credits required for the complete programme: 160

Semester	Major (Core) Each paper is of 4-credits	Minor Each paper 4-credits	MDE Each paper 3-credits	AEC Each paper 2-credits	SEC Each paper 3-credits	Summer Internship 2-credits	VAC Each paper 2-credits	Total Credits
I	Core 1 (Level 100)	Minor 1 (Level 100)	MDE 1	AEC 1 English Comm. I	SEC -1		VAC-1	20
							VAC-2	
II	Core 2 (Level 100)	Minor 2 (Level 100)	MDE 2	AEC 2 MIL-I	SEC -2		VAC-3	20
							VAC-4	
III	Core 3 (Level 200)	Minor 3 (Level 200)	MDE 3	AEC 3 English Comm. II	SEC -3			20
	Core 4 (Level 200)							
IV	Core 5 (Level 200)	Minor 4 (Level 200)		AEC 4 MIL-II		Summer Intern		20
	Core 6 (Level 200)							
	Core 7 (Level 200)							
V	Core 8 (Level 300)	Minor 5 (Level 200)						20
	Core 9 (Level 300)							
	Core 10 (Level 300)							
	Core 11 (Level 300)							
VI	Core 12 (Level 300)	Minor 6 (Level 200)						20
	Core 13 (Level 300)							
	Core 14 (Level 300)							
	Core 15 (Level 300)							
VII	Core 16 (Level 400)	Minor 7 (Level 300)						20
	Core 17 (Level 400)							
	Core 18 (Level 400)							
	Core 21* (Level 400)							
						Dissertation/Project of 12 credits over Semesters VII and VIII, for Honours with Research Degree, only if CGPA $\geq$ 7.5 up to Semester VI. Portion of the work equivalent to 4 credits shall be for evaluation during this semester.		
						* Other students must take Core 21 in this semester.		

Semester	Major (Core) Each paper is of 4-credits	Minor Each paper 4-credits	MDE Each paper 3-credits	AEC Each paper 2-credits	SEC Each paper 3-credits	Summer Internship 2-credits	VAC Each paper 2-credits	Total Credits
VIII	Core 19 (Level 400)	Minor 8 (Level 300)			Dissertation Project Portion of the work equivalent to the remaining 8 credits shall be evaluated during this semester. * Students not having dissertation/ project must take Core 22 and Core 23 in this semester.			20
	Core 20 (Level 400)							
	Core 22* (Level 400)							
	Core 23* (Level 400)							

Students qualifying and taking the option of **UG Honours with Research** degree shall take the Dissertation/ Project during semesters VII and VIII. They need not take Core 21, Core 22 and Core 23. Others must study Core 21, Core 22 and Core 23 in lieu of the Dissertation/Project for the **UG Honours** degree.



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