



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

Directorate of Admissions - Consolidated order incorporating the relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to PG Programmes - Item No.2 of the minutes of the meeting of the "Committee Constituted to Re-frame the Norms for award of grace marks/ grace grades to various programmes" held on 04/08/2022, in tune with the CBCSS PG & CCSS PG regulations 2019 - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

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U.O.No. 17449/2022/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 14.09.2022

*Read:-*1. U.O.No. 3006/2013/CU dated 05/04/2022.

2. U.O.No.17621/2019/Admn dated 18.12.2019.

3. U.O.No. 8216/2022/Admn dated 23/04/2022.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Committee Constituted to Re-frame the Norms for award of grace marks/ grace grade to various courses held on 04/08/2022.

5. U.O.No.13081/2022/Admn dated 04/07/2022.

6. U.O.No.7237/2020/Admn dated 30/07/2020.

7. U.O.No.15322/2019/Admn dated 30/10/2019.

ORDER

1. As per the paper read (1) above, sanction was accorded to convert grace marks to grace grades for PG programmes under CCSS and as per the paper read (2) above, the benefit of granting grace marks has been extended to the students mentioned in the Gazette of India dated 28.12.2016 (Vol.No.59) based on the PwD Act 2016.
2. As per reference cited (3) above, the maximum WGPA obtained after awarding grace grade points has been fixed as A+ grade, which is 4.24 in the case of CBCSS Regulations PG 2019 and 8.49 in the case of CCSS PG Regulations 2019.
3. The Committee constituted to Re-frame the Norms for award of grace marks/ grace grade to various programmes held on 04/08/2022, has resolved to issue a consolidated order incorporating the relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to PG Programmes as per paper read (4) above. It is also resolved to permit transfer of GGP from one course to another for PG programmes also, as is done in UG programmes.
4. Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to implement the resolution of the committee to issue a consolidated order incorporating the relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to PG Programmes.
5. Therefore, the consolidated order incorporating relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to various PG programmes are as follows.

I. Grace Marks for Persons with Disabilities (PwD)

1. As per the PwD Act 2016, various types of disabilities have been detailed under five categories, viz, Physical disabilities, Intellectual disabilities, Mental behaviour, Disabilities caused due to chronic neurological conditions/ blood disorders and Multiple disabilities. The disabilities like Locomotor disability, Visual impairment, Hearing impairment, Speech and language disability, etc are grouped under Physical Disability. Intellectual Disability includes: (a) Specific learning disability like perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia (b) autism spectrum disorder.
2. The following grace marks/grades will be awarded to all the five categories, except for 'Intellectual disability', listed in the PwD Act 2016, provided that the candidates should produce Medical Board Certificate specifying that "**the disability mentioned in the Certificate adversely affects the normal learning capacity of the student**" while applying for grace marks/grades. (The five categories of disabilities specified in the PwD Act 2016 is listed as appendix-I)

Table A		
Sl. No	Disability	Percentage of Grace marks/grades to be awarded
1	Candidates having 40% to 49% disability (certified by a Medical Board)	10% (of the marks /grades scored)
2	Candidates having 50% to 59% disability (certified by a Medical Board)	15% (of the marks /grades scored)
3	Candidates having 60% to 69% disability (certified by a Medical Board)	20% (of the marks /grades scored)
4	Candidates having 70% & above disability (certified by a Medical Board)	25% (of the marks /grades scored)

(A) The maximum grace marks/ grades awarded shall not be reckoned to achieve 75% of marks in a particular course, that is up to 74.99% of marks/ grades in each course (common, core, complementary and open) in serial No. 1, 2 & 3 of table A above.

(B) The maximum grace marks/ grades awarded shall not be reckoned to achieve 85% of marks in a particular course, that is up to 84.99% of marks/ grades in each course (common, core, complementary and open) in serial No. 4 of table A above.

3. The format of Medical Board Certificate is attached as appendix-II.
4. In the case of Mental Disability (the term Mental Disability means 'Intellectual disability' that includes Autism and Specific Learning Disabilities):
 - (a) For awarding grace marks to persons with mental disability, percentage of disability need not be insisted, but on the basis of Medical Certificate issued from Govt. Psychiatrist or from the certificate issued by the Medical Board constituted as per PwD Act.
 - (b) Specific learning disability is also included for awarding grace marks.

- (c) The percentage of grace marks to be awarded to candidates with mental disabilities including autism and Specific Learning Disability is 25% marks/grades scored by the candidate.

5. Date of effect of sanctioning grace marks/ grace grades to students having disability will be November 2016.

II. Grace Marks for Sports, Games & Cultural Activities

Category	Activities	Activity code	Percentage of Grace Marks on External Examinations	Corresponding Grace grade points	
Sports & Games	Inter Collegiate	SP 01	6%	2.4	
	First				
	Second				SP 02
		Third	SP 03	2%	0.8
	Inter University Participation/University team Selection	SP 04	7%	2.8	
	Inter University South Zone Semifinals & qualifying for All India Inter University	SP 05	8%	3.2	
	All India Inter University (Team Events, Individual Events and Relays)				
	First	SP 06	18%	7.2	
	Second	SP 07	15%	6	
	Third	SP 08	12%	4.8	
	Fourth	SP 09	10%	4	
	Establishing new Inter University Records (including Relays)	SP 10	1%	0.4	
	Representing State in National Juniors & Seniors	SP 11	4%	1.6	
	Winning National Juniors				
	First	SP 12	12%	4.8	
	Second	SP 13	10%	4	
	Third	SP 14	8%	3.2	
	Winning National Seniors				
	First	SP 15	15%	6	
	Second	SP 16	12%	4.8	
Third	SP 17	10%	4		

Sports & Games	Representing Indian Universities			
	Seniors	SP 18	8%	3.2
	Juniors	SP 19	7%	2.8
	International Competitions			
	Representing India- Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 20	12%	4.8
	Representing India-Indian Universities	SP 21	15%	6
	Representing India-Seniors	SP 22	18%	7.2
	Winning I Place -Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 23	20%	8
	Winning I Place-Indian Universities	SP 24	22%	8.8
	Winning I Place-Seniors	SP 25	25%	10
	Winning II Place - Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 26	18%	7.2
	Winning II Place - Indian Universities	SP 27	20%	8
	Winning II Place -Seniors	SP 28	22%	8.8
	Winning III Place - Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 29	15%	6
	Winning III Place -Indian Universities	SP 30	18%	7.2
	Winning III Place -Seniors	SP 31	20%	8
Cultural Activities	Inter -Collegiate Youth Festival / Inter Zone- 1st Place, Best Actor, Best Actress			
	Individual	YF 01	5%	2
	Group	YF 02	3%	1.2
			(Limited to 5%)	(Limited to 2 GGP)
	South Zone Inter University Youth Festival Conducted by Association of Indian Universities			
	Individual I Place	YF 03	5%	2
	Individual II Place	YF 04	3%	1.2
	Individual III Place	YF 05	2%	0.8
	Group I Place	YF 06	4%	1.6
	Group II Place	YF 07	2%	0.8
	Participation	YF 08	1%	0.4
		(Limited to 5%)	(Limited to 2 GGP)	

National level Youth Festival Conducted by Association of Indian Universities			
Individual I Place	YF 09	6%	2.4
Individual II Place	YF 10	4%	1.6
Individual III Place	YF 11	3%	1.2
Group I Place	YF 12	5%	2
Group II Place	YF 13	3%	1.2
Group III Place	YF 14	2%	0.8
Participation	YF 15	1%	0.4
		(Limited to 6%)	(Limited to 2.4 GGP)

1. The maximum cumulative grace grade points awarded to a non professional course student in a particular year for one odd and even semester in an year put together should not exceed 10 GGP.
2. The maximum Grace Grade Points (GGP) awarded to Professional course (UG courses) students except MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BHMS, B.Pharm, BSc. Nursing and their PG courses in a particular year for one odd and even semester in an year put together for the Sports/Cultural activities will be for the single highest achievement of representing the University/Senior State and above and will be of the same GGP for non professional students. Professional students are not eligible for GGP. For programmes with different scales of grading appropriate equivalent GGP shall be effected.
3. The maximum Grace Grade Points (GGP) awarded for an individual course/paper for all these activities and disabilities for a particular year/ semester should not exceed 1.25 GGP for CBCSS PG Regulations 2019.
4. The maximum Grace Grade Points (GGP) awarded to all cultural activities in a particular year for one odd and even semester in an year put together should not exceed 6.4 GGP. This is applicable to all non professional & professional courses except MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BHMS, B.Pharm, B.Sc. Nursing and their PG courses.
5. N+1 Students in PG Courses are eligible for GGP for the Sports/Cultural activities.
6. Grace Grade Points (GGP) be awarded irrespective of annual or supplementary appearance for those candidates who could not appear for the University Examination solely due to their participation in the sports and Games Coaching Camps/events at their next chance.
7. Grace Grade Points (GGP) be awarded to the best advantage of the Sports and Games/Cultural/Literary/Arts Festival participants/students as requested by them.
8. The age of below 18 years for the sub junior category International is verified at the time of competition and hence age proof need not be insisted upon at the time of award of Grace Grade Points (GGP)
9. The Grace Grade Points(GGP) eligible for single year (i.e. in a two semesters) be awarded to a single semester, if the candidate is desired so at the time of finalization of the results of even semesters.
10. The Grace Grade Points (GGP) will not be awarded for supplementary appearances until and

unless for clause No.5 & 6, after effecting the modification recommended in serial no.1.

11. Grace Grade Points (GGP) for Sports/Games/Cultural activities will be given only to those Sports/Games events for which A.I.U. organizes Inter University Tournaments or in those Sports/Games events in which Inter Collegiate Tournaments/events are organized by Calicut University.
12. Grace Grade Points (GGP) shall be distributed to the best advantage of the student, at the time of finalization of the results of the courses concerned for PG programmes (including professional courses), according to the request of the candidate and to his/her best advantage, to obtain average WGPA upto 4.24 in the case of CBCSS Regulations PG 2019 and 8.49 in the case of CCSS PG Regulations 2019.
13. Accompanists of artists in Youth Festivals (Zonal and National level only) be given grace grades as that of artists provided all the artists and accompanists are bonafide students from colleges/departments of this University.

III Grace Marks for NCC Cadets

Category	Activities	Activity code	Percentage of Grace Marks on External Examinations	Corresponding Grace grade points
NCC	Attending Republic Day Camps / Parade / Youth Exchange Programme/ Foreign Cruise	NC 01	7%	2.8
	Attending Basic Leader Ship Camp (TSC)/ Nau Sainik Camp / Vayu Sainik Camp/Independence Day Camp (Sports and Games at New Delhi)	NC 02	6%	2.4
	Achieving ' C ' Certificate	NC 03	4%	1.6
	Achieving ' B ' Certificate	NC 04	2%	0.8

1. As per U.O No. GA1/A2/1602/1999 dated 16.07.2005, sanction was accorded to award grace marks to NCC Cadet for Degree and PG examinations conducted by this University for their participation and achievements in NCC activities such as; attending Republic Day Camp/Parade, Basic Leadership Camp (TSC)/Nau Sainik Camp/Vayu Sainik Camp/ Independence Day Camp (Sports and games at Delhi) achieving 'C' certificate and 'B' certificate are extended for PG programmes also.
2. As per UO No. GA1/A2/1602/1999 dated 03.05.2008, sanction was accorded to award grace marks to NCC cadets for attending the YEP/Foreign Cruise and to extend the benefit of grace marks to Open Quota Cadets of NCC at the UG level course are extended for PG programmes also.
3. Grace Grade Points acquired by the candidate shall be taken together in the year of participation/achievements and shall be awarded to the best advantage of the students to the courses in the respective year.

4. Application for Grace Grade Points (GGP) with all relevant documents and attested copies of certificates shall be submitted to the Controller of Examinations through the Principal of the College, duly recommended by the respective Group Commander, NCC Group Head Quarters. (Also see Common Rules below, in Title No. V).

IV Grace Marks for NSS Volunteers

Category	Activities	Activity code	Percentage of Grace Marks on External Examinations	Corresponding Grace grade points
NSS	Attending National Camps/	NS 01	2%	0.8
	Attending Republic Day Camp in New Delhi	NS 02	3%	1.2

V Common Rules for Awarding Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points

1. The Grace Marks for all the above categories shall be effected from the section concerned in the Pareeksha Bhavan, on request of the candidate, duly recommended and forwarded by the competent authorities as follows:-
 - Sports & Games : Director, Department of Physical Education, University of Calicut.
 - Cultural Activities : Dean of Students' Welfare, University of Calicut.
 - NCC : The Principal and the Group Commander/ Officiating Group Commander , NCC Group Head Quarters (except NC 05).
 - NSS : Co-ordinator, NSS Department, University of Calicut (except NS 03).
2. In the case of disabilities, listed in the PwD Act 2016, the candidates should produce Medical Board Certificate specifying that "**the disability mentioned in the Certificate adversely affects the normal learning capacity of the student**" while applying for grace marks/grades. (U.O.No.17621/2019/Admn dated 18.12.2019.)
3. The Grace Marks/grace grades shall not be shown separately in the Mark list/ grade card. The Grace Grade Points shall not be awarded to the course/courses in which a candidate is absent.
4. The maximum Grace Grade Points (GGP) awarded to a non professional course student in a particular year for all the activities such as Sports, Curtural Activities, NCC etc and other disabilities, put together should not exceed 10.
5. Moderation shall be effected after the Grace Grade Points have been effected to the original grades awarded to the student.
6. The Grace Grade Points shall be distributed to the best advantage of the student at the time of finalisation of the results of the course/courses concerned, according to the request of the candidate. The maximum Grace Grade Points awarded for an individual course should not exceed 1.25 for CBCSS PG 2019.
7. The Grace Grade Points (GGP) once effected on the request of the candidate will not be re opened.
8. Students of PG courses are eligible for award of Grace Grade Points and the Grace Grades be

awarded for the theory/practical courses. However, if the grades are below the required minimum for a pass in internal assessment, Viva-voce and Project/Dissertation etc., the grace grades can also be redistributed to these items to get a pass and the students shall claim the same within one year after the end of academic year.

9. Normally the GGP shall be added to the overall grade of the course (WGPA) according to the choice of the candidate.
10. The students having disability and coming under the School of Distance Education (SDE) are also eligible for Grace marks/grades.
11. Transfer of GGP from one course to another is permitted for PG programmes also, as is done in UG programmes.
12. Since the physical and mental disabilities are permanent one, such candidates are eligible for award of grace marks for the examinations including supplementary examinations.
13. Inter Collegiate competition exclusively for transgender students will be conducted as a separate category without considering AIU eligibility rules , and grace marks as per the rules will be awarded if minimum of 3 persons have competed in the event.

Sanction is therefore accorded to award grace grades as detailed above to the students of various Post Graduate Programmes under the University.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Controller of Examinations
2. The Deputy Registrar, PG Branch
3. The Director, DPE
4. The Dean of Students' Welfare
5. The Co-ordinator, NSS Department
6. The Commander, NCC, Calicut
7. Principals of all affiliated colleges / Heads of University Teaching Departments and Centres

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Section Officer

APPENDIX I
SPECIFIED DISABILITY

I. Physical disability.

A. Locomotor disability (a person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including—

(a) "leprosy cured person" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from—

(i) loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity;

(ii) manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;

(iii) extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall be construed accordingly;

(b) "cerebral palsy" means a group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;

(c) "dwarfism" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less;

(d) "muscular dystrophy" means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterised by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;

(e) "acid attack victims" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

B. Visual impairment—

(a) "blindness" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction—

(i) total absence of sight; or

(ii) visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or

(iii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree.

(b) "low-vision" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, namely:

- (i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
- (ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree.

C. Hearing impairment.

- (a) "deaf" means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
- (b) "hard of hearing" means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

D. "Speech and language disability" means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.

2. Intellectual disability, a condition characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behaviour which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including—

- (a) "specific learning disabilities" means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;
- (b) "autism spectrum disorder" means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.

3. Mental behaviour,—"mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterised by subnormality of intelligence.

4. Disability caused due to—

- (a) chronic neurological conditions, such as— (i) "multiple sclerosis" means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;
- (ii) "parkinson's disease" means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

(b) Blood disorder— (i) "haemophilia" means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterised by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor would may result in fatal bleeding;

(ii) "thalassemia" means a group of inherited disorders characterised by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.

(iii) "sickle cell disease" means a hemolytic disorder characterised by chronic anemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; "hemolytic" refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of hemoglobin.

5. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.

APPENDIX II

CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

No:

Date :

DISABILITY ASSESSMENT BOARD CERTIFICATE

Signature of Candidate : _____

This is to certify that we the members of the Disaability Assessment Board at Govt Hospital District examined Sri/Smt. son of /daughter of Aged Years, residing at Village..... Taluk..... District and found that he /she is having Physical disability/Intellectual disability/Mental behaviour/Multiple disabilities/ Disability caused due to The Partial/ Parmanent/ Temporary disability is% (in words.....) belonging to MILD/MODERATE/SEVERE/TOTAL category.

We also certify that the above disability adversely affects the normal learning capacity of the individual. Re-assessment is not recommended / is recommended after a period of months/years. Identification marks :

- 1 :.....
- 2.

Note :- This Certificate issued for academic purpose only.

BORAD MEMBERS

Sl. No	Department	Name, Designation & Reg.No	Signature
1	Physiatrist		
2	Orthopaedician		
3	Ophthalmologist		
4	ENT surgeon		
5	Psychiatrist		

MILD : Less than 40%
MODERATE : 40% upto 75%
SEVERE : 75% & above
TOTAL : 100% Profond

Date :

(Office Seal)