



**UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT**

**Abstract**

Directorate of Admissions - Modified consolidated order incorporating the relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to UG Programmes - Item No.1 of the minutes of the meeting of the "Committee Constituted to Re-frame the Norms for award of grace marks/ grace grades to various courses" held on 04/08/2022, in tune with the CBCSS UG 2019 regulations - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

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U.O.No. 18644/2022/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 29.09.2022

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*Read:-*1. U.O.No. 13081/2022/Admn dtd 04/07/2022.

2. UO No.7237/2020/Admn dtd 30/07/2020

3. UO No.15322/2019/Admn dtd 30/10/2019

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.

**ORDER**

1. As per the UO read (1) above, sanction has been accorded to issue a consolidated order incorporating the relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to UG Programmes in tune with the CBCSS UG 2019 regulations.
2. Sanction has been accorded to award grace marks to the winners of IIIrd place, in the Inter Collegiate/ Inter zone sports events w.e.f. 2019-20 academic year onwards and to revise the existing rules on award of grace marks for inter collegiate events as 1st Place - 6%, IInd Place - 4% & IIIrd Place - 2% respectively, as per paper read (2) above.
3. As per paper read (3) above, sanction has been accorded to conduct Inter Collegiate competition exclusively for transgender students as a separate category without considering AIU (Association of Indian Universities) eligibility rules, and to award grace marks as per rules, if minimum of 3 persons have competed in the event.
4. The Committee Constituted to Re-frame the Norms for award of grace marks/ grace grade to various courses held on 04/08/2022 resolved to include the University orders referred (2) and (3) above and to modify the consolidated University Order, as per reference cited (4) above.
5. Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to implement the resolution of the Committee to modify the consolidated order incorporating the relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to UG Programmes under reference (1) above.
6. Therefore, the consolidated University Order incorporating relevant orders regarding award of grace mark/grades to various UG programmes as per paper read (1) above stands modified 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)

<b>Table A</b>		
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Disability</b>	<b>Percentage of Grace marks/ grades to be awarded</b>
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 80% of marks in a particular course, that is up to 79% 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% 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.**

3. 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	& of Grace Marks on External Examinations	
<b>Sports &amp; Games</b>	<b>Inter Collegiate</b>	First	SP 01	6%
		Second	SP 02	4%
		Third	SP 03	2%
	Inter University Participation/University team Selection		SP 04	7%
	Inter University South Zone Semifinals & qualifying for All India Inter University		SP 05	8%
	<b>All India Inter University (Team Events, Individual Events and Relays)</b>			
		First	SP 06	18%
		Second	SP 07	15%
		Third	SP 08	12%
		Fourth	SP 09	10%
	Establishing new Inter University Records (including Relays)		SP 10	1%
	Representing State in National Juniors & Seniors		SP 11	4%
	<b>Winning National Juniors</b>			
		First	SP 12	12%
		Second	SP 13	10%
		Third	SP 14	8%
	<b>Winning National Seniors</b>			
		First	SP 15	15%
		Second	SP 16	12%
		Third	SP 17	10%
<b>Representing Indian Universities</b>				
	Seniors	SP 18	8%	
	Juniors	SP 19	7%	

<b>Sports &amp; Games</b>	<b>International Competitions</b>		
	Representing India-Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 20	12%
	Representing India-Indian Universities	SP 21	15%
	Representing India-Seniors	SP 22	18%
	Winning I Place -Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 23	20%
	Winning I Place-Indian Universities	SP 24	22%
	Winning I Place-Seniors	SP 25	25%
	Winning II Place - Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 26	18%
	Winning II Place - Indian Universities	SP 27	20%
	Winning II Place -Seniors	SP 28	22%
	Winning III Place -Juniors/Sub Juniors	SP 29	15%
	Winning III Place -Indian Universities	SP 30	18%
	Winning III Place -Seniors	SP 31	20%
<b>Cultural Activities</b>	<b>Inter -Collegiate Youth Festival / Inter Zone- Ist Place, Best Actor, Best Actress</b>		
	Individual	YF 01	5%
	Group	YF 02	3%
			Limited to 5%
	<b>South Zone Inter University Youth Festival Conducted by Association of Indian Universities</b>		
	Individual I Place	YF 03	5%
	Individual II Place	YF 04	3%
	Individual III Place	YF 05	2%
	Group I Place	YF 06	4%
	Group II Place	YF 07	2%
	Participation	YF 08	1%
			(limited to 5% )
	<b>National level Youth Festival Conducted by Association of Indian Universities</b>		
	Individual I Place	YF 09	6%
	Individual II Place	YF 10	4%
Individual III Place	YF 11	3%	
Group I Place	YF 12	5%	
Group II Place	YF 13	3%	
Group III Place	YF 14	2%	
Participation	YF 15	1%	
		(limited to 6% )	

1. The wordings ' Inter Collegiate Youth Festival / Inter zone Ist place/ Best actor/Actress/ A Grade'

mentioned in UO No.5881/2017/Admn dated 10/05/2017 is changed as 'Inter Collegiate Youth Festival / Inter zone 1st place/ Best actor/Actress'.

### **III Grace Marks for NCC Cadets**

Category	Activities	Activity code	% of Grace Marks on External Examinations
<b>NCC</b>	Attending Republic Day Camps / Parade / National Youth Exchange Programme/ Foreign Cruise	NC 01	7%
	Attending Basic Leader Ship Camp (TSC)/ Nau Sainik Camp / Vayu Sainik Camp/ Independence Day Camp (Sports & Games at New Delhi)	NC 02	6%
	Achieving ' C ' Certificate	NC 03	4%
	Achieving ' B ' Certificate	NC 04	3%
	NCC Cadets with Minimum 75% attendance in a semester (List of Students achieving 75% attendance may be sent by the NCC officer of the respective college through the Principal to the Controller of Examinations in each Semester atleast 1 month before the finalisation of result of the semester).	NC 05	2% (in each Semester)
	Army Attachment Camp (AAC)	NC 06	2%
	Mountaineering course/camp (BMC,AMC)	NC 07	4%
	Para Basic Course/Camp	NC 08	2%
	Rock Climbing Camp (RCC)	NC 09	2%
	Inter Group Competition RDC/TSC	NC 10	2%
	Camel Safari Camp	NC 11	2%
	Special National Integration Camp(SNIC) Renamed as SEBSB (Special Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat)	NC 12	2%
	All India Annual Training Camp Naval Cadets (AIATC)	NC 13	2%
	International Youth Exchange Programme	NC 14	6%
	Advance Leadership Camp/Trekking	NC 15	2%
	Minimum 3 Pre-Republic Day Camp	NC 16	2%
	National Integration Camp ( Renamed as EBSB (Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat)	NC 17	2%
	Attachment Camps on board Naval Ships	NC18	2%
	Inter Group Competetion IGC/NSC	NC 19	2%
	All India Yatching Regatta (AIYR)	NC 20	3%
	Sailing Expedition	NC 21	2%
	Attachment Camp, Indian Naval Academy	NC 22	2%

1. Grace marks will be awarded for the NCC camps/activities of codes NC 18 to NC 22 with effect from 2019-2020 admission onwards as above.
2. The maximum grace marks/ grades awarded shall not be reckoned to achieve 80% of marks in a particular course, that is up to 79% of marks/ grades in each course (common, core, complementary and open) in above five categories. (NC 18 to NC 22)
3. The total grace marks for NCC camps /activities shall be awarded in an academic year, subject to the maximum of 12%.
4. Grace marks/grades shall be awarded for the particular semester only in which the candidate has attended the NCC Camp/activities.

#### **IV Grace Marks for NSS Volunteers**

Category	Activities	Activity code	% of Grace Marks on External Examinations
<b>NSS</b>	Attending National Camps/NIC/Youth Festival	NS 01	3%
	Attending Republic Day Camp in New Delhi	NS 02	5%
	7 days Special Camp at College + 75% attendance for regular programmes(NSS Certificate) ( The list of Students may be sent by the Principals of each College to the Controller of Examinations in each Semester atleast one month before the finalization of the result )	NS 03	2%(in each Semester )
	Attending International Events	NS 04	7%

#### **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
4. Fractions of Mark/grade if any, arrived at while computing Grace Marks/grace grades will be ignored.
5. The Grace Marks/grades will not be awarded to the paper(s) in which a candidate is absent and total mark of papers for which the candidate is absent will not be reckoned for calculating the

Grace Marks/grades.

6. The maximum cumulative Grace Marks/grades awarded to the students under CBCSS-UG programme in a particular year for all the activities such as Sports, Games, Cultural Activities, NCC, NSS and disabilities put together should not exceed 25% of marks.
7. Moderation shall be effected after the Grace Marks/grades have been added to the original mark of a student.
8. The Grace Marks/grades awarded cannot be used to achieve 85% of mark in a particular course, ie, upto 84% of mark in each course (common, core, complementary and open) may be awarded utilizing the Grace Marks/grades.
9. The Grace Marks/grades awarded shall not be considered for ranking.
10. The Grace Marks/grades shall be distributed to the best advantage of the student at the time of finalization of the results in the semester concerned according to the request of the candidate. The maximum Cumulative Grace Marks awarded for an individual course/ paper in UG Programme for a pass should not exceed 25% of marks. The remaining Grace Marks are to be distributed on other passed papers/courses so that the maximum Grace Marks awarded for an individual paper/ course should not exceed 30% of marks (U.O No.1152/2017/Admn dated 31.01.2017). However for the winners (1st ,2nd or 3rd) of Sports activities at the Inter University / Inter State Level/ Inter Zone and above and also for Physically and Mentally challenged students, this rule may be relaxed to obtain a pass mark in a particular course / paper.
11. The Grace Marks/grades once distributed on the request of the candidates will not be reopened.
12. The Grace Marks in CBCSS-UG shall be calculated **on the basis of total External/ Written theory examination only**, excluding Internal marks and the marks of Practical and Viva-voce.
13. Grace marks/ grades **will be awarded to the students for their external practical examination also** with effect from 2019-2020 admission onwards.
14. Grace marks/grades **will be awarded to external Dissertation and Viva Voce also** at par with the external practical examination w.e.f. 18.12.2021 (U.O.No. 9972/2022/Admn dated 13.05.2022).
15. In CBCSS-UG semester pattern, the academic year may be taken from 1st June to 31st May and the Grace Marks/grades may be distributed to the two semesters in that academic year according to the choice of the student.
16. The student shall claim the Grace Marks/grades **within 6 months** after the end of the academic year(unless otherwise specified).
17. N+1 students under CBCSS-UG programme are eligible for award of Grace Marks for sports activities.
18. Grace Marks/grades be awarded irrespective of annual or supplementary appearances for those candidates who could not appear for the University Examination solely due to their participation in Sports and Games coaching camps/events at their next chance as per U.O.No.GA1/A2/7508/1997 dated 20-10-1998.
19. The Grace Marks/grades will not be awarded for supplementary appearances until and unless for clause No.17 & 18 above.

20. Since the physical and mental disabilities are permanent one, such candidates are eligible for award of Grace Marks/grades for the examinations including supplementary examinations.
21. The students having disability and coming under the School of Distance Education (SDE) are also eligible for Grace marks/grades.
22. 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.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Controller of Examinations
2. All Branch Officers of Pareeksha Bhavan
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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**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 :

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