

A Summary of the GU UG-CBCS (Revised)[⌘]

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What is UG-CBCS?

The undergraduate degree (UG) programme in the **Choice Based Credit System** (CBCS) will have courses spread across six-semester of any undergraduate degree course. Two consecutive (one odd and one even) semesters will make up an academic year. An UG course shall be of Six Semesters covering three Calendar Years (Academic Sessions – June to May). The duration of the **Odd** Semesters (First, Third, and Fifth) shall be **June - November**, and that of **Even** Semesters (Second, Fourth and Sixth) shall be **December - May**.

How does it work?

The courses in GU UG-CBCS are categorised primarily into three types of courses - Core, Elective, and Ability / Skill Enhancement courses. All the core and elective courses will comprise of six (6) credits and the skill courses are of four (4) credits.

Core Course

As the name suggests, a core course is a necessary course that a student **MUST** take in order to complete the degree. The number of core courses for Honours and Regular degrees are different.

Elective Course

An elective course is the one for which a student has some kind of freedom to choose from a pool of courses. There are two kinds of elective courses - Generic and Discipline Specific. The generic elective courses are those, which can be chosen by a student belonging to any stream, while the discipline specific elective courses are particular to only the discipline concerned. However, a student pursuing an honours degree course can choose a generic elective from any other discipline except from the honours course itself.

Ability / Skill Enhancement Course

An Ability or Skill Enhancement course is aimed at providing the student with skill and ability. These courses have four (4) credits each in contrast to the core or elective courses. The ability enhancement courses **MUST** be opted by a student and the student can choose papers from a pool of skill enhancement courses.

Dissertation / Project

A student can opt (subject to conditions) a dissertation or a project work in lieu of a 6-credit discipline specific elective course in the sixth semester.

The Notion of Credit

A student needs to earn a required number of **credits** in order to successfully complete a degree. The credit is closely related to the number of stipulated classes a student has to complete. The following table indicates the number of credit a student can earn for each type of indicated classes.

Class	Duration	Credit
1 Theory Class	1 Hour	1
1 Tutorial Class	1 Hour	1
1 Practical Class	2 Hours	1

[⌘] This Summary overrides the respective Sections and Clauses of the GIU UG-CBCS Regulations.

Papers and Credits

The following table gives you an idea about the number of papers one MUST take in a certain degree course and the total credit it contains.

Degree	Minimum Paper Requirements	Minimum Credits
Undergrad Degree with Honours (All Disciplines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 14 Core ◆ 2 Ability Enhancement ◆ 2 Skill Enhancement ◆ 4 Discipline Specific Elective ◆ 4 Generic Elective 	148
Undergrad Regular Degree (Science)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 12 Core ◆ 2 Ability Enhancement ◆ 4 Skill Enhancement ◆ 6 Discipline Specific Elective 	132
Undergrad Regular Degree (Humanities / Social Sci / Commerce)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 12 Core ◆ 2 Ability Enhancement ◆ 4 Skill Enhancement ◆ 4 Discipline Specific Elective ◆ 2 Generic Elective 	132
Vocational Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 12 Core ◆ 2 Ability Enhancement ◆ 4 Skill Enhancement ◆ 6 Discipline Specific Elective 	132

Paper Code Structure[†]

The code structure of a paper is given below:

AAA - **TT** - **XYXC**

AAA : **Subject** : 3-letter subject code (see the suggested table below)

TT : **Type of Course** :

- HC** (Honours Core)
- RC** (Regular Core)
- VC** (Vocational Core)
- HG** (Generic Elective for Honours)
- RG** (Generic Elective for Regular)
- HE** (Discipline Specific Elective for Honours)
- RE** (Discipline Specific Elective for Regular)
- VE** (Vocational Elective)
- SE** (Skill Enhancement)

X : **Semester** : Numerical digit for Semester. One of **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6**

YY : **Serial No of Paper** : Two-digit numerical number (within the semester)

C : **Credits** : Either **6 or 4**.

ENG-AE-1014 : AECC - English Communication Paper

ASM-AE-1014 : AECC - Assamese / MIL Communication Paper

ENV-AE-2014 : AECC - Environmental Science Paper

ENG-CC-X016 : English Compulsory Paper (X = 1 or 2 depending on semester)
ALT-CC-X016 : Alternative English Compulsory (X = 3 or 4 depending on semester)
ASM-CC-X016 : Assamese / MIL Compulsory (X = 3 or 4 depending on semester)

[†] *Subject to changes and modifications as per CC-CBCS recommendations.*

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Structure of a Course (Programme Template)

The following tables give you the detailed papers and credits that a student need to take for a certain degree.

Abbreviations

AEC	: Ability Enhancement Paper
SEC	: Skill Enhancement Paper
DSE	: Discipline Specific Paper
GEN	: Generic Elective Paper
XXX	: Subject 1 (Core / Primary for Honours / Regular)
YYY	: Subject 2
ZZZ	: Subject 3

BSc Honours Programme

Semester	Type	Core	AEC	SEC	DSE	GEN
	Credits	14 × 6 = 84	2 × 4 = 8	2 × 4 = 8	4 × 6 = 24	4 × 6 = 24
I		XXX-HC-1016	ENG-AE-1014			XXX-HG-1XX6
		XXX-HC-1026				
II		XXX-HC-2016	ENV-AE-2014			XXX-HG-2XX6
		XXX-HC-2026				
III		XXX-HC-3016		XXX-SE-3XX4		XXX-HG-3XX6
		XXX-HC-3026				
		XXX-HC-3036				
IV		XXX-HC-4016		XXX-SE-4XX4		XXX-HG-4XX6
		XXX-HC-4026				
		XXX-HC-4036				
V		XXX-HC-5016			XXX-HE-5XX6	
		XXX-HC-5026			XXX-HE-5YY6	
VI		XXX-HC-6016			XXX-HE-6XX6	
		XXX-HC-6026			XXX-HE-6YY6	

BA / BCom Honours Programme

Semester	Type	Core	AEC	SEC	DSE	GEN
	Credits	14 x 6 = 84	2 x 4 = 8	2 x 4 = 8	4 x 6 = 24	4 x 6 = 24
I	XXX-HC-1016	ENG-AE-1014 / ASM-AE-1014				XXX-HG-1XX6
	XXX-HC-1026					
II	XXX-HC-2016	ENV-AE-2014				XXX-HG-2XX6
	XXX-HC-2026					
III	XXX-HC-3016			XXX-SE-3XX4		XXX-HG-3XX6
	XXX-HC-3026					
	XXX-HC-3036					
IV	XXX-HC-4016			XXX-SE-4XX4		XXX-HG-4XX6
	XXX-HC-4026					
	XXX-HC-4036					
V	XXX-HC-5016				XXX-HE-5XX6	
	XXX-HC-5026				XXX-HE-5YY6	
VI	XXX-HC-6016				XXX-HE-6XX6	
	XXX-HC-6026				XXX-HE-6YY6	

BSc Regular Programme

Semester	Type	Core	AECC	SEC	DSE
	Credits	12 × 6 = 72	2 × 4 = 8	4 × 4 = 16	6 × 6 = 36
I		XXX-RC-1016	ENG-AE-1014		
		YYY-RC-1016			
		ZZZ-RC-1016			
II		XXX-RC-2016	ENV-AE-2014		
		YYY-RC-2016			
		ZZZ-RC-2016			
III		XXX-RC-3016		XXX-SE-3XX4	
		YYY-RC-3016			
		ZZZ-RC-3016			
IV		XXX-RC-4016		XXX-SE-4XX4	
		YYY-RC-4016			
		ZZZ-RC-4016			
V				XXX-SE-5XX4	XXX-RE-5XX6
					YYY-RE-5XX6
					ZZZ-RE-5XX6
VI				XXX-SE-6XX4	XXX-RE-6XX6
					YYY-RE-6XX6
					ZZZ-RE-6XX6

BA / BCom Regular Programme

Semester	Type	Core	AECC	SEC	DSE	GEN
	Credits	12 x 6 = 72	2 x 4 = 8	4 x 4 = 16	4 x 6 = 24	2 x 6 = 12
I	ENG-CC-1016	ENG-AE-1014 / ASM-AE-1014				
	YYY-RC-1016					
	ZZZ-RC-1016					
II	ENG-CC-2016	ENV-AE-2014				
	YYY-RC-2016					
	ZZZ-RC-2016					
III	ASM / ALT-CC-3016			XXX-SE-3XX4		
	YYY-RC-3016					
	ZZZ-RC-3016					
IV	ASM / ALT-CC-4016			XXX-SE-4XX4		
	YYY-RC-4016					
	ZZZ-RC-4016					
V				XXX-SE-5XX4	YYY-RE-5XX6 ZZZ-RE-5XX6	XXX-RG-5XX6
VI				XXX-SE-6XX4	YYY-RE-6XX6 ZZZ-RE-6XX6	XXX-RG-6XX6

BVoc Programme

Semester	Type	Core	AECC	SEC	DSE
	Credits	12 × 6 = 72	2 × 4 = 8	4 × 4 = 16	6 × 6 = 36
I		XXX-VC-1016	ENG-AE-1014		
		XXX-VC-1016			
		XXX-VC-1016			
II		XXX-VC-2016	ENV-AE-2014		
		XXX-VC-2016			
		XXX-VC-2016			
III		XXX-VC-3016		ABC-SE-3XX4	
		XXX-VC-3016			
		XXX-VC-3016			
IV		XXX-VC-4016		ABC-SE-4XX4	
		XXX-VC-4016			
		XXX-VC-4016			
V				ABC-SE-5XX4	XXX-VE-5XX6
					XXX-VE-5XX6
					XXX-VE-5XX6
VI				ABC-SE-6XX4	XXX-VE-6XX6
					XXX-VE-6XX6
					XXX-VE-6XX6

Course Availability

A college may publish a table like the one shown below, indicating the subjects available in the college for students to choose from.

The following table is ONLY indicative. The colleges MUST decide what subjects might be available with them, which can be fixed in consultation with the syllabus of a course and the respective CCS.

Disciplines	Programmes	Honours	Regular
Economics		✓	✓
Philosophy			✓
Education		✓	
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In a similar fashion, the college may like to publish a table indicating the subjects available in the Generic Elective pool.