

**THE ODISHA STATE HIGHER  
EDUCATION COUNCIL ACT, 2017**

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ODISHA ACT 12 OF 2017

THE ODISHA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL ACT, 2017

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ODISHA AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH AND INCIDENTAL THERETO.

WHEREAS the National Policy on Education, 1986 of the Government of India contains recommendations that the State level planning and co-ordination of higher education shall be done through the State Councils for Higher Education;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a State Higher Education Council with the objects of (i) providing for the determination, co-ordination, maintenance of standards in, and promotion of higher education and research, including university education and college education at Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate level in the State,(ii) promoting the autonomy of higher educational institutions for the free pursuit of knowledge and innovation,(iii) facilitating access, inclusion and opportunities to all, and providing comprehensive and holistic growth of higher education and research in a competitive global environment through reforms and renovation and (iv) providing for an advisory mechanism of eminent peers in academia.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Odisha in the Sixty-eighth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

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CHAPTER I  
PRELIMINARY

- Short title and commencement      1. (1) This Act may be called the Odisha State Higher Education Council Act, 2017.  
(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- Applicability      2. This Act shall apply to all institutions imparting higher education, the University education, the Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate level education and to all research Institutions under the control of the State Government.
- Definitions      3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
- (a) "Affiliation" together with its grammatical variations, includes, in relation to a college, recognition of such College or Institution by a University or association of such college or Institution with a University or admission of such College or Institution to the privileges of a University;
  - (b) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Council;
  - (c) "College" means any Higher Educational Institution affiliated to a University;
  - (d) "Council" means the Odisha State Council for Higher Education;
  - (e) "Degree" means an award, granted by a University or Institution empowered by or under law to do so, certifying that the recipient has successfully completed a course of study;
  - (f) "Government" means the Government of Odisha;
  - (g) "Higher education" means such education, imparted by means of conducting regular classes or through distance education systems, beyond twelve years of schooling leading to the award of a degree or diploma;
  - (h) "Member" means a Member of the Council and includes its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;
  - (i) "State University" means a University in Odisha, or constituent units thereto, promoted and maintained, either directly or indirectly, by the Government, and established or incorporated by or under the State Act;
  - (j) "University" means a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act and includes an Institution deemed to be a University;
  - (k) "Vice-Chairman" means the Vice-Chairman of the Council; and
  - (l) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Chief Executive of a State University.



CHAPTER II  
ODISHA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Establishment  
of Odisha  
State Higher  
Education  
Council and  
its  
composition.

4.(1) There shall be established a Council by the name "the Odisha State Higher Education Council" to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to it, under this Act.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to contract, and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

(3) The headquarters of the Council shall be at Bhubaneswar.

(4) The Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) a Chairperson, who is the Minister in charge of Higher Education;
- (b) a Vice-Chairperson, who is or has been an Administrator with proven academic record and in the rank of a Professor and shall be appointed by the Government in the manner provided in sub-section (5);
- (c) fifteen other members, out of whom three shall be Vice-Chancellors of different Universities of the State to be nominated by the Government, two Principals of Autonomous Colleges to be nominated by the Government, one nominee of the Government of India, two eminent scientists or experts in Social Science and seven persons who have special knowledge in the field of arts, science and technology, culture, civil society or industry and are persons of eminence, ability and integrity to be nominated by the Government, and
- (d) a Member-Secretary.

(5) Selection of Member Secretary and Vice-Chairperson shall be done through a Search Committee to be appointed by the Government for the purpose.

(6) A Search Committee referred to in sub-section(5) shall consist of three members with the Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary as the Chairperson, a retired Vice-Chancellor or a retired Chief Secretary as member and Secretary in charge of Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha as member convener.

Terms of office  
and conditions  
of service of  
Chairperson  
and Members.

5.(1) The Chairperson and every Member shall hold office for such period not exceeding six years, as may be specified by the Government in this behalf:

Provided that the Members other than the Chairperson shall cease to hold office on attaining the age of seventy years.

(2) A Member may, by writing under his hand, addressed to the Government, resign from the office of Member at any time.

(3) The Government may remove a person from the office of Member, if that person,—

(a) becomes an un-discharged insolvent; or

(b) has engaged himself, at any time during his term of office, in any paid employment outside the duties of his office; or

(c) has become physically or mentally incapable of officiating as member; or

(d) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or

(e) is convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the Government, involves moral turpitude; or

(f) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially the exercise of his functions; or

(g) has so abused his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the public interest; or

(h) has been guilty of proved misbehaviour; or

(i) has, in the opinion of the Government, so abused the position of Member as to render that persons continuance in office is detrimental to the interest of public.

Provided that no person shall be removed under this clause until that person is given an opportunity of being heard in the matter.

(4) A vacancy caused under sub-section (3) or otherwise shall be filled afresh and the Government shall, to the extent possible, initiate the process of filling of any vacancy due to arise before a period of six months from the date of arising of such vacancy.

(5) The salaries and allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of service of, the Chairpersons and Members, shall be such, as may be determined by the Government, from time to time.



Officers and other employees of the Council

6. (1) The Government shall provide the Council with such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the Council under this Act.

(2) The salaries and allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of service of, the officers and other employee appointed for the Council, shall be such, as may be determined by the Government, from time to time.

Vacancies, etc., not to invalidate the proceedings of the Council.

7. No act or proceedings of the Council shall be questioned or shall be invalid on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Council.

Procedure to be regulated by the Council

8. (1) The Council shall meet as and when necessary at such time and place as the Chairperson may think fit.

(2) The Council shall regulate its own procedure for the conduct of its business and the exercise of its powers and functions under this Act.

(3) All orders and decisions of the Council shall be authenticated by the Chairperson or any other officer of the Council duly authorised by the Chairperson in this behalf.

### CHAPTER III

#### POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Powers and functions of the Council.

9. The Council shall perform all or any of the following functions, namely:-

(i) Strategy and Planning:

- (a) prepare the State Higher Education Plan (Perspective Plan, Annual Plan and Budget Plan) ;
- (b) provide state institutions input for creating their Plans for implementation; and
- (c) co-ordinate between apex bodies, regulatory institutions and the Government.

(ii) Monitoring and Evaluation:

- (a) monitor the implementation of State Higher Education Plan;
- (b) evaluate State institutions on the basis of norms and key performance index(KPI) developed under Rashtriya Uchchatar

Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) and the Council may, for its own use, develop additional norms as it may think fit.

- (c) create and maintain the management information systems;
- (d) compile and maintain periodic statistics at state and institutional level;
- (e) up-date details containing every information for easy and wider access to the persons of interest through its own website;
- (f) specify norms and mechanisms to measure the productivity of research programmes funded by the Council ; and
- (g) develop mechanisms for social audit of the processes in the Council and obtain public feedback on its performance and achievements.

(iii) Quality assurance and academic functions:

- (a) specify norms and mechanisms to enhance the quality of faculty ;
- (b) specify norms and mechanisms to enhance quality of examination;
- (c) specify norms and mechanisms to give approval for setting up new institutions/colleges;
- (d) promote and protect the autonomy of higher educational institutions for the free pursuit of knowledge and innovation, and for facilitating access, inclusion and opportunities to all, and providing for comprehensive and holistic growth of higher education and research in a competitive global environment, through reforms and innovation ;
- (e) specify norms and standards for grant of authorization, to a University or a higher educational Institution empowered, by or under law, to award any degree or diploma, to commence its first academic operations and it should be within the available structure of the Institutions in shape of infrastructure and manpower ;
- (f) develop from time to time, a national curriculum framework with specific reference to new or emerging or inter-



disciplinary fields of knowledge and to provide a vision and guide Universities and Colleges in recognizing and revising course curricula ;

- (g) specify norms and mechanisms to maintain quality of curriculum ;
- (h) specify requirements of academic quality for the award of any degree or diploma in any field of higher education and research;
- (i) specify norms of academic quality for accreditation and benchmarking of higher educational Institutions ;
- (j) specify norms and processes for establishment and winding up of a University or College ;
- (k) specify norms of academic quality for a University to affiliate Colleges;
- (l) encourage joint and cross-disciplinary programmes between and amongst Universities and other higher educational Institutions ;
- (m) promote synergy of research in Universities and Colleges with research in other agencies or laboratories ;
- (n) specify norms and mechanisms for transparent, efficient and accountable governance in Universities, Colleges and other higher educational Institutions ;
- (o) promote use of technology in learning, especially deployment of ICT (Information and Communications Technology ) tools ;
- (p) encourage, through the creation of an enabling environment, Universities to become self-regulatory bodies for the maintenance of academic quality in higher education and research and in Colleges affiliated to it ;
- (q) develop policies and processes that would create an enabling environment for eligible youth to take up teaching and research as occupation and career;
- (r) develop policies and processes that would enable qualitative and meaningful interaction between students and teachers in higher educational Institutions ; and

- (s) undertake research to assess future knowledge manpower requirements, both in the short-term and in the long-term, in different fields of knowledge for meeting the needs of the economy.

(iv) Advisory functions:

- (a) advise the State Government on strategic investments in higher education ;
- (b) advise Universities on statute and ordinance formulation ;
- (c) advise on matters of regulation of existing private Institutions and permission to new ones ;
- (d) advise on Open and Distance Education strategies ; and
- (e) advise, when called upon to do so, by the Central Government and the State Government, as the case may be, on policies relating to higher education and research in any field of knowledge therein.

(v) Funding Function:

- (a) determine the methodology for timely transfer of State's share of funds to Institutions ;
- (b) disburse funds to State Universities and Colleges on the basis of the State Higher Education Plan and transparent norms ; and
- (c) specify sources, norms and mechanisms for financing higher educational Institutions.



## CHAPTER IV

## FINANCE, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Fund  
of the  
Council.

10. (1) The Council shall have its own Fund and all sums which may, from time to time, be paid to it by the Government or Central Government, as the case may be, and all other receipts of the Council shall be carried to the Fund and all payments by the Council shall be made therefrom.

(2) The Council may spend such sums as it thinks fit for performing its functions under this Act, and such sums shall be treated as expenditure payable out of the Fund of the Council.

Grants  
by the State  
Government

11. The Government shall, after due appropriation made by the State Legislature by law in this behalf, pay to the Council by way of grants such sums of money as the State Government may think fit for being utilised for the purpose of this Act.

Annual financial  
statement on  
higher education  
and research.

12. (1) The Council shall, in respect of each financial year, provide to the Government a statement of the estimated expenditure on development of higher education and research for that year, referred to as the "annual financial statement on higher education and research" comprising the "annual financial support plan for higher education" and the "annual financial support plan for research" for that year.

(2) The estimates of expenditure on development of higher education and research under sub-section (1) shall be based on norms, principles and criteria as may be specified by the Government, from time to time.

(3) The Council shall provide that part of the estimated expenditure planned to be appropriated towards research, along with an explanatory memorandum on the research programmes proposed to be funded and an assessment of the productivity of research programmes funded in the past five years.

(4) The assessment of the productivity of research programmes under sub-section (3) shall be based on norms as may be specified by the Government, from time to time.

(5) The Government shall cause the annual report on higher education and research, with such modifications as it may recommend, to be laid before the State Legislature.

Annual  
funding  
support plan  
for higher  
education

13 (1) The Council shall, by regulations, establish principles, norms and criteria that would govern the block grants to be provided by it to support Universities and other higher educational Institutions for their general development and maintenance.

(2) The Council shall, in respect of each financial year on the basis of grants provided, prepare "annual funding support plan for higher education" detailing the Universities and other higher educational Institutions proposed to be supported and the grants proposed in respect of each University and other higher educational Institution, along with an explanatory memorandum specifying the reasons thereto.

(3) The annual financial support plan for higher education as soon as may be after it is made, be published on the website of the Council and laid

before the State Legislature.

Annual account  
of the Council

14 (1) The annual accounts of the Council shall be maintained in such form as may be specified in this behalf by the Government.

(2) The annual accounts for each financial year shall be closed by the 30th June of the succeeding year.

(3) The account shall be subject to audit by the chartered accountant firm, selected for the purpose by the Government.

(4) The audited account along with the report of the auditor shall be placed before the Council by the 30th September for approval.

Annual Report  
of the Council

15 (1) Annual report comprising the activities of the Council relating to the preceding year shall be prepared by the Council and shall be submitted to the Government by the 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year.

(2) The audited account and report of the auditor shall form part of the Annual Report.

(3) The Government shall cause the Annual Report of the Council to be laid before the State Legislature.

(4) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India shall have the right of access with the books of Accounts of the Council.



CHAPTER V  
MISCELLANEOUS

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members, Officers and other employees of the Council to be public servant

16. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members, Officers and other employees of the Council shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

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Protection of action taken in good faith.

17. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members, Officers and other employees of the Council for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

Power to remove difficulties.

18. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by order published in the Odisha Gazette, make provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as appear to it to be necessary or expedient, for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before the State Legislature.

Repeal and savings

19. (1) The Odisha State Higher Education Council Ordinance, 2017 is hereby repealed.

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(2) Notwithstanding the repeal under sub-section (1), anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance so repealed shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

By Order of the Governor  
B.P.ROUTRAY  
Principal Secretary to Government



**CHAPTER - III**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**DISCIPLINE**

**A. Rules Quoted from The Odisha Education Code and University Students.**  
**( Article 106 (iv) of the Odisha Education Code)**

1. In case of concerted absence without leave on the part of student on or before the third day to such absence the names of such absentees will be struck of the college rolls. Students on such occasion will not be re-admitted except under the usual rule of admission unless they bring sufficient excuse in writing signed or countersigned by their parents or authorised guardians and may be excused at the discretion of the Principal. The decision as to the sufficiency of the cause will lie with the Principal.
2. A student who is rusticated or expelled or whose name is removed from the college rolls shall leave the college irrespective of his having paid the college fees in advance or not. Such fees paid in advance shall be forfeited to the college. If such a student does not leave the college by the date he / she is required to do so he / she shall be liable to pay such penalties or surcharge as the principal may direct for each day of his overstay in violation of the order and shall also be subject to any lawful course of action including reasonable amount of physical force as may be necessary by the principal for enforcing his compulsory removal from the college.

**ATTENDANCE AT POLITICAL MEETING : (Article 114 of the Odisha Education Code)**

3. No permission is required for college students (other than boarders) to attend political meetings but they should so conduct themselves as not to bring themselves into undesirable prominence and they must not take any active part in the proceedings. It is to be borne in mind however that the college exists for the purpose of education, and politics, in college should always be dealt with in a scholarly way in the form of lectures and thoughtful address. The principal may however, prohibit all students from attending a political meeting if he apprehends a breach of peace or communal feelings will be aroused.
4. **OTHER MEETING : (Article 115 of Odisha Education Code)**  
The Principal in consultation with the Chairman of the Governing body of the college may prohibit students from attendance at any meeting which they jointly deem unsuitable or unnecessary.
5. **MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE CLUB ETC. (Article 116 of the Odisha Education code)**  
Any student on rolls of Government College, who wishes to join any Club or Society outside the college which has not been approved by the Government must obtain the

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approval of the principal before doing so. Breach of this rule will be regarded as a serious offence. Permission will ordinarily be granted by the principal on presentation of written request duly signed by student's father or natural guardian.

**6. CLUBS IN GOVERNMENT COLLEGE : (Article 117 of Odisha Education code)**

No club or society should be started or maintained in any Government College without the approval of the principal nor shall it be affiliated to any out side body. It is permissible for societies to be formed for the quiet, and scholarly discussions on current political problems but meetings of such societies must be open to all members of the college & the Members of the staff may act as office bearers of the societies if invited by the students to do so and will always do all they can for the interest of the clubs of all kinds. No person who is not at the time a member of the college can be a member of any such club or society or address such a meeting on the invitation of a person duly authorised by the principal.

**7. Permission to sit in the examination :**

a) No candidate shall be permitted to sit for C.H.S.E. Examination unless the annual term certificate of attendance, conduct and progress of the order of exemption granted to him have been received by the controller before the commencement of the Examination.

b) The grant of the annual term certificate shall be subject to adherence to the following conditions.

i) The certificate shall not be granted to a student who has secured not less than three fourth of attendance prescribed by the college in course of instruction during the year in the college.

ii) The certificate shall not be granted unless the student has completed the course of instruction to the satisfaction of the authority of the college and his progress and conduct have been satisfactory.

iii) As per Govt. order in order to be sent up to appear Annual H.S. Examination, a student must secure at least 20% marks in each subject in the test examination.

**B. GENERAL COLLEGE RULES :**

**1. Undertaking :**

A student seeking admission is required to apply in the prescribed form within the date specified for the purpose. As per govt. order at the time of admission the parents and the students are to give an undertaking in the prescribed proforma that they shall not resort to any ragging activities inside or outside in the college premises. Now, ragging is a cognizable offence.



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**Note :** This is only a summary of the common rules and is by no means exhaustive. Before he is admitted into the college he and his guardian shall have to sign an undertaking in the form to the effect that the student shall abide by the rules of the college.

**2. Address :**

Every student must register in the college office the address in which he lives. Any subsequent change of address must be intimated to the proctor in writing immediately.

**3. When a match is to be played away from Rourkela members of team and students who wish to accompany the team must obtain the permission of leave of absence from the principal.**

**4. Discipline :**

Some general instructions to students.

- i) Students can meet the principal during the notified visiting hours regarding their grievances.
- ii) (a) Spitting on the walls, floors, pillars or doors of the college are strictly prohibited.
- b) Students are forbidden to loiter in the Verandah when they have no classes to attend. They should remain in the common room or reading Room & should not stand at the gates.
- c) Students are warned not to handle bicycle or other vehicles which, are not their own property.
- d) Misbehaviour of college students during games and sports will be regarded as a breach of college discipline.
- e) Students are forbidden to leave the hall or room in the midst of any of the college meetings.
- f) Students should invariably stand in a queue while waiting near the office for depositing their tuition fee or for any other purpose.
- g) Students are warned not to tamper with or damage any electrical or sanitary fittings.
- h) Scribbling, pasting, placards, posters and other papers or other wise disfiguring college walls or paths are strictly prohibited.
- i) Students should not ordinarily enter the college office.
- j) All students should come to college in proper uniform as per the dress code mention below :

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I	For +2 Students (Boys)	Black terricot trousers, light blue colour full sleeve shirt and Black Tie with black socks & shoes
	For +2 Students (Girls)	Black Salwar, light blue colour kurta and black dupatta with black half & shoes.
II	For +3 Students (Boys)	Black terricot trousers, biscuit (Champa) colour full sleeve shirt and Black Tie with black socks & shoes
	For +3 Students (Girls)	Black Salwar, biscuit (Champa) colour Kurta and Black doppatta with black half and shoes
III	For P.G. Students (Boys)	Black terricot trousers, pink colour full sleeve shirt and black tie with black socks & shoes
	For P.G. Students (Girls)	Black Salwar, Pink colour Kurta and black duppatta with black half & shoes.

N. B. : Jeans for boys and Leggines & Chudidar for girls, are strictly prohibited.

**AUTONOMOUS EXAMINATION RULES FOR +3 (Three year Degree Course)**

**i) Regulation for +3 Arts, Science and Commerce Examinations**

**(Three year Degree Course) Under Semester Pattern effective from 2008-19.**

1. The three year degree course leading to the Bachelor's Degree in Arts / Science / Commerce shall be of six semesters spreading over a period of three academic years (each semester having six month duration). A candidate for the Bachelor's Degree shall be required to pass six semester examinations (Semester-1 to Semester -VI)
2. Each academic year shall have two regular semester examinations for a particular batch of students.
3. Filling up of form for each Semester is mandatory. A candidate not filling up the form for any of the term - end Examination will be deemed to have discontinued pursuing the course. This implies that taking the Internal Assessment Examination only during the academic session but not filling up the form for Semester End Examination does not qualify the candidate for continuing further courses of study.

**PASS MARKS AND CLASSIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES :**

1. Aggregate mark for passing the degree examination shall be the sum total of the aggregate of First/Second/Third/Fourth/Fifth/Sixth Semester examinations taken together.

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2. **Class will be awarded on the following basis.**

**Pass :** A minimum of 30% in each subject and a minimum of 36% of mark in the aggregate.

**Pass with Distinction :** A minimum of 30% in each Subject and a minimum of 50% of marks in the aggregate.

**Pass without Honours :** A minimum of 30% in each subject and a minimum 36% in aggregate in subjects other than Honours and less than 45% but not less than 36% in Honours subject.

**Second Class Honours :** A minimum of 30% in each subject and minimum of 36% in aggregate and minimum of 45% marks or more but less than 60% in Honours subject.

**Second Class Honours with Distinction :** In addition to Second Class Honours a minimum of 50% marks secured in subjects other than Honours in first appearance.

**First Class Honours :** A minimum of 30% in each subject and a minimum of 36% in aggregate and minimum of 60% or more in Honours.

**First Class Honours with Distinction :** In addition to First Class Honours a minimum of 50% mark secured in subjects other than Honours in first appearance.

In order to pass in practical papers a candidate has to secure minimum of 40% marks separately in each practical paper. Distinction shall not be awarded to candidate having taken back examination (s).

3. In each of the above examination for subjects having practical, a candidate, in order to secure Honours, must have secure a minimum of 45% of marks in theory papers (s) taken together and minimum of 45% marks in practical paper(s) taken together in Honours subject.
4. A Candidate shall have to appear two internal Assessment / Mid Semester before each Semester Examination from the coming Academic Session i.e. from 2016-17 onwards and the average of the two internal marks will be taken into consideration for calculation.
5. Filling up of form for each Semester is mandatory. A candidate not filling in the form for any of the Term end Examination will be deemed to have discontinued pursuing the course. This implies that taking the Internal Assessment only during the academic session but not filling in the form for Semester end Examination does not qualify the candidate for continuing further courses of study.
6. a) If a candidate is marked absent in any sitting(s) of an examination, such a candidate shall have to reappear in that paper(s)/subject(s) in order that his/her results are declared.

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- b) A candidate failing to secure a minimum of 30% in pass subject and / or a minimum of 40% in each practical paper either in the First/Second/Third/Fourth/Fifth/Sixth examination of this College may be allowed to take back examination. A candidate shall be eligible to take back examination in a Pass/Honours subject only after consideration of results of all the papers in that subject. If a candidate fails in a subject (s) he / she shall take back examination (on payment of prescribed fees) in the paper(s) of the subject (s) concerned in which he/she has failed. Back examination, however can be taken for not more than two chances immediately following that Semester examination in the Final paper of the subject in which the candidate has failed in the first instance.

However, if a candidate who has not cleared an examination may, at his option, appear in all the papers of that examination under the following conditions.

- i) Mark secured by the candidate in that examination earlier stand cancelled.
  - ii) After exercising the option to appear in all papers of an examination, if a candidate fails to clear that examination, he/she will be required to appear in all the papers of that examination in a subsequent chance, within 5 years of first registration for First Degree Examination.
- c) If a candidate has appeared in back papers in the first chance and in all the papers in the second chance and also has failed, such a candidate can appear at that examination (in all the papers) under new course only within 5 years of 1st registration to First Degree examination.
- d) If the candidate fails to secure the pass marks in the aggregate, he/she may reappear in one or more subjects/paper(s) of his choice from either the First/Second/Third/Fourth/Fifth/Sixth Semester Examinations to make up the deficiency. This chance shall be available to a candidate in maximum two subsequent chances (examination) only following the final examination in which he/she was first registered but within 5 years of first registration to First Degree Examination.
- e) i) Candidate who have been duly admitted to B.A./B.Sc./B. Com (Honours) (3 year Degree Course) Examination of the College and have obtained only a Second Class (honours or passed without Honours) can appear at any examination (s) for the Honours papers only of his/her choice to improve their results within two subsequent chances (Examination) on application submitted to the Principal of the College. The higher of the marks in paper shall be taken into consideration for determining their results and divisions. However, distinctions if earned by the candidate shall not be affected by improvement examination under the clause.
- ii. Provided that a candidate shall be allowed to improve his performance in theory papers only once within two years after passing the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com (Three year Degree course) examination of the College on application submitted to the Principal.

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- iii) A candidate who wishes to improve performance in Hons. Shall be required to fill in application forms and pay the requisite fees accordingly.
  - iv) Collegiate candidates taking this advantage be treated as regular candidates and will be examined on the basis of current syllabus.
  - v) The expression, "Subject" shall include all the papers comprised in the subject.
  - vi) Provided further that in no case a candidate shall be allowed to appear any examination after 5 years of the registration to First Degree Examination.
- 1. Mode of Examination and Duration of Paper.**
- a) The examination in Arts/Science/Commerce shall be conducted by means of written papers.
  - b) There shall be one sessional examinations of 45 minutes duration in each Elective, Pass and Honours theory papers in every semester. The Sessional component shall carry 20% of the total marks in the corresponding theory paper.  
However, there will be no sessional examination in compulsory Subjects, if candidates fails to appear in the sessional exams, he/she shall be awarded zero as against the sessional component of the corresponding theory paper and shall be allowed to take the respective semester examination.
  - c) The duration of examination for each theory paper carrying 50 marks shall be two hours and for each theory paper carrying 60 or above marks, shall be three hours.
- 2.** A candidate shall be required to attend 75% of the lectures in each subject during each semester and condonation in exceptional cases may be granted by the college to the extent of 15%.
- 3.** A candidate taking Honours course initially in a subject may choose in writing to drop the Honours course and adopt the Pass course in the same subject at the time of submitting his/her application for the First Semester Examination of earlier and he/she then appear all examinations as a Pass candidate in the concerned subject.
- 4.** Result shall be separately published for candidates of Pass and Honours in each stream of Arts, Science and Commerce.
- 5.** After the declaration of final results of the 3 years Degree course each successful candidates shall receive a Diploma in prescribed format with the seal and signature of Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University.
- 6. Complaints by Candidates :** A candidate seeking readdition of his/her marks in a course shall be allowed to do so by submitting an application in writing to the controller alongwith a fee within 30 days of publication of results alongwith a fee Rs. 100/- per subject. All such cases/complaints, if any, shall be disposed of by the Academic Council of a fixed day after making necessary corrections, if any which shall be reflected in the marksheet. The decision of the committee shall be final and binding.

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**PROVISIONAL REGULATION FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCE  
/ EXAMINATIONS (TWO - YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE COURSE  
(Effective for students admitted to first year Post Graduate Course  
during 2016-17 and onwards.**

- I. **DEGREE AND DURATION :**
  - i) The Master's Degree in Arts, Science and Commerce of Govt. Autonomous College, Rourkela (hereafter referred to as the College) shall spread over a period of two years.
  - ii) A candidate for the Master's Degree in Arts/Science shall be required to pass the following examinations.
    - a) P.G. Part-I (or MA/M.Sc. Part-I) -I/II Semester
    - b) P.G. Part-II (or MA/ MSc. Part - II) III/IV Semester
  - iii) A candidate shall be eligible to appear the (Part-II) - III/IV Semester examination only if he/she has registered (Filled up form) for appearing at the Part-I (I / II Semester) Exam respectively.
2. **MODE OF EXAMINATION**
  - A) A candidate for Post-Graduate (M.Sc./MA) Degree may be examined in any one of the subjects and as per the syllabi approved by the Academic Council from time to time.
  - B) In each subject a candidate shall have to appear in 08/10 (ten) papers, each carrying 100 marks.
  - C) The theory as well as practical papers shall be of 100 marks each. The duration of examination in a theory paper shall be 4 hours and that of the practical paper 6 hours.
3. **RESULTS AND ITS IMPROVEMENT**
  - 3.1
    - a) A candidate, in order to pass a PG course :
      - i) Must obtain not less than 30% in each theory paper in each part separately, and
      - ii) Must obtain not less than 36% aggregate marks in theory papers in each part separately, and not less than 40% aggregate marks in each practical paper separately.
    - b) If a candidate is absent in any paper of the examination such a candidate shall have to reappear in the paper(s) concerned in order that his/her final result are decalred.
    - c) The Seminar, Project Report, Dissertation, Field report etc. shall be considered as practical papers for PG Examination (Vide letter No. 10405 dt. 22.07.2000 of Sambalpur University)
  - 3.2 The Class in which a candidate shall be placed in his/her results of MA/M.Sc. Examination shall be based on the sum total of the marks secured by him/her in Part-I (I/II Semester) and Part - II (III/IV Semester) examinations.
  - 3.3 A candidate declared to have passed the MA/M.Sc Examination, a candidate shall be placed in : First Class if he secure 60% of the aggregate marks. Second Class if he secures

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