

Guidelines for the Fourth Year of the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) at Bhattadev University and its Affiliated Colleges

1. Introduction

Bhattadev University has already adopted the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and introduced the Four Year Under-Graduate Programme (FYUGP) with multiple entry and exit options from the Academic Year 2023-24. Under this framework, the following academic qualifications are awarded by Bhattadev University:

- (i) a UG Certificate after completing one year in a discipline including a mandatory vocational course;
- (ii) a UG Diploma after two years of study including a mandatory vocational course;
- (iii) a UG Degree (Single Major/Double Major) after successful completion of three years;
- (iv) a UG Degree (Honours/Honours with Research) after successful completion of four years.

In this context, the present document outlines the guidelines for the fourth year of FYUGP, including eligibility criteria for students and institutional requirements for offering the UG Degree (Honours /Honours with Research).

2. Fourth Year Curriculum in the FYUGP

Year	Semester	UG degree (Honours)	UG degree (Honours with Research)	Total Credits
Fourth Year	Seventh Semester	4 Major Courses of 4 Credits each and 1 Minor Course of 4 Credits (1 additional Minor Course of 4 Credits for Double Major)	4 Major Courses of 4 Credits each and 1 Minor Course of 4 Credits (1 additional Minor Course of 4 Credits for Double Major)	20 (+4 for Double Major)
	Eighth Semester	4 Major Courses of 4 Credits each and 1 Minor Course of 4 Credits (1 additional Minor Course of 4 Credits for Double Major)	1 Major Course of 4 Credits, 1 Dissertation of 12 Credits, and 1 Minor Course of 4 Credits (1 additional Minor Course of 4 Credits for Double Major)	20 (+4 for Double Major)

3. Eligibility Criteria for the Students for the Fourth year under FYUGP

3.1 For the UG Degree (Honours)

- (a) All students who pursued the first three years in an institute are automatically eligible to continue the fourth year for the UG Degree (Honours) within the same institute.
- (b) If a student of an institute within the jurisdiction of Bhattadev University exits after three years (passing in all courses in the first six semester) and wants to pursue the fourth year in another institute for UG Degree (Honours) within the jurisdiction of Bhattadev University, then the student needs to apply to Bhattadev University for the admission into the fourth year for the UG Degree (Honours) in the new institute stating justification of the shifting with No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from both the institutes. The admission will be subject to approval of Bhattadev University and availability of vacancy in the new institute.



- (c) If a student of another university or a college affiliated to another university wants to pursue the fourth year for the UG Degree (Honours) at Bhattadev University or any of its affiliated colleges, then the application submitted by the student for admission into the fourth year for the UG Degree (Honours) stating justification of the shifting with No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from both the institutes shall be scrutinized by the **Equivalence Committee** of Bhattadev University, and then necessary recommendations shall be made to the new institute.

3.2 For the Bachelor Degree (Honours with Research)

- (a) All students who pursued the first three years in an institute and passed in all courses in the first six semesters securing at least 75%marks or equivalent CGPA in the first six semesters are eligible to continue the fourth year for the Bachelor Degree (Honours with Research) within the same institute, provided the concerned department of the institute offers it.
- (b) If a student of an institute within the jurisdiction of Bhattadev University exits after three years (passing in all courses in the first six semesters securing at least 75%marks or equivalent CGPA in the first six semesters) and wants to pursue the fourth year for the Bachelor Degree (Honours with Research) in another institute within the jurisdiction of Bhattadev University, then the student need to apply to Bhattadev University for the admission into the fourth year for the Bachelor Degree (Honours with Research) in the new institute stating justification of the shifting with No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from both the institutes. The admission will be subject to approval of Bhattadev University and availability of vacancy in the new institute.
- (c) If a student of another university or a college affiliated to another university wants to pursue the fourth year for the Bachelor Degree (Honours with Research) at Bhattadev University or any of its Affiliated Colleges, then the application submitted by the student for admission into the fourth year for the Bachelor Degree (Honours with Research) stating justification of the shifting shall be scrutinized by the **Equivalence Committee** of Bhattadev University, and then necessary recommendations shall be made to the new institute.

4. Eligibility Criteria for a Department of Bhattadev University and its Affiliated Colleges to offer the Fourth year under FYUGP

4.1 For UG degree (Honours)

All departments of Bhattadev University and its affiliated colleges are eligible to offer the fourth year of FYUGP for UG Degree (Honours) to the willing eligible students without obtaining any prior approval from Bhattadev University.

4.2 For UG Degree (Honours with Research)

- (a) The department shall have the required infrastructure such as the library, access to journals, computer labs, softwares, and laboratory facilities to carry out experimental research work.
- (b) The department must have at least two permanent faculty members who are recognized as Ph.D. supervisors, and in that case, all faculty member of that department with a Ph.D. Degree are eligible to supervise eligible students for UG degree (Honours with Research) with a maximum student intake capacity indicated below:
 - Assistant Professor: 5
 - Associate Professor: 8
 - Professor: 10
- (c) The departments of Bhattadev University or its affiliated colleges satisfying the above two eligibility criteria may offer the fourth year of FYUGP for UG Degree (Honours with Research) after obtaining prior approval from Bhattadev University.
- (d) The Departments already recognized for conducting the Ph.D. programme may offer the fourth year of FYUGP for UG Degree (Honours with Research) without obtaining any approval from the Bhattadev University.
- (e) The concerned institution may prescribe additional fees, on reasonable grounds, on students opting for FYUGP (Honours with Research) in a subject at the time of admission in the fourth year.

5. Evaluation Process of the Research Project / Dissertation of 12 Credits

- (a) The evaluation of the 12 credit Research Project/Dissertation shall be done out of 100 Marks. The component-wise distribution of marks shall be as follows:
 - Dissertation/Report: 60
 - Viva-Voce and Presentation: 30
 - Publication in peer-reviewed journals: 7
 - Presentation in seminar/conference on the topic: 3
- (b) The evaluation of the 12 credits Research Project/Dissertation shall be done by a board of examiners consists of
 - an external examiner who is a Ph.D. supervisor in the subject to be appointed by Bhattadev University.
 - the Supervisor of the Research Project/Dissertation.
 - the Head of the Department with a Ph.D. degree or the senior most faculty member of the department with a Ph.D. degree.
