

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

(Abstract)

**Award of Grace Mark FOR COURSES OTHER THAN PROFESSIONAL COURSES -
Modification of University Orders - sanctioned- orders issued.**

ACADEMIC A. VIII SECTION

U.O. No. 2180/01/Ac.AVIII/2016

Dated, P.D. Hills, 16/4/2016.

- Read: 1. U.O.No.5460/01/AcAVIII/15 dtd.23.09.2015
 2. UO No.Ac.A1/1/2661/2013 dated 31.12.2003.
 3. UO No.5244/03/10/AcAVIII dated 25.06.2010.
 4. UO No. 3108/AcAVIII/02/2011 dtd. 07.07.2011.
 5. UO No.1283/03/AcAVIII/11 dtd. 09.03.2011.
 6. UO No.112/03/AcAVIII/11 dtd. 22.01.2011
 7. UO No.6622/A1/2011/Acad. dtd. 12.12.2011.
 8. UO No.2973/A1/2007/Academic dtd. 05.12.2007.
 9. UO No.5213/01/A.VIII/2009/Acad. dtd.02.11.2009.
 10. UO No.4943/A1/2009/Acad. dtd.06.11.2009.
 11. UO No.6400/A1/2012/Acad. dtd. 17.11.2012.
 12. UO No.2718/A1/2013/Acad dtd.16.05.2013.
 13. UO No.Ac.A1/1/2661/2003 dtd.28.09.2004.
 14. UO No.5893/01/AcAVIII/2014 dtd.20.11.2014.
 15. GO (MS) No.309/2011/H.Edn. dtd.08.11.2011.
 16. **Extract of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 05.03.2016.**
 (Item No:65/16.02/161245)

ORDER

As per University Order referred (1) above, Dr. N. Jayakumar, Member Syndicate and Convenor, Syndicate Standing Committee on Examinations was authorised to make specific proposals for the award of Grace Marks. The commission verified the University Orders referred as 2-14 above and discussed with the JRs, DRs, ARs and other officers concerned. On the basis of the discussions, the commission submitted the following revised norms for the award of Grace Marks in University Examinations to differently abled candidates/students of COURSES OTHER THAN PROFESSIONAL COURSES, who have participated in sports, Arts, NSS, NCC and cultural activities.

The following shall be the guidelines for the award of grace marks for courses other than Professional courses:-

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1. The maximum grace marks that can be awarded to a student in a particular year for all activities put together should not exceed 25%.
2. The grace marks will be calculated on the basis of the maximum marks of each theory paper, if not specified otherwise.
3. Eligible grace marks shall be distributed equally on all papers / courses of an examination.

4. The grace marks shall be given for all papers / courses / subjects in a year irrespective of whether the programme is annual or semester. For Semester programmes, the percentage shall be same as applicable to annual programme.
5. Re-distribution of grace marks shall be allowed only in the case of those papers of an examination for which the candidate has passed, i.e. re-distribution can be done from passed papers to failed papers only. Re-distribution of grace marks is not permissible from failed papers to other failed papers for a pass.
6. Re-distribution shall be done only for enabling a candidate to obtain minimum marks required for a pass in a paper/course.
7. If a candidate does not secure the minimum marks required for a pass even after effecting re-distribution, eligible moderation fixed by the respective Board shall be awarded to that candidate for a pass.
8. Eligible grace marks shall be given for regular examination of the performing year only, i.e. if the candidate appears for the improvement examination of the previous year along with the regular examination of the performing year, the candidate shall be eligible for grace marks for regular examination only. Eligible grace marks awarded for the regular examination shall be carried over only to the corresponding paper (s) / course (s) of the next immediate supplementary examinations.
9. In the case of semester courses re-distribution of grace marks shall be effected only to enable the candidates to get a pass in the examination of a particular semester i.e. grace marks cannot be re-distributed from one semester to another semester of a particular course / programme.
10. The Performing Year / Academic Year shall be taken as from 1st June to 31st May.
11. Grace marks will be awarded initially on the basis of the performance in the respective academic year.
12. The request for grace marks shall be submitted in the tabulation/tapal section concerned within the prescribed time limit. Those who fail to submit the request for grace marks within the time limit shall be liable to remit late fee as prescribed by the University from time to time. However, the request for grace marks received two years after the prescribed time limit will not be entertained on any account.
13. The candidate shall claim grace marks on or before 31st May of each performing year. However, NCC "C" Certificate holders and students who participate in Sports Meet at National level shall have to submit the same on or before 31st December of the performing year concerned. **"Example: For the academic year 2014-15, claims for grace marks/grace grade points shall be made on or before 31st December 2015."**
14. Grace marks shall normally be given for written examination only. But if the marks of a candidate are below the required minimum for a pass in Internal Component of the written examinations, the grace marks can also be re-distributed to that item to get a pass. However, Grace Marks will not be re-distributed to Viva/Practical/Lab Examinations to get a pass.
15. Paper wise distribution shall be followed and grace marks will not be awarded to a candidate if he/she secures less than 5% of the maximum marks for the theory paper.
16. Grace Marks will be awarded for both UG and PG Courses.

17. Grace Marks to NSS certificate holders shall be awarded to the marks of the second year of performance.
18. Grace Marks Awarded shall not be considered for ranking and the total marks after awarding grace mark shall be 1 (one) mark below the marks of the third rank.
19. The candidate shall submit the application for grace marks with all relevant documents in original (returnable after verification) and a Photostat copy with due recommendation of the Principal. The recommendation of the NSS Programme Co-ordinator/SPESS/DSS etc. shall be attached along with the request.
20. Even though the claim for the benefit of grace marks is restricted to regular and one immediate supplementary appearance only, differently abled candidates who are eligible for grace marks will be awarded grace marks for regular and supplementary chances on production of a medical certificate issued by the Government Medical Board until they pass the whole examination. However, the stipulation of 5% minimum marks fixed for the award of grace marks is binding for them also.
21. In the case of outstanding and exceptional candidates who failed to appear for the next immediate chance after the regular appearances because of the participation in the events at the National/International level concerned, such candidates are permitted to claim grace marks for next immediate chance.
22. If a candidate participated in both NSS and NCC and are eligible for grace marks for both activities, the candidate can claim grace marks either for NSS or NCC.

II.

Sl. No.	Items to which Grace Marks shall be awarded	Percentage of Grace Marks
1.	State level events in all Sports/Games/ Relay events (Inter-Districts competition – Individual/team/games event. Certificates from the State/District Association concerned)	
	I Place	5%
	II Place	4%
	III Place	3%
2.	Inter Collegiate events (Individual/team events)	
	I Place	7%
	II Place	5%
	III Place	3%
3.	Representing the State and Winning in Approved National Competition (Inter-State)	
	I Place	12%
	II Place	10%
	III Place	7%
	Representation	5%
4.	Inter University South Zone/South West Zone	
	I Place	10%
	II Place	9%
	III Place	8%
	Participation	7%
	Non-Participation	6%

5.	All India Inter-University Competition (Indian Universities/ Combined University team Representation/participation in Indian Combined University Team Non-Participation	I Place 17% II Place 14% III Place 12% 10% 6%
6.	Representing India in approved World competitions (Asiad/Afro-Asian/Common Wealth/World University Games/Pre-Olympics/Olympics/ Universiad –Junior, Youth, Senior tournaments)	25%
7.	Blind students securing I/II/III places in Sports/Cultural/Youth Festival activities conducted by Kerala Federation of the Blind at College/University/Inter-University level	5%
8.	Inter Collegiate Youth Festival (Individual & Group events) I Place/A Grade/Best Actor/Actress II Place III Place (Limited to 5%)	5% 4% 3%
9.	South Zone Inter University Youth Festival conducted by AIU (Individual and Team events) I Place II Place III Place (Limited to 6%)	6% 5% 4%
10.	National Level Youth Festival (Individual and Team events) I Place II Place III Place (Limited to 10 %) Accompanists of artists in Youth Festivals (Zonal and National Level only) will be given grace marks as stipulated under UO read as paper (4) above.	10% 7% 5%
11.	Deaf and Dumb candidates with disability of 40% or above / Hearing impaired candidate with disability of 70% or above / Mentally Retarded candidates (Irrespective of the degree of disability) (Medical Certificates from Medical Board is required)	25%
12.	NSS volunteers a) NSS certificate holders b) Attending National Camp with attendance certificates (NIC, National Youth Festival, Mega Summer Camp, Adventure Camp, Pre-RD Camp etc. with at least 5 days duration)	2% 3%

	c) NSS State awardees and National Awardees	3%
	d) Republic Day Camp (This camp should be of at least one month duration)	5%
	e) NSS Volunteers nominated by State NSS Cell who have attended International Programmes (An NSS Volunteer is eligible to claim grace mark only from any one of the above 5 categories)	8%
13.	NCC cadets	
	a) Attending National Integration Camp	3%
	b) Attending Republic Day Camp / Parade	7%
	c) Basic Leadership Camp (TSC) / NS camp / Vayu Sainik / Independence Day Camp (Sports and Games at Delhi)	5%
	d) Certificate holders 'C' Certificate	4%
	'B' Certificate	3%
	e) NCC Weightage/Equivalency Certificate issued	3%
	f) National level and other Centrally organized camps / YEP	8%
	(Limited to 10%)	

As per the orders of the Hon' Vice Chancellor dated 28.01.2016 the matter was placed before the Syndicate. The Syndicate vide resolution read as paper (16) above resolved to approve the proposal submitted by the Commission. As there were some minute errors in the Resolution, the Hon' Vice Chancellor ordered on 04/04/2016 to verify the same by the Controller of Examinations and the proposed corrections were approved by the Hon' Vice Chancellor on 11/04/2016 exercising power u/s 3.10 (17) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act 1985 under instruction to report the matter to the Syndicate

This University Order will have effect from 2013 Admission onwards. Settled cases will not be re-opened.

The U.O's read 2 to 14 stand modified to this extent .


Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-
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Asst. Registrar I (Academic)
For Registrar

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