

A Summary of the GU UG-CBCS[†]

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What is UG-CBCS?

The undergraduate degree (UG) programme in the **Choice Based Credit System** (CBCS) will have courses spread across six-semester of any undergraduate degree course. Two consecutive (one odd and one even) semesters will make up an academic year. An UG course shall be of Six Semesters covering three Calendar Years (Academic Sessions – June to May). The duration of the **Odd Semesters** (First, Third, and Fifth) shall be **June - November**, and that of **Even Semesters** (Second, Fourth and Sixth) shall be **December - May**.

How does it work?

The courses in GU UG-CBCS are categorised primarily into three types of courses - Core, Elective, and Ability / Skill Enhancement courses. All the core and elective courses will comprise of six (6) credits and the skill courses are of four (4) credits.

Core Course

As the name suggests, a core course is a necessary course that a student **MUST** take in order to complete the degree. The number of core courses for Honours and Regular degrees are different.

Elective Course

An elective course is the one for which a student has some kind of freedom to choose from a pool of courses. There are two kinds of elective courses - Generic and Discipline Specific. The generic elective courses are those, which can be chosen by a student belonging to any stream, while the discipline specific elective courses are particular to only the discipline concerned. However, a student pursuing an honours degree course can choose a generic elective from any other discipline except from the honours course itself.

Ability / Skill Enhancement Course

An Ability or Skill Enhancement course is aimed at providing the student with skill and ability. These courses have four (4) credits each in contrast to the core or elective courses. The ability enhancement courses **MUST** be opted by a student and the student can choose papers from a pool of skill enhancement courses.

Dissertation / Project

A student can opt (subject to conditions) a dissertation or a project work in lieu of a 6-credit discipline specific elective course in the sixth semester.

The Notion of Credit

A student needs to earn a required number of **credits** in order to successfully complete a degree. The credit is closely related to the number of stipulated classes a student has to complete. The following table indicates the number of credit a student can earn for each type of indicated classes.

| Class | Duration | Credit |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| 1 Theory Class | 1 Hour | 1 |
| 1 Tutorial Class | 1 Hour | 1 |
| 1 Practical Class | 2 Hours | 1 |

Papers and Credits

The following table gives you an idea about the number of papers one MUST take in a certain degree course and the total credit it contains.

| Degree | Minimum Paper Requirements | Minimum Credits |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Undergrad Degree with Honours (All Disciplines) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 14 Core ◆ 2 Ability Enhancement ◆ 2 Skill Enhancement ◆ 4 Discipline Specific Elective ◆ 4 Generic Elective | 148 |
| Undergrad Regular Degree (Science) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 12 Core ◆ 2 Ability Enhancement ◆ 2 Skill Enhancement ◆ 6 Discipline Specific Elective | 124 |
| Undergrad Regular Degree (Humanities / Social Sci / Commerce) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 10 Core ◆ 2 Ability Enhancement ◆ 2 Skill Enhancement ◆ 8 Discipline Specific Elective | 124 |

Paper Code Structure[†]

The code structure of a paper is given below:

AAA - **TT** - **XYXC**

AAA : **Subject** : 3-letter subject code (see the suggested table below)

TP : **Type of Course** :

- HC** (Honours Core)
- RC** (Regular Core)
- HG** (Generic Elective for Honours)
- RG** (Generic Elective for Regular)
- HE** (Discipline Specific Elective for Honours)
- RE** (Discipline Specific Elective for Regular)
- SE** (Skill Enhancement)

X : **Semester** : Numerical digit for Semester. One of **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6**

YY : **Serial No of Paper** : Two-digit numerical number (within the semester)

C : **Credits** : Either **6 or 4**.

ENG-AE-1014 : AECC - English Communication Paper

ASM-AE-1014 : AECC - Assamese / MIL Communication Paper

ENV-AE-2014 : AECC - Environmental Science Paper

ENG-CC-X016 : English Compulsory Paper (X = 1 or 2 depending on semester)

ALT-CC-X016 : Alternative English Compulsory (X = 3 or 4 depending on semester)

ASM-CC-X016 : Assamese / MIL Compulsory (X = 3 or 4 depending on semester)

[†] Subject to changes and modifications as per CC-CBCS recommendations.

Structure of a Course (Programme Template)

The following tables give you the detailed papers and credits that a student need to take for a certain degree.

Abbreviations

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| AEC | : Ability Enhancement Paper |
| SEC | : Skill Enhancement Paper |
| DSE | : Discipline Specific Paper |
| GEN | : Generic Elective Paper |
| XXX | : Subject 1 (Core / Primary for Honours / Regular) |
| YYY | : Subject 2 |
| ZZZ | : Subject 3 |

BSc Honours Programme

| Semester | Type | Core | AEC | SEC | DSE | GEN |
|----------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Credits | 14 × 6 = 84 | 2 × 4 = 8 | 2 × 4 = 8 | 4 × 6 = 24 | 4 × 6 = 24 |
| I | | XXX-HC-1016 | ENG-AE-1014 | | | GEN-HG-1016 |
| | | XXX-HC-1026 | | | | |
| II | | XXX-HC-2016 | ENV-AE-2014 | | | GEN-HG-2016 |
| | | XXX-HC-2026 | | | | |
| III | | XXX-HC-3016 | | SEC-SE-3XX4 | | GEN-HG-3016 |
| | | XXX-HC-3026 | | | | |
| | | XXX-HC-3036 | | | | |
| IV | | XXX-HC-4016 | | SEC-SE-4XX4 | | GEN-HG-4016 |
| | | XXX-HC-4026 | | | | |
| | | XXX-HC-4036 | | | | |
| V | | XXX-HC-5016 | | | DSE-HE-5XX6 | |
| | | XXX-HC-5026 | | | DSE-HE-5YY6 | |
| VI | | XXX-HC-6016 | | | DSE-HE-6XX6 | |
| | | XXX-HC-6026 | | | DSE-HE-6YY6 | |

BA / BCom Honours Programme

| Semester | Type | Core | AEC | SEC | DSE | GEN |
|----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Credits | 14 × 6 = 84 | 2 × 4 = 8 | 2 × 4 = 8 | 4 × 6 = 24 | 4 × 6 = 24 |
| I | XXX-HC-1016 | XXX-HC-1026 | ENG-AE-1014 / ASM-AE-1014 | | | GEN-HG-1016 |
| | XXX-HC-1026 | | | | | |
| II | XXX-HC-2016 | XXX-HC-2026 | ENV-AE-2014 | | | GEN-HG-2016 |
| | XXX-HC-2026 | | | | | |
| III | XXX-HC-3016 | XXX-HC-3026 | XXX-HC-3036 | SEC-SE-3XX4 | | GEN-HG-3016 |
| | XXX-HC-3026 | | | | | |
| | XXX-HC-3036 | | | | | |
| IV | XXX-HC-4016 | XXX-HC-4026 | XXX-HC-4036 | SEC-SE-4XX4 | | GEN-HG-4016 |
| | XXX-HC-4026 | | | | | |
| | XXX-HC-4036 | | | | | |
| V | XXX-HC-5016 | XXX-HC-5026 | | | DSE-HE-5XX6 | |
| | XXX-HC-5026 | | | | DSE-HE-5YY6 | |
| VI | XXX-HC-6016 | XXX-HC-6026 | | | DSE-HE-6XX6 | |
| | XXX-HC-6026 | | | | DSE-HE-6YY6 | |

BSc Regular Programme

| Semester | Type | Core | AECC | SEC | DSE |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | Credits | 12 × 6 = 72 | 2 × 4 = 8 | 4 × 4 = 16 | 6 × 6 = 36 |
| I | XXX-RC-1016 | ENG-AE-1014 | | | |
| | YYY-RC-1016 | | | | |
| | ZZZ-RC-1016 | | | | |
| II | XXX-RC-2016 | ENV-AE-2014 | | | |
| | YYY-RC-2016 | | | | |
| | ZZZ-RC-2016 | | | | |
| III | XXX-RC-3016 | | | SEC-SE-3XX4 | |
| | YYY-RC-3016 | | | | |
| | ZZZ-RC-3016 | | | | |
| IV | XXX-RC-4016 | | | SEC-SE-4XX4 | |
| | YYY-RC-4016 | | | | |
| | ZZZ-RC-4016 | | | | |
| V | | | | SEC-SE-5XX4 | XXX-RE-5XX6 |
| | | | | | YYY-RE-5XX6 |
| | | | | | ZZZ-RE-5XX6 |
| VI | | | | SEC-SE-6XX4 | XXX-RE-6XX6 |
| | | | | | YYY-RE-6XX6 |
| | | | | | ZZZ-RE-6XX6 |

BA / BCom Regular Programme

| Semester | Type | Core | AECC | SEC | DSE | GEN |
|----------|---------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | Credits | 12 × 6 = 72 | 2 × 4 = 8 | 4 × 4 = 16 | 4 × 6 = 24 | 2 × 6 = 12 |
| I | | ENG-CC-1016 | ENG-AE-1014 / ASM-AE-1014 | | | |
| | | YYY-RC-1016 | | | | |
| | | ZZZ-RC-1016 | | | | |
| II | | ENG-CC-2016 | ENV-AE-2014 | | | |
| | | YYY-RC-2016 | | | | |
| | | ZZZ-RC-2016 | | | | |
| III | | ASM / ALT-CC-3016 | | SEC-SE-3XX4 | | |
| | | YYY-RC-3016 | | | | |
| | | ZZZ-RC-3016 | | | | |
| IV | | ASM / ALT-CC-4016 | | SEC-SE-4XX4 | | |
| | | YYY-RC-4016 | | | | |
| | | ZZZ-RC-4016 | | | | |
| V | | | | SEC-SE-5XX4 | YYY-RE-5XX6 ZZZ-RE-5XX6 | GEN-RG-5XX6 |
| VI | | | | SEC-SE-6XX4 | YYY-RE-6XX6 ZZZ-RE-6XX6 | GEN-RG-6XX6 |

Course Availability³⁶

A college may publish a table like the one shown below, indicating the subjects available in the college for students to choose from.

The following table is ONLY indicative. The colleges MUST decide what subjects might be available with them, which can be fixed in consultation with the syllabus of a course and the respective CCS.

| Disciplines | Programmes | Honours | Regular |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Economics | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Philosophy | | | ✓ |
| Education | | ✓ | |
| ... | | ... | ... |

In a similar fashion, the college may like to publish a table indicating the subjects available in the Generic Elective pool.