

MASTER OF SCIENCE (BY RESEARCH) ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.	All Master of Science by Research [M.S.(R)] programme offered by the Institute shall be governed by the Master of Science (By Research) Rules and Regulations.	
2.	The M.S. (R) rules and regulations shall be applicable to any new discipline(s) under this programme that may be introduced in future.	
3.	A student becomes eligible for the award of the M.S. (R) degree after fulfilling all the academic requirements as prescribed by the M.S. (R) Rules and Regulations.	
4.	The Institute shall have the following M.S. (R) programmes:	
	4.1	M.S. (R) Programme
		Discipline
		Specialization
		Energy
		Energy

M.S. (R) RULES AND REGULATIONS

CATEGORIES OF M.S. (R) STUDENTS

1. The Institute admits M.S. (R) students under the following categories:

1.1 **Regular**

A student in this category works full-time for his/her M.S. (R) degree. He/she receives assistantship from the Institute or any other recognized funding agency.

1.2 **Sponsored**

A student in this category is sponsored by a recognized R&D organization, academic institution, government organization or industry for doing M.S. (R) in the Institute on a full-time basis. The Institute does not provide any assistantship to such a student.

1.3 **IITG Project-Staff**

This category refers to a student who is working on a sponsored project in the Institute and is admitted them to M.S. (R) Programme to work on a full-time or part-time basis. The remaining duration of the project at the time of admission should be at least one year. If the project gets completed before the student completes his/her M.S. (R) Programme, his/her category will be converted to PART-TIME Category.

1.4 Part-Time

A student in this category is a professionally employed person (employees of public sector undertakings or government departments or R&D organizations or private industries or staff of IIT Guwahati), who pursues the M.S. (R) Programme while continuing the duties of his/her service. The Institute does not provide any assistantship to such a student.

CHANGE OF CATEGORY

2. Change of category from `Regular to Part-Time' is permissible on the following conditions:
 - 2.1. the concerned M.S. (R) student must clear all requirements of the 1st Semester of his/her programme;
 - 2.2 once converted from `Regular' to `Part-Time' category, he/she will not be entitled for receiving any Institute Assistantship; and
 - 2.3 such a student must complete remaining part of the M.S. (R) programme maximum within 4(Four) years from the date of his/her registration in to first semester of the programme, failure to which his/her studentship shall get automatically terminated.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- 3.1. Each academic session is divided into two semesters of approximately eighteen weeks duration (with at-least seventy working days for classes in each semester): an odd semester (July -- December) and an even semester (December -- April).
- 3.2. The Senate approved schedule of academic activities for a session, inclusive of dates for registration, mid-semester and end-semester examinations, inter-semester breaks etc shall be laid down in the Academic Calendar for the session.

ADMISSION

4.1. Eligibility Criteria

The details of the eligibility criteria for admission to M.S. (R) programme are given in *Appendix-A*. These criteria are revised by the Senate from time to time.

4.2. Admission Procedure

- 4.2.1. Admission to the M.S. (R) programme of the Institute normally takes place in July every year. Advertisement is issued in February/March.
- 4.2.2. Admission to all categories of students is granted on the basis of GATE Score/NET(JRF)/INSPIRE Certificate/interview/admission test to be held usually during the month of May - July every year.
- 4.2.3. The following documents are to be furnished along with the application by candidates falling under Sponsored and Part-time categories:

Form I: Sponsorship letter for Sponsored category.

Form II: No objection certificate from Dean (R&D), IIT Guwahati, for IITG Project Staff category

Form III: No objection certificate from the employer for Part-time category.

RESIDENCE

- 5.1. The institute is wholly residential and all students shall be required to reside in, and be members of a hostel to which they are assigned. However, students in Sponsored, IITG Project Staff and Part-time categories are exempted from residing in hostel.
- 5.2. Under special circumstances, the Director may permit a student to reside with his/her Parent/Guardian in the Institute Campus or within a reasonable distance from the Institute. However, this permission may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Institute, at any time considered appropriate by it, without assigning any reason.
- 5.3. All students must abide by the rules and regulations of the hostel as may be framed from time to time by the Hostel Affairs' Board.
- 5.4. Students not residing in hostels shall be attached to a hostel for extra-curricular activities.

ATTENDANCE

- 6.1. All students in Regular and Sponsored categories shall be required to sign in attendance register in the department/centre every working day.
- 6.2. For registered courses:
 - 6.2.1. Students are required to attend all the classes (Lectures and lab courses) ;

- 6.2.2. A student will be debarred from appearing in an end-semester examination if his/her attendance falls in the courses below 75 percent and will be awarded an “F” grade in that course.

ASSISTANTSHIP

- 7.1. Institute assistantships will be available to eligible students as per prevailing norms.
- 7.2. Assistantships from external funding organizations will be available as per terms and conditions of the concerned funding organizations.
- 7.3. Students receiving assistantships from the Institute or fellowships from any other funding agencies are required to perform academic duties as per prevailing norms in force from time to time.
- 7.4. The continuation of the assistantship/fellowship is subject to satisfactory performance of the assigned duties and satisfactory progress of the student in the M.S. (R) Programme.

LEAVE RULES

8.1. Ordinary Leave

A student is eligible for 30 days leave in a year. Saturdays, Sundays or holidays during the leave period are counted towards leave, except for prefixed or suffixed holidays.

Of the 30 days leave, a maximum of 15 days of leave is permitted in a semester. A maximum of 5 days of such leave is allowed to avail at a stretch if student having any teaching assignment.

The maximum number of carried-over leave, from one completed year to another, is 15 days. However, a student can avail accumulated leave up to a maximum of 30 days at a time in a year.

Head of the Department/Centre (HoD/HaC) sanctions leave on recommendation of the Supervisor/Faculty Advisor/DPPC/CPPC Secretary.

8.2. Academic leave

Academic leave is permitted on the following grounds.

- 8.2.1. To attend conferences/seminars/workshops/trainings/short-term courses. A maximum of 10 days of leave is permissible in a calendar year.

A maximum of 20 days of leave in a calendar year is permissible for field trips such as data collection, survey work, etc.

The Head of the Department/Centre sanctions academic leave on recommendation of the Thesis Supervisor/Faculty Advisor/DPPC/CPPC Secretary.

Academic leave exceeding 20 days but up to a maximum of 30 days in a calendar year is approved by the Chairman, IPPC on recommendation of the Thesis Supervisor/Faculty Advisor/DPPC/CPPC Secretary and the HoD/HaC.

8.2.2. Academic leave for more than 30 days is not allowed during the semester in which a student is registered for course work.

8.2.3. Academic leave of more than 30 days but up to a maximum of 10 months is also permissible to carry out part of the thesis/project work in another institute/R&D Lab/industry/scheme in India or abroad. For sanction of such a leave, a letter of consent from the host organization is required.

On recommendations of the Thesis Supervisor, the DPPC/CPPC secretary, HoD/HaC, and Chairman, IPPC, the Chairman, Senate approves such an academic leave. Such cases are also to be reported to the Senate.

A student granted academic leave for one or more semesters, pays prescribed fees in every semester.

If a registration date falls during the period of academic leave, a student completes the registration procedures at the expiry of his/her academic leave.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

9.1. Students shall conduct themselves within and outside the precincts of the Institute in a manner befitting the students of an institution of national importance. The Institute has a separate ordinance **Code and Conduct of Students** which is applicable to all students of the Institute.

9.2. In addition, unauthorized absence for more than one month leads to disciplinary action, in the form of reduction of assistantship or even termination of studentship.

COURSE STRUCTURE

10.1. Teaching of the courses shall be reckoned in credits; Credits are assigned to the courses based on the following general pattern:

- Two credits for each lecture period,
- Two credits for each tutorial period,

- Two credits for each studio period,
 - One credit per hour for each Laboratory or Practical or Project/Thesis session.
- 10.2. In order to qualify for a M.S. (R) degree of the institute, a student is required to complete the credit requirement as prescribed in the curriculum for a particular programme. The credit requirements for a programme will be minimum 96 credits. Out of 96 credits, at least 36 credits shall be through course work and 60 credits through research.
- 10.3. A semester load for a full time M.S. (R) student per semester is at least 24 credits. A part-time student should have semester load 12 credits per semester.
- 10.4. Every M.S. (R) Programme will have a curriculum and syllabi for the courses approved by the Senate. DPPC/CPPC will discuss and recommend the syllabi of all the post graduate courses offered by the department/centre from time to time before sending the same to the Institute Postgraduate Programme Committee (IPPC). The IPPC will consider the proposals from the departments/centres and make recommendations to the Senate for consideration and approval. For all approved courses, the copyright will be with IIT Guwahati.

The composition, tenure and functions of DPPC/CPPC and IPPC, are indicated at *Appendix-B*.

- 10.5. Medium of instruction, examination and project/thesis reports will be in English.
- 10.6. *Faculty Advisor*: To help the students in planning their courses of study and getting general advice on the academic programme, the concerned department will assign a Faculty Advisor to each student. Otherwise, Secretary, DPPC/CPPC will act as faculty advisor till the Thesis supervisor is appointed.
- 10.7. Thesis supervisor: Master's Project/Thesis supervisor (s) for a student will be appointed from amongst the faculty members of the IIT Guwahati.
- 10.7.1. Departments will evolve modalities for appointing of supervisors keeping in view of the students' aspirations and faculty interest. The DPPC/CPPC will co-ordinate this activity.
- 10.7.2. No student will have more than two supervisors.
- 10.7.3. No student once registered for thesis/project units will be allowed to continue the programme without a Thesis Supervisor having been appointed by the DPPC/CPPC.
- 10.7.4. No change in thesis supervisor(s) will be allowed without the consent of the DPPC/CPPC.

- 10.7.5. No change/addition of Supervisor (s) is/are allowed after the thesis has been submitted to the academic section.
- 10.7.6. In case there has been change/addition in the Supervisor(s) the thesis will be submitted not earlier than three months from the date of such change/addition.
- 10.7.7. With prior approval of the Chairman, Senate on the recommendation of the Chairman DPPC/CPPC and Chairman IPPC, a student may be allowed to have a co-supervisor from outside the institute, in exceptional cases.

REGISTRATION

- 11.1. Every student is required to register for approved courses through the assigned Faculty Advisor/Thesis Supervisor/Secretary DPPC/CPPC at the commencement of each semester on the day fixed for such registration and notified in the Academic Calendar. The Dean Academic Affairs may cancel the registration of one or more courses if they are found to violate some rules or if there are restrictions imposed due to disciplinary reasons.
- 11.2. Only those students will be permitted to register who have :
 - 11.2.1. cleared all Institute, Hostel and Library dues and fines (if any) of the previous semesters,
 - 11.2.2. paid all required advance payments of Institute and Hostel dues for the current semester, and
 - 11.2.3. not been debarred from registering on any specific ground.
- 11.3. A student who obtains a CPI lower than 5.00 with grade 'DD' in some subjects or grade 'F' in some subjects may be permitted by the Dean of Academic Affairs on the recommendations of the DPPC/CPPC to repeat one or more DD graded subjects along with the failed subjects, provided, the subject(s) is /are being offered therein.
- 11.4. When a student re-registers for a subject, in accordance with clause 11.3 and clause above, his/her new grade will be used for SPI calculation, whereas for CPI calculation, the better of the two grades (the old and the new) of that subject will be considered.
- 11.5. Students may add and drop subject(s) with the concurrence of the Thesis Supervisor/Faculty Advisor/Secretary DPPC/CPPC, and under intimation to the concerned course instructors and the academic section provided this is done within the date mentioned in the Academic Calendar and as per the conditions given in clause 10.3.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

12.1. The duration of the M.S. (R) programme is as follows:

- 12.1.1. The minimum duration of the M.S. (R) programme (excluding dropped semester(s)) is four semesters for full time students and six semesters for part time students from the date of admission.
- 12.1.2. The maximum duration of the M.S. (R) programme is six semesters for full time students and eight semesters for part time students from the date of admission.

TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE INSTITUTE

13.1. A student who has been admitted to a M.S. (R) programme of the Institute may be permitted to withdraw temporarily from the Institute on the grounds of prolonged illness or grave calamity in the family for a period of one semester or more, provided:

- 13.1.1. he/she applies to the Institute within at least 6 weeks of the commencement of the semester or from the date he last attended his/her classes whichever is later, stating fully the reasons for such withdrawal together with supporting documents and endorsement of his/her guardian;
- 13.1.2. the Institute is satisfied that, counting the period of withdrawal, the student is likely to complete his/her requirements of the M.S. (R) Degree within the time limits specified in Clause 12.1.2 above;
- 13.1.3. there are no outstanding dues or demands in the Institute/ Hostel /Department/ Library.

13.2. A student who has been granted temporary withdrawal from the Institute under the provisions of Clause 13.1 will be required to pay fees/charges (except tuition fees and hostel dues) till such time as his/her name is on the Roll List. However, fees once paid will not be refunded.

13.3. A student will be permitted only one such temporary withdrawal during his/her tenure as a student of the M.S. (R) programme.

TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAMME

14.1. A student is required to leave the Institute on the following grounds:

- 14.1.1. If a student fails to secure a CPI of 5.0 at the end of any semester. However, a student securing a CPI below 5.0 may be allowed to continue in the following semester on the recommendation of DPPC/CPCC and with the approval of IPPC. Subsequently the student will be issued a warning. Students who secure a CPI below 5.0 in two

consecutive semesters will not be allowed to continue in the postgraduate programme.

- 14.1.2. If a student is absent for more than 6 (six) weeks in a semester without sanctioned leave his/her name will be struck off the rolls.
- 14.1.3. A student may also be required to leave the Institute on disciplinary grounds.
- 14.1.4. On having been found to have produced false documents or having made false declarations at the time of seeking admission.
- 14.1.5. On having been found to be pursuing regular studies and/or correspondence courses (leading to degree or diploma) in any other college, university or an educational institution.
- 14.1.6. For Regular category students, on having found to be concurrently employed and performing duty or carrying out business.

GRADING SYSTEM

- 15.1. Based on the performance of a student, each student is awarded a final letter grade in each subject at the end of the semester. The letter grades and the corresponding grade points are as follows :

Grade	Grade Point (Applicable up to Jan-April 2015 Semester)	Grade Point (Applicable from July-Nov 2015 Semester onwards)
AS	-	10 (Outstanding)
AA	10	10 (Excellent)
AB	9	9
BB	8	8
BC	7	7
CC	6	6
CD	5	5
DD	4	4
F	0	0

In addition, there shall be two transitional grades I and X used by the instructors.

- 15.2. A student is considered to have completed a subject successfully and earned the credits if he secures a letter grade other than I, X or F in that subject. A letter grade F in any subject implies a failure in that subject.

15.3. The Transitional Grades I and X

- 15.3.1. The teacher of a subject may award the grade 'I' to a student if the latter was compelled to absent himself from the end semester examination on account of: (i) Illness or accident which disabled him

from appearing at the examination. (ii) A calamity in the family at the time of the examination, which, in the opinion of the Institute, required the student to be away from the campus.

A student will be eligible for the award of grade 'I' only if his/her attendance at classes and performance in other components of assessment are complete and satisfactory.

15.3.2. The teacher of a subject may award the grade 'X' to a student if the overall performance of the student in the course is good, but is likely to get grade 'F' based on his/her end semester examination.

15.3.3. All 'I' and 'X' grades awarded by teachers must be converted by them to appropriate letter grades and communicated to the Academic Section (through HoD/HaC) within two days of the respective make up examination. Any outstanding 'I' and 'X' grades two days after the last scheduled make up examination will be automatically converted to an 'F' grade.

15.4. A Semester Performance Index (SPI) will be computed for each semester. The SPI will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{SPI} = (C_1 * G_1 + C_2 * G_2 + C_3 * G_3 + \dots + C_n * G_n) / (C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_n)$$

where, n is the number of courses registered during the semester,
 C_i is the number of credits allotted to a particular course, and
 G_i is the grade points corresponding to the grade awarded for the course.

15.5. A Cumulative Performance Index (CPI) will be computed at the end of each semester and communicated to the students along with the SPI and the grades obtained by them for that semester.

The CPI gives the cumulative performance of the student from the first semester up to the end of the semester to which it refers, and will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{CPI} = (C_1 * G_1 + C_2 * G_2 + C_3 * G_3 + \dots + C_m * G_m) / (C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_m)$$

where, m is the number of courses registered upto that semester,
 C_i is the number of credits allotted to a particular course, and
 G_i is the grade points corresponding to the grade awarded for the course.

Whenever a student repeats or substitutes a course in any semester, the lower grade(s) obtained by him/her in the course is to be ignored in the computation of CPI from that semester onwards.

15.6. Both SPI and CPI will be rounded off to the second place of decimal and recorded as such. Whenever these CPI are to be used for the purpose of determining the merit ranking of a group of students, only the rounded off values will be used.

- 15.7. When a student gets the grade 'I' or 'X' for any course during a semester, the SPI for that semester and the CPI at the end of that semester will be tentatively calculated ignoring 'I' and 'X' graded course(s). After conversion of 'I' and 'X' grade(s) to appropriate grade(s), the SPI and CPI for that semester will finally be recalculated after taking the converted grade(s) into account.
- 15.8. The Faculty Advisor/ Secretary DPPC/CPPC/ Thesis Supervisor may permit a student to register for an audit course provided the course instructor allows auditing a course. The word "AU" shall be written alongside the Course Name in the Grade Card. The audit course & the grade "AU" shall not carry any credits and grade points. Pass or fail status will be shown in the grade card as "PP" for passed and "NP" for not passed. However, a student is not required to register again for passing a failed audit course.

ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE

- 16.1. There will be continuous assessment of a student's performance throughout the semester and grades will be awarded by the teacher concerned or the appropriate committee appointed for this purpose on the following basis.
- 16.1.1. In case of
- 16.1.1.1. theoretical subjects, the evaluation will be based on instructors assessment, quizzes, mid semester examination and end semester examination, and
 - 16.1.1.2. sessional subjects (LaboratoryDesign/Studio etc.), the evaluation will be on the basis of attendance, assessment of the tasks assigned and end semester test/viva.
- 16.1.2. The evaluation of the project/thesis work will be based on sessional work assigned by the thesis supervisor; seminar, project/thesis report and project/thesis evaluation committees' assessment (mentioned in Clause 16.2 below).
- 16.1.3. In case of other requirements such as seminar, etc., evaluation will be as determined by the grade awarding authority.
- 16.1.4. The mid-semester and end-semester examination will be conducted centrally by the Academic Section of the Institute every semester. Every theory course must have a mid-semester and an end-semester examination. The durations of the examinations will be 2 hours and 3 hours respectively. No course can have an examination of shorter durations. The class-tests or quizzes will be organized by the instructor concerned. However, mid-semester examination can be a take home examination for M.S. (R) courses only.
- 16.1.5. The weightage assigned to different components of assessment will be announced by the concerned instructor(s) in the beginning of the semester.

16.1.6. The results of performance of the students in the mid-semester examination shall be announced by the instructors. The instructors should workout following points for returning evaluated mid-semester answer scripts:

16.1.1.1. for spot verification by students, the evaluated answer scripts shall be made available during one of the lecture classes/lab classes/tutorials or during a special session, as may deemed fit by the instructor;

16.1.1.2. at least a week ahead of the notified time-schedule for verification of answer scripts by the students, individual course instructor(s) may display the model answers relating to the question paper, through website for information to the students;

16.1.1.3. students shall point out discrepancies in the evaluation by the instructor, if any, on the spot;

16.1.1.4. after conclusion of the spot verification of answer scripts, the students shall be allowed to carry their answer scripts; and no claim whatsoever shall be entertained afterwards.

16.1.1.5. All instructors should report to their respective HoDs/HaCs about showing of evaluated answer scripts to the concerned students by the stipulated date set for the purpose in the academic calendar.

16.1.1.6. The concerned HoD/HaC in turn shall send their respective reports on the subject to the Dean of Academic Affairs, within 7 (seven) days from the scheduled last date for showing evaluated answer scripts to the students.

16.1.7. The final grades for a subject must be submitted after the end-semester examination by the concerned instructor(s) to their HoD/HaC for onward transmission to the Deputy/Assistant Registrar (Academic) within the date stipulated in the academic calendar.

16.2. Evaluation of M.S. (R) Project/Thesis:

16.2.1 The project/thesis work is in two/three stages, each spread over a semester. At the end of the every stages (excluding final stage), the student is required to submit a report of his/her work by a prescribed date to the Secretary, DPPC/CPPC and present it to an Internal Project/Thesis Evaluation Committee. After passing of any stage, the subsequent stage of the work is continued in the following semester.

16.2.2 Those who fail in any stage assessment will be required to re-register for that stage in the following semester.

16.2.3 The procedure for submission of M.S. (R) **last stage** Project/Thesis and conduct of oral examination are as follows.

16.2.3.1 The thesis supervisor(s) shall be satisfied that the work has been completed. The supervisor(s) shall forward a list of examiners (comprising of at least two faculty members from the department, in addition to the supervisor(s) and one member from outside the department or an external expert) through the Secretary, DPPC/CPPC to HoD/HaC.

16.2.3.2 The HoD/HaC will then forward the list of examiners to the Chairman IPPC for the approval at least 15 days before submission of the thesis.

16.2.3.3 Following the approval, unbound copies of the thesis (one each for every examiner) shall be submitted to the Department at least one week before probable date of the examination.

16.2.3.4 The supervisor(s) will fix the date of oral examination; make an announcement (through notices and e-mail) and forward unbound copies of thesis to the examiners. The date of oral examination shall be communicated to the academic section.

16.2.3.5 The oral examination of a M.S. (R) Project/Thesis shall be held as per announced schedule and it shall be an open one.

16.2.3.6 The Supervisor/Secretary, DPPC/CPPC (if Supervisor is not available at the time of oral examination) shall be the convener of the oral examination committee. The committee shall evaluate the project/thesis of the candidate on the basis of presentation of the report, originality of the contents therein, demonstration of equipment model/hardware/software developed, the oral presentation and oral examination. In case the committee recommends a major revision and recommends a re-examination of the project/thesis, Grade "I" shall be awarded and the student shall be required to continue the project/thesis and resubmit the thesis within a period of two months. In case the committee rejects the thesis, Grade "F" shall be awarded and the student shall be required to re-register for the last stage project/thesis in the subsequent semester. The grade to be awarded to a student shall be evolved by the committee by consensus. The report of the oral examination committee including the grade shall be submitted to the Secretary, DPPC/CPPC by the committee.

16.2.3.7 On successful completion of Oral Examination, each student shall submit bound copies of the thesis making corrections, if any, suggested by the examiners (one each to the supervisor(s) and the department) and an electronic copy to the department. Student shall obtain approval of the supervisor(s) before submitting the corrected version of the bound thesis.

Secretary, DPPC/CPPC shall forward the report of the oral examination committee along with the grade to the Dean of Academic Affairs only on receipt of the bound thesis and an electronic copy from a student. All M.S. (R) Project/Thesis reports of a batch of students will be copied on a CD for archival purpose and deposited to the Central Library.

- 16.2.4 The last stage project/thesis work can be extend upto last date for I and X graders conversion as mentioned in the academic calendar of that semester.
- 16.2.5 Non-evaluation of any stage project/thesis within stipulated time, “F” grade will be awarded automatically and the student shall be required to re-register for that stage of project/thesis in the subsequent semester.

METHOD OF AWARDING LETTER GRADES

- 17.1. The instructor(s) shall submit two copies of letter grades to the concerned HoD/HaC by the due date specified in the Academic Calendar. The HoD/HaC will forward all grades to the Academic Section by the due date specified in the Academic Calendar.
- 17.2. End-semester examination answer scripts and the sheet containing details of marks converted to grades shall be preserved by the instructor(s) concerned for a period of one semester.
- 17.3. Changes in **Grades Already Awarded**: If a student feels that he/she has not been awarded a deserving grade in a course, he/she may request the instructor of the course within one week of the start of the next semester, to show him/her the end-semester answer script in order to ensure that all the questions have been evaluated properly. In case of any change in grade, the same with due justification has to be communicated by the Instructor to the Dean of Academic Affairs through the HoD/HaC. However, M.S. (R) project/thesis grades change are not permitted.

EXAMINATION

- 18.1. In assessing the student's attainment in subjects (like Theory, Laboratory, Studio and Sessional), seminars, project/thesis work etc., the system of continuous assessment is adopted by the Institute. In conformity with this practice, there will be one mid semester examination and an end semester examination for every theoretical subject -- in addition to the instructors' assessment and quizzes etc.

18.2. A student may be debarred from appearing in the end semester examination due to the following reasons:

18.2.1. If any disciplinary action is taken against him/her.

18.2.2. On recommendation of a instructor, if

18.2.2.1. his/her attendance in the Lecture/Practical classes has not been satisfactory during the semester, and/or,

18.2.2.2. his/her performance in the sessional work done during the semester has been unsatisfactory.

MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS

19.1. Students who have missed an end-semester examination on valid reasons and have been awarded "I" grade are eligible for a make-up examination. They should make an application to the Dean of Academic Affairs through the Instructor/HoD/HaC within seven days from the date of the examination missed explaining the reasons for their absence.

19.2. Official permission to take a make-up examination will be given under exceptional circumstances such as admission to a hospital due to illness and a calamity in the family at the time of examination. Students residing in the hostels should produce a medical certificate issued by the Institute Medical Officer only. Students who are permitted to stay outside the campus or who have been authorized to be away from the Institute should produce a medical certificate from a Medical Officer not below the rank of a Civil Surgeon and endorsed by the Institute Medical Officer. Certificates from private medical practitioners will not be accepted. The Dean of Academic Affairs can use his/her discretion in giving permission to a student to take a make-up examination.

19.3. No make-up examination will be scheduled for the mid-semester examination and quizzes. It is entirely upto the instructor to ascertain the proficiency of the student by whatever means considered appropriate to him/her if he/she is satisfied of the bonafides of the case.

19.4. Students who are awarded "X" grade by the teachers are also eligible for the make-up examination.

19.5. Make-up examination will be held as per dates notified in the Academic Calendar. Make-up examinations at any other time can be held only with the permission of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

WITHHOLDING OF GRADES

20.1. Grades shall be withheld when the student has not paid his/her dues or when there is a disciplinary action pending against him/her.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD OF M.S. (R) DEGREE

21.1. A student shall be declared to be eligible for the award of M.S. (R) degree if he/she has :

21.1.1. completed all the credit requirements for the degree with grade a "DD" or higher grade in each of the subjects (Theoretical, Laboratory, Studio, Sessional etc), Seminar, Project/Thesis etc;

21.1.2. obtained a CPI of 5.00 or more at the end of the semester in which he/she completes all the requirements for the degree;

21.1.3. no dues to the Institute, Department, Hostels; and

21.1.4. no disciplinary action is pending against him.

21.2. The award of M.S. (R) degree must be recommended by the Senate and approved by the Board of Governors of the Institute.

APPENDIX – A

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO MS(R) PROGRAMME

The details of the eligibility criteria (i.e. minimum qualifications and experience) for admission to M.S. (R) programme are given in this appendix. The Senate reviews the same for admission to the M.S. (R) programme from time to time. Relaxation in academic qualification for reserved categories of students is as per Government of India guidelines.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

A.1 Minimum qualifications for M.S. (R) programme

A.1.1 A Minimum CPI of 6.5 in a 10-point scale or 60% of marks or First Class in B.E/B.Tech/M.Sc or equivalent **in any discipline** along with a valid GATE score or NET/INSPIRE qualified.

Or

A.1.2 B Tech degrees **in any discipline** from an IIT with a minimum CPI of 8.0 or above in which case GATE score is not mandatory.

A.1.3 For Sponsored/Part-Time/IITG Project-staff category, GATE score or NET/INSPIRE etc. are not required.

A.2 MINIMUM EXPERIENCE FOR SPONSORED AND PART-TIME CATEGORIES

A.2.1 Candidate in Sponsored and Part-time categories must be a regular employee of the sponsoring organization/industry with at least **one year** of professional experience (research/teaching/industrial) in the respective field.

FORM I -SPONSORSHIP LETTER

(This should be typed on the letter head of the sponsoring organisation)

Reference No..
Date

The
Director
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Sub : Sponsoring an Employee for M.S. (R) Programme

Dear Sir,

We hereby sponsor the candidature of Mr./ Mswho is an employee in our organization, for joining M.S. (R). Programme inat your Institute as a full-time student.

It is certified that he/she has completed **1(One) year** of service in our organization/ institute as a regular employee.

It is also certified that he/she will not be transferred while pursuing M.S. (R) programme at IIT Guwahati.

Further, we shall relieve him/her of his/her duties in the organisation during the two years of the M.S. (R) programme.

Sponsoring Authority
Seal & Signature

Form II - No-Objection Certificate for IITGuwahati Project Employee

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Reference No..
Date

The
Director
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Sub : No-Objection Certificate

Dear Sir,

We have no objection if Mr./Mrs.....an employee in our organisation, is admitted to the M.S. (R). Programme inat your Institute as a full-time/part-time student.

It is certified that, the remaining duration of the project at the time of his/her admission will not be less than one year (i.e. the Project will continue up to).

We shall give him/her leave of absence to attend class work at IIT- Guwahati during two years of the M.S. (R). Programme .

Designated Authority
Seal & Signature

Form III - No-Objection Certificate for Part-time category

(This should be typed on the letter head of the sponsoring organisation)

Reference No..
Date

The
Director
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Sub : No-Objection Certificate

Dear Sir,

We have no objection if Mr./Mrs.....an employee in our organisation, is admitted to the M.S. (R). Programme inat your Institute as a part-time student.

It is certified that he/she has completed **1(One) year** of service in our organization/ institute as a regular employee.

It is also certified that he/she will not be transferred while pursuing M.S. (R) programme at IIT Guwahati.

Further, we shall give him/her leave of absence to attend class work at IIT- Guwahati during two years of the M.S. (R) Programme.

Signature and seal of the
Sponsoring Authority

APPENDIX-B

DEPARTMENTAL/CENTRE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (DPPC/CPPC)

Composition :		
(i)	Head of the Department/Centre	Chairman
(ii)	Six faculty members to be nominated by the Head of which one will be nominated by the Head as the member secretary.	Members
(iii)	One faculty member from outside department. The department will be chosen by the committee. The faculty member from the chosen department/centre will be nominated by the HoD/HaC of that department/centre.	Member
(iv)	For a department/centre, one student with CPI not less than 7.5 to be elected by the M.S. (R) students and one student to be elected by the Ph D students of the 2 nd years (or higher).	Members
Tenure :		
Two years for faculty members and one year for student members.		
Functions :		
(i)	To oversee the conduct of all postgraduate courses of the department/centre.	
(ii)	To ensure academic standard and excellence of the courses offered by the department/centre.	
(iii)	To discuss and recommend the syllabi of all the postgraduate courses offered by department/centre from time to time before sending the same to the Institute Postgraduate Programme Committee (IPPC).	
(iv)	To consider any matter related to the postgraduate programme of the department/centre.	

INSTITUTE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (IPPC)

Composition :		
(i)	Dean of Academic Affairs (ex-officio)	Chairman
(ii)	DPPC/CPPC Secretaries of all departments/centres.	Members
(iii)	DR (Academic) or AR (Academic)	Non-Member secretary
Tenure :		
Two years.		
Functions :		
(i)	To oversee the conduct of all postgraduate courses of the Institute.	
(ii)	To consider the proposals from the departments/academic centres and make recommendations to the Senate for consideration and approval.	
(iii)	To issue guidelines to various departments/academic centres on evaluation pattern of the courses/projects/thesis to maintain uniformity.	
(iv)	To consider and recommend the assessment procedure to be adopted by various departments/academic centres.	
(v)	To consider and recommend any other matter concerning the postgraduate programme of the Institute.	