

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY
(Abstract)

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

ACADEMIC A. VIII SECTION

U.O. No.2205 /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. U.O.No.Ac.AI/1/2661/2013 dtd. 31.12.2003.
3. U.O.No.5112//AcAVIII/03/10 dated 20.10.2010.
4. U.O.No.3752/A1/2008/Acad. dtd. 29.08.2008.
5. U.O.No.692/A1/2010/Academic dtd..28.01.2010
6. U.O.No.2038/03/Ac.AVIII/13 dtd. 24.04.2013.
7. U.O.No.5018/01/Ac.AVIII/13. dtd.24.09.2013.
8. U.O.No.1584/03/Ac.AVIII/11 dtd. 31.03.2011
9. U.O.No.3108/Ac.AVIII/02/2011. dtd.07.07.2011.
10. U.O.No.6400//A1/2012/Acad. dtd.17.11.2012
11. U.O.No.4943/AI/2009/Acad. dtd. 06.11.2009.
12. U.O.No.5213/01/AVIII/2009/Acad.dtd.02.11.2009.
13. U.O.No.2973/A1/2007/Acad.05.12.2007
14. U.O.No.6622/A1/2011/Acad. dtd.12.12.2011.
15. U.O.No.2718/A1/2013/Acad.dtd.16.05.2013.
16. G.O.(MS) No.309/2011/H.Edn. dtd.08.11.2011.
17. 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 2-15 above and discussed the matter 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 the University Examinations to differently abled candidates/students of 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 Professional Courses:-

I.

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 / 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.
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. Candidates who fail to submit the request for grace marks within the time limit are 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 student 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 to NSS certificate holders shall be awarded to the marks of the second year of performance.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Even though the benefit of grace marks is restricted to regular 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.

II. General norms for the award of grace marks for Professional Courses:

1. The percentage of grace marks eligible to B.Tech candidate is refixed at a minimum of 2% and maximum of 5%.
2. The percentage of grace marks eligible to the candidate as detailed in **Table B shall be computed as shown in Table A for the purpose of awarding grace mark.**
3. Grace marks shall not be awarded for non-participation of any events in the case of professional courses.
4. Grace marks shall not be awarded to a student if he/she secures less than 20% marks of the maximum marks for the theory paper. (External)
5. Grace marks shall not be awarded to a candidate at the supplementary/improvement appearances.
6. Grace marks shall not be awarded to a candidate for a pass in practical/viva-voce/internal/sessional even though he/she fails for the same.
7. Grace marks shall be awarded only for one area of performance. i.e. it shall not be awarded cumulatively for arts, sports, NCC, NSS, etc.
8. General rules governing the award of grace marks shall be applicable to those cases which are not specifically mentioned here.
9. Grace marks shall be awarded only to those candidates who participate in sports, arts, NSS, NCC, etc. activities as detailed in **Table B** and at the rate shown in **Table A.**

TABLE - A

The computation table for the award of grace mark to Professional Courses:

Range of Percentage (%) of grace marks proposed by DSS/ SPESS/ NSS/NCC	Percentage (%) of grace marks that can be awarded for professional courses
10 % and below	2%
11% to 15%	3%
16% to 20%	4%
21% to 25%	5%

TABLE - B

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	NIL
	II Place	NIL
	III Place	NIL

2.	Inter Collegiate events (Individual/team)	I Place II Place III Place	7% 5% NIL
3.	Representing the State and Winning in Approved National Competition (Inter-State)	I Place II Place III Place Representation	12% 10% 7% 5%
4.	Inter University South Zone/South West Zone	I Place II Place III Place Participation Non-Participation	10% 9% 8% 7% NIL
5.	All India Inter-University Competition (Indian Universities/ Combined University team)	I Place II Place III Place Representation/participation in Indian/ Combined University Team Non-Participation	17% 14% 12% 10% NIL
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% NIL
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% NIL

10.	<p>National Level Youth Festival (Individual and Team events)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">I Place II Place III Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Limited to 10%)</p> <p>Accompanists of artists in Youth Festivals (Zonal and National Level only) will be given grace marks as per UO read as paper (9) above.</p>	<p>10% 7% 5%</p>
11.	<p>Deaf and Dumb candidates with disability of 40% or above / Hearing impaired candidate with disability of 70% or above / Mentally challenged candidates (Irrespective of the degree of disability) (Medical Certificates from Medical Board is required)</p>	25%
12.	<p>NSS volunteers</p> <p>a. NSS certificate holders</p> <p>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)</p> <p>c. NSS State awardees and National Awardees</p> <p>d. Republic Day Camp (This camp should be of at least one month duration)</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>2% 3% 3% 5% 6%</p>
13.	<p>NCC cadets</p> <p>a) Attending National Integration Camp</p> <p>b) Attending Republic Day Camp/ Parade</p> <p>c) Basic Leadership Camp (TSC) / NS camp/Vayu Sainik / Independence Day Camp (Sports and Games at Delhi)</p> <p>d) Certificate holders</p> <p style="text-align: right;">‘C’ Certificate ‘B’ Certificate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Limited to 10%)</p>	<p>5% 5% 4% 3% 2%</p>

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 (17) 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 2015-2016 Academic Year onwards. Settled cases will not be re-opened.

The U.O's read 2 to 15 above stand modified to this extent.

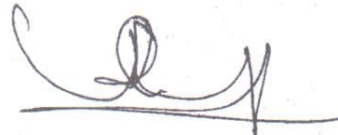
Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-

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For Registrar

1. The Director, SPESS
2. The Director, D.S.S.
3. The Programme Co-ordinator, N.S.S
4. PS to VC/PVC
5. P.A to Registrar/CE
6. Tabulation section Concerned
7. Ac.AI
8. Ac.C
9. AcL
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11. AR/DR/JR (Acad), (Exam) Sections
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