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# Savitribai Phule Pune University

## National Education Policy 2020

### DRAFT Guidelines

#### Fourth Year Honors and Honors with Research Program.

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#### *PREAMBLE*

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The Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) has implemented the NEP2020 based curricular framework from the AY 2023-24 in its autonomous colleges, institutes and University departments and from the AY 2024-25 in all the affiliated colleges, as directed by the GR published by the Maharashtra State Government. The GR has provided foundation guidelines for setting up the entire four-year curricular framework, including the Fourth Year Honors and Honors with Research program. (G.R. No. NEP-2022 /CR No. 09/VISHI-3 dated April 20, 2023 (Credit Framework under Three/Four-Years UG Program with Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit options for All Non-AICTE non-professional UG degree programs))

Based on the above GR the SPPU has implemented the Four-Year UG program (FYUG) proposes the following standard operating procedure for admission of students to the fourth year of affiliated colleges.

***These draft guidelines shall be revised upon receipt of instructions from the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council (MAHASARC) and/or Government Resolutions (GR) issued by the Government. The final guidelines will ensure full compliance with the recommendations and directions of the MAHASARC.***

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### ***Non-AICTE Non-Professional Four Year UG program (FYUG)***

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The 4-year non-AICTE non-professional UG program is structured into eight semesters, offering two primary pathways after the completion of third year.

**1. 4-Year UG Degree with Honors (FYUGH)–**

To be awarded to those students who complete a total of 160-176 credits successfully over four years with a specific focus on their Major subject and additional 4 Credits of Internship during 4<sup>th</sup> Year.

(6 verticals: 1. Major or Minor, Core, 2. Multidisciplinary Minor 3. Open electives, 4. Vocational and Skill Enhancement Courses, 5. AEC, VEC & IKS, 6. Co-curricular Courses, OJT, FP, CEP)

**2. 4-Year UG Degree Honors with Research (FYUGR)–**

To be awarded to those students who successfully complete a rigorous research project or dissertation of 12 credits in their Major Subject area during the 4<sup>th</sup> year, as a part of their total 160-176 credits successfully over four years.

(6 Verticals: 1. Major or Core, 2. Multidisciplinary Minor, 3. Open Electives, 4. Vocational and Skill Enhancement Courses, 5. AEC, VEC & IKS, 6. Co-curricular Courses, OJT, IRP, CEP, RP)

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## ***Guidelines from the GR***

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### ***A. Academic Guidelines***

*The relevant sub-sections of section 2 dealing with four-year UG Honors and Honors with Research program of GR - NEP-2022 /CR No. 09/VISHI-3 dated April 20,2023 are as follows:*

- With effect from Academic Year 2023-24, three years/four years UG Degree program has been introduced in the Autonomous Colleges and University UG programs. Thus, the Fourth Year Honors/ Honors with Research program (Level 6.0) will begin from Academic Year 2026-2027, in the Autonomous Colleges and University UG programs.
- With effect from Academic Year 2024-25, three years/four years Degree program has been introduced in the Affiliated Colleges and institutes. Thus, the Fourth Year Honors/ Honors with Research program (Level 6.0) will begin from Academic Year 2027-2028, in the Affiliated Colleges and institutes.
- Under four-year UG Degree (Honors with Research), the student will work on a research project or dissertation of 12 credits in the fourth year in the respective Major Subject which will be a part of the total 160 – 176 credits.
- The fourth year of four-year honors UG degree shall be identical in structure to the first year of two-year PG programs offered after three-year UG programs.
- *The decision regarding the distribution of credits in Semester VII and VIII of fourth year will be taken by Academic Authorities of University/ Autonomous Colleges.*

### ***B. Administrative Guidelines***

- The fourth year of the four-year UG program will not be granted to any college as natural growth.

- The affiliated colleges conducting 3-year UG degree program will seek permission to commence fourth year UG program as extension by following the prevailing statutory procedures.
- The affiliated colleges already having permission and recognition for the PG degree program along with UG degree program in the **same Major** shall be automatically allowed to continue PG degree program and conduct the fourth year of UG Honors Degree program **(in the same Major Subject for which they have University Approval)** without undergoing any additional procedures.
- The affiliated colleges and institutes with approved PG program and Ph.D. Research Centre shall be automatically allowed to continue PG Degree program and start the fourth year of UG Honors with Research Degree program in the **same Subject (in the same Major Subject for which they have University Approval)** without undergoing any additional procedures.

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***Procedure for Admissions to the 4th Year of FYUGH***

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**THE 4TH YEAR OF 4 -YEAR UG DEGREE PROGRAM WITH HONORS**

**(FYUGH)**

All the Affiliated Colleges, Institutes and University Departments conducting UG programs (other than those regulated by AICTE, PCI, BCI, CoA, NCTE etc) shall follow the guidelines.

**1. Admission Eligibility**

- a) All students must be registered in the ABC – NAD portal to facilitate credit transfers and the multiple entry/exit system.
- b) As per the GR, the students should have successfully completed three years of UG education with a CGPA of 7.5. This means that the students shall have passed in all the courses of semester 1 to 6 with a cumulative CGPA of at least 7.5 – No Backlog or ATKT.

**SPPU shall abide by guidelines provided by the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council (MAHASARC) with regards to the admissions.**

**2. Admission Notification:**

The University and the affiliated colleges and institutes where the fourth year of the FYUG maybe commenced without further permissions will proceed once the **Admission Notification regarding each program (fourth year of the FYUG) as per the guidelines issued by MAHASARC**

**3. Admission Process:**

The college will constitute an admission committee for the fourth year of the FYUG program. The committee shall ensure compliance of all the rules and regulations of the UGC, State Government and SPPU as and when mandated by the authorities. They will further ensure a fair and transparent process of admission.

**SPPU shall follow the guidelines of MAHASARC for conduct of admissions**

**4. Admission Cancellation Process:**

**SPPU shall follow the guidelines of MAHASARC for cancellation of admissions.**

**5. Reservation Policy**

- a. The reservation Policy as mandated by the State Government of Maharashtra shall be enforced.
- b. Any updates / GRs issued by the government from time to time may be adopted once the University circular / notification is released.

**6. Scholarships**

The students taking admission to the fourth year of FYUG shall pay the full fees to the college / institute / University departments.

**SPPU shall follow the guidelines of MAHASARC for scholarshipSs.**

**7. Program Tuition and Other Fees**

- a. The fees for the fourth year of FYUG shall be will be calculated by the respective college for their respective subjects and will be subject to approval of the relevant authorities.
- b. The University regulations issued from time to time regarding other fees will be applicable

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***Procedure for Admissions to the 4th Year of UG DEGREE***

***PROGRAM HONORS WITH RESEARCH***

***(FYUGR)***

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**4TH YEAR OF 4 -YEAR UG DEGREE PROGRAM HONORS WITH RESEARCH**

**(FYUGR)**

All the affiliated Colleges, Institutes and University Departments conducting UG and PG programs (other than those regulated by AICTE, PCI, BCI, CoA, NCTE etc) and having approved Research Centers shall follow the guidelines for the conduct of fourth year of the FYUG Honors with Research degree program.

**Eligibility for Colleges to Offer FYUGR**

1. The 4th year of 4-year UG Honors with Research may be commenced in the college / institute / university department conducting PG degree program and having an approved Research Center.
2. FYUGR shall be commenced only in those subjects for which the Research center has approval from the University.
3. The Research Centre should also have at least two permanent faculty members of that subject for which the FYUGR is offered.

4. If a recognized Department loses permanent faculty with Ph. D, the Department shall not be eligible to offer the said program, until faculty with the required qualification are recruited.
5. Dedicated research laboratories, advanced instrumentation, and allied facilities (e.g., good library and digital resources/databases, plagiarism detection software such as Turn it in/Urkund, high-speed internet, statistical/data analysis software, power backup, safety equipment, Research Ethics & Integrity Policy).

**SPPU shall abide by guidelines provided by the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council (MAHASARC) / Govt. of Maharashtra with regards to the FYUGR admission process.**

#### **1. Admission Eligibility**

- a) All students must be registered in the ABC – NAD portal to facilitate credit transfers and the multiple entry/exit system.
- b) As per the GR, the students should have successfully completed three years of UG education with a CGPA of 7.5. This means that the students shall have passed in all the courses of semester 1 to 6 with a cumulative CGPA of at least 7.5 – No Backlog or ATKT.

**SPPU shall abide by guidelines provided by the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council (MAHASARC) / Govt. of Maharashtra with regards to the admission eligibility.**

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**SPPU shall follow the guidelines of MAHASARC / Govt. of Maharashtra for conduct of admissions**

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### **7. Program Tuition and Other Fees**

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***Syllabus for courses in FYUGH and FYUGR***

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- The University has already approved Credit structures for all Non-AICTE non-professional UG programs through its Academic Council.
- The University guidelines for syllabus preparation for FYUG and its approval shall remain the same

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***Credit Specifications for FYUGH and FYUGR***

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As per NCrF, the learner engaged time for 40 credits is 1200 hours.

- i. Theory Courses: A minimum of 15 hours of teaching per credit is required in a semester.
- ii. Laboratory Course: A minimum of 30 hours in laboratory activities per credit is required in a semester.
- iii. Studio activities: Studio activities involve the engagement of students in creative or artistic activities. Every student is engaged in performing a creative activity to obtain a specific outcome. Studio-based activities involve visual- or aesthetic-focused experiential work. A minimum of 30 hours in studio activities per credit in a semester is required.
- iv. Workshop-based activities: Courses involving workshop-based activities require the engagement of students in hands-on activities related to work/vocation or professional practice. Every student is engaged in performing a skill-based activity related to specific learning outcome(s). A minimum of 30 hours of workshop-based activities per credit in a semester is required.
- v. Seminar/ Group Discussion: A minimum of 15 hours of participation in seminar/ Group Discussion activity per credit in a semester is required.

vi. Internship: Credits for internship shall be one credit per one week of internship (or 30 hours of engagement), subject to a maximum of six credits per Semester. The internship shall be monitored jointly by the faculty and Industry/ Organization Mentor.

vii. Field-based Learning/ Practices: These are the courses requiring students to participate in field-based learning/projects generally under the supervision of faculty. A minimum of 30 hours of learning activities per credit in a semester is required.

viii. Community engagement and service: These are the courses requiring students to participate in field-based learning/projects generally under the supervision of faculty. The curricular component of 'community engagement and service' will involve activities that would expose students to the socio-economic issues in society so that the theoretical learnings can be supplemented by actual life experiences to generate solutions to real-life problems. 30 hours of contact time per credit in a semester along with 15 hours of activities such as preparation for community engagement and service, preparation of reports, etc., and independent reading and study. Thus, the total learner engaged time would be 180 hours for a 4-credit course.

**The Draft Guidelines are provided above and the final copy shall be published once the guidelines are received from the MAHASARC and / or Notification and / or GR from the Maharashtra State Government.**

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