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Kannur University - Four Year Undergraduate Programme -2024- Guidelines for Honours with Research -- Implemented w.e.f 2024 admission -Orders issued

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Dated: 01.04.2026

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- Read:-1. U. O No. FYUG PSC/FYSC- U5074 I 2024 dared 18.04.2024  
2. U. O No . FYUGPSC/FYSC-I / 5074/2024 dated 06.08.2024  
3. U.O. No. ACAD/ACAD C1/21507/2024 dated 20.12.2024  
4. U.O. No. ACAD/ACAD C1/ 20003 /2024 dated 15.04.2025  
5. U.O. No. ACAD/ACAD C1/20003/2024 (I) dated 15.04.2025  
6. U.O. No. ACAD/ACAD C1/20003 / 2024 dated 28.05.2025  
7. U.O. No. ACAD/ACAD C1/20003/2024 dated 27.12.2025  
8.U.O. No. ACAD/ACAD C1/20003/2024 (PART VIII ) dated 30.03.2026  
9.U.O. No. ACAD/ACAD C1/20003/2024 dated 25.03.2026  
10.Minutes of the meeting of the State Level Monitoring Committee held on 06.02.2026, received from Higher Education (B) Department on 26.02.2026.  
11. Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 12.03.2026  
12.Orders of Vice Chancellor in file No ACAD/ACAD C1/20003/2024 PART XIII dated 21.03.2026

**ORDER**

The Regulations of the Kannur University Four Year Undergraduate Programme (KU-FYUGP Regulations, 2024) for affiliated colleges were implemented with effect from the 2024 admission, vide paper read as (1) above, and certain modifications were subsequently effected to the same vide papers read as (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) &(8).

The Guidelines for the FYUGP Internship/Apprenticeship were implemented w.e.f 2024 admission as per the paper read (9) above.

Subsequently, the Principal Secretary, Higher Education (B) Department, vide paper read as (10) above, submitted the approved minutes of the meeting of the FYUGP State Level Monitoring Committee held on 06.02.2026, along with the FYUGP - Guidelines for Honours with Research for further necessary action in this regard.

The Vice-Chancellor, after considering the matter, ordered to place the minutes of the meeting of the FYUGP State Level Monitoring Committee held on 06.02.2026, along with the FYUGP Guidelines for Honours with Research before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council, at its meeting held on 12.03.2026, vide paper read (11) recommended approval of the same.

The Vice-Chancellor, after considering the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the



Academic Council and in exercise of the powers of the Academic Council conferred under Section 11(1), Chapter III of the Kannur University Act, 1996, and all other enabling provisions read together, approved the **Guidelines for Honours with Research** accorded sanction to implement the same with effect from the 2024 admission in the University, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The **FYUGP - Guidelines for Honours with Research** are appended herewith and uploaded on the University website.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC)

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2. The Examination branch ( Through PA TO CE)  
3. The convenor, FYUGP implementation and monitoring Committee

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## **Four Year Undergraduate Programme**

### **Guidelines for the Implementation of Honors with Research**

#### **1. Introduction and Objectives**

The **Honors with Research** track is designed to foster an advanced research culture among undergraduate students. It provides high-performing students with the opportunity to engage in original academic inquiry, preparing them for doctoral studies and specialized professional careers.

#### **2. Eligibility and Credit Structure**

- **Academic Requirement:** Students must have secured a minimum of **75% marks (or an equivalent CGPA)** across the first six semesters.
- **Subject Alignment:** The research topic must be strictly aligned with the student's **Major Subject**.
- **Credit Weightage:** The research component carries **12 credits**.

#### **3. Institutional Eligibility**

##### **3.1 Internal Departments**

**Approved Research Centers:** Departments formally recognized as University Research Centers are automatically authorized to offer the "Honors with Research" track

**Non-Research Departments:** Departments not recognized as research centers must apply to the University for authorization. Eligibility is contingent upon having a minimum of two (2) faculty members holding Ph.D. degrees.

**2. Application and Documentation Requirements** Colleges seeking approval must submit a comprehensive proposal including:

- Evidence of Ph.D qualifications for the concerned faculty

- Detailed Curricula Vitae (CVs) of the faculty members
- An assessment of departmental and institutional infrastructure capable of supporting advanced research
- A Commitment Letter: A formal undertaking by the College Management/Principal ensuring that the designated Ph.D. faculty will not be transferred during the tenure of the Honors with Research program.

**3. Evaluation and Approval Process:** The University shall forward all proposals to the respective Board of Studies (BoS). The BoS will verify the credentials and infrastructural readiness and communicate its recommendation to the University for Final Approval.

**4. Administrative Timeline to ensure academic continuity, the following schedule is recommended:**

**Notification:** The University shall invite applications in every January.

**Decision:** Approval/rejection status must be communicated to the colleges by March 15th.

**Publication:** The University shall publish a consolidated list of authorized departments/colleges on its website every April to assist students in selecting appropriate institutions.

### **5. Validity and Continuity**

Once a department receives authorization, it is not required to re-apply annually, provided the minimum requirement of two Ph.D. faculty members is maintained.

**Mandatory Reporting:** If the number of Ph.D. faculty falls below two at any point, the Principal must immediately notify the University. Failure to maintain this faculty strength may lead to the suspension of the research track for that academic cycle.

### **3.2 External Research Centers**

In exceptional cases, students may conduct research at **premium national research centers or labs** with the prior approval of the **College-level FYUGP Committee**.

#### **4. Academic Integrity and Quality Control**

To ensure the highest academic standards, the following are mandatory:

- **Plagiarism and AI Check:** All dissertations must undergo a rigorous check for plagiarism and the unauthorized use of Generative AI.
- **Certification:** A formal certificate confirming that the work is original and meets the University's integrity standards must be attached to the final report.
- **Field/Lab Work:** Students are encouraged and permitted to visit relevant labs or conduct field studies during their course of work to gather primary data.

#### **5. Academic Requirements for Honors with Research**

In addition to the twelve (12) credits allocated for the research project/dissertation, students are mandated to complete two or three advanced-level courses (as stipulated by the prevailing regulations), each carrying four (4) credits. These courses must specifically focus on Research Methodology and the student's identified Area of Research.

The Research Supervisor shall be responsible for recommending the most appropriate courses to ensure the student's academic alignment with their research goals.

The Research Supervisor may also recommend the completion of specific prerequisite courses deemed essential for the student's particular area of inquiry. Such courses must be successfully undertaken prior to the formal commencement of the research project to ensure the student possesses the necessary foundational expertise.

#### **6. Deliverables and Presentation**

- **Dissertation:** Submission of a final dissertation following the format prescribed by the concerned **Board of Studies**.

- **Conference Presentation:** Students must present their findings (online or offline) at a **National or International Conference**.
- **Publication:** Students are encouraged to initiate the publication process in peer-reviewed journals.

## 7. Evaluation and Open Defence

The evaluation process is designed to be stringent and transparent:

- **Committee Composition:** Chaired by the **Head of the Department (HoD)**, featuring the Research Supervisor and an **External Expert**.
- **The Viva-Voce (Open Defence):** \* For internal research, the viva-voce is conducted at the parent department.
  - o For research conducted at **external institutions**, the viva-voce may be conducted by either the **host institution** or the **parent institution**, as per the mutual agreement between the organizations.
  - o Viva-Voce shall be open to all interested students.
- **Final Recommendation:** The External Expert shall review the final report and the student's performance during the Open Defence and recommend Honors with Research.