

R.30B Rules for Lateral Entry to Second Year M.Sc. Programs as per NEP 2020

The Lateral entry policy has its basis on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which has provided a system of multiple entry and exit in academic programs. In this system, the students shall be free to choose their programs and academic pathways in Higher Education that will support the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC). Multiple entry and exit system (MEES) are the fundamental recommendations of the University Grants Commission to encourage flexible learning in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) which is important for lifelong learning of the students and to choose their academic path leading to the award of certificate, diploma, and degree.

Eligibility of Candidates for lateral entry

Entry of students from other Government recognized Universities/Institutions, having NAAC accreditation into M.Sc. programs shall be allowed up to 15 days prior to the date of commencement of the semester. The migration into a particular program will be approved by the admission committee subject to the following conditions.

- a. Admission through lateral entry is permitted only in 2nd year of M.Sc. Programs in the same discipline.
- b. Admission will be subject to the availability of vacant seats in the respective categories and as per the existing reservation policy.
- c. The Candidate must have passed 4 year degree examinations or 1st year M.Sc. Programme in the same discipline with minimum 7.5 CGPA or equivalent %
- d. For the student to be eligible for the lateral entry, the Institution of the immediately prior to the lateral entry, must be NAAC accredited
- e. The candidate should have passed all the examinations up to the previous year from the prior institute(s) and satisfying the NEP exit policy norms.
- f. The course content of the previous institution of the candidate shall be scrutinized by equivalence committee and approved by the respective BoS.

Admission Criteria for lateral entry

The admission will be based on the merit list prepared based on written test alone (based on the syllabus specified by the Department for the course in which the candidate is seeking admission)

General Guidelines:

1. The student once admitted under the lateral program shall not be allowed to change department.
2. A Student admitted under the lateral entry scheme, shall be required to complete the program within a maximum period of academic years prescribed by UGC/ICT from the date of admission, failing which he/she shall not be allowed to continue to study further for his/her PG degree.
3. Lateral Entry will be governed by the rules and regulations of ICT.
4. The selected candidate may have to go through bridge courses/make-up course as recommended by the BoS for which students will have to pay an extra course fee.
5. Any provisions not covered in this policy may be considered with the approval of the Academic Council.

Candidates seeking lateral entry shall submit the following documents at the time of their admission

1. Duly filled lateral entry application form issued by academic office
2. Attested copy of statement of Marks/Grade card of the courses completed
3. Transfer Certificate /No Objection Certificate from his/her previous University/Institution (The student shall take the NOC form from the academic office)
4. Conduct/Character Certificate issued by the previous Institution.

Admission Process :

1. Applications shall be invited by notification on the ICT Website
2. The candidates shall submit their application to the academic office which then will be forwarded to equivalence committee. After approval of equivalence committee, and subject to fulfilling all the other requirements of eligibility, a list of candidates eligible to appear for the written test will be prepared by the A. R. (Acad)..
3. Student will have to appear for the written test as per the timetable declared by the ICT. Based on the written test score, a Merit list of candidates shall be prepared by A. R. (acad). Admission will be secured by the payment of appropriate fees as per the time table prepared by ICT.
4. After the admission for a candidate is confirmed, his/her credits will be transferred through the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) in the respective programme.

