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## **CIRCULAR**

### **Sub: Constitution of Curriculum Committee**

I am by the direction of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, TAU, constitute a **Curriculum Committee** with the following members for suggesting the weightages to be given to various types of courses.

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| 1. Prof M. Mariappan, Dean, School of Management                  | Chairman |
| 2. Dr G.B.Hima Bindu, Associate Professor, School of Technology   | Member   |
| 3. Dr P.Madhav, Coordinator, Department of Allied Health Sciences | Member   |
| 4. Dr K.Vandana, Assistant Professor, Psychology                  | Member   |

You are aware that,

- The University is adopting the choice based credit system (CBCS) for all programs.
- The CBCS will make education student-centric rather than teacher or system-centric.
- It provides the opportunity to choose the courses from a list of core and elective courses.
- The student can undergo additional courses to acquire more credits, learn at their own pace, and adopt an interdisciplinary approach to learning.
- All programs of study are designed to meet the specified number of credit requirements.

Courses taught can be classified as:

- A. Core Courses
- B. Elective Courses
- C. Basic Science and Humanities Courses
- D. Mandatory Audit Courses

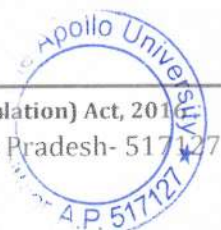
### **A. Core Courses:**

Core courses are the mandatory Credit Courses which the students have to study to meet the requirements for the award of degree. They are further classified as

1. University Core 2. Faculty Core 3. Program Core

#### **1. University Core (UC):**

- Courses listed under UC are common to all undergraduate level programs offered by TAU.
- All these courses does not require any pre-requisites and expected to enhance the knowledge in multidisciplinary subjects apart from the student's own discipline, thereby enabling the student to develop as a holistic individual.
- A variety of courses are offered in a basket to enable the student to choose as per his / her interest and requirements.



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- The courses offered under UC may change based on the demand and requirements with due approval from the Academic Council.

## 2. Faculty Core (FC):

- These courses are common across all the programmes of a faculty viz., Engineering, Health Science Management and Social Science, etc.,
- Based on the need and requirement, the Dean of the faculty can decide the courses which can be offered as FC .

## 3. Programme Core (PC)

- These courses are mandatory credit courses that the student have to study to meet the programme's requirements.
- The courses and their content shall satisfy the specific programme outcome mentioned by the relevant regulatory / professional bodies.

## B. Elective courses:

Elective courses are the credit courses that the student can choose from a list of approved courses based on his / her interest. Elective courses are further classified into

1. University Electives 2. Faculty Electives 3. Program Electives.

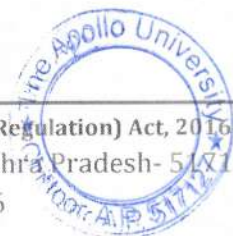
### 1. University Elective (UE)

Taking the advantage of CBCS and being a multi disciplinary University, the University proposed the UEs to provide an opportunity for the students to learn beyond their faculty.

- These UEs will help the students to pursue their chosen career in interdisciplinary areas.
- University Electives impart knowledge in other areas and outside of the parent faculty.
- These electives, due to the integration of different domains explore the new opportunities in solving problems and improving employability skills.
- These electives will have a basket of courses proposed by various faculties (known as host department) out of which the students need to choose the courses of their choice.
- The host department need to draft the course in consultation with the Deans of the other faculties to suit their requirement. (For example the faculty of management can offer a course on marketing / economics for the benefit of students of engineering students.)

### 2. Faculty Elective (FE):

- The faculty elective courses are the course offered by the other disciplines of the same faculty (known as Host Department).
- These courses will provide an opportunity for the students to expose to the cross-discipline culture.



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### 3. Program Elective( PE)

- The parent Department offers Program Elective courses in support of their major with enhanced scope in the chosen specialization.
- This should facilitate the student to get exposed to the latest advanced areas in the discipline of the major.
- An appropriate minimum number ( as decided by the BoS) of such electives specified in the programme will lead to a degree with a specialization.
- Mandatory Audit Courses.

### C. Basic Science and Humanities (BSH)

**These are the credit courses which need to be defined based on the faculty and are mandatory for a particular program. For example in case of faculty of Technology English, Mathematics, Physics, etc., can be considered as BSH courses.**

### D. Mandatory Audit Courses:

The mandatory audit courses are the courses that the student has to mandatorily take the course. These are non credited courses hence not counted for SGPA/CGPA. However, securing pass grade in these courses is mandatory.

The committee is requested to

1. Discuss with the Deans / HoD /PD /PC of all the programs
2. Refer curriculum of various reputed universities and guidelines of various regulatory bodies for suggesting suitable weightages to be given to all categories of courses listed above
3. Suggest guidelines for the award of minor in any discipline

The Chairman of the committee is requested to submit the recommendations on or before 15/1/2023 so as to enable all the Schools to implement the decisions while drafting their curriculum.



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1. Members of the curriculum committee

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1. Deans / HoDs /Program Director / Program Coordinators
2. EA to VC / PA to Registrar