

Recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020 Implementation Committee, University of Delhi (NIC) on Structure of Undergraduate Programs of the University of Delhi

The NIC has so far held fourteen meetings in which the structure of Undergraduate Programs has been deliberated upon in a comprehensive and in-depth manner.

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Objectives:

The proposed new structure for the Undergraduate Programs of the University of Delhi aims to achieve the following key goals enunciated by the National Education Policy 2020:

- a. Multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary learning
- b. Holistic curriculum (including teaching of Indian and International languages, ethics and culture, social and emotional learning and co-curricular activities)
- c. Skill enhancement (including skills relating to information technology and data analysis)
- d. Research to be incorporated as a key component of the learning process
- e. Adoption of appropriate pedagogies to promote active student participation in the learning process so as to promote creativity and a spirit of exploration and adventure
- f. Capacity building for gaining as well as creating employment
- g. Engagement with industry and society (including dissertations, projects and internships)
- h. Enhancing prospects for socially and economically disadvantaged and differently abled students
- i. Provision for credit transfer in both national and international contexts

Proposed Structure:

The University of Delhi currently offers two kinds of undergraduate programs of study: Honours and Program. The NIC recommends continuation of two kinds of programs, with alterations to structure and nomenclature, as outlined below.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Discipline / Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Discipline / Bachelor of Commerce (Honours):

The structure of the new program is outlined in the Annexure.

In the new program, students shall be able to pursue a Three Year Honours or a Four Year Honours in a Discipline or a Four Year Honours in a Discipline with Research.

In addition to the courses that exist in the current Honours program, the new program shall include the following additional courses in the first three years of the program:

Language and Literature - II:

The current Honours program includes only one language course (English/MIL). The new program would require students to study two 'Language and Literature' courses, of which at least one should be in an Indian Language (IL).

Social and Emotional Learning:

An interdisciplinary course that promotes well-being and health.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship:

An interdisciplinary course that will help students acquire skills relating to creative social and business entrepreneurship, and organizational skills.

Co-curricular:

Co-scholastic activities such as music, art, gardening, sports.

Ethics and Culture:

An interdisciplinary course that shall include experience of community service.

Multidisciplinary and Research:

In the fourth year of the program (semesters VII and VIII), students can choose between (i) pursuing the Bachelors of Arts / Science / Commerce (Honours) in Discipline (Four Years) or (ii) the Bachelors of Arts / Science / Commerce (Honours) in Discipline with Research (Four Years).

In case a student chooses option (i), she would be required to study four Generic Elective (Minors) papers in the fourth year. The student shall also study two Discipline Specific Elective papers. She would be required to complete a research dissertation on her Major discipline of study, and an interdisciplinary research dissertation on her Major and Minor disciplines of study.

In case a student chooses option (ii), she would study two Generic Elective (Minors) papers in the fourth year. The student shall also study two Discipline Specific Elective papers. She would need to complete a thesis / internship in semesters VII and VIII.

Current BA / BSc / BCom Programs:

NIC recommends change in nomenclature and structure of the current BSc / BA/ BCom Programs as outlined in the Annexure.

The Bachelors of Science in Physical Science / Life Science / Mathematical Science Program shall be renamed respectively as the Bachelors of Science (Honours) in Physical Science / Life Science / Mathematical Science (Three Years / Four Years). The Bachelor of Arts Program shall be renamed as the Bachelors of Arts (Honours) in Humanities and Social Sciences (Three Years / Four Years). The Bachelors of Commerce Program shall be renamed as Bachelors of Commerce Studies (Honours) (Three Years / Four Years).

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physical Science / Life Science / Mathematical Science (Three Years / Four Years):

In the first three years of the new program, students shall study the following courses in addition to the courses that exist in the current BSc Program:

Language and Literature -II:

The current BSc Program includes only one language course (English/MIL) The new program structure would require students to study two 'Language and Literature' courses, of which at least one should be in an Indian Language (IL).

Social and Emotional Learning:

An interdisciplinary course that promotes well-being and health.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship:

An interdisciplinary course that helps students acquire skills relating to creative social and business entrepreneurship, and organizational skills.

Co-curricular:

Co-scholastic activities such as music, art, gardening, sports.

Ethics and Culture:

An interdisciplinary course that shall include experience of community service.

IT Skills, Data Analysis and Mathematics:

An interdisciplinary course on basic IT and quantitative skills.

Multidisciplinarity and Research:

In the fourth year (semesters VII and VIII), students can choose one discipline out of the three disciplines that they have pursued in the first three years of study, and study six courses in this discipline. (The discipline courses offered will aim to strengthen fundamental knowledge in the discipline). Students would also be required to complete a research dissertation on the Major discipline of study, and an inter-disciplinary research dissertation on the Major and Minor disciplines of study.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Humanities and Social Sciences (Three Years / Four Years):

In the first three years of the new program, students shall study the following courses in addition to the courses that exist in the current BA Program:

Social and Emotional Learning:

An interdisciplinary course that promotes well-being and health.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship:

An interdisciplinary course that helps students acquire skills relating to creative social and business entrepreneurship, and organizational skills.

Co-curricular:

Co-scholastic activities such as music, art, gardening, sports.

Ethics and Culture:

An interdisciplinary course that shall include experience of community service.

IT Skills, Data Analysis and Mathematics:

An interdisciplinary course on basic IT and quantitative skills.

Science and Society:

An interdisciplinary course that explores how science contributes to societal development.

Multidisciplinarity and Research:

In the fourth year (semesters VII and VIII), students can choose one discipline out of the two disciplines that they have pursued in the first three years of study, and study six courses in this discipline. (The discipline courses offered will aim to strengthen fundamental knowledge in the

discipline). Students would also be required to complete a research dissertation on the Major discipline of study, and an inter-disciplinary research dissertation on the Major and Minor disciplines of study.

Bachelor of Commerce Studies (Honours) (Three Years / Four Years):

In the first three years of the new program, students shall study the following courses in addition to the courses that exist in the current BCom Program:

Social and Emotional Learning:

An interdisciplinary course that promotes well-being and health.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship:

An interdisciplinary course that helps students acquire skills relating to creative social and business entrepreneurship, and organizational skills.

Co-curricular:

Co-scholastic activities such as music, art, gardening, sports.

Ethics and Culture:

An interdisciplinary course that shall include experience of community service.

IT Skills, Data Analysis and Mathematics:

An interdisciplinary course on basic IT and quantitative skills.

Science and Society:

An interdisciplinary course that explores how science contributes to societal development.

Multidisciplinarity and Research:

In the third and fourth years (semesters V to VIII), students can choose one discipline from Humanities or Social Sciences, and study six courses in this discipline (two courses in the third year and four courses in the fourth year). Students shall also study two Discipline Specific Elective papers in the fourth year. They would be required to complete a research dissertation on the Major discipline of study and an inter-disciplinary research dissertation on the Major and Minor disciplines of study.

Credit Transfer and Exit / Rejoining Options:

In line with the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020, credit transfer shall be allowed between national and international institutions as per policy prescribed by the University.

As recommended by the National Education Policy 2020, **Certificate** will be awarded to students who exit at the end of the first year after successfully fulfilling the academic requirements. **Diploma** shall be awarded if the student exits at the end of the second year. Students shall be permitted to rejoin the program to pursue a higher qualification, as per policy adopted by the University.

Annexure: Undergraduate Programs, University of Delhi

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Discipline/Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Discipline/Bachelor of Commerce (Hons)

(currently known as Honours programs).

Semester	Discipline Specific Core (DSC)	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)	Generic Elective (GE)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	Value Addition Courses (VAC)/ Dissertations	Total Credits
I	DSC- 1(6)			Language and Literature-I (4)	SEC-1 (4)	<i>Social and Emotional Learning (2)</i>	24
	DSC- 2(6)					<i>Ethics & Culture (2)</i>	
II	DSC- 3(6)			Environmental Science and Sustainable Development (4)	SEC-2 (4)	<i>Language and Literature-II (4)</i>	24
	DSC- 4(6)						
AWARD OF CERTIFICATE (after 1 year: 48 Credits)							
III	DSC- 5(6)		GE- 1 (6)			<i>Innovation and Entrepreneurship (2)</i>	26
	DSC- 6(6)						
	DSC- 7(6)						
IV	DSC- 8(6)		GE- 2 (6)			<i>Co-curricular (2)</i>	26
	DSC- 9(6)						
	DSC- 10(6)						
AWARD OF DIPLOMA (after 2 Years: 100 Credits)							
V	DSC- 11(6)	DSE- 15 (6)	GE- 3 (6)				24
	DSC- 12(6)						
VI	DSC- 13(6)	DSE- 16 (6)	GE- 4 (6)				24
	DSC- 14(6)						
AWARD OF Bachelor of Arts/Commerce/Science (Hons) in Discipline (3 Years) (after 3 Years: 148 Credits)							
VII		DSE- 17 (6)	<i>GE- 5 (6)</i>			<i>Dissertation on Major (6)</i>	24
			<i>GE- 6 (6)</i>				
VIII		DSE- 18 (6)	<i>GE- 7 (6)</i>			<i>Interdisciplinary Dissertation (6)</i>	24
			<i>GE- 8 (6)</i>				
AWARD OF Bachelor of Arts/Commerce/Science (Hons) in Discipline (4 Years) (after 4 Years: 196 Credits)							
VII		DSE- 17 (6)	<i>GE- 5 (6)</i>			<i>Thesis/Internship(12)</i>	24
VIII		DSE- 18 (6)	<i>GE- 6(6)</i>			<i>Thesis/Internship(12)</i>	24
AWARD OF Bachelor in Arts/Commerce/Science (Hons) in Discipline with Research (4 Years) (after 4 Years: 196 credits)							
Credits							196

Note: Credits are in parenthesis. Departments may associate Practical (2 Credits) with DSC/DSE/GE theory papers (4 credits) or introduce the complete Practical paper of 6 credits (12 hours) in place of DSC/DSE/GE paper. SEC papers should be at least 50% hands-on/interactive.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physical Science/Life Science/Mathematical Science (currently known as B.Sc. Programs)

Semester	Discipline Specific Core (DSC)	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)	Generic Elective (GE)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	Value Addition Courses (VAC)/ Dissertations	Total Credits
I	Discipline-A 1(6)			Language and Literature-I (4)		<i>Social and Emotional Learning (2)</i>	24
	Discipline-B 1(6)						
	Discipline-C 1(6)						
II	Discipline-A 2(6)			Environmental Science and Sustainable Development (4)		<i>Co-curricular (2)</i>	24
	Discipline-B 2(6)						
	Discipline-C 2(6)						
AWARD OF CERTIFICATE (after 1 year: 48 Credits)							
III	Discipline-A 3(6)				SEC-1 (4)	<i>IT Skills, Data Analysis and Mathematics (4)</i>	26
	Discipline-B 3(6)						
	Discipline-C 3(6)						
IV	Discipline-A 4(6)				SEC-2 (4)	<i>Language and Literature-II (4)</i>	26
	Discipline-B 4(6)						
	Discipline-C 4(6)						
AWARD OF DIPLOMA (after 2 Years: 100 Credits)							
V		Discipline-A 5(6)			SEC-3 (4)	<i>Innovation and Entrepreneurship (2)</i>	24
		Discipline-B 5(6)					
		Discipline-C 5(6)					
VI		Discipline-A 6(6)			SEC-4 (4)	<i>Ethics and Culture (2)</i>	24
		Discipline-B 6(6)					
		Discipline-C 6(6)					
AWARD OF Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physical Science/Life Science/Mathematical Science (3 Years) (after 3 Years: 148 Credits)							
VII	<i>(Choose any one discipline from A,B,C)</i>					<i>Dissertation on Major (6)</i>	24
	<i>DSC/DSE- 7(6)</i>						
	<i>DSC/DSE- 8(6)</i>						
VIII	<i>DSC/DSE- 9(6)</i>					<i>Interdisciplinary Dissertation (6)</i>	24
	<i>DSC/DSE- 10(6)</i>						
	<i>DSC/DSE- 11(6)</i>						
AWARD OF Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physical Science/Life Science/Mathematical Science (4 Years) (after 4 Years: 196 Credits)							
Credits							196

Note: Credits are in parenthesis. Departments may associate Practical (2 Credits) with DSC/DSE/GE theory papers (4 credits) or introduce the complete Practical paper of 6 credits (12 hours) in place of DSC/DSE/GE paper. SEC papers should be at least 50% hands-on/interactive.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities and Social Sciences (currently known as B.A. Program)

Semester	Discipline specific Core (DSC)	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)	Generic Elective (GE)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	Value Addition Courses (VAC)/ Dissertations	Total Credits
I	English/IL 1(6)			Language and Literature-I/II (4)		<i>Social and Emotional Learning (2)</i>	24
	Discipline-A 1(6)						
	Discipline-B 1(6)						
II	English/IL 2(6)			Environmental Science and Sustainable Development (4)		<i>Co-curricular (2)</i>	24
	Discipline-A 2(6)						
	Discipline-B 2(6)						
AWARD OF CERTIFICATE (after 1 year: 48 Credits)							
III	IL/English 3(6)				SEC-1 (4)	<i>IT Skills, Data Analysis and Mathematics (4)</i>	26
	Discipline-A 3(6)						
	Discipline-B 3(6)						
IV	IL/English 4(6)				SEC-2 (4)	<i>Science and Society (4)</i>	26
	Discipline-A 4(6)						
	Discipline-B 4(6)						
AWARD OF DIPLOMA (after 2 Years: 100 Credits)							
V		Discipline-A 5(6)	GE-1 (6)		SEC-3 (4)	<i>Innovation and Entrepreneurship (2)</i>	24
		Discipline-B 5(6)					
VI		Discipline-A 6(6)	GE-2 (6)		SEC-4 (4)	<i>Ethics and Culture (2)</i>	24
		Discipline-B 6(6)					
AWARD OF Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities and Social Sciences (3 Years) (after 3 Years: 148 Credits)							
VII	<i>(Choose any one discipline from A, B)</i>					<i>Dissertation on Major (6)</i>	24
	<i>DSC/DSE- 7(6)</i>						
	<i>DSC/DSE- 8(6)</i>						
VIII	<i>DSC/DSE- 9(6)</i>					<i>Interdisciplinary Dissertation (6)</i>	24
	<i>DSC/DSE- 10(6)</i>						
	<i>DSC/DSE- 11(6)</i>						
AWARD OF Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities and Social Sciences (4 Years) (after 4 Years: 196 Credits)							
Credits							196

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Bachelor of Commerce Studies (Hons) (currently known as B.Com. Program)

Semester	Discipline Specific Core (DSC)	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)	Generic Elective (GE)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	Value Addition Courses (VAC)/ Dissertations	Total Credits
I	English/IL 1(6)		GE-1 (6)	Language and Literature-I/II (4)		Social and Emotional Learning (2)	24
	DSC- 1(6)						
II	English/IL 2(6)		GE-2 (6)	Environmental Science and Sustainable Development (4)		Co-curricular (2)	24
	DSC- 2(6)						
AWARD OF CERTIFICATE (after 1 year: 48 Credits)							
III	IL/English-3(6)				SEC-1 (4)	IT Skills, Data Analysis and Mathematics (4)	26
	DSC- 3(6)						
	DSC- 4(6)						
IV	IL/English-4(6)				SEC-2 (4)	Science and Society (4)	26
	DSC- 5(6)						
	DSC- 6(6)						
AWARD OF DIPLOMA (after 2 Years: 100 Credits)							
V	DSC- 7(6)	DSE-9(6)	(Choose any one discipline from Humanities/Social Sciences) GE-3 (6)		SEC-3 (4)	Innovation and Entrepreneurship (2)	24
VI	DSC- 8(6)	DSE- 10(6)	GE-4 (6)		SEC-4 (4)	Ethics and Culture (2)	24
AWARD OF Bachelor of Commerce Studies (Hons) (3 Years) (after 3 Years: 148 Credits)							
VII		DSE- 11(6)	GE-5 (6)			Dissertation on Major (6)	24
			GE-6 (6)				
VIII		DSE- 12(6)	GE-7 (6)			Interdisciplinary Dissertation (6)	24
			GE-8 (6)				
AWARD OF Bachelor of Commerce Studies (Hons) (4 Years) (after 4 Years: 196 Credits)							
Credits							196

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