

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY (M.TECH.) PROGRAMME
(With effect from 2021 - 2022)



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Rules & Regulations of M.Tech. Degree Programs

1. INTRODUCTION:

Provision of these regulations shall come into force with effect from the academic year 2021-2022 and shall be applicable to all M.Tech. courses (unless otherwise stated) offered by the Institute. M.Tech. Degree Programs are offered in the following specializations by the respective departments:

S.No.	Department	Course / Specialization (s)
1.	Computer Science and Engineering	Computer Science and Engineering
2.	Electronics and Communication Engineering	VLSI Systems

The provisions of these regulations shall be applicable to any new discipline that may be introduced from time to time. The sanction of stipend will be 50% of the guidelines prescribed AICTE/MHRD from time to time.

2. ADMISSION:

Admissions are made on All India basis for all the programs, with reservations as per Government of India norms. The selection criterion for admission into all the M.Tech. programs is based on valid GATE score. Candidates seeking admission into M.Tech. in Engineering should have passed B.E./B.Tech. or equivalent degree in the subject concerned from a recognized University/Institute with First Class not less than 60% marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10. In case of SC/ST candidates 55% marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 is the eligibility requirement. Eligibility and other criteria for admissions to M. Tech. courses of the Institute will be reviewed and decided by the Senate from time to time.

3. COURSE STRUCTURE:

3.1 An M. Tech. program is of 4-semester duration, out of which 2 semester course work followed by two semester dissertation work.

3.2 Each M. Tech. degree program will typically consist of the following components.

a)	Core Courses (Theory & lab)	27 Credits
b)	Elective Courses	12 Credits
c)	Seminar & Comprehensive Viva	4 credits
d)	Dissertation	24 Credits
Total		67 Credits

3.3 In order to qualify for a post-graduate degree of the Institute, a student is required to complete all the credits specified in the scheme of instruction for that program as approved by the Senate from time to time.

4. ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

4.1 The academic year is divided into two semesters.

4.2 The senate shall approve the schedule of academic activities for an academic year including the dates of registration, cycle tests and End-semester examinations, which shall be referred to as academic calendar of the year. Each semester will normally be of 16 weeks inclusive of End-semester examinations. It may be ensured that the minimum number of effective teaching days in a semester is 80.

4.3 Academic calendar declared by the Senate in the beginning of a semester shall also fix festival dates during which all the co-curricular and extra-curricular programs are to be organized.

5. RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT:

The Institute is essentially residential and unless otherwise exempted/permitted, every student shall be required to reside in and be a boarder of one of the halls of residence and mess to which he/she is assigned. The rules relating to the residential requirements are given in Appendix I.

6. ATTENDANCE:

Following are the rules relating to attendance requirements:

6.1 Every student is expected to have 100% attendance in each subject in which he/she has registered at the beginning of the semester. However, condonation for shortage of attendance up to 20% (i.e., not lower than 80% aggregate attendance in any course) may be granted by the Head of the concerned Department.

6.2 Students not having the mandatory requirement of minimum 80% attendance in any course, shall not be permitted to appear for the end semester examination in that subject and is awarded “R” Grade in that course. Such student has to register for the course in which he/she has shortage of attendance, as and when the course is offered next.

6.3 A resident student must take prior permission from the corresponding warden before proceeding on leave. Failing to do so will be construed as breach of discipline and will be dealt with as per provisions.

6.4 A student representing the Institute in approved extracurricular activities such as Sports, Games, Cultural meets, Seminar, Workshop, Conference and Interview arranged through Training & Placement Department, NCC/ NSS Camps shall be considered as on-duty subject to a maximum of five working days in a semester. Prior permission from competent authority is required for availing on-duty permission. The period of absence can be counted as present for the computation of percentage of attendance at the end of semester.

6.5 Attendance for both theory and laboratory courses shall be entered by the concerned faculty and students are advised to monitor the status of their attendance.

7. LEAVES:

7.1 A post graduate student shall be entitled to the following kinds of leave during every academic year, counted from the date of commencement of the session concerned as prescribed in the academic calendar of the institute.

7.2 Any absence over and above the prescribed type of admissible leave shall entail deduction from the scholarship, beside other action as may be decided by the Institute.

Sno	Leave	Maximum Number of Days	Sanctioning Authority
1	Casual Leave	8 days per semester subjected to the condition that such leave will not be allowed for more than 6 days at a time. Casual leave cannot be combined with medical leave.	HOD
2.	Medical Leave	8 days per semester	HOD

8. REGISTRATION:

8.1 Every student is required to be present and register at the commencement of each semester on the day(s) fixed for and notified in the Academic Calendar.

8.2 Percentage attendance for all students will be counted from the date of commencement of the semester, irrespective of his/her date of registration. However, in case of I Year I Semester, attendance will be counted from date of admission into the Institute or date of commencement of class work, whichever is later.

8.3 The registration will be organized departmentally under the supervision of the Head of the Department/ Coordinator of a respective specialization / program.

8.4 A student who does not register on the day announced for the purpose may be permitted, in consideration of any compelling reason, late registration within the next week on payment of additional late fee as prescribed by the Institute from time to time. Normally no late registration shall be permitted after one week from the scheduled date.

8.5 After registration in each semester, each student should collect a registration sheet, which indicates the courses registered by him/her in that semester, signed by the faculty advisor. The student should carry this registration sheet for all the examinations in that semester. This sheet serves the purpose of hall ticket for appearing the examinations in that semester.

8.6 A student who has already registered may

- (a) register for a new course in addition to the courses he/she has already registered for (OR)
- (b) opt for a new course in place of the one already registered for with the concurrence of the faculty advisor.

Any change of the course as permissible by sub-paras (a) and (b), above must however, be done within two weeks after registration and should be intimated to the Head of the Department.

8.7 Only those students will be permitted to register who have

- i. Cleared all the Institute and Hostel dues of the previous semesters,
- ii. Paid all required fees for the current semester, and
- iii. Not been debarred from registering for a specified period on disciplinary or any other ground.

8.8 A Student can register for a redo subject whenever it is offered. His/her previous marks/grades are cancelled and will have to attend all classes and examinations as and when they are conducted. Major changes in the time table shall not be entertained to accommodate backlog students. Alternatively, a student can appear for supplementary examination in the redo subject as and when it is conducted.

9. ASSESSMENT OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:

9.1 There will be continuous assessment of performance of a student through class tests/ Quizzes/Assignments etc. throughout the semester and grades will be awarded by the subject teacher/co-ordination committee formed for this purpose (see Academic Committees)

9.2 Each theory subject in a semester is evaluated for 100 marks, with the following weightages.

	Sub-component	Weightage
a)	Class tests	40 marks
b)	Assignment / Quizzes / Project	10 marks
c)	End-semester Examination	50 marks

9.3 The mode and nature of the evaluation and the corresponding weightages, for the subcomponent (b) shall be intimated to the students by the course teacher at the beginning of the semester along with the lecture schedule.

9.4 Each laboratory course in a semester is evaluated for 100 marks, with the following weightages. The marks for continuous evaluation may be distributed among various components like class work performance, Lab records, Quizzes, skill tests/ assignments/ mini projects.

	Sub-component	Weightage
a)	Continuous evaluation	50 marks
b)	End Semester examination	50 marks

9.5 Comprehensive Viva: The oral examination carrying 2 credits will cover the entire course of study up to I year II semester. The viva-voce shall be conducted by a committee constituted by

the Head of the Department. The committee will also have a faculty member from allied Department nominated by Director.

9.6 A Seminar Assessment Committee will be formed by the Head of the Department/Centre for the evaluation of performance at Seminars. Every student is expected to attend all the seminars of all the students of the batch held in the Department/Centre during the semester. Due weightage shall be given to a student's attendance in the overall evaluation of this requirement.

10. DISSERTATION EVALUATION:

10.1 18 credits are assigned to the dissertation carried out by a student. The dissertation shall be submitted preferably by 15th June (but not earlier than 15th May).

10.2 The dissertation supervisor will periodically review the progress of the student and finally give his/her assessment of the work done by the student.

10.3 Dissertation and Viva-Voce: A student shall be required to submit a thesis on the Dissertation work carried out by him/her. The guidelines for preparation of Dissertation shall be followed by every student as per Appendix III. Three/four bound copies along with a soft copy of the dissertation shall be submitted to the Head of the Department/Centre within the last date prescribed in the Academic Calendar for the purpose.

10.4 Dissertation viva - voce will be held within the date fixed in the academic calendar and the grades will be finalized by the committee.

10.5 Extension of dissertation work beyond the deadline of submission in very special case may be granted by the Head of the Department on recommendation of the department/centre for a maximum period of 3 months. The viva-voce has to be completed within the extension period. The student shall not be eligible either for award of scholarship during the extension period or any medal/prize. However, if the student had been absent on medical grounds and his/her project had been extended, he/she may be eligible for award of medal or prize, if any. If the above mentioned extension period encroaches into the next semester, the student will have to pay the tuition fee on par with full time student.

10.6 The Dissertation Part – A will be evaluated for 100 marks, with the following weightages:

Sub-component	Weightage
a) Periodic evaluation by Guide	40 marks
b) Midterm review	20 marks
c) End Semester viva-voce examination	40 marks

The midterm review and the end semester viva-voce examination will be conducted by a committee constituted by the Head of the Department.

The Dissertation Part–B will be evaluated for 100 marks, with the following weightages:

Sub-component	Weightage
a) Periodic evaluation by Guide	40 marks
b) Midterm review	20 marks
c) End Semester viva-voce examination	40 marks

The end semester viva-voce examination will be conducted by Director’s nominee along with an evaluation committee constituted by the Head of the Department. The midterm evaluation will also be done by the evaluation committee.

The Departments have to evolve rubrics for evaluation of Dissertation Part-A and Part-B. The marks may be distributed among various components like selection of topic, problem statement, literature review, methodology, oral and written presentation of the work done and performance in viva-voce examination.

If the performance of the student in either Dissertation Part-A or Dissertation Part-B is not satisfactory, he/ she will be awarded ‘F’ grade. The student has to repeat the dissertation work. Such students may be given an option to either continue with the same topic and with the same guide or change the guide and the topic of his/ her dissertation.

11. DISSERTATION WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH INDUSTRY:

11.1 A student may, with the approval of the Head of the Department/Centre, visit an industry or a Research Laboratory for data collection, discussion of the dissertation, experimental work, survey, field studies, etc. during the project period. Projects sponsored by the industry or

Research Laboratories will be encouraged and a close liaison with such organizations will be maintained.

11.2 A student may, with the approval of Head of the Department/Centre, do the dissertation work in collaboration with an industry, a Research and Development Organization. The student shall acknowledge the involvement and / or contribution of an industry, R&D organization in completing the project in his/her dissertation and a certificate to this effect, issued by the supervisor from the industrial organization, will be included in the dissertation.

11.3 It is mandatory for all students (especially those who do their project in an Industry, R&D organization in India or abroad) to make full disclosure of all data on which they wish to base their dissertation. They cannot claim confidentiality simply because it would come into conflict with the Industry's or R&D laboratory's own interests. Any tangible intellectual property other than copyright of dissertation may have to be assigned to the Institute. The copyright of the dissertation itself would however lie with the student as per the IPR policy in force.

11.4 In addition to the Supervisor from the department/centre guiding the project work, a Joint Supervisor may be appointed from the Industry and Research Laboratory with the approval of the DAC - PG &R. A certificate from the joint supervisor will be included in the dissertation. A member of faculty of the Institute, who is the internal supervisor, may, if felt necessary, visit the industry or the Research Laboratory in connection with the dissertation work of his/her student.

12. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (Optional):

A student may undergo Industrial training for a period of eight weeks, if he/she wishes, immediately after the completion of I Year II semester.

13. EVALUATION - Grading System:

13.1 As a measure of student's performance a 7-scale grading system using the following letter grades and corresponding grade points per credit shall be followed. Grading will be done based on the total marks obtained by the student in that subject.

Letter Grade	S	A	B	C	D	E	F
Grade Point	10	9	8	7	6	5	0

Relative grading scheme shall be followed for all the PG Programs. Passing mark for all courses shall be highest mark by three or class average by 2 whichever is minimum.

Further, there shall be four transitional grading symbols, which can be used by the examiners to indicate the special position of a student in the subject.

- o **I:** for “Incomplete assessment”, when the student misses the End- semester examination on Medical grounds.
- o **R:** for 'Insufficient attendance' in the course.
- o **W:** for "Temporary withdrawal" from the Institute.
- o **X:** for "Debarred" on grounds of indiscipline/ malpractices in examinations.

13.2 After the results are declared, Grade Cards will be issued to each candidate. Grade card consists of the list of courses for that semester and the grades obtained by the candidate. The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) for each semester will be calculated only for those students who have passed all the subjects of that semester. Similarly, Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) up to any semester will be calculated only for those students who have passed all the subjects up to that semester. GPA is the ratio of the sum of the products of the number of credits of a course (C_i) and the grade points scored in that course (GP_i), taken for all the courses, to the sum of the number of credits of all the courses (n) in the semester.

$$SGPA = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i \times GP_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i}$$

Where “n” is the number of courses in that semester.

On successful completion of the programme, the CGPA will be calculated as follows:

$$CGPA = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N C_i \times SGP_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N C_i}$$

Where C_i is the credit and SGP_i is the grade point obtained by the candidate and N is the total number of courses for the entire programme. All the calculations will be rounded to second decimal.

14. EXAMINATIONS:

14.1 The Institute Scholarship of a student will be withheld in case his/her CGPA at the end of any semester falls below 6.5. However, in the case of students belonging to SC/ST it is 6.0. However, the scholarship will be restored with retrospective effect, based on recommendation of Head of the Department, whenever the CGPA crosses at least 6.5 (for SC/ST 6.0).

14.2 A student will be permitted to submit the dissertation only if he/she completes all the courses as required in the program.

14.3 Student with “F” grade is eligible to appear for supplementary examination(s) as and when they are conducted by the Institute.

14.4 A student whose performance in the project work has been unsatisfactory may be assigned additional work on the same problem or assigned a new problem. If the student is assigned additional work the student will have to complete the work and appear at the viva-voce as per the academic calendar fixed by the Senate. If the student is assigned a new problem on account of any reason, the student will have to submit the dissertation and complete the viva-voce by December 31st of that calendar year. The student will not be eligible for scholarship during the extended period of his/her stay but will have to pay semester fees during the extended period of stay.

14.5 A student who has failed in the comprehensive viva-voce shall be required to present himself/herself again within a period of two months for the viva-voce on a date to be fixed by the concerned Head of the Department /Centre.

15. CYCLE TESTS AND END-SEMESTER EXAMS:

15.1 The cycle tests and the End-semester examinations in respect of theory courses will be conducted centrally by the examination section as per the schedule.

15.2 Head of the Department sends the list of courses registered by each student for the semester along with percentage of attendance.

15.3 Class tests, surprise tests, assignments, quizzes, viva-voce, laboratory assignments etc. are the constituent components of continuous assessment process, and a student must undergo the continuous assessment process as prescribed by the teacher/evaluation committee of the subject. If due to any compelling reason (such as his/her illness, calamity in the family etc.) a student

fails to meet any of the requirements within/on the scheduled date and time, the teacher/coordination committee in consultation with the concerned Head of the Department may take such steps (including the conduct of compensatory tests/examinations) as are deemed fit.

15.4 If a student fails to appear for the cycle tests examination in any subject(s) due to compelling reason like serious illness of himself/herself which necessitates hospitalization (with intimation to the medical officer) or a calamity in the family, he / she shall apply immediately to Head of the Department, within one week after completion of the examinations. All such cases will be scrutinized by a committee and approved list of candidates shall be permitted for a re-examination.

15.5 Appearing in the end-semester examination in the theory and laboratory subjects is mandatory for a student. Unless exempted as stated below, if a student fails to appear for the end-semester examination, he/she shall be awarded 'F' grade in the subject. He/She can be permitted to appear for the makeup examinations to be conducted later, as announced in the academic calendar.

15.6 However, if a student misses the end-semester examinations due to a compelling reason like **serious illness of himself/herself which necessitates hospitalization or a calamity in the family**, he/she may appeal to the Head of the Department before commencement of examination for permitting himself/herself to appear in the subsequent examination(s), when conducted next.

15.7 Students will be permitted to appear in the examinations in only those subjects for which they have registered at the beginning of the semester.

15.8 The final grades awarded to the students in a subject must be submitted by the teacher/Chairman, Coordination committee, within five working days from the date of the last examination to the concerned Head of the Department. The Head of the Department shall place the grades of students in all subjects before the DAC-PG&R for its consideration and recommendation.

15.9 Any change of grade of a student in a subject consequent upon detection of any genuine error of omission and/or commission on part of the concerned teacher must be recommended by the DAC-PG&R and shall be forwarded by the teacher/Chairman, Coordination Committee, through the Head of the concerned Department within 20 (twenty) days from the commencement of the next semester.

15.10 As a process of learning by students and also to ensure transparency, the answer scripts after correction of cycle tests, assignments etc., will be shown to the students within two weeks from the date of test/examination. The teacher/ Chairman, Coordination Committee must submit the marks obtained in cycle tests to the Head of the Department within two weeks after the end of exams. The performance of the students in these examinations will be discussed in the Class Review Committee.

15.11 In order to ensure transparency in the evaluation of scripts of end-semester examination, those answer scripts also shall be shown to the students up to one day before the finalization of grades in the DAC-PG&R. Once the Grades are finalized by DAC-PG&R, the student will no longer have any right to verify his/her answer scripts.

15.12 The student can appeal to DAAC for any arbitration within 20 days from the date of official publication of results in the Institute Website.

15.13 A student of the M.Tech degree program must complete the prescribed course work with minimum required credits within a maximum period of four years.

15.14 A student who has passed all the courses without securing R, X, or F Grades during the period of study and with a **CGPA of 8.50 and above** is considered eligible for the award of First Division with Distinction.

15.15 A student failing to satisfy Rule 15.14, even if he/she gets a **CGPA of 8.50** or more will be eligible for the award of First Division only.

15.16 A student with a CGPA of 6.50 to 8.49 is considered eligible for the award of First Division.

15.17 A student with a CGPA of 5.00 to 6.49 is considered eligible for the award of Second Division.

15.18 The valued answer scripts shall be retained for a maximum of one semester after publication of results. The teachers are required to send the valued answer scripts of end semester examinations to the examination section to retain them for a maximum of one semester and after which it will be disposed. No grievance on the valued answer scripts will be redressed beyond one semester of publication of results.

15.19 Examination record of all students shall be maintained in both soft and hard copy form in the academic section.

16. SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION:

Students appearing in Supplementary examination shall be governed by the following rules:

16.1 Students with “R” Grade are not eligible for writing the Supplementary examination.

16.2 Students with “F” or “I” Grade only are eligible to write Supplementary examination. In the case of a student who has got “I” grade, the marks obtained by the student in continuous evaluation and class tests will be added to the marks obtained in Supplementary examination and will be graded as per the grading used for his/ her class. A student will be given only one chance to write the Supplementary examination. If he/ she gets “F” grade in the Supplementary examination, he/she has to repeat the course whenever it is offered.

16.3 Supplementary examination is offered only once in an academic year.

16.4 A student who has obtained ‘F’ grade in Supplementary examination has to register for the course whenever it is offered.

16.5 The schedule for Supplementary examination is given in the Academic calendar.

16.6 A student can register for Supplementary examinations in any number of courses.

17. TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL:

A student who has been admitted to M.Tech. program may be permitted to withdraw temporarily for a period of one semester or more from the Institute on account of prolonged illness/acute problem in the family provided that:

17.1 The student applies to the Institute within 15 days of commencement of the semester or from the last date of attending the classes, stating fully the reasons for such withdrawal together with supporting documents and endorsement of the parent/guardian.

17.2 The institute is satisfied that, inclusive of the period of withdrawal, the student is likely to complete all the requirements for the degree within 4 years of admission to the Program.

17.3 There are no outstanding dues or demand from the Institute/ Department/ Library.

17.4 A student who has been granted temporary withdrawal will be required to pay tuition fee and other fees for the current semester when the student re-joins the program.

17.5 A student shall be granted only one such temporary withdrawal during the program. 17.6 A student, who wishes to join the job, after completion of the entire course work, may be permitted to pursue his/her dissertation on part-time basis provided:

- a) Sufficient facilities are available in the organization where he/she is working
- b) The minimum period for submission of dissertation work shall be double the amount of the balance period.
- c) The dissertation of such a part time student shall be under the guidance of two supervisors, one from the organization and the other from the Institute (if it involves practical work).
- d) If the student at the time of joining the job has completed substantial part of his/ her dissertation work, such student may be permitted based on the recommendations of DAC-PG&R to submit his/ her thesis along with the regular students. There is no need for co-supervisor from his/ her organization.

18. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE:

Students shall conduct themselves within and outside the precincts of the institute in a manner befitting the students of an Institute of National importance. Detailed rules regarding conduct and discipline are given in Appendix-II.

19. MALPRACTICES:

Students are not allowed to leave the Examination Hall without submitting the answer script. They will not be permitted to enter the examination hall after 30 minutes of commencement of the examination and to leave the examination hall before 30 minutes of the closure of examination.

The nature of malpractice and the minimum punishment are indicated in the following table:

S.No	Nature of the Malpractice	Punishment
1	Taking out, used or unused answer booklets outside the examination room.	Fine of Rs. 1000/- per paper. In case of used answer booklets, in addition to the above, the candidate shall be awarded an F Grade in that subject.

2	Verbal or oral communication with Neighbouring students after one warning.	Taking away the answer script and asking the student to leave the hall immediately.
3	Possession of any incriminating material inside the examination hall (whether used or not)	In case of cycle tests, award zero marks. In case of End semester examinations, award F Grade.

For any other type of malpractices reported, the Examination-in charge may recommend appropriate punishment.

20. CERTIFICATE RETENTION FEE:

Students will be charged with Certificate retention fees as per the details shown below:

All students –

- Who have passed in current and previous academic year - No charge.
- Who have passed in the last 2 to 10 academic years - Rs. 1,000
- Who have passed in the last 11 to 20 academic years - Rs. 5,000
- Who have passed more than 20 academic years back - Rs. 10,000

21. STUDENT APPRAISAL:

It is mandatory for every student to submit the feedback on each and every course, he/she has undergone, at the end of every semester. Results will be withheld for those students who have not submitted the feedback. All such students have to:

- i. pay a fine of Rs. 500/-
- ii. obtain permission from Head of the Department
- iii. fill the feedback for viewing the withheld result.

22. CHANGE OF REGULATIONS:

Notwithstanding all that has been stated above, the Senate, has the right to modify any of the above rules and regulations from time to time. All such modifications shall be documented and numbered sequentially and shall be made available in the Institute website.

APPENDIX-I

RULES RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT

1. All the students are normally expected to stay in the hostels.
2. Under special circumstances, the Director may permit a student to reside with his parent(s) within a reasonable distance from the institute. However, this permission may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Institute at any time considered appropriate without assigning any reason.
3. Married accommodation shall not be provided to any student of the graduate courses.
4. No student shall come into or give up the assigned accommodation in any hostels without prior permission of the Chief Warden.
5. A student shall reside in a room allotted to him/her and may shift to any other only under the written permission of the Chief Warden.
6. Students shall be required to make their rooms available whenever required for inspection, repairs, maintenance or disinfecting and shall vacate the rooms when leaving for the vacation/holidays.
7. Students shall be responsible for the proper care of the furniture; fan and other fittings in the rooms allotted to them and shall generally assist the Warden in ensuring proper use, care and security of those provided in the Halls for common use of all students.
8. Students will be responsible for the safe keeping of their own property. In the event of loss of any personal property of a student due to theft, fire or any other cause the Institute shall accept no responsibility and shall not be liable for payment of any compensation.
9. Engaging personal attendants, keeping pets and use of appliances like electric heater, refrigerator, etc. by a student in hostels are prohibited.
10. All students must abide by the rules and regulations of the institute and sign an undertaking at the time of joining.

APPENDIX-II

STUDENTS' CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY CODE

It is the responsibility and duty of each and every student of the Institute to become acquainted with "Students Conduct and Disciplinary Code". It is presumed that every student from the date of his/her admission to the Institute has knowledge of this code. All students are required to strictly adhere to this code as a condition of their admission to the Institute and these rules would be binding on and enforceable against them or any one among them.

Section 1: Responsibilities of the Students

It shall be the responsibility of the students

- i. To behave and conduct themselves in the Institute campus, hostels and premises in a dignified and courteous manner and show due respect to the authorities, employees and elders.
- ii. To follow decent and formal dressing manners. Students should avoid clothing depicting illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, racial, sexual and vulgar captions etc.
- iii. To access all educational opportunities and benefits available at the Institute and make good use of them to prosper academically and develop scientific temper.
- iv. To respect the laws of the country, human rights and to conduct in a responsible and dignified manner at all times.
- v. To report any violation of this Code to the functionaries under this Code.

Section 2: Behaviour of the Students

- i. Groupism of any kind that would distort the harmony is not permitted.
- ii. Students are expected to spend their free time in a productive manner. They shall not loiter along the verandas or crowd in front of the offices or the campus roads. Students should refrain from sitting on places such as parapets, stairs, footpaths etc.

- iii. Possession or consumption of narcotic drugs and other intoxicating substances are strictly prohibited in the campus and hostels.
- iv. Silence shall be maintained in the premises of the Institute.
- v. Students are not permitted to use mobile phones in the class room, library, computer centre, examination halls, etc.
- vi. Students are not allowed to enter the examination hall with mobile phones. This is to avoid distraction during the examination,
- vii. **Students shall refrain from all activities considered as ragging which is a criminal offence.**
- viii. Students are prohibited from indulging in anti-institutional, anti-national, antisocial, communal, immoral or political expressions and activities within the campus and hostels.
- ix. Politically based students' and other organizations or outfits are not allowed in the campus. Students are strictly prohibited from organizing, attending or participating in any activity or agitation sponsored by politically based organizations.
- x. Students shall not deface, disfigure, damage or destroy or cause any loss in any manner to all the public, private or Institute properties.
- xi. Without specific permission of the authorities, students shall not bring outsiders to the Institute or hostels.
- xii. No one shall bring, distribute or circulate unauthorized notices, pamphlets, leaflets etc. within the campus or hostels. The possession, distribution or exhibition of any item by any means which is *per se* obscene is prohibited within the campus or on any property owned/ managed by the Institute.
- xiii. No student shall collect money either by request or by coercion from others within the campus or hostels.
- xiv. The Institute being a place of learning and an exclusive academic zone, nobody shall respond to any call for any form of strike, procession or agitation including slogan shouting, *dharna*, *gherao*, burning of effigy or indulge in anything which may harm the

peaceful atmosphere of the Institution and shall eschew from violence in the campus and hostels and even outside.

xv. Possession or usage of weapons, explosives or anything that causes injury/ damage to the life and limb or body of any human being or property is prohibited.

xvi. Use of motorized vehicles within the Institute premises is strictly prohibited.

xvii. Students shall only use the waste bins for dispensing waste materials within the campus including classrooms, hostels, offices, canteen and messes. Any conduct which leads to lowering of the esteem of the Institute is prohibited.

xviii. Any unauthorized tour/visit by individual or group of students shall be treated as a serious conduct violation and all such students will be imposed disciplinary penalties.

Section 3: Disciplinary Sanctions

Any student exhibiting prohibited behaviour mentioned in this Code shall, depending upon the gravity of the misconduct or depending on its recurrence, be subjected to any of the following disciplinary sanctions. Any student who is persistently insubordinate, who is repeatedly or wilfully mischievous, who is guilty of fraud, in the opinion of the competent authority, is likely to have an unwholesome influence on his/ her fellow students, will be removed from the rolls.

I. Minor Sanctions

- i. Warning or Reprimand: This is the least sanction envisaged in this Code. The student engaged in any prohibited behaviour will be issued a warning letter.
- ii. Tendering Apology: The student engaged in any prohibited behaviour may be asked to tender an apology for his/her act and undertaking that he/she shall not indulge in such or any of the prohibited behaviour in future.

II. Major Sanctions

- i. Debarring from Examinations: A student/group of students may be debarred from writing all/any/some of the examinations, which forms part of the academic program for which he/she/they has/ have joined.

- ii. Suspension: A student may be suspended from the Institute for violation of any of the provisions of this Code. The period of suspension and conditions, if any, shall be clearly indicated in the communication addressed to the student. The student shall lose his/her attendance for the suspended period.
- iii. Restitution: Restitution implies reimbursement in terms of money and/or services to compensate for personal injury or loss, damage/disfiguration to property of the Institute or any property kept in the premises of the Institute in any manner. The students/group of students may be asked to compensate for the loss that has been caused to any person or property of the Institute or any property kept in the premises of the Institute due to the act of vandalism perpetrated by the students. The students/group of students shall also be liable to put in their service to restore any loss or damage caused to any property and thereby bringing it to its original form if it is possible.
- iv. Forfeiture: Caution deposit of any student engaged in any prohibited behaviour shall be forfeited.
- v. Expulsion: This is the extreme form of disciplinary action and shall be resorted to only in cases where stringent action is warranted. Expulsion is the permanent dismissal of a student from the Institute. Such a student will not be eligible for readmission to any of the courses of this Institute.

Section 4: Functionaries under the Code

i) Heads of the Departments/ Faculty Advisors/Chief Warden/ Wardens of Hostels: As the persons in charge of the Departments/Hostels, the respective functionaries of all Teaching Departments and Hostels shall have the power and duty to take immediate action to curb any prohibited behaviour as envisaged under this code. As these functionaries cannot single handily manage all the issues, they can assign part of the work to the teachers and the teachers of all the departments/wardens have the responsibility to inform any incident of prohibited behaviour to the Heads of the Departments/ Chief Warden so that any serious issue can be settled before the same goes out of control. The Head of the Departments/ Chief Warden shall have the power to impose minor sanctions as envisaged under section 3(I) of this Code.

They can also recommend imposition of major sanctions as envisaged under Section 3(II) of this Code to the Director. The Head of the Departments/ Faculty Advisors/Chief Warden/

Wardens of Hostels while taking any action as envisaged in the code shall do so in an impartial manner and see to it that the sanction imposed/proposed is commensurate with the gravity of the prohibited behaviour. Any lapse on the part of a teacher/ Warden to report any instance of violence and misconduct on the part of the students shall be reported to the Director by the respective Head of the Departments/Chief Warden. The Wardens of Hostels shall be responsible for maintaining strict discipline and decorum in the hostel. He/she shall specifically see to it that the inmates of the hostel do not involve themselves in violation of any clause under Section 2 of this Code.

ii) Director

The Director shall be the ultimate authority in imposing major sanctions as envisaged under Section 3(II) against the students for acts of prohibited behaviour. The Director can also entertain any appeal from any student/students aggrieved by the action of any authority of the Institute under or subordinate to the Director and decide the case on merit.

Section 5: Right to Appeal

The student/students aggrieved by the action of any authority of the Institute under or subordinate to the Director can appeal to the Director and any student aggrieved by the action of the Director can appeal to the Senate. The decision of the Senate shall be final and binding on the students.

Section 6: Assistance from Law Enforcement Agencies

The HoDs/ Chief Warden shall have the power and duty to call the Police immediately with the concurrence of the Director when there is a threat of Law and Order situation in the Campus and also when there is a genuine apprehension that any incident of rioting, vandalism or any other act prohibited by law is likely to take place. The HoDs/ Chief Warden shall in such a case give a detailed report to the Director. The Director/ HoDs/ Chief Warden can also arrange for video recording of the entire situation and take requisite actions through police and other concerned authorities.

Section 7: Grievance Redressal Committee

The Institute will also set up “Grievance Redressal Committee” where the students can air their grievances. The Committee shall consist of the HoDs/ Chief Warden and also members of the

Parent-Teacher Association. Till these committees are constituted, *ad-hoc* committees shall be formed by the Director.

Section 8: Undertaking by the Students

The students joining any academic program of the Institute will have to give an undertaking to the effect that he/she will comply with the provisions envisaged in this Code in letter and spirit and even if it is not given them as well, will be bound by the provisions of this Code.

Section 9: Opportunity for Hearing

No order other than the order suspending or warning a student shall be passed without giving an opportunity of hearing to the Student/ Students.

Section 10: Ultimate Authority

For all disciplinary matters related to students, the Director shall be the ultimate authority as provided herein.

Section 11: Amendments to the Code

The Senate of the Institute shall have the power to amend any of the provisions in this Code. The amendments shall be brought to the notice of the students and faculty of the Institute through notice put on the Institute web site, notice boards of the Institute or through emails.