

Rules for offering Dissertation as elective credits to students pursuing M. Sc. Microbiology/ Biotechnology/ Biochemistry/ Botany/ Zoology at Post-Graduate Department of Biosciences and Affiliated Centres of Sardar Patel University.

The Dissertation (12 credits) is being offered as an option in lieu of Two elective theory and One elective practical course in addition to Two core theory (4 credit each) and one core practical course (4 credit). Therefore, only In-House dissertation will have to be offered to the students of aforementioned disciplines. Further, the following aspects should be considered while allocating dissertation students to faculty members in the Department/Institute.

1. Eligibility of Faculty member to guide M. Sc. Dissertation: Only full time appointed and SPU approved post-graduate teachers possessing Doctorate Degree /M. Phil. Degree / M. Sc. with NET/SLET qualification in respective discipline shall be eligible to guide M. Sc. Dissertation.
2. Dissertation shall be allocated to meritorious students only and the selection criteria may be decided and declared by respective institution to the students well in advance. It is desirable that the allotment of Dissertation may done in third semester, so that student is acquainted to the research problem.
3. The eligible faculty may be allowed to enrol maximum four dissertation students in a particular term across the disciplines.
4. The student opting for Dissertation as elective credits will have to undertake the work independently. In no circumstances, Group dissertations (shared by two or more students) should be assigned and is not permitted.
5. The student will have to submit one hard copy and a soft copy (PDF) of the dissertation thesis certified by the Guide and Head of the department/Institute for evaluation purpose. Internal evaluation for 30% (90 out of 300 marks) will be based on continuous monitoring of the dissertation work (Literature review, regularity, mid-term data presentation, etc.) by the panel of faculty members of the respective institute. External evaluation for 70% (210 out of 300 marks) of dissertation will be done solely by the examiners appointed by the University. This will include thesis evaluation by two examiners (80 marks each) and the Viva Voce examination (50 marks) based on short presentation of work done by the candidate and defence on the questions raised by the examiners.
6. All M. Sc. Dissertations in aforementioned disciplines of Biosciences will be evaluated by centralized evaluation system, for which the convener and board of examiners will be nominated by examiners appointment committee constituted by Sardar Patel University.
7. The guide and student opting for Dissertation will have to abide by the research ethics and academic integrity guidelines including plagiarism policy issued by UGC and Sardar Patel University from time to time.
8. In case of any discrepancy, the convener will report the same to the University authorities.

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