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**B.Des. Degree Programme**



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**B.DES  
(INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE)**

**REGULATIONS - 2017****B.DES (INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE)****1.0 PRELIMINARY DEFINITIONS & NOMENCLATURE**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i) **"Programme"** means B.Des (Interior Architecture) degree Programme
- ii) **"Branch"** means specialization or discipline of B.Tech. Degree Programme like Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, etc.,
- iii) **"Course"** means a theory or studio or theory cum studio that is normally studied in a semester, like theory of design, History of Interior Architecture, Interior Design Studio, etc.
- iv) **"Institution"** means B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology.
- v) **"Dean (Academic Affairs)"** means the Dean (Academic Affairs) of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology.
- vi) **"Dean (Student Affairs)"** means the Dean (Students Affairs) of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology.
- vii) **"Controller of Examinations"** means the Controller of Examination of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, who is responsible for conduct of examinations and declaration of results.

**2.0 ADMISSION**

- 2.1** A candidate admitted to 1st semester of eight semester B.Des (Interior Architecture) degree programme shall be required to have passed the higher secondary examination of (10+2) curriculum (Academic Stream) with a minimum overall aggregate of 50% marks in any stream or A pass in the 10+3 Diploma in "Civil" or "Architectural Assistantship" recognized by the Central or State Government with a minimum overall aggregate of 50% marks.
- 2.2** Notwithstanding the qualifying examination the candidate might have passed with a minimum of 60% marks, the candidate shall also write an entrance examination prescribed by the Institution for admission.
- 2.3** The eligibility criteria such as marks, number of attempts and physical fitness shall be as prescribed by the Institution from time to time.

### 3 STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 The curriculum structure of B.Des (Interior Architecture) Degree programme shall consist of:

- i. "Theory" courses
  - Theory & Elective courses
- ii. "Theory cum studio" courses
  - Allied Design Studio
  - Art Studio
  - Integrated Design Studio
- iii. "Studio" courses
  - Basic Design Studio
  - Interior Design Studio
  - Interior Architectural Thesis

3.2 Every semester curriculum shall normally have a blend of theory, theory cum studio and studio courses.

3.3 Theory courses shall carry one credit per lecture period per week and studio courses carry one credit per two/three periods. Practical Training of one semester shall carry 10 credits.

All theory courses will be evaluated through the continuous assessment and semester end examinations. Theory cum studio & Studio courses will be evaluated through continuous assessments and Semester end Viva-voce Examinations.

3.4 For the award of the degree, students should have earned all credits mentioned in the curriculum.

### 4 DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

4.1 Each semester shall normally consist of 90 working days or 540 periods.

4.2 The 4 years B.Des (Interior Architecture) Degree programme is conducted in two stages.

The First stage	The first three academic years or 6 semesters of institutional academic studies.
The Second stage	The next one academic year or 2 semesters including one semester of professional training

	during seventh semester
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**4.3** A student is expected to complete the B.Des (Interior Architecture) programme in eight semesters (**Four Academic Years**) but in any case not more than fourteen semesters (**Seven Academic Years**) including branch of study.

## **5 CLASS ADVISOR AND FACULTY ADVISOR**

### **5.1 CLASS ADVISOR**

A faculty member will be nominated by the HOD as Class Advisor for the class throughout the period of study except first year.

The Class Advisor shall be responsible for maintaining the academic, curricular and co-curricular records of students of the class throughout their period of study.

### **5.2 FACULTY ADVISOR**

To help the students in planning their courses of study and for general counseling, the Head of the Department of the students will attach a maximum of 20 students to a faculty member of the department who shall function as faculty advisor for the students throughout their period of study. Such faculty advisor shall guide the students in taking up the elective courses for registration and enrolment in every semester and also offer advice to the students on academic and related personal matters.

### **6.0 COURSE COMMITTEE**

Any course commonly offered to more than one discipline or group, shall have a "Course Committee", comprising all the faculty members teaching the common course with one among them nominated as Course Coordinator. The nomination of the course coordinator shall be made by the Head of the Department / Dean (Academic Affairs), depending on whether all the faculty members teaching the common course belong to the same department or different departments.

### **7.0 CLASS COMMITTEE**

A class committee comprising faculty members handling the classes, student representatives and a senior faculty member not handling the courses as chairman will be constituted branch-wise and semester-wise

**7.1** The composition of the class committee will be as follows:

- i. One senior faculty member preferably not handling courses for the

concerned semester, appointed as chairman by the Head of the Department

- ii. Faculty members of all courses of the semester
- iii. Six student representatives (male and female) of each class nominated by the Head of the Department in consultation with the relevant faculty advisors
- iv. All faculty advisors and the class advisors.
- v. Head of the Department

**7.2** The class committee shall meet at least four times during the semester. The first meeting will be held within two weeks from the date of commencement of classes, in which the nature of continuous assessment for various courses and the weightages for each component of assessment will be decided for the first and second assessment. The second meeting will be held within a week after the date of first assessment report, to review the students' performance and for follow up action. The third meeting will be held within a week after the second assessment report, to review the students' performance and for follow up action.

**7.3** During these three meetings the student members representing the entire class, shall meaningfully interact and express opinions and suggestions to improve the effectiveness of the teaching-learning process.

**7.4** The fourth meeting of the class committee, excluding the student members, shall meet within 5 days from the last day of the semester end examination to analyze the performance of the students in all the components of assessments and decide their grades in each course. The grades for a common course shall be decided by the concerned course committee and shall be presented to the class committee(s) by the concerned course coordinator.

## **8.0 REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT**

**8.1** Except for the first semester, every student shall register for the ensuing semester during a specified week before the semester end examination of the ongoing semester. Every student shall submit a completed registration form indicating the list of courses intended to be enrolled during the ensuing semester. Late registration with the approval of the Dean (Academic Affairs) along with a late fee will be permitted up to the last working day of the current semester.

**8.2** From the second year onwards, all students shall pay the prescribed fees for the

year on a specific day at the beginning of the semester confirming the registered courses. Late enrolment along with a late fee will be permitted up to two weeks from the date of commencement of classes. If a student does not enroll, his/her name will be removed from rolls.

- 8.3** The students of first semester shall register and enroll at the time of admission by paying the prescribed fees.
- 8.4** A student should have registered for all preceding semesters before registering for a particular semester.

## **9.0 CHANGE/WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSE**

### **9.1 Change of a Course**

A student can change an enrolled course within 10 working days from the commencement of the course, with the approval of the Dean (Academic Affairs), on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of the student.

### **9.2 Withdrawal from a Course**

A student can withdraw from an enrolled course at any time before the first assessment for genuine reasons, with the approval of the Dean (Academic Affairs), on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of the student.

## **10.0 TEMPORARY BREAK OF STUDY FROM A PROGRAMME**

A student can avail a one-time temporary break of study covering the current semester and/or next semester period with the approval of the Head of the Institution at any time before the start of first assessment of the ongoing semester, within the maximum period of 14 semesters as the case may be. If any student is debarred for want of attendance or suspended due to any act of indiscipline, it will not be considered as break of study. A student who has availed break of study has to rejoin in the same semester only.

## **11.0 CONDITION FOR ENROLMENT & MOVEMENT TO HIGHER SEMESTER**

### **11.1 A student who has arrears in the studio course-in**

- I semester cannot move to the III semester
- II semester cannot move to the IV semester
- III semester cannot move to the V semester
- IV semester cannot move to the VI semester
- V semester cannot move to the VII semester

- VI semester cannot move to the VIII semester

## **12.0 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND PERCENTAGE WEIGHTAGE OF MARKS**

**12.1** A minimum of two continuous assessments and an semester end examination for Theory and elective courses will be conducted. The weightage for these semester end examinations shall be 50%

and the continuous assessments shall be 50%. The second assessment shall be set in the pattern of semester end examinations, which will have a weightage of 25%. The other assessment will carry 25% weightage, which may be in the form of assignments, seminars, skill development, etc.

**12.2** Assessment for Theory cum studio and Studio subjects shall have 70% weightage for continuous assessments and 30% weightage for semester end examination in the form of viva-voce by an external examiner proposed by the Dean.

### **12.3 Practical Training:**

- Every student shall undergo practical training in the VII Semester in a Reputed Design Firm/ Company established over a period of more than 5 years, approved by the Dean.
- Continuous assessment for practical training shall be for a weightage of 50% based on the two periodic reviews by a review committee constituted by the Dean and 50% weightage for the semester end examination in the form of viva-voce by a team consisting of coordinator, external examiners proposed by the Dean appointed by Controller of Examination.

### **12.4 Interior Architectural Thesis:**

- Every student shall undertake a project on a topic approved by the Review Committee. The Review Committee shall comprise of the Dean, Supervisor of the project and two External members appointed by the Dean in the beginning of the semester. The progress of the student in the project shall be reviewed by the review committee at least three times during the semester for a weightage of 70%.
- The student shall submit the thesis at the end of the VIII semester. The evaluation of the Project work will be based on the thesis and viva-voce



examination by a team consisting of the supervisor concerned, external examiner nominated by the Dean and appointed by the Controller of Examinations. Viva-voce examinations shall carry a weightage of 30%.

#### 12.5 Weightage of Marks for continuous assessment and semester-end examination

Sl. No.	Courses	Weightage of Continuous Assessment	Weightage for Semester End Examination
1.	Theory and Elective courses	50%	50%
2.	Theory cum Studio courses	70%	30%
3.	Studio Courses	70%	30%
4.	Practical Training	50%	50%
5.	Interior Architectural Thesis	70%	30%

**12.6** For the Theory cum studio & Studio courses, Interior Architectural thesis, Practical Training a minimum of 45% marks in continuous assessment is mandatory, without which the student will not be eligible to appear for the semester end viva voce.

**12.7** In all courses a student has to secure a minimum of 45% marks in Semester End Examination/viva voce and a minimum of 45% marks in continuous assessment and semester end examination/viva voce put together.

**12.8** If a student fails to secure a minimum 45% mark in the continuous assessment in the studio course - he/she shall improve the internal assessment by resubmitting the improved drawings during the subsequent semester to obtain a minimum 45% mark in the continuous assessment and appear for viva voce examination. Securing 45% in internals is a mandate to appear for External viva voce Examination.

**12.9** If a student fails to secure a minimum 45% marks in the viva voce examinations she/he shall appear for viva voce examination during the subsequent semester.

**12.10** If a student fails to secure a pass in the Practical Training, he/she shall repeat the training during the next year as the case may be until he/she secures a pass.

Otherwise he/she will not be permitted to move to VIII semester.

**12.11** For Interior Architectural thesis, a student who secures less than 45% marks in the continuous assessment shall not be permitted to submit the thesis and take the Viva Voce Examinations at the end of the Semester. He/she shall redo the thesis with the same topic or in a different topic in the subsequent semester and secure fresh internal assessment marks.

**12.12** If a student fails to secure a pass in the Interior Architectural thesis, having obtained not less than 45% of the total marks prescribed for the continuous assessment but less than 45% of the total marks prescribed for the Viva Voce Examinations, he/she shall improve the thesis on the same topic and resubmit the thesis at the end of the subsequent semester. In such cases, the continuous internal assessment marks already secured by the candidate shall remain valid. The resubmitted thesis shall be assessed through a viva voce examination as in the case of a regular candidate.

**12.13** If a candidate wishes to change the topic of Interior architectural thesis in case of a failure or in the case of prevention, he/she shall join the course when in session next, get the topic approved, secure fresh internal assessment marks and submit the new thesis as in the case of a regular candidate.

### **13.0 SUBSTITUTE EXAMINATIONS**

**13.1** A student who has missed, for genuine reasons, a maximum of one of the two continuous assessments of a course may be permitted to write a substitute examination paying the prescribed substitute examination fees. However, permission to take up a substitute examination will be given under exceptional circumstances, such as accidents, admission to a hospital due to illness, etc. by a committee constituted by the Dean of School for that purpose. However there is no Substitute Examination for Semester End examination.

**13.2** A student who misses any continuous assessment test in a course shall apply for substitute exam in the prescribed form to the Head of the Department / Dean of School within a week from the date of missed assessment test. However the Substitute Examination will be conducted after the last working day of the semester and before Semester End Examination.

### **14.0 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT AND SEMESTER / COURSE REPETITION**

**14.1** A student shall earn 100% attendance in the contact periods of every course, subject to a maximum relaxation of 25% (for genuine reasons such as medical

grounds or representing the Institution in approved events etc.) to become eligible to appear for the semester-end examination in that course, failing which the student shall be awarded “I” grade in that course. The cases in which the student is awarded “I” grade, shall register and repeat the course when it is offered next.

- 14.2** The faculty member of each course shall cumulate the attendance details for the semester and furnish the names of the students who have not earned the required attendance in that course to the Class Advisor. The Class Advisor will consolidate and furnish the list of students who have earned less than 75% attendance, in various courses, to the Dean (Academic Affairs) through the Head of the Department/ Dean of School. Thereupon, the Dean (Academic Affairs) shall announce, course-wise, the names of such students prevented from writing the semester end examination in each course.
- 14.3** A student should register to re-do a core course wherein “I” or “W” grade is awarded. If the student is awarded, “I” or “W” grade in an elective course either the same elective course may be repeated or a new elective course may be taken with the approval of Head of the Department / Dean of School.
- 14.4** A student who is awarded “U” grade in a course will have the option to either write the semester end arrear examination at the end of the subsequent semesters, or to redo the course in the evening when the course is offered by the department. Marks scored in the continuous assessment during the redo classes shall be considered for grading along with the marks scored in the semester-end (redo) examination. If any student obtained “U” grade in the redo course, the marks scored in the continuous assessment test (redo) for that course will be considered as internal mark for further appearance of arrear examination.
- 14.5** If a student with “U” grade, who prefers to redo any particular course, fails to earn the minimum 75% attendance while doing that course, then he / she will not be permitted to write the semester end examination and his / her earlier “U” grade and continuous assessment marks shall continue.
- 14.6** A student who has obtained ‘I’ grade in all the courses in a semester is not permitted to move to next higher semester. Such student shall repeat all the courses of the semester in the subsequent academic year.

## **15.0 REDO COURSES**

**15.1** A student can register for a maximum of two redo courses per semester in the evening after regular college hours, if such courses are offered by the concerned department. Students may also opt to redo courses offered during regular semesters.

**15.2** The Head of the Department with the approval of Dean Academic Affairs may arrange for the conduct of a few courses during the evening, depending on the availability of faculty members and subject to a specified minimum number of students registering for each of such courses.

**15.3** The number of contact hours and the assessment procedure for any redo course will be the same as those during regular semesters except that there is no provision for any substitute examination and withdrawal from an evening redo course.

## **16.0 PASSING AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS AND GRADE SHEET**

**16.1** All assessments of a course will be made on absolute marks basis. However, the Class Committee without the student members shall meet within 10 days after the semester-end examination and analyze the performance of students in all assessments of a course and award letter grades. The letter grades and the corresponding grade points are as follows:

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Grade Points</b>
S	10
A	9
B	8
C	7
D	6
E	5
U	0
W	0
I	0
AB	0

**"W"** denotes withdrawal from the course.

**"I"** denotes inadequate attendance and hence prevention from semester- end examination

“**U**” denotes unsuccessful performance in the course.

“**AB**” denotes absence for the semester-end examination.

- 16.2** A student who earns a minimum of five grade points (‘E’ grade) in a course is declared to have successfully completed the course. Such a course cannot be repeated by the student for improvement of grade.
- 16.3** The results, after awarding of grades, shall be signed by the Chairman of the Class Committee and Head of the Department/Dean of Schools and the results shall be declared by the Controller of Examinations.
- 16.4** Within one week from the date of declaration of result, a student can apply for revaluation of his / her semester-end theory examination answer scripts of one or more courses, on payment of prescribed fee, through proper application to Controller of Examination. Subsequently the Head of the Department/ Dean of School offered the course shall constitute a revaluation committee consisting of Chairman of the Class Committee as Convener, the faculty member of the course and a senior member of faculty knowledgeable in that course. The committee shall meet within a week to revalue the answer scripts and submit its report to the Controller of Examinations for consideration and decision.
- 16.5** After results are declared, grade sheets shall be issued to each student, which will contain the following details. The list of courses enrolled during the semester including redo courses, if any, and the grade scored, the Grade Point Average (GPA) for the semester and the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of all courses enrolled from first semester onwards. GPA is the ratio of the sum of the products of the number of credits of courses registered and the points corresponding to the grades scored in those courses, taken for all the courses, to the sum of the number of credits of all the courses in the semester.

If  $C_i$ , is the number of credits assigned for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  course and  $GP_i$  is the Grade Point in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  course

$$GPA = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (C_i)(GP_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i}$$

Where  $n$  = number of courses

The Cumulative Grade Point Average CGPA shall be calculated in a similar manner, considering all the courses enrolled from first semester.

“**I**” and “**W**” grades will be excluded for calculating GPA .

"U", "I", "AB" and "W" grades will be excluded for calculating CGPA.

The formula for the conversion of CGPA to equivalent percentage of marks shall be as follows:

Equivalent Percentage of Marks = CGPA X 10

**16.6** After successful completion of the programme, the Degree will be awarded with the following classifications based on CGPA.

Classification	CGPA
First Class with Distinction	8.50 and above passing all the courses in first appearance and completing the programme within the Prescribed period of 8 semester for normal entry and 6 semesters for lateral entry
First Class	6.50 and above and completing the programme within a maximum of 10 semester for normal entry and 8 semesters for lateral entry
Second Class	Others

However, to be eligible for First Class with Distinction, a student should not have obtained 'U' or 'I' grade in any course during his/her study and should have completed the U.G. programme within a minimum period (except break of study). To be eligible for First Class, a student should have passed the examination in all the courses within the specified minimum number of semesters reckoned from his/her commencement of study. For this purpose, the authorized break of study will not be counted. The students who do not satisfy the above two conditions will be classified as second class. For the purpose of classification, the CGPA will be rounded to two decimal places. For the purpose of comparison of performance of students and ranking, CGPA will be considered up to three decimal places.

## **17.0 ELECTIVE CHOICE:**

**17.1** Apart from the various elective courses listed in the curriculum for each branch of specialization, the student can choose a maximum of two electives from any other specialization under any department, during the entire period of study, with the approval of the Head of the parent department and the Head of the

other department offering the course.

### **17.2 Online / Self Study Courses**

Students are permitted to undergo department approved online/ self study courses not exceeding 20% of credits of courses excluding project with the recommendation of the Head of the Department / Dean of School and with the prior approval of Dean Academic Affairs during his/ her period of study. In case of credits earned through online mode ratified by the respective Board of Studies, the credits may be transferred following the due approval procedures. The students shall undergo self study courses on their own with the mentoring of a member of the faculty. The online/ self study courses can be considered in lieu of elective courses.

### **18.0 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

Final Year students can apply for supplementary examination for a maximum of three courses thus providing an opportunity to complete their degree programme. Likewise students with less credits can also apply for supplementary examination for a maximum of three courses to enable them to earn minimum credits to move to higher semester. The students can apply for supplementary examination within three weeks of the declaration of results in both ODD and Even Semester.

### **19.0 PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**

**19.1** All students shall enroll, on admission, in any of the personality and character development programmes, NCC / NSS / NSO / YRC / Rotaract and undergo practical training.

- **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** will have to undergo specified number of parades.
- **National Service Scheme (NSS)** will have social service activities in and around Chennai.
- **National Sports Organization (NSO)** will have sports, games, drills and physical exercises.
- **Youth Red Cross (YRC)** will have social service activities in and around Chennai.
- **Rotaract** will have social service activities in and around Chennai.

### **20.0 DISCIPLINE**

**20.1** Every student is required to observe disciplined and decorous behavior both

inside and outside the campus and not to indulge in any activity which will tend to affect the prestige of the Institution.

**20.2** Any act of indiscipline of a student, reported to the Dean (Student Affairs), through the HOD / Dean will be referred to a Discipline and Welfare Committee nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, for taking appropriate action.

### **21.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE**

**21.1** A student shall be declared to be eligible for the award of B.Des . Degree provided the student has:

- i) successfully Should have passed all the courses specified in the programme curriculum and earned the required number of credits prescribed for the programme within a maximum period of 14 semesters (7 years) from the date of admission, including the break of study.
- ii) Should have completed at least one educational tour.
- iii) no dues to the Institution, Library, Hostels
- iv) no disciplinary action pending against him/her.

**21.2** The award of the degree must have been approved by the Institution.

### **22.0 POWER TO MODIFY**

Notwithstanding all that has been stated above, the Academic Council has the right to modify the above regulations from time to time.