

Introducing NEP 2020 with a few important points to provide a glimpse of FYUG Programme (Four Years Undergraduate Programme)

The National Education Policy of India (NEP 2020), approved by the Union Cabinet of India on 29 July 2020, outlines the vision of the new education system of India. It replaces the previous National Policy on Education, 1986. The vision of the policy is to build an education system rooted in Indian ethos that contributes directly to transforming India by providing high-quality education to all, thereby making India a global knowledge superpower. NEP 2020 is envisioned to bring changes in the Higher Education System, removing the rigid restraints of the system upon the learners and providing flexibility regarding choice of subjects to study. In order to connect the learners to the societal need, the Policy concentrates on value-based, multi-disciplinary, holistic academic programmes. Keeping pace with the unprecedented movement of NEP 2020, Assam University, Silchar has also designed its academic programmes for undergraduate level to contribute in desired transformation in Higher Education. In this context, Janata College, Kabuganj is also offering its course structure within the limited periphery of its disciplines.

Some important points specifically concerning the students of Janata College in relation to the guidelines of NEP 2020 framed by Assam University are given below:

- The Disciplines that the College offers are mainly from Humanities and Social Sciences.
- It is a four year under graduate programme (FYUG) with the flexibility of entry and exit within the first three years. After the successful completion of 1st and 2nd semesters the students opting to exit will have CERTIFICATE. The students opting to exit after completing the 4th semester will be provided DIPLOMA and the students left after the completion of 6th semester will get DEGREE. Students opting for additional three Discipline Specific Courses (DSC-452, 453 and 454) in 4th year (8th semesters) will receive Degree with Honours. But students with arrear paper shall not be allowed to move to 4th year in any case.
- For DSM (Discipline Specific Minor) students shall take two subjects as DSM 1 (first Minor) and DSM 2 (second Minor) related to the subjects offered in the College, but the students cannot change the code of minor papers as AUS has specifically fixed the code. The codes go like DSM-101 (3), DSM-201(4), DSM-251(3) and DSM-301(3) having 13 total credits will be considered as the first minor, and DSM-151(3), DSM-252(3), DSM-302(3) and DSM-351(4) having 13 total credits will be the second minor in case of TYUG Programme. For FYUG Programme DSM-401(4) should be first minor and DSM-451(4) should be second minor subject.
- IDC course opted by a student shall remain same for all three semesters. Opting one literature as DSC and other literature as DSM and IDC is not allowed. Again DSC, DSM and IDC cannot be the same subject.

- Evaluation of 3 and 4 credit courses shall be out of 100 marks and that for 2 credit course shall be out of 50 marks. The time duration of examination for AEC courses having 2 credits shall be two hours.
- For SEC the students will have to select their Discipline from either DSC or DSM. Evaluation method for SEC of Arts stream shall be 50 for Theory, 20 for Practical/Project/Field work, at the End Semester Exam and 30 for internal test of which 20 for written test and 10 for attendance.
- The student shall choose one subject from the basket of VAC (Value Added Course) with the course code VAC- 101 for the 1st Semester only. The evaluation method will remain same as that of SEC.
- The students shall have compulsory EVS with course code VAC-151 in the 2nd Semester, and the evaluation method shall be for 70 marks at the End Semester exam and 30 for internal where 20 for Internal test or Assignments and 10 for attendance.
- Alternative English will be offered to those students who in no circumstances can take any of the offered MIL subjects.
- There is compulsory English Language (EL) of two credits in 2nd and 4th semesters.
- The student must have his/her ABC id (Academic Bank of Credit) to digitally store the academic credits earned in the process of completing UG programme.
- The student can change their subject allotted in the first semester as Core (DSC) only in the third semester.

Since this is the initial year of introducing NEP 2020 in the affiliated colleges of Assam University, further modifications regarding the guidelines are quite expected in the future days. Accordingly the course structure given below is meant mainly for the academic year 2023-2024. Any kind of changes required to incorporate will be done in the subsequent academic years.

Cluster I. Subjects on offer from Social Sciences:

Economics, Political Science, History, Philosophy

Cluster II. Subjects on offer from Humanities:

Bengali, English, Manipuri, Hindi

- **Term used:**
DSC: Discipline Specific Core
DSM: Discipline Specific Minor
IDC: Inter Disciplinary Courses
AEC: Ability Enhancement Courses (Language)
SEC: Skill Enhancement Courses
VAC: Value Added Courses

- **The following Course Structure is given only for the 1st and 2nd Semesters for the Session 2023-2024:**

Semester	DSC	DSM	IDC	AEC	SEC	VAC	Total Credit
I	DSC-101 DSC-102 (3+3)=6	DSM-101(3)	IDC-101(3)	AEC-1 MIL-101/ Alt (2)	SEC-101(3)	VAC-101(3)	20
II	DSC-151 DSC-152 (3+3)=6	DSM-151(3)	IDC-151(3)	AEC-II EL-151(2)	SEC-151(3)	VAC-151(3) EVS	20

- Courses on offer for VAC : NCC / NSS / YOGA / UI (full form of UI is Understanding India)
- The students will select only one Subject as DSC and study two papers of the selected Subject in the 1st Semester and two more papers in the 2nd Semester.
- The students will select two Subjects as DSM and study one Subject as DSM-101(First Minor) in the 1st Semester and the other as DSM-151 (Second Minor) in the 2nd Semester.
- Only one Language can be selected for DSC or DSM or IDC
- For AEC-I the student will select any one of the four Languages from the Cluster of Humanities. The students without having any suitable option in the Languages offered as MIL can opt for Alternative English in the 1st Semester. In the 2nd Semester for AEC-II, EL-151(English Language) is a compulsory paper for all students.
- For VAC-101 the students shall select any one of the courses present above in the basket of VAC for the 1st Semester, and for the 2nd Semester EVS is compulsory for all as VAC-151
- Examination Pattern:
 - a) All theory papers: End Semester Examination + Internal Test + Attendance (70 + 20 + 10 = 100)
 - b) SEC/IDC: End Semester Examination + Practical/Assignment/Project + Internal Test + Attendance (50+20+20=10=100)
 - c) Two Internal Tests will be conducted, and the better of the two will be taken into consideration.
 - d) Class Attendance shall be calculated on the basis of actual number of classes held during each semester in each course/paper. A student with less than 75% of attendance on an average of all the papers of the concerned semester shall not be allowed to appear in that ESE (End Semester Examination).
 - e) Distribution of marks for Class Attendance: (Max Marks : 10)
 - i) Attendance 90% and above : 10 marks
 - ii) Attendance 80% and above : 08 marks
 - iii) Attendance 75% to below 80% : 06 marks
 - iv) Attendance below 75% : 00 marks