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(Abstract)

Uniform Norms for award of grace marks/credit points to KU-FYUGP students participating in Sports ,Arts ,NCC and NSS activities & grace marks for differently abled students - revised- orders issued.

ACADEMIC D SECTION

Acad.D4/1818/General/2017

Dated: 17.04.2026

Read:-1. UO No. Acad.D4/1818/General/2017 dated 04.10.2025

2. Item No.10 of the Minutes of the Standing committee of the Academic Council held on 12.03.2026.

3. Order of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in the file No.Acad/ACAD C1/20003/2024 (1) dated 21.03.2026

ORDER

1.The criteria and guidelines for awarding grace marks/credits to students under the Kannur University Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (KU-FYUGP), implemented with effect from the academic year 2024-25 onwards, were issued vide paper read as (1) above

2.Subsequently, certain discrepancies were observed in the said guidelines. The State Level Monitoring Committee of FYUGP, in its meeting held on 27.02.2026, examined the matter in detail and recommended specific modifications in the norms for awarding grace marks. The Higher Education Department approved the minutes of the said meeting and forwarded the same to the Universities for implementation.

3. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council, vide paper read as (2) above, considered the matter and recommended the implementation of the "**Uniform norms for awarding Grace Marks in FYUGP**", as approved by the Higher Education Department.

4.The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, after due consideration of the matter, vide paper read as (3) above, has accorded sanction to implement the said Uniform norms, as recommended by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, subject to reporting the same to the Academic Council.

5. Orders are, therefore, issued regarding the implementation of the "**Uniform norms for awarding Grace Marks in FYUGP**" for Kannur University Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (KU-FYUGP) with effect from the academic year 2024-25 onwards. The detailed norms are appended herewith .

5. The U O referred (1) above , stands modified to the above extent.



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Uniform Norms for Awarding Grace Marks in FYUGP

In the Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP) students shall be granted credits based on their performance in Sports Activities, NSS activities and NCC activities and grace marks based on their achievements in the above activities

1. Awarding Credits for performance and participation.

The following are the eligible activities recommended by the committee for availing credits during the FYUGP.

1.1 Credits for exceptional athletic achievements (SPEAA)

Students qualifying and representing the nation in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, may be entitled to receive 52 credits directly (approximately 39% of the total credits required for getting a 3 year UG degree) Out of this 52credits, 32 credits can be used for their major/minor credits as per their choice and the remaining 20 credits can be used for the Foundation Courses including internship (except AEC).

The credits will be accumulated in the credit bank, and upon the student's request at the time of exit or opting out of the programme, they will be awarded to the respective semesters based on the student's highest level of achievement.

In cases where the student does not achieve the MINIMUM PRESCRIBED CREDITS INDIVIDUALLY IN MAJOR AND MINOR DISCIPLINES , a General BAIBSc/BCom may be conferred. The student may upgrade to a major degree later by completing the required additional credits. Students will have the option to apply for the upgradation of their earned credits from the higher level course.

A STUDENT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM CREDITS ONLY FOR THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION ATTAINED IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR . CREDITS CORRESPONDING TO MULTIPLE LEVELS OF REPRESENTATION (OLYMPIC GAMES,ASIAN GAMES, AND COMMON WEALTH-I GAMES) ACHIEVED WITHIN THE SAME ACADEMIC YEAR SHALL NOT BE AGGREGATED.

1.2 Credits for Participation in University, State, and National Sports Camps: (SPNCA)

Students participating in coaching camps conducted by Universities, State Associations or National Federations can earn 3 credits for their involvement in the above categories of Coaching Camps,provided that prior sanction should be obtained from the Director of Physical Education of the concerned university in the case of the final National Camp and the final State team camp through the Head of Physical Education & Principal of the College. Such credits shall be treated in lieu of a Value Added Course.



Students may be given a provision to earn additional credits for their structured training programmes based on their performance evaluation by the competent authority. These can be considered in line with VOCATIONAL MINOR COURSES and a maximum of 12 credits can be exempted from the FYUGP based on the credits.

For awarding the credits, the student shall forward a statement of the total hours of engagement/training duly signed by the Director of Sports of the University in the case of University Camps and the Secretary/ Head Coach of State Association / National Federations in case of State camps/National Camps to the Head of the institution.

This system promotes active participation in sports, recognizing and integrating students' athletic efforts into their academic achievements, thereby supporting a holistic educational experience.

1.3 Award of Credits for Sports Activities at College Level (SPAC)

To promote physical fitness and encourage participation in sports activities among students, it is proposed to institute a credit-based system for involvement in sports, Yoga, and Physical programmes. The following guidelines outline the process for acquiring and awarding credits through participation in these activities: -

All students are eligible to participate in sports activities, fitness drives, Yoga, and Physical Programmes conducted by the college. Participation must be officially recorded and verified by the respective Faculty of the Department of Physical Education or programme supervisor. Students who shall complete the prescribed sports activities with at least 240 hours of regular participation during their FYUG Programme will be awarded 3 credits and can be exempted from one Value Added Course.

1.4 Award of Credits for participation in NSS activities in College Level

Students who complete a minimum of regular activities of 240 hours and one Special camp (7days) will be awarded 3 credits and can be exempted from one Value Added Course. This must be officially recorded by the Programme Officer of NSS Unit in the College.

1.5 Award of Credits for participation in NCC activities in the College Level

Students who participate in the prescribed NCC activities with 75% attendance or above in 2 years will be awarded 3 credits and can be exempted from one Value Added Course.

1.6 Award of credits for other eligible participations in the college level

Students completing any of the activities such as participation in Earn While You Learn scheme, services during natural disaster, entrepreneurship start ups or any other activities deemed to be fit for awarding credits, with at least 240 hrs of regular participation during their FYUG programme over the entire duration of the programme, shall be eligible for a maximum of 3 credits and such credits can be utilised solely to exempt one Value Added Course (VAC).



Students can claim only one activity during a programme for claiming the credits for availing exemption from VAC.

This provision ensures that sustained and meaningful participation in socially relevant or community support activities is duly recognised within the academic framework of FYUGP.

2 NCC as an elective subject in FYUG Programme

Based on the letter D.O.No 1-1 8/2019 (CPP-II) dated April 2021 from UGC, NCC can be included as an elective subject and can be awarded a maximum of 24 credits.

These credits will be awarded in accordance with the approved NCC syllabus and the FYUGP credit framework, with the standard equivalency of sixty (60) hours of verified NCC training being equal to one (1) credit. The curriculum will include both theory components—covering topics such as leadership, national integration, disaster management, and environmental awareness—and practical components, such as drills, parades, weapon training, field exercises, and recognised NCC camps. Credits earned through this route will be counted towards the Vocational Minor/Skill Enhancement segment/Value Added Course of the FYUGP curriculum. As NCC will be embedded in the academic structure for these students, they shall not be eligible for any additional grace marks, separate credit exemptions, or concessions under Clause 2.5 - Award of Credits for NCC Activities. This measure ensures that benefits are not duplicated for the same participation.

The Associate NCC Officer (ANO) of the college, in coordination with the NCC Directorate, will be responsible for maintaining verified records of participation, attendance, and performance. Credits will be awarded only upon successful completion of all prescribed activities and assessments as per the NCC curriculum.

Universities that decide to offer NCC as an elective subject will be required to formally include NCC modules in their syllabus, allocate Directorate guidelines.

3 Awarding Grace Marks for achievements and performance

Grace marks shall be awarded for performance/ achievements in sports and games, youth festivals, NCC and NSS activities in the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP), programme to recognize and reward students who excel in these areas. These marks encourage holistic balancing of academic and co-curricular commitments. Grace marks are an additional incentive for certain achievements and performances.

3.1 Grace marks for Sports and Games performance

Sports and Games Grace Marks shall be limited to events included in the Annual Sports Calendar of the respective Universities. The grace marks for each performance of an athlete at different levels in different competitions will be added cumulatively annually. Grace marks can



be accumulated up to a maximum of 25% per annum.

Refer ANNEXURE 1 for details

3.2. Grace Mark Category for Cultural Activities

Grace Marks for cultural activity shall be limited to events included in the annual youth festival activities listed by the respective Universities. The grace marks for each performance of a candidate at different levels in different competitions will be added cumulatively annually. Grace marks can be accumulated up to a maximum of 20% per annum.

Refer ANNEXURE II for details

3.3. Grace marks for NCC activities

Grace Marks for NCC activities shall be limited to events listed below and approved by the respective Universities. The grace Marks for each event will be added cumulatively annually. Grace marks can be accumulated up to a maximum of 20% per annum.

Refer ANNEXURE III for details

Note: Based on the letter D.O.Nol-18/2019 (CPP-II) dated April 2021 from UGC. NCC can be included as an elective subject and can be awarded a maximum of 24 credits. Based on this NCC Directorate has submitted a request for inclusion of NCC as an elective credit course in FYUG programmes in all semesters. Universities may consider this and can include NCC as vocational minor subject in FYUG programmes and can provide a maximum of 24 credits as per the activities. If the students opt for NCC as their vocational minor, they are not eligible for the grace marks.

3.4. Grace marks for NSS activities

Refer ANNEXURE IV for details

3.5. Grace Marks for differently abled persons

Refer ANNEXURE V for details

Differently abled students who take their evaluation with the assistance of a scribe approved by the University shall not be required to appear for the End Semester Evaluation(ESE) of Ability Enhancement Course —Other Languages. The marks for Ability Enhancement Course —Other Languages shall be awarded by taking the average of the ESE marks obtained in all other courses student has attended in that semester.



4. General conditions

4.1. Application Process for Grace Marks

Students are required to apply for grace marks during the respective academic year. Once approved, these marks shall be deposited in a designated grace mark bank. The application of these marks will be processed at the end of each year and can be applied to any course under any discipline upon the student's request. For students opting to continue for the Honours program, the eligible grace marks for the 7th and 8th Semester shall be affected at the end of the 8th Semester.

4.2. Redistribution of Grace Marks

Redistribution of grace marks is permissible only for papers in which the candidate has already passed. Upon the request of student, the grace mark is redistributed in the best interest of the student. Grace marks shall be awarded for regular examinations and can also be granted for the next two immediate chances of supplementary /Improvement examinations.

Annexure I

FYUGP: Grace Marks for Sports /Games Performance

SL No.	Event	Position	Code	Grace Marks (%)	
1	Representing India in Senior/Junior Competitions, Approved International Competition(Olympics, Asian Games, Common Wealth Games, World Championships/Cups, World University Games/Championships)	First	SP01	25%	
		Second	SP02	24%	
		Third	SP03	23%	
		Participation	SP04	22%	
2	All India Inter University Championships/ Khelo India University Games	First	SP 05	17%	
		Second	SP 06	14%	
		Third	SP 07	12%	
		Fourth	SP 08	10%	
		Participation	SP 09	7%	
3	South Zone/ Southwest Zone Inter-University Championship	First	SP 10	14%	
		Second	SP 11	12%	
		Third	SP 12	10%	
		Fourth	SP 13	8%	
		Participation	SP 14	7%	
4	Senior National Championship of recognized National Federation	First	SP 15	14%	
		Second	SP 16	12%	
		Third	SP 17	10%	



		Participation	SP 18	6%	
5	Junior National Championship of recognized National Federation	First	SP 19	10%	
		Second	SP 20	9%	
		Third	SP 21	8%	
		Participation	SP 22	6%	
6	All India Inter University/ South Zone Inter University Non Participation member University Team		SP 23	5%	
7	Inter District (state) Level Championship	First	SP 24	4%	
		Second	SP 25	3%	
		Third	SP 26	2%	
8	Inter Collegiate Competitions	First	SP 27	5%	
		Second	SP 28	4%	
		Third	SP 29	3%	
		Fourth	SP 30	1%	

Annexure-II

Grace Mark for Cultural Activities

SL No.	Activities	Code	% of Grace Marks
1	Inter Collegiate/ Interzone Ist place With A Grade, Best Actor, Best Actress(Individual/Group)	YF 1	Individual-5% Group-4%
2	Inter Collegiate/Interzone IInd place With A Grade, (Individual/Group)	YF 2	Individual-4% Group-3%
3	Inter Collegiate/Interzone IIInd place With A Grade (Individual/Group)	YF 3	Individual-3% Group-2%
		Limited to 5% (1&2)	
4	South zone Inter University youth festival(Individual/Group)Ist Place	YF 4	Individual-6% Group-5%
5	South zone Inter University youth festival(Individual/Group)II Place	YF 5	Individual-5% Group-4%
6	South zone Inter University youth festival(Individual/Group)III Place	YF 6	Individual-4% Group-3%
7	South zone Inter University youth festival(Individual/Group) Participation	YF 7	Individual & Group-2%
		Limited to 6% (4-7)	
8	National Level Youth Festival (Individual/Group) Ist Place	YF 8	Individual-10% Group-8%



9	National Level Youth Festival (Individual/Group) IIrd Place	YF 9	Individual-7% Group-6%
10	National Level Youth Festival (Individual/Group) IIIrd Place	YF10	Individual-5% Group-4%
11	National Level Youth Festival (Individual/Group)Participation	YF 11	Individual & Group-3%
		(Limited to 10%)	

Annexure-III

Grace Marks for NCC Activities

SL No.	Activities	Code	% of Grace Marks	Remarks
1	Attending Republic Day Camps/ Parade/ Independence Day Camps/National Youth Exchange Programme/Foreign Cruise	NC 1	12%	
2	All India Vayu Sainik camp/All India Nau Sainik camp/All India Thal Sainik Camp/ IDSSC/ Yatching Regatta(any one)	NC 2	8%	
3	All Centrally Organised Adventure activities Mountaineering Expedition / Mountaineering course/para jump course/para sailing/Cycling Expedition/ trekking/sailing Expeditions (Inshore/offshore)/ Gliding (Maximum three launches)/power flying(solo)scuba diving course/skiing course/Rock climbing training/camp/south zone shooting competition/camel safari(any one)	NC 3	6%	
4	Centrally organized camps-EBSB/SPINIC/ NIC/ALC/BLC/attachment with Army, Navy,/Social Service Camps(SSC), Airforce/IGC/Independence day Sports and games camp/NCC National Games(any one)	NC 4	6%	
5	Passed C Certificate	NC 5	5%	
6	Passed B Certificate	NC 6	4%	
7	Inter Group Competition/Pre-RDC-II/Pre-RDC-III	NC 7	3%	
8	Preparatory camps-Pre-NCC National Games Camp/Pre-RDC/Pre-TSC/Pre-NSC/ Pre-VSC any one	NC 8	3%	
9	75% attendance or above 3 years	NC 9		



10	ATC/CATC (any one)	NC 10	3%	
11	Special Volunteer Service in pandemic and other natural disasters including flood, drought etc(This will be controlled by centrally and a participation certificate will be issued by DDG/ADG)	NC 11	3%	
12	Blood Donation (Minimum 4 times)	NC 12	2%	
13	Special Service Certificate or appreciation from State Government or DDG/ADG for State Government or Central Government approved programmes 5 to 7 days or 50 hours (except routine camp period)	NC 13	3%	
14	Maximum Grace Marks		20%	

Annexure-IV

Grace Mark for NSS Activities

SL No.	Activity	Code	Percentage of Grace Mark
1	Blood Donation Minimum 4 times	KSNSS 1	2%
2	University Level Leadership camps(100 hours camp)	KSNSS 2	2%
3	Special Camp -7 Days-Residential(as per amendment)	KSNSS 3	3%
4	Winners in state level NSS festival or State NSS meet or NSS Competitions organized by State Government or State NSS cell	KSNSS 4	First-3% Second-2%
5	Special Volunteer Service in pandemic and other natural disasters including flood,drought etc	KSNSS 5	3%
6	Special Service Certificate or appreciation from state Government or State NSS Cell for NSS activities	KSNSS 6	3%
7	Recipient of State awards/National Level awards	KSNSS 7	4%(state)&5% (National)
8	Attending Approved National Camps/NIC/NYE/Pre RD	KSNSS 8	4%
9	Attending State level camps/additional Special camp approved organized by State NSS/Govt.of Kerala	KSNSS 9	4%



10	Ten days minimum volunteer service(50 hours) in official programme of the State or in special projects initiated by State Government/State NSS cell	KSNSS 10	4%
11	Participation in RDCamp	KSNSS 11	5%
12	Participation in international events approved by State Cell/Directorate of NSS	KSNSS 12	7%
13	Maximum Grace Mark		20%

Annexure-V

Grace mark for Differently Abled Persons

SL No.	Disability	Code	% of Grace Mark
1	Candidates having 40% to 49% disability (Certified by a Medical Board)	PWD-1	10%
2	Candidates having 50% to 59% disability (Certified by a Medical Board)	PWD-2	15%
3	Candidates having 60% to 69% disability (Certified by a Medical Board)	PWD-3	20%
4	Candidates having 70% and above disability (Certified by a Medical Board)	PWD-4	25%

