Revised Common Academic Regulations for Post Graduate Programmes in the State Agricultural University of Gujarat

ANAND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

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Read: Minutes of 54th Meeting of Academic Council held on 27/08/2020 vide Item No. 54.5

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby informed to all concerned that the 54th Meeting of Academic Council held on 27/08/2020 has resolved as under vide Item No. 54.5:

"It is resolved that the revised "Common Regulations (2020-21) for Post Graduate Programmes of SAUs" as per **Appendix- A** is approved in anticipation of approval from SAU Council to implement these regulations from Academic Year 2020-21, at Anand Agricultural University.

Further, the directives/recommendations to be received in near future from ICAR-BSMA Committees formed by ICAR for PG Programmes of various disciplines will have to be considered for further necessary actions with regards to PG Regulations."

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Common Academic Regulations for Post Graduate Programmes

COMMON ACADEMIC REGULATIONS (2020-21)	
FOR POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN THE STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES OF GUJARAT	
In exercise of the powers conferred under Section-22 (viii), read with the Section-30 of the Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act, 2004 (Gujarat Act No. 5 of 2004), the Academic Councils of the State Agricultural Universities hereby make the following Common Academic Regulations, namely, '**Common Rules for the Post Graduate Programmes'i.e. Doctorate and Master Degree and P.G. Diploma Programmes in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)** as recommended by Council of State Agricultural Universities of Gujarat.	
1.0	**Short Title**
	These Regulations may be called 'Common Regulations (2020-21) for Post Graduate Programmes of SAUs'.
2.0	**Commencement**
	These regulations shall come into force from the beginning of the first semester of the academic year (2020-21).
3.0	**Interpretation**
	If any question relating to the interpretation of the provision/s contained in the regulation arises, the Registrar of the University may issue necessary orders in consultation with the Dean Post Graduate Studies as and when needed, with prior approval of the Vice Chancellor under intimation to the Council of State Agricultural Universities.
4.0	**Definitions**
	In this Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires ❖ 'Academic year' means the year normally commencing from the month of July/August and ending in the month of June/July of the following calendar year and shall consist of two semesters. ❖ 'Act' means Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act, 2004 (Gujarat Act No. 5 of 2004). ❖ 'Advisory Committee' means a committee comprising of concerned major guide, minor guide and 2/3 other faculty members. ❖ 'Centre' means a place for imparting training for Post-Graduate Studies in a particular field of study and includes a Department/Centre of the University which carries out teaching/research/extension education in a discipline and is strong enough to undertake Post-Graduate Studies in the University. ❖ 'Course' means an organized subject matter in which instructions or a segment of subject matter carrying a specific number of credits in a semester is offered through a series of lectures, practical and skill orientation (work experience). It shall be an integral part of the curriculum. ❖ 'Course Content' means a concise outline of the subject-matter of a course, as may be laid by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and approved by the Academic Council of SAUs from time to time. ❖ 'Course Credit' or 'Credit' means one hour theory lecture or minimum two hours of laboratory or field practical work per week. In taking a course, a student shall attend a series of lectures, do laboratory/field work and submit assignments and reports as required. Course credit is the quantitative measure of the content of a course of instruction, especially with reference to the value of the course in relation to the total requirements for a degree. ❖ 'Credit load' means the quantum of credits undertaken by a student in a semester. ❖ 'Credit Point' means Grade Point x Credit of a course. ❖ Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)' means the quotient of the total grade points obtained by a student in courses during the degree programme, divided by the total number of credits successfully completed.

- 'Curriculum' means the aggregate of courses of study given in the University for a particular Field of study.
- 'Field of Study' means the specialized subject of knowledge for which Post Graduate Degree is offered by the University.
- 'Grade Point (GP)' means marks obtained in a particular course converted into 10 point scale up-to next single decimal place.

$$GP = \frac{(\text{Theory Marks} \times \text{Theory credit}) + (\text{Practical Marks} \times \text{Practical credit})}{\text{Total Credits of Course}}$$

- 'Grade Point Average (GPA)' means the weighted average of the grade point earned by a student for the courses registered during the semester.

Explanation: GPA is the sum of the products of credits of a course and the grade point obtained in the course divided by the total number of credits of the different courses registered in the semester i.e.

$$GPA = \frac{G_1C_1 + G_2C_2 + \ldots\ldots + G_nC_n}{C_1 + C_2 \ldots\ldots + C_n} = \frac{\text{Total Grade Points}}{\text{Total Course Credits}}$$

OR

$$GPA = \frac{\sum (\text{Course Credit} \times \text{Course Grade Point})}{\sum \text{Course Credits}}$$

- 'Nodal Officer' is an officer nominated by the State Council for overall monitoring of the academic activities of SAUs of Gujarat.
- 'Non Credit Compulsory Courses' means courses of general nature as mentioned under item 39.2.1 and are compulsory for Post Graduate Programmes. However, Ph. D. students may be exempted from these courses if already studied during Master's degree.
- 'Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA)' means the quotient of the total credit points obtained by a student in all courses during the degree programme, divided by the total number of credits successfully completed.
- 'Programme of Study' means a series of coherent courses and research work assigned to a student to meet the requirements of a degree.
- 'Rules' means the rules promulgated for the Post Graduate Studies in the Agricultural Universities of Gujarat.
- 'Semester' means an academic period of 20 to 22 weeks (including semester-end examination) during which a course is completed. There are two semesters in an academic year. The academic calendar shall be decided by the Central Admission Committee and circulated by the Registrar of respective SAU. Suitable adjustment in a semester will be made to accommodate vacations and other holidays as notified by the University.
- 'Statute' means the statute made under the Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act, 2004 (Gujarat Act No. 5 of 2004).
- 'State Council' means the Council of State Agricultural Universities constituted under Section-25 of the Act.
- 'Transcript' is the consolidated report of list of courses completed by the student along with credit points, GPA of each semester and OGPA secured and issued by the University.
- 'Website' means the official website for the purpose of common admissions in SAUs to carry out admission process.

Note: Words and expressions used in the Act, Statutes and Regulations and not defined in these Regulations shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Act, Statutes and Regulations as the case may be.

5.0	**SAUs of Gujarat** Post Graduate Diplomas and Degrees shall be awarded by the following Agricultural Universities of Gujarat under their concerned different faculties as mentioned in Rule-10.3. (1) Anand Agricultural University, Anand (AAU) (2) Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh (JAU) (3) Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari (NAU) (4) Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, S.K.Nagar (SDAU)
6.0	**Central Admission Committee**
	As per the powers conferred to State Council in Section 25(7)(g) of the Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act-2004, Council of State Agricultural Universities constituted 'Central Admission Committee for Post Graduate programmes' to regulate the admission of candidates to all Post Graduate programmes in the SAUs as under;
6.1	**Members of Central Admission Committee**
	(1) The Registrars of SAUs (2) The Director of Research and Dean P.G. Studies of SAUs (3) Deans of Faculties of SAUs (4) Member Secretary of Council of State Agricultural Universities or a Representative of State Council nominated by Member Secretary. Provided that the State Council may nominate one of the SAU Vice Chancellors on rotation basis as Nodal Officer (Education) to supervise and co-ordinate centralized admissions till State Council becomes functional. The Committee has to carry out the admission process in a fair and transparent manner. The admission process has to be conducted by this Committee strictly on the basis of merit, provisions made in these rules and the preference of the candidate. The functions of the Committee are as follows; * The Committee shall supervise, monitor and control the entire process of admission. * The Committee shall prepare the merit list in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made there under. * The Committee shall allocate the regular seats in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made there under. * The Committee shall ensure that admission for the regular seats are made as per the merit list prepared. * The Committee shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Council and the Government.
6.2	While preparing the merit list, the Committee will observe rules or instructions as laid down in this regard by the universities from time to time under the intimation to the State Council.
6.3	The Dean Faculty of SAUs shall verify physical fitness, original mark sheets, certificates, *etc.* of the candidates for their eligibility for admission to the said degree.
7.0	**Number of Students to be admitted**
	The number of students to be admitted (except In-service candidates) shall be decided by the Central Admission Committee for Post Graduate Programmes depending upon infrastructural facilities and faculty competence, which will be limited to 90 per cent of intake capacity of Under Graduate programme of the respective faculty.
8.0	**Invitation of Applications**
8.1	The Nodal Officer shall invite online applications for the Post Graduate programmes by an admission notice published in leading Gujarati and English Newspapers and on the website of SAUs during month of May/June every year.
8.2	Foreign eligible students seeking admission to Post Graduate programmes shall have to route their applications through their respective embassy or respective Indian High Commission abroad to the Government of India/ICAR, New Delhi and their candidature shall be considered only if they are recommended by their respective

	National Government and / or by the Government of India / ICAR. The candidate will be admitted under reserve quota for Government of India / 'ICAR sponsored candidates' as under Rule-15.1. However, total number of admissions shall be decided by concerned University based on availability of infrastructural facilities and major guide.
9.0	**Post Graduate programmes**
9.1	The Universities shall offer the following Post Graduate Programmes; (1) Doctorate Degree (2) Master Degree (3) Post Graduate Diploma
9.2	The areas of Post Graduate Programmes shall be in the following faculties- (1) Agriculture (2) Horticulture (3) Forestry (4) Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry (5) Dairy Science (6) Dairy Science & Food Technology (7) Agricultural Engineering & Technology (8) Renewable Energy and Environmental Engineering (9) Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy (10) Fisheries Science (11) Community Science (12) Basic Science & Humanities (13) Agribusiness Management (14) Agricultural Information Technology
10.0	**Doctorate Degree Programme**
10.1	The duration of the Doctorate Degree programme shall be six and eight semesters for fresh and in-service candidates, respectively.
10.2	(1) Gujarat domicile and pass out students of SAUs of Gujarat State/ICAR accredited SAUs of other states shall be eligible, further, pass-out students of SAUs of Gujarat and non-domicile of Gujarat State shall be considered for admission only for remaining vacant seats. (2) Candidate should have Master's degree in respective subject for admission to doctoral degree. (3) A candidate for admission to the Doctoral degree (Ph.D.) programmes (3 Years or 6 Semesters duration) should have minimum requirement of marks at the Master's degree level as under-

Sr No.	Per cent / O.G.P.A. obtained in Qualifying Exam		Per cent / O.G.P.A (Out of)
	General/ EWS*	SEBC **/ST/SC/PC/ Sponsored Candidate	
1.	65 %	60 %	Traditional System out of 100 %
2.	6.5	6.0	10 Point

*Valid Economically Weaker Section certificate as per resolution no EWS/122019/45903/A dated 25/1/2019 of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

** Valid Non-creamy layer certificate for Gujarat domicile is required as per Government Resolution No.SSP/122015/455246/A dt.26/04/2016 of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

10.3 Eligibility for Doctoral Degree Programme

Sr. No.	Faculties	Eligibility Qualifications
1	Agriculture	M. Sc. (Agri) in respective disciplines
2	Horticulture	M.Sc. (Horti.) in respective disciplines
3	Forestry	M.Sc. (Forestry) in respective

			disciplines
	4	Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry	M.V.Sc. in respective disciplines
	5	Dairy Science	M.Tech.in respective discipline
	6	Agricultural Engineering and Technology	M.Tech. (Agril. Engg.) in respective discipline
	7	Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy	M.Tech. in Food Processing Technology/M.Tech in Food Technology in respective discipline
	8	Fisheries Science	M. F. Sc. in respective discipline
	9	Community Science	M. Sc. (Home Science/Community Science) in respective discipline
	10	Basic Science & Humanities	M. Sc. (Basic Science & Humanities) in respective discipline
	11	Agribusiness Management	MBA (ABM) / Master degree in Agricultural Marketing & Co-operation/Agricultural Economics/ Business Management with specialization in Agriculture. Moreover, Bachelor degree in Agriculture or allied sciences is compulsory.
	Note: Disciplines of Doctoral Degree programmes shall be as per Prospectus published by Central Admission Committee every year.		

11.0 Master Degree Programme

11.1 (1) Gujarat domicile and pass out students of SAUs of Gujarat State/ICAR accredited SAUs of other states shall be eligible, further, pass-out students of SAUs of Gujarat and non-domicile of Gujarat State shall be considered for admission only for remaining vacant seats.

The duration for the Master Degree Programme for fresh students shall be four semesters for the students who have obtained bachelors degree from the SAUs of Gujarat or ICAR recognized/approved college/university as given below-

No	Degree	Eligibility Qualifications	Subjects offered
1	M.Sc. (Agri.)	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture/ B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture	1. Agronomy 2. Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry 3. Biochemistry 4. Genetics and Plant Breeding 5. Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology 6. Plant / Crop Physiology 7. Entomology 8. Plant Pathology 9. Nematology 10. Agricultural Microbiology 11. Agricultural Extension & Communication 12. Agricultural Economics 13. Agricultural Meteorology 14. Agricultural Statistics 15. Seed Science & Technology
		Bachelor's degree in Agril. Info. Technology (AIT)	Eligible for M.Sc.(Agri.) 1.Agricultural Statistics 2.Agricultural Meteorology 3.Agricultural Economics 4.Agricultural Extension & Communication

			B.Sc. (Agril. Biotech.)	Eligible for M.Sc.(Agri.) 1. Biochemistry 2. Plant / Crop Physiology 3. Agricultural Microbiology 4. Plant Molecular Biology & Biotech. 5. Genetics & Plant Breeding
	2	M.Sc. (Horticulture)	B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture / B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture	1. Fruit Science 2. Vegetable Science 3. Floriculture & Landscape Architecture 4. Plantation, Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops 5. Post Harvest Technology 6. Horticultural Entomology 7. Horticultural Pathology
	3	M.V.Sc.	B.V.Sc. & A.H.	1. Vet. Physiology 2. Vet. Biochemistry 3. Vet. Animal Husbandry Extension 4. Vet. Microbiology 5. Vet. Parasitology 6. Vet. Pathology 7. Vet. Public Health 8. Vet. Pharmacology & Toxicology 9. Vet. Surgery & Radiology 10. Animal Reproduction, Gynaecology & Obstetrics 11. Livestock Production & Management 12. Animal Nutrition 13. Animal Genetics & Breeding 14. Veterinary Clinical Medicine, Ethics & Jurisprudence 15. Veterinary Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine 16. Livestock Products Technology 17. Animal Biotechnology 18. Veterinary Anatomy & Histology 19. Poultry Science
	4	M.Tech.	B.Tech. (DT) / B.Tech. (DFT)	1. Dairy Technology 2. Dairy Engineering 3. Dairy Microbiology 4. Dairy Chemistry
	5	M.Tech. (Agril. Engg.)	B.Tech. (Agril. Engg.)	1. Soil and Water Conservation Engineering 2. Farm Machinery and Power Engineering 3. Processing and Food Engineering 4. Renewable Energy Engineering 5 Irrigation and Drainage Engineering
			B.Tech. (FPT)/ B.Tech. (FT)	Eligible for M.Tech. (Agril. Engg.) 1.Processing and Food Engineering
			B.Tech. (RE&EE)	Eligible for M.Tech. (Agril. Engg.) 1.Renewable Energy Engineering
	6	M.Tech. (RE&EE)	B.Tech. (Agril. Engg.) / B.Tech. (RE&EE)	1. Renewable Energy Engineering 2. Environmental Engineering

	7	M.Tech. (FT)	B.Tech. (FT) / B.Tech. (FPT)/B.Tech. (DFT)/B.Tech. (DT)	Eligible for M.Tech.(FT) 1. Food Processing Technology 2. Food Safety and Quality Assurance
			B Tech. (FT) / B.Tech. (FPT)/ B.Tech. (Agril. Engg.)/B.Tech. (DFT)/B.Tech. (DT)	Eligible for M.Tech.(FT) 3. Food Process Engineering
	8	M.Sc. (Forestry)	B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry	1. Silviculture & Agro forestry 2. Forest Biology and Tree Improvement 3. Forest Product and Utilization 4. Natural Resources Management 5. Wildlife Science
			B.Sc. (Agril. Biotech)	Eligible for M.Sc.(Forestry) 1.Forest Biology and Tree Improvement
	9	M.Sc. (Community Science / Home Science)	B.Sc. (Home Science) /B.Sc. (Community Science)	1. Foods and Nutrition 2. Home science Extension 3. Human Development and Family Studies 4. Family Resource Management
	10	M.F.Sc.	B.F.Sc.	1. Fish Processing Technology 2. Fisheries Resource Management 3. Aquaculture
	11	MBA (Agribusiness Management)	Bachelor's degree in Agriculture & Allied Sciences	Agribusiness Management
	12	M.Sc. (Basic Science) Microbiology, Biochemistry Biotechnology	3 Years Bachelor's degree in Microbiology, Biochemistry, & Biotechnology	Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology
	13	M.Tech. (AIT)	B.Tech. (AIT)/ B.Tech. (Agri. Engg.)	Agricultural Information Technology

			*B.E./B.Tech. (Information Technology), B.E./B.Tech. (Computer Science & Engineering)/ B.E./B.Tech. (Computer Engineering), B.E./ B.Tech. (Information & Communication Technology) *Eligible for seats remaining vacant after giving preference to B.Tech. (AIT)/ B.Tech. (Agri. Engg) students	

Note: Disciplines of Masters Degree programmes shall be as per Prospectus published by Central Admission Committee every year.

11.2 A candidate for admission to Masters' degree programme (as mentioned in clause 9.2) should have the minimum requirement of marks at the bachelor's degree level as under.

Sr. No.	Per cent / O.G.P.A. obtained in Qualifying Exam		Per cent / O.G.P.A(Out of)
	General/EWS*	SEBC **/ST/SC/PC/ Sponsored Candidate	
1.	60 %	55 %	Traditional System out of 100 %
2.	6.0	5.5	10 Point

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12.0 **Post Graduate Diploma programme** will be as per the rules laid down by the respective SAUs.

13.0 **Marks of participation in sports/ cultural activity of SAUs:**

13.1 The sportsmen / women will be given marks for the admissions in all the degrees as follows

No.	Level of Participation	Marks
1.	Participation at the International Level	7
2.	**Participation at the National Level/All India Inter-University Level**	**1 for participation**
	(a) Secured 1st position	5
	(b) Secured 2nd position	3
	(c) Secured 3rd position	2

	3.	**Participation at the State Level**	
		(a) Secured 1st position	1
		(b)Secured 2nd position	0.5
	Note: The benefit of the highest level of the above marks shall be given to the student only once during his/her university career.		
14.0	**Admission Procedure**		
14.1	Admissions shall be generally given at the beginning of odd semester only, subject to the intake capacity and other infrastructure facilities available at the respective university. The Registrar of the SAU handling PG admission shall give advertisement on website pg.gsauca.in mentioning key dates for common admission to PG degree programmes of SAUs of Gujarat State. The interested students of SAUs of Gujarat State shall submit prescribe fee online and duly filled-in admission form and also submit hard copy of the same to the Registrar on or before prescribed last dates. The DR & Dean PGS of the host institute shall appoint Dean/Principal of the concerned faculty as convener of the scrutiny committee. Thereafter, Convener of the faculty shall constitute a committee at college level for scrutinizing applications for Post Graduate admission and shall submit the list of eligible candidates to the Registrar for uploading on website pg.gsauca.in. The eligible candidates shall remain present on prescribed date, time and place for appearing in entrance test for common admission to PG degree programmes of SAUs of Gujarat State. The entrance test shall be either computer based mode or OMR based and question papers shall comprise of 100 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and duration of examination shall be 1 hour. The basis of selection of candidate for the admission shall be the merit. The merit list shall be prepared by giving 50:50 weightages to the marks of OGPA (percentage marks) of the last degree and common entrance test, additionally the marks of sports/cultural activities shall also be added before preparing the merit list. Separate merit list for Gujarat domicile students pass-out from SAU's of Gujarat State and non domicile of Gujarat state students pass-out from SAU's of Gujarat shall be prepared for each degree/subject. The candidates shall remain present on prescribed date, time and venue for counseling. The aforesaid admission committee shall admit candidates as per his/her merit and availability of seats however; the admission shall be treated as confirmed on receipt of admission fee at the time of counseling. Therefore, all candidates must come well prepared for submission of prescribed fee at the time of counseling. Once the candidates are admitted, one may not be permitted for change of subject/college/university. The decision of the admission committee shall be final in all respect. Such admitted candidates shall have to report to respective college/university on prescribed date. All the post graduate seats (except ICAR Quota) shall be filled-up from the candidates of domicile of Gujarat, but if seats remain vacant from students of Gujarat origin, such vacant seats may be filled up by the candidates of other states and pass-out from SAUs of Gujarat State.		
14.2	Admissions shall be generally given at the beginning of odd semester only, subject to intake capacity available at respective university. The decision of Central Admission Committee shall be final.		
14.3	The admission to the MBA (ABM) Degree programme, offered by SAUs of Gujarat is conducted common and the admission modality and requirement of tests for admission shall be as prescribed by the SAU. Merit list for ABM shall be as follows- (1) Gujarat domicile students passed out from SAUs of Gujarat (2) Non-Gujarat domicile students passed out from SAUs of Gujarat The admission will be given as per aforesaid merit list order.		
14.4	For admission to Master's degree, entrance test paper (multiple choice questions)		

	shall be drawn from syllabus of group of subjects at graduate level of the concerned faculty.	
	For admission to Doctoral degree, entrance test paper (multiple choice questions) shall be drawn from subjects taught at Masters levels of the concerned disciplines.	
14.5	Employees of the Agricultural Universities of Gujarat, in-service trainees as well as employees nominated by State or Central Government or ICAR or other Agricultural Universities or Institutes/other organizations shall not be required to appear in the entrance test.	
14.6	If an employee of any State Government, Government of India, ICAR or other Agricultural University or Public / Co-operative Organization, is permitted by respective organization to pursue his/her studies leading to Masters or Ph.D. shall be admitted; (1) on merit basis (2) subject to fulfillment of the minimum requirements. (3) Sponsored candidate should produce deputation letter/ sponsorship letter/study leave of 2/3 years duration letter from employer on or before counseling (4) subject to intake capacity and infrastructure available.	
15.0	**Reservation of seats**	
	The University shall reserve seats for admission of the candidates as under;	
15.1	For the candidates nominated by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, GOI, New Delhi	25%
15.2	For the candidates who are domicile from the Gujarat state	75%
	For the candidates nominated/sponsored by Government of Gujarat/other organizations	
16.0	**General conditions regarding reservation**	
16.1	If sufficient number of candidates of reserve categories is not available, the vacant seats will be filled up by the candidates who are domicile of Gujarat in order of their merit. Vacant seats of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be filled up by other general category candidates on merit basis.	
16.2	SC/ST and SEBC candidates who are able to secure admission on merit in general quota shall not however, be counted against the seat reserved for them.	
16.3	A candidate availing benefit of the reserved seats shall be required to produce the certificate of belonging to a particular group from the competent authority. In case of any doubts or discrepancy about the castes/classes/group, the decision of the competent authority or the admission committee shall be treated as final.	
17.0	**Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes (SC & ST)**	
17.1	The total number of seats to be reserved for the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe candidates shall be as laid down by the State Government from time to time. The same at present is as follows; (1) Twenty two percent shall be reserved for backward class candidates. Out of 22% seats, 7% shall be earmarked for the candidates belonging to scheduled castes and remaining 15 % shall be earmarked for candidates belonging to schedule tribes. (2) Those candidates who are able to secure admission on general category merit shall not, however, be counted against the seat reserved for them, provided one has not availed any advantage of category.	
17.2	If the need arises on account of vacant seats due to less number of applications in one group and shortage of seats due to more number of applications of eligible candidates in the other group, reciprocal adjustment in the above specified 7 % and 15 % seats between the two groups will be made.	
17.3	If applications from backward class candidates are more than the reserved seats earmarked for them as above, admission will be given to them strictly on *inter* se merit within each of the two groups.	
17.4	The admission of a student of a reserved category on a reserved seat shall be valid subject to the verification of cast certificate issued by the authority empowered by the State Government in this behalf. In case, the caste certificate is found invalid on verification, he/she shall not have right to claim his/her admission on reserved seat and if he/she has been already granted admission, such admission shall be cancelled at any point of time.	
18.0	**Socially and Educationally Backward Communities (SEBC) & Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)**	

18.1	Twenty seven percent (27%) of seats shall be reserved for the Socially and Educationally Backward Class of Gujarat State as laid down by the State Government from time to time. The reservation shall be subject to the following conditions and shall be modified as per the directive of the State Government from time to time. The reservation shall be subject to fulfillment of the following conditions-
	(1) A candidate under this category shall be required to produce a Certificate that he/she belongs to a particular group of backward class (Caste) from the competent authority of the state. The candidate belonging to SEBC should produce the Certificate issued from the competent authority. (2) The candidate belonging to SEBC should produce the Certificate issued from the competent authority, showing that he/she does not belong to creamy layer sections of the society. Such certificate should be issued on or after the 1st April of the academic year in which the candidate is seeking admission; otherwise he/she will not be considered under the SEBC category. (3) SEBC candidates, who are able to secure admission under open category merit shall not however, be counted against the seats reserved for them provided one has not availed any advantage of category. (4) The admission of a student of a reserved category on a reserved seat shall be valid subject to the verification of caste and non Creamy Layer certificate issued by the authority empowered by the State Government in this behalf. In case, the caste and non Creamy Layer certificate is found invalid on verification, he/she shall not have right to claim his/her admission on reserved seat and if he/she has been already granted admission, such admission shall be cancelled at any point of time.
18.2	Ten percent (10%) of seats shall be reserved for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), and this shall be followed as per the directives of the Government from time to time. * Valid Economically Weaker Section certificate as per resolution no. EWS/122019/45903/A dated 25/1/2019 of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
19.0	**Candidates Nominated by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi**
	Twenty Five percent (25%) of the total number of seats earmarked for out- state candidates shall be reserved for the candidates nominated by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi for Post Graduate courses on the basis of All India Entrance Test, subject to fulfilling minimum criteria laid down by SAUs of Gujarat.
20.0	**Differently abled (Physically Challenged) candidates**
	Five percent seats are reserved for the Differently abled (physically challenged) candidates of Gujarat State which are adjustable within the respective category and subject to the following conditions; (1) A candidate, having locomotors disability of one leg and partial arm, shall be eligible to apply for admission to a degree programme course, subject to the submission of a Certificate to that effect from the Civil Surgeon / Medical Superintendent of the Government Hospital based on the opinion of the concerned specialist, that the locomotors disabled candidate is in a position to undertake the degree programme and can perform the functions of the concerned field. The admissions will be on the basis of *inter se* merit only. (2) Differently abled (Physically challenged) candidate shall have to fulfill the academic and minimum requirements of marks at the qualifying examination of his/her category as mentioned in Rule-10.0 or 11.0. (3) The admission of a student of a reserved category on a reserved seat shall be valid subject to the verification of certificate issued by the authority empowered in this behalf. In case the certificate is found invalid on verification, he/she shall not have right to claim his/her admission on reserved seat and if he/she has been already granted admission, such admission shall be cancelled at any point of time. Candidates shall not be admitted to Post Graduate Programmes of any discipline, if he or she suffers the following disabilities, namely:- (a) Disability of total body including disability of chest or spine more than 50% (b) Disability of lower limb of more than 50%

	(c) Disability of upper limb (d) Visually handicapped candidates and those with hearing disability (e) Candidates with progressive diseases like myopathies, etc. (f) Disabilities which otherwise would interfere in the practical during study period.
21.0	**Foreign students**
	(1) Foreign students will be admitted as per ICAR, New Delhi or Government of Gujarat guidelines issued from time to time. (2) The candidates admitted on Foreign student's seat, where seats are available for foreign candidate shall have to pay additional fee in US $ as may be prescribed by the University / ICAR from time to time. (3) The candidature for foreign students shall be considered only if they are sponsored/ recommended by their respective Government and / or by Government of India /State Government/ ICAR. (4) However, the total number of seats for admitting foreign students will be decided by the concerned University looking to infrastructural facility and availability of major guide/discipline.
22.0	**Recognition of P.G. Teachers**
22.1	A teacher who desires to be recognized as post graduate teacher for P.G. teaching and for guiding P.G. research will apply at appropriate time to the Dean of Post Graduate Studies.
22.2	All teachers holding Ph.D. degree shall be recognized for PG teaching.
22.3	All teachers of the rank of at least Assistant Professors holding Master degree and having minimum three years experience of undergraduate teaching /research/extension will be recognized for post graduate teaching only and the teacher who has at least three years research / teaching/extension experience of post graduate teaching and who has published at least two research papers in recognized research journals will be recognized for guiding masters students only.
22.4	Recognition for Ph.D. guide may only be given to a teacher holding Doctorate Degree and who has successfully guided at least five candidates for master's degree in the concerned discipline.
22.5	Nothing in these regulations shall affect the recognition of post graduate teachers already granted before the commencement of these regulations under the regulations then existing.
23.0	**Procedure of granting recognition of post graduate teachers**
23.1	The Dean of post graduate studies shall grant recognition on the recommendation of the Head of the Department/Professor in charge/coordinator and Dean Faculty in all cases where the academic attainment is in consonance with the prescribed standards as laid down in Rule-22.
23.2	In the cases of persons in respect of whom qualification or experience is not as per the prescribed standards as laid down in regulations, such cases may be treated as special cases, and recognition as PG Guide may be given by the Dean Postgraduate studies based on need and merit of case.
24.0	**Appointment of P.G.T. In-charge at college level**
	From amongst the recognized Post-Graduate guides at College, the Dean of Post-Graduate Studies will appoint a PGT In-charge for the purpose of Post- Graduate studies at the college level. PGT in-charge shall supervise the duties of allotment of courses to recognized PG teachers for major, minor or allied subjects, overall supervision of PG teaching/research, seminar, synopsis, preliminary examinations, PG examination, submission of thesis and thesis viva-voce examination at college level. He/she shall also coordinate the work related to PG Time-Table, Semester End Examinations, Correspondence related to PG studies *etc.*
25.0	**Registration**
25.1	A candidate selected for admission, shall report to the Principal of the concerned College on the date specified by the University for the purpose of First Registration.
25.2	The admission of the candidate, who failed to report to the concerned College on the specified date, shall be treated as cancelled.
25.3	A candidate, who is not in a position to report for first registration on the specified date due to unavoidable circumstances, may register by paying fee through post or by messenger on or before the date specified for registration.

25.4	A candidate, registered in the first semester by payment of fee must complete the registration of course within a period of ten days from the date of his/her registration.
25.5	The First Registration shall consist of the following;
	(1) Payment of Fee at the time of counseling / interview (2) Production of original documents, Migration / Transfer Certificate as per Rule 28.0 (3) Registration for courses (4) Submission of the course card within ten days
25.6	A student enrolled in the University shall be given a registration number, which shall be used along with his/her name in all the documents and correspondence pertaining to him.
25.7	If an enrolled P.G. Student joins a regular service before submitting thesis, his/her registration shall automatically be cancelled. The major guide will have to report this to the Registrar immedialely. In any condition, if regular student does not report for study for a period of six months and above, even after repeated intimation by major guide to the student and his/her parents/guardians about his/her absence, his/her registration will be cancelled. Major Guide has to report the absence of such student to the registrar through Dean/Principal for necessary action.
25.8	If a student has not taken any course during any one semester without justification before completing course work, his/her registration will stand cancelled. Principal will report the same to Director of Research and Dean, Post-Graduate Studies and Registrar.
26.0	**Renewal of Registration**
26.1	Every enrolled student shall be required to register at the beginning of each semester till the completion of his/her degree requirements, unless otherwise permitted by the Dean / Principal, failing which his/her enrollment shall be cancelled. Re-registration in such cases shall be as per the University Norms.
26.2	For the subsequent semester Registration and renewal of registration, required fee shall have to be paid within a month from the commencement of the semester, failing which his/her registration shall stand cancelled.
26.3	The registration in person for subsequent semester should be completed within the first three days of beginning of the semester, failing which fine of ₹ 100/-per day (subject to revision from time to time), up to the permissible period of 30 days only, will have to be paid by the student who missed registration.
27.0	**Identity Card**
	An Identity Card shall be issued by the concerned Dean to each registered student on completion of first registration. The student shall carry it with him / her at all the times and should show the same when asked for. In case the Identity Card is lost, a new one shall be issued on payment of fee as prescribed by the University from time to time.
28.0	**Migration of Student**
	(1) Students migrating from SAUs of Gujarat shall not be required to apply for migration certificate. (2) Students migrating from other universities of the Gujarat State as well as the universities or statutory examining bodies outside the Gujarat State and seeking admission in the SAUs of Gujarat shall be required to produce Migration Certificate. No student from other University or statutory examining body shall finally be admitted to any Institute/College without production of migration certificate signed by the competent authority of the concerned University.
29.0	**Re-Registration**
29.1	A Post Graduate student in any degree/diploma programme who has successfully completed all the requirements of 1st year (Two semesters) of degree/diploma programme may be re-registered within a period of three years for the same semester from where one has discontinued studies, provided that no disciplinary action has been taken against such a student previously.
29.2	This period of absence will be calculated from the date on which he/she left the College.
29.3	Only one such chance will be given for re-registration to the students who discontinue the studies.
30.0	**Hostel Accommodation**
30.1	Staying in hostel is compulsory for a student except when permitted by the concerned Principal under exceptional circumstances. Hostel facility is available at

	constituent colleges, for which, student will have to apply for accommodation in the hostel. A student admitted in the hostel will have to abide by disciplinary rules and regulations. A student admitted in the hostel will be provided with a set of furniture for use and he/she shall be responsible for maintenance of such furniture. The general management of the hostel is vested with the Hostel Rector who works under the general directives of Dean / Principal of the concerned college.
30.2	Only the registered student shall be allowed to stay in the hostel during the stipulated period of Degree programme, except for the period as deemed fit by the concerned authority.
30.3	Any student working under contractual services and drawing HRA shall not be permitted to stay in hostels.
31.0	**Student Advisory System**
31.1	Allotment of Major Guide
	Each Post-graduate student shall have Student Advisory Committee to guide the student during the study programme. Only recognized teachers are eligible for teaching and guiding PG students. On registration of the student and payment of fee at college, he/she will be allotted to the recognized Guide by Dean PG studies as a Chairman (Major Guide) of the Advisory Committee who will be from his/her major field of studies. The nomination of the Major Guide shall be made by the Dean PGS on the recommendation of Dean of the respective college. The approved guides by the Dean PGS only can be the guides for the students. Generally, a teacher should have a minimum of three and two years of service before retirement for allotment of doctoral and masters students, respectively. Normally, there should not be more than four masters and two doctoral students at any one time under a particular guide.
31.2	Members of the Advisory committee
	For Masters students, the advisory committee shall comprise of a Major Guide, Minor Guide and two members. One member will be from the concerned subject and the other member from the related field of thesis research. The advisory committee for Ph.D. scholar shall comprise of a Major Guide, Minor Guide and three members. Two members will be from the respective subject and one member will be from other related field of thesis research. If thesis topics involve more of inter-disciplinary approach, the number of advisory committee members from other disciplines may be increased by one with prior approval of the Dean PGS. However, Dean PGS may approve advisory committee as prescribed for the degree program of the SAU on the recommendation of Dean Faculty.
	A Proposal for the formation of the Advisory Committee of the students shall be submitted by Major Guide to the Dean PGS through the Dean of respective college for approval within one month from the commencement of the 1st semester. External experts may be included as Member in the advisory committee based on the need and expertise of the member, without any financial commitment from the university so as to improve the quality of the research and thesis. The external expert member proposed should meet the minimum qualification required and the proposal is to be approved by the Dean PGS.
31.3	For Doctoral Programme, the Advisory Committee Chairman preferably shall be of the cadre of Professor or Associate Professor. For Masters Programme, the Advisory Committee Chairman shall be of the cadre of Professor, Associate professor or Assistant Professor. Only the recognized faculty for PG teaching/guiding is eligible for guiding/teaching PG courses and becoming advisory committee members.
31.4	Changes in advisory committee
	The proposals for changes in the advisory committee are to be sent by respective Dean to the Dean PGS for approval, if it is felt absolutely necessary. The reason for such change should be indicated. The changes may be effected immediately when the existing members are transferred elsewhere or resigned or retired. Major Guide of the Advisory Committee who is transferred can continue to guide a student provided that the student has completed 75% of the total credits for Master and 75% of research credits for Ph.D. on the day of transfer. If a Major Guide goes abroad/ within India for more than 6 months, to attend any training or goes on leave for more than six months, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee has to be changed immediately. The same provisions shall apply to members also.
31.5	Absence of member during qualifying / final viva-voce examination

	Under extra-ordinary circumstances, if the preliminary viva-voce examination/ synopsis presentation/Thesis .presentation/ final Thesis *viva-voce* of postgraduate student has to be conducted in the absence of Minor Guide or advisory committee member/s, permission to conduct the examination by co-opting another member/s with recommendation of Dean should be obtained from the Dean PGS in advance.
31.6	Duties and responsibilities of the advisory committee
	(1) Drawing the student's academic plan for post-graduate programme (2) Guidance throughout the PG programme of the student (3) Guiding the student in selecting a topic for thesis research and seminar topics (4) Continuous monitoring of thesis research and progress of the student (5) Evaluation of research and seminar (6) Correction and finalization of synopsis and thesis draft (7) The members should have regular meetings with the student for all the above purposes and sign the appropriate documents
32.0	**Synopsis of Research Project**
32.1	The Major Guide shall forward the Synopsis of the thesis in the prescribed format to the Director of Research and Dean P.G. for approval before the end of second semester through Dean faculty. For MBA (ABM), Instead of having Synopsis of thesis, industry/ institute oriented project proposal is prepared according to requirement of the concerned organization, and the project proposal shall be approved by the advisory committee.
32.2	No change in the programme of studies shall normally be permitted. However, under special circumstances, Dean Post-Graduate Studies may, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, for reasons to be specified, permit a change in the programme of studies.
33.0	**Fee, Deposits, *etc.***
33.1	The kind of fee and deposits for Post Graduate Programmes shall be as under: (A) Fee and deposits for all new student to be paid once at the time of Registration (1) Caution Money Deposit (2) Hostel Deposit (for resident students) (3) Mess Deposit (4) Identity Card (5) Test fee for thalassemia (6) Electricity Deposit
	(B) Fee to be paid annually in the beginning of each odd semester by all students (1) University Medical Exam (2) Magazine (3) Student Aid Fund (4) General Amenities
	(C) Semester fee to be paid at the beginning of each semester (1) Registration (2) Tuition (3) Library (4) Examination (5) Gymkhana (6) Cultural Activities (7) Laboratory (8) Hostel (9) Evaluation Report
33.2	The rate of fee shall be as determined by the State Council from time to time.
33.3	The girl students having Indian citizenship shall be exempted from paying the tuition fee and hostel fee, as per the policy of the State Government laid down.
34.0	**Refund of Fee**
	If the student desires to cancel admission, fee paid shall not be refunded. However, if a student takes admission in other Agricultural University of the Gujarat State, he/she shall be entitled for refund of the amount of all fee paid by him after deducting Rs. 500 (Rupees five hundred) as processing charges.
35.0	**Curricula and Courses**
35.1	The details of the courses, credits and curriculum of the course shall beas per ICAR syllabus and/or approved by the Academic Council in consultation with faculty and

	the Boards of Studies of Post Graduate Studies from time to time. The distribution of courses for each semester shall be such, as may be decided by the University from time to time.
35.2	Major Courses
	The core courses are essential courses, which are mandatory for a student at the Masters'/Doctoral level. These courses should be in the respective discipline in which the candidate takes degree.
35.3	Minor Courses
	The Minor courses are courses chosen by the students from the other disciplines in consultation with the Advisory committee, based on their specialization.
35.4	Supporting/ Allied Courses
	The supporting/ Allied courses are those other relevant courses offered by disciplines other than major and minor disciplines.
35.5	Addition, substitution and deletion of course(s) shall be permitted by the Dean, P.G. Studies on the recommendation by the advisory committee / Deans of the concerned College with due justification.
35.6	Dropping of a course in a semester shall be permitted by the Dean, P.G. Studies on the recommendation by Major Guide and the advisory committee, with due justification within six weeks from the commencement of a semester under the intimation to the Registrar.
35.7	A student shall be deemed to have cleared and completed a course, if he/she has attended the lectures and laboratory / field work and has completed all such other necessary requirements for the course and has obtained a requisite grade point.
35.8	The Re-registration of a particular course shall be allowed only twice (1 regular + 2 trials) to obtain the minimum required grade point. Failing on this, registration of the student will be cancelled automatically.
36.0	**System of Evaluation**
36.1	A student securing less than 6.0 grade point (60 percent marks) for the course of Master & Doctorate degree programmes shall be considered as fail; such student shall have to repeat the course as and when offered.
36.2	The different types of examination and weightage for each shall be as under:

No.	Examination	Theory	Practical
1	Self Study (Assignments)	20	-
2	Internal Tests	30	40
3	Semester-end Examination	50	60
	Total Marks	100	100

36.3 The Grade Point shall be calculated as below-

$$GP = \frac{(\text{Theory Marks} \times \text{Theory credit}) + (\text{Practical Marks} \times \text{Practical credit})}{\text{Total Credits of Course}}$$

36.4 The following marking shall be shown by the teachers / examiners in the Student's Performance Report.

6.00 and above	Pass	—
Below 6.0	Fail	—
Ab	Absent	—
I	Incomplete	—
W	Withdrawn	—
S	Satisfactory	For Non-credit courses, Industrial Training(ABM), Qualifying Examinations and thesis credits
US	Unsatisfactory	

36.5	Grade Point Average (GPA) is the sum of the products of credits of courses and the grade points obtained in those courses divided by the total number of credits of the different courses offered in the semester.
36.6	The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) obtained by the student upto the end of a particular semester shall be calculated by dividing the sum of the products of the grade point average and the credits in respective semester by the total credits completed up to the end of that semester.
36.7	A grade point below 6.00 in a course shall be counted in working GPA for that semester. However, on revision of the grade point after repeating that course, the

	earlier grade point shall be replaced by the revised grade point average and CGPA/OGPA shall be recalculated.
36.8	The revised grade point shall substitute the original grade point and the same will be counted in working out the OGPA/CGPA for the purpose other than the award of the scholarship / fellowship or for competing for a Certificate of honor or of a position.
36.9	The course, cleared by more than one trial shall be shown as repeat course in the transcript as well as evaluation report of that semester.
36.10	A student shall have to appear at the examination announced by the teachers concerned for the course(s) in which he/she has registered. Absence from the test examination on account of valid reason with prior permission of major guide, course teacher and Dean of the faculty shall be considered to award 'W' grade and the student shall have to clear that course in the subsequent semesters. However, absence from the final or Semester-end examination without valid reason and without prior permission of Dean shall be considered to award 'Ab' grade and the student shall have to clear that course in the subsequent semesters as a repeat course.
36.11	For Seminar, if a student is unable to clear seminar during the semester, shall be considered to award "W" grade/ "I" grade on recommendation of Major /Minor Guide with due justification, and shall have to clear that course during next semester after re-registration.
36.12	A teacher shall be responsible for evaluating the student's performance and maintaining the records/ materials concerned with the course with regards to tests, term papers, skill orientation, practical, and assignments.
37.0	**Academic Probation**
37.1	A student shall be required to maintain the CGPA of not less than 6.50 in order to be eligible for continuing as regular enrolled student of the University.
37.2	If the CGPA of a student is less than 6.50 at the end of a semester, he/she shall be placed on the Academic Probation.
37.3	If the CGPA of student at the end of a semester in which he/she was on academic probation is 6.50 or higher, he/she shall be removed from the academic probation and shall be allowed to continue as a regular enrolled student. Otherwise, he/she will continue to be on academic probation till he/she obtains the OGPA of 6.50 or above by taking additional courses even after the successful completion of the prescribed courses.
38.0	**Award of Class**
	The award of a class to a student shall be based on OGPA (Overall Grade Point Average) obtained by him/her and shall be indicated in the degree certificate. The basis of the award of class shall be as under:

OGPA	Class
8.00 and above	First class with Distinction
7.00 to 7.99	First class
6.50 to 6.99	Second class

39.0	**Requirements for Master's Degree**
39.1	The minimum course credit requirement for a student enrolled for Master's Degree programme is as under;

(A) For all the Faculties other than Forestry and Veterinary Science

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Major	20
Minor	09
Allied	05
Seminar	01
Research (Thesis)	20
Total:	**55**

	Note: There shall be six non-credit compulsory courses as indicated in Rule 39.2.1.
	(B) Forestry

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Major (Core)	22
Minor (Specialization)	12
Allied	05
Seminar	01
Research (Thesis)	20
Total:	**60**

Note: There shall be six non-credit compulsory courses as indicated in Rule 39.2.1.

(C) Veterinary Science

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Major	28
Minor + Supporting (minimum 6 for minor & 3 for supporting)	11
Seminar	01
Research (Thesis)	20
Total:	**60**

Note: There shall be four non-credit compulsory courses as specified in Rule 39.2.1.

(D) Agribusiness Management

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Core / Major	28
Elective	10 / 16*
Basic Supporting	06
Seminar	01
Project	10
Total:	**55 / 61***

*For AAU, Anand

Note: There shall be four non-credit compulsory courses as specified in Rule 39.2.1.

39.2	A student enrolled for a degree of Master's Degree has...
39.2.1	To pass compulsorily Non Credit Compulsory courses of one credit each, as given below which are to be graded as Satisfactory/ Un-satisfactory. (a) For Veterinary faculty, only four courses i.e., at(1),(2),(3), &(6) are compulsory. (b) For M.B.A. Faculty, four courses i.e., at (1),(2), (3),and (6) are compulsory. Non Credit Compulsory Courses: (1) PGS-501 - Library and Information Services (0+1) (2) PGS-502 - Technical writing and communication skills (0+1) (3) PGS-503 - Intellectual property and its management in Agriculture (e-course) (1+0) (4) PGS-504 - Basic concepts in Laboratory Techniques (0+1) (5) PGS-505 - Agricultural research, research ethics and rural development programmes (e-course) (1+0) (6) PGS-506 - Disaster Management (e-course) (1+0)
39.2.2	To clear the preliminary examination.
39.2.3	To submit an acceptable *Pakka* bound thesis based on an approved research work conducted satisfactorily as adjudged by the examiner shall be required for the award of degree. Once the thesis (unbound) is submitted by the student, no fee should be charged even though the *thesis viva* is not completed as all the other requirements are over on submission of thesis. However, minimum residential requirement of the

	student with registration and payment of fee must have been completed.
39.3	The minimum residential requirement is of 4 semesters for students having graduation in concerned faculty. The credit restriction is applicable as per Rule 44.7 for the in-service candidates and students working as JRF/SRF in the research project. The minimum residential requirement is of 6 semesters for in-service candidate. (Students with ICAR-JRF are exempted from credit restriction).
39.4	The maximum duration for Master's degree is 8 semesters for fresh candidates and 10 semesters for in-service students.
40.0	**Requirements for Doctorate Degree**
40.1	The minimum course credit requirements for a student enrolled for Doctorate programme is as under;

(A) For all the Faculties other than Forestry and Veterinary Science

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Major	15
Minor	08
Allied	05
Seminar (One each from major and minor field)	02
Research (Thesis)	45
Total:	75

(B) Forestry

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Major (Core)	15
Minor (Specialization)	08
Allied	05
Seminar (One each from major and minor field)	02
Research (Thesis)	45
Total:	75

(C) Veterinary Science

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Major	17
Minor + Supporting (minimum 6 for minor & 3 for Supporting)	11
Seminar (One each from major and minor field)	02
Research (Thesis)	45
Total:	75

(D) Agribusiness Management

Courses	Minimum Credit Requirements
Major / Core	15/17*
Minor	08/00*
Supporting/ Allied	05/11*
Seminar	02
Research Work (Thesis)	45
Total	75

* For AAU, Anand

Note: Ph.D. students shall be exempted from respective compulsory non-credit courses (PGS 501 to PGS 506), if already studied during Master's Degree as per ICAR syllabus.

40.2	The Ph.D. student has to earn a total of minimum 30 credits other than already earned in Master's degree and minor/Pre-requisite and/or supporting courses as decided by the advisory committee. In addition to this 30 minimum course credits, student has to earn 45 credits of thesis.
40.3	A student enrolled for a degree of Doctorate of Philosophy has...
	(1) To pass as per Rule 39.2.1 Non-Credit compulsory courses of one credit each compulsory, if not cleared at Master's level. (2) To clear the preliminary examination. (3) To submit an acceptable thesis based on original research work conducted satisfactorily as adjudged by the examiners. Once the thesis (unbound) is submitted by the student, no fee should be charged even though the *thesis viva* is not completed. However, minimum residential requirement of the student with registration and payment of fee must have been completed.
40.4	Minimum residential requirement of Ph.D. programme is of 6 semesters and 8 semesters for the student working in project with fellowship and for the in-service candidates because of credit restrictions. The candidates receiving ICAR-JRF/SRF or INSPIRE or similar fellowships shall be exempted.
40.5	Maximum duration for Doctorate degree is 10 semesters for fresh students and 12 semesters for in-service candidates.
41.0	**Requirement for MBA (Agribusiness management)**
41.1	For MBA (Agribusiness)/ (ABM) students have to earn minimum of 45/51 (for AAU 51) credit hours (core courses 28 credits), a seminar 01 credit, basic supporting courses 06 credits, elective courses 10/16 (For AAU 16) credits minimum. The elective courses will be offered to the students in second year of the programme. The institute may club together similar elective courses to form specialized elective areas. In addition to 45/51 (for AAU 51) minimum course credits, student has to earn 10 credits of project work (Total: 45/51+10=55/61 Credits) (for AAU Total: 51 + 10 = 61 Credits).
41.2	The students of MBA (ABM) have to take summer training / Industrial attachment of minimum 4 weeks after the completion of second semester at his/her own cost. The students have to submit training report with certificate given by organization / industry to the Principal of the institute and it will be graded as Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory.
42.0	**Attendance Requirement**
42.1	Every student shall attend all lectures, practical, library work, extension education visits, study tours and the meetings with respective course teachers and advisory committee.
42.2	Each course teacher shall maintain a record of student's attendance of each course taught by him in a semester.
42.3	The attendance shall be counted from the date of commencement of the semester. All candidates are required to attend at least 75% of the lectures/practical/seminar. If a student fails to attend 75% of the total number of lectures/practical/seminar held during a semester, he/she shall not be eligible to appear at the semester-end examination and shall repeat the course(s) when offered. Dean Faculty shall grant 'I' grade on recommendation of course teacher under intimation to Registrar.
42.4	In case of shortfall in attendance up to 5% in any given course, only upon unavoidable circumstances, the shortage may be condoned by the concerned Dean/Principal of the College.
42.5	An additional 5% grace in attendance may be allowed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Dean/Principal of the college concerned. The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.
43.0	**In-service Admission Procedure**
43.1	The terms and conditions of In-service Training of the University employees are as under; (1) The employee who has completed probation period of service in the University or completed bond period of previous degree if any, shall be considered for the training. (2) The age of the candidate for Master / Ph.D. degree should not be more than 50

years as on 30th June of the year concerned.

(3) The minimum requirements of the marks at the Bachelor degree / Master degree shall be as per P.G. Regulations No.10 and 11. However, five percent relaxation will be given in case of the SAUs' employee of Gujarat who have completed three years of service.

(4) The in-service trainee shall be treated as on duty during the entire period of his/her training and shall draw his / her pay & allowances as usual in the scheme where he/she is working.

(5) In-service trainee shall have to perform his/her duties of service efficiently in addition to his/her post-graduate studies. Post-graduate studies should not be in any case hindrance in performance of his/her legitimate duties/ services to the University.

(6) He/she shall have to pay the tuition fee as prescribed by the University and the entire expenditure on the study, as per requirements of the degree course, shall be borne by the trainee concerned.

(7) Before starting the in-service training, trainee shall give an undertaking, and Agreement Bond in writing, in the prescribed form on non judicial stamp paper as prescribed by the University(Cost of the stamps to be borne by the trainee) to the respective Agricultural University that he/she shall serve the respective Agricultural University for a period of not less than three years in case of Master degree and five years in case of Ph.D. degree after completion of his/her training provided by the University to improve his/her qualifications and in case of default, he/she shall have to pay the amount of bond as suggested by the concerned SAUs. However, the amount of Bond may be changed from time to time.

(8) He/she may avail the benefit of any fellowship, assistantship, scholarship or any other financial benefit with the permission of the University with the conditions as may be prescribed by the Vice Chancellor.

(9) Such training will not be a matter of right to claim increase in salary or promotion on account of improvement in qualification or experience due to his/her training.

(10) The training shall be counted from the date of his/her joining to the course to the date of submission of *Kaccha* bound thesis.

(11) No stipend and expenditure on account of thesis or any emoluments shall be granted to the in-service candidate except as prescribed in Rule 43.1(8).

(12) The in-service candidate has to complete his/her Master degree or Ph.D. degree in a minimum of six semesters and eight semesters and maximum eight semesters and ten semesters, respectively which can be extended as per Rule 43.2.

(13) If the in-service candidate is not able to complete the course / thesis successfully during the prescribed period, his/her registration will be cancelled immediately, and he / she will have to pay the amount of bond. Moreover, he/she shall not be given further opportunity for higher studies as In-service candidate during his/her service career.

(14) The in-service candidates shall not claim as a matter of right for transfer at the main campus of the University and they may be transferred within the University area in the interest of the University.

(15) No T.A. / D.A. will be paid to the candidate for attending the Interview for admission.

(16) No T.A. / D.A. will be paid to the candidate for any work related to his/her PG studies.

(17) During the training period, he/she shall have to submit his/her periodical report of his/her progress of training at the end of each semester duly certified by his/her major guide to the Registrar.

(18) Those employees who were given opportunity to earn one degree either under faculty improvement scheme or any other scheme and he / she did not join or left the studies incomplete will not be given second opportunity.

	(19) If the employee does not submit the application in spite of inviting it by the University, it will be presumed that he/she does not wish to avail the facilities of in-service training and his/her name shall be removed from the list of eligible candidates for two years. (20) The employees undertaking the study will have to attend the classes at other campus/centre/department at their own cost. (21) The in-service candidates shall abide by the P.G. Regulations during the study period. (22) The in-service candidate will have to follow the students' discipline rules. (23) The in-service candidates shall abide by all other terms and conditions of training laid down by University from time to time.
43.2	Extension to in-service/regular PG students
	In-service or regular post graduate candidates requiring extension up to two semesters in addition to the normal period [8 (in-service)or 6(regular) semesters for masters and 10 (in-service)or 8 (regular) semesters for doctoral students, respectively] shall be granted by the Dean/Principal of the concerned college on recommendation of the Advisory Committee. For further extension, cases shall be forwarded to the Registrar with recommendation of the Advisory Committee and the Dean/Principal of respective college. Registrar will scrutinize and put up all such cases with the remarks to the Dean P.G. Studies for consideration and approval. Such extension up to maximum period of two semesters in either case may be granted by Dean PGS on merit of the case. For further extension, cases with documents of work done/progress shall be forwarded to the Vice Chancellor with recommendation of Registrar and Dean P.G. for consideration and approval of maximum 2 more semesters' extension.
43.3	The maximum duration with extended period is 12 semesters for regular and 14 semesters for in-service Ph.D. students and 10 semesters for regular and 12 semesters for In-service masters' students. If the In-service student does not complete the study within the maximally permitted extended period, then he/she shall have to complete the remaining requirements of study by proceeding on leave due to him (limited to 3 months only). Amount of Bond along with interest will be recovered from the In-Service candidate for failure of completion of study in time.
43.4	The progress of the candidates shall be reviewed after 4 semesters by the major guide who will report to the Dean of the concerned faculty about taking courses during each semester. Dean/Principal will report the same to Dean, Post-Graduate Studies and Registrar.
44.0	**Programme of Study**
44.1	For uniformity in the PG Academic calendar, the odd semester will generally begin on 1st August and even semester will begin on 21st January in all the faculties, except MBA and FT, where the even semester will generally begin on 1st January, or as per the academic calendar decided by the central admission committee every year.
44.2	Every student shall have a Major guide from his/her Major Field of study. Major guide shall be the Chairman of Advisory Committee with minimum three/four members from his/her Major, Minor and Allied fields of study.
44.3	The major guide will propose Advisory Committee. Dean PGS will approve the committee on recommendation of Dean of faculty.
44.4	The committee shall draw out the programme of study keeping in view the student's academic background, within ten days of commencement of the first semester, and the report to this effect will be sent to the Dean of Postgraduate Studies, through the Dean/Principal.
44.5	For MBA (Agribusiness Management), Project Evaluation Committee shall consist as follows- (1) Project Chairman (Advisor) (2) One associated faculty from recognized PG teacher (3) One faculty (recognized PG teacher) nominated by Dean PGS (4) One external expert (Company/SAUs/Other organizations) The committee suggested by Principal and approved by Dean PGS will be

	responsible for evaluation of the project work of the student.
44.6	The research problem of the student shall be decided by the Major guide in consultation with the advisory committee members. The outline of the thesis work (synopsis) shall be presented and discussed in the presence of teachers of major field of study in addition to the committee members and be communicated to the Dean of Post-Graduate studies for approval before the end of second semester.
44.7	A regular student shall not normally be allowed to take more than 18 (20 for Veterinary) credits in a semester excluding Non Credit Compulsory Courses. A recipient of an assistantship/fellowship of project and in-service candidates shall not be allowed to take more than 9 (10 for Veterinary) credits (for Masters) / 6 credits (for Doctorate) in a semester excluding Non Credit Compulsory Courses.
45.0	**Preliminary Examination (Masters' and Doctorate Programme)**
45.1	After having successful completion of atleast 80% of approved course work (excluding Thesis work) with a CGPA of not less than 6.50/10.00, postgraduate student shall be eligible for applying for the Preliminary Examination. For MBA (ABM), requirement of preliminary examination will be as prescribed by the concerned SAU.
45.2	Only those post graduate students who successfully completed the Preliminary examination will be admitted to candidacy of the degree. The Preliminary examination consists of written and oral examination (*viva-voce*).
45.3	The major advisor shall monitor and coordinate the conduct of the Preliminary examinations.
45.4	Written Examination
	(1) The Major Guide shall apply for conducting Preliminary examinations of the Master student on the prescribed form to Dean Faculty through HoD for approval. Whereas, application of Doctoral student in prescribed format shall be forwarded through Dean Faculty and Registrar to Dean PGS for necessary approval. (2) The Preliminary examination shall normally be completed within 60 days from the date of issue of permission from office of the Dean, Postgraduate studies. (3) For master and doctoral degrees, there shall be two papers one in major field including allied courses of the study and another paper in minor field of the study. It shall cover all aspects of the major discipline of study in which the degree is to be awarded. (4) The question paper of major (70 marks) and minor (30 marks) fields of study shall be drawn and evaluated by major and minor guide, respectively. The qualifying marks for written examination will be 60% for both the degrees. (5) The question papers for the written examination will be of 3 hours duration and comprising of descriptive and objective type questions from prescribed syllabus. (6) If a student secures unsatisfactory grade in major or minor written comprehensive examination, then he/she shall be re-examined for maximum two more trials for major or minor examination after the interval of at least 15 days and not more than 2 months. (7) A student, securing at least 60% marks in the written Preliminary Examinations, shall be eligible for *viva-voce* exam (preliminary).
45.5	*Viva-Voce*
	(1) The Preliminary *viva-voce* examination of Masters' and doctoral students shall be conducted by the Advisory Committee (One additional external expert for Ph.D.). (2) The Oral Comprehensive Examination for Masters and Ph.D. shall cover both the major and minor/allied fields and shall be conducted by the Advisory Committee for Masters' students. (3) For Ph.D. Preliminary examination, Registrar will issue necessary permission order including the advisory committee members and one external examiner as nominated by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies. For masters students, concerned Faculty Dean will issue necessary order for conducting the Preliminary Examination.

45.6	The candidate shall be declared successful only if the decision of the Advisory Committee (with external examiner in case of Ph.D.) is unanimous and satisfactory.
45.7	The Major Guide shall be responsible for communicating the results of the examination to the Registrar with a copy to the Dean Post-Graduate Studies in the prescribed format.
45.8	A candidate failing to pass the oral Preliminary examination will be eligible to reappear in the said examination for a maximum of two additional trials only spaced at interval of not less than 1 month.
45.9	The student may be granted for transfer of credits from one institution to another in case of unavoidable migration as per the prescribed syllabus and relevant rules. Migration of students admitted through ICAR quota would not be allowed.
46.0	**Submission of Thesis**
46.1	*Kaccha* bound Thesis can be submitted after successfully clearing the Thesis seminar presented before the advisory committee and the Dean PGS Nominee and completing all other requirements of PG studies. If the Thesis work and all requirements of the PG study are completed by the end of 3rd semester (Master degree) and 5th semester (doctorate degree) for regular students, and by the end of 5th semester (Master degree) and 7th semester (doctorate degree) for In-service or fellowship students, thesis can be submitted during the last semester after registration, however, degree/notification will be awarded/issued not before completion of minimum residential requirements.
46.2	A student is required to successfully complete the preliminary examinations (written and viva-voce both) at least one month before the submission of *Kachcha* bound thesis.
46.3	A postgraduate student shall prepare his/her thesis as per the guidelines approved by the Academic Council from time to time.
46.4	A student can submit his/her draft thesis (*Kachcha* bound) for Master's programme (one copy) and for Doctoral degree programme (two copies) in person to the office of the concerned Dean, after fulfilling norms on the prescribed Academic Forms duly recommended by the Advisory Committee. The Dean will send the *kachcha* bound thesis to the external examiner along with required proforma after obtaining permission from the office of the Registrar. Dean PGS will nominate the external examiner (one for Masters and Two for Doctoral) on file presented by the office of Registrar.
46.5	For Doctoral Programme, at least one research paper should have been submitted / accepted or a patent should have been filed out of the thesis work before the *Pakka* bound thesis submission.
46.6	If a candidate fails to submit the thesis within a semester, he/she shall have to register in the next semester for submission of thesis.
46.7	No registration is required for the conduct of Thesis (Final) *viva-voce* examination, if it is held in the next semester.
46.8	*Pakka* bound thesis should be submitted within 30 days after completion of thesis *viva-voce* examination. Failing this, his/her registration may be cancelled by competent authority based on recommendation by the concerned Major Guide and Dean of Faculty.
47.0	**Thesis Evaluation**
47.1	SAUs shall prepare a list of experts in different disciplines for evaluation of thesis for Master and Doctoral degree programmes approved by concerned Boards of Studies once in three years and finally approved by the Dean PGS/BoS for PG Faculty.
47.2	At least one month before the submission of draft thesis, Major Guide of the student shall suggest a panel of three names for Master programme and five names for Ph.D. for evaluation of thesis in prescribed Form with their latest contact numbers/e-mail IDs to the Dean PGS through respective Dean faculty. However, Dean, PGS may nominate any competent and qualified examiner for the same over ruling the suggested panel.
47.3	Thesis for evaluation shall be sent to one examiner in case of Masters' programme and two examiners in case of Doctoral programme. For Ph.D., one of the two

	evaluators may be called for viva-voce examination. In case, the Examiner does not reply within 15 days, the offer given to him may stand cancelled and another examiner may be called for viva-voce examination from the approved panel.
47.4	The report of thesis evaluation shall be in the Prescribed Performa approved by the Academic Council from time to time.
47.5	The actual report and queries raised by external referee should be thoroughly discussed in the *viva-voce* exam of thesis and should be complied, if required.
47.6	Master's Degree
	(1) The thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the Master's degree shall be evaluated by the external referee from outside the University who shall be appointed by the Dean of Post-Graduate Studies from a panel of three persons suggested by Major guide. However, Dean PGS may nominate any other examiner over ruling the submitted panel. (2) The external referee shall examine the thesis and send his/her report to the Dean of Post Graduate studies and Registrar under intimation to the Major guide normally within 4 weeks from the date of receipt of the thesis. He/she shall send the evaluated thesis directly to the Dean Faculty under intimation to the Major Guide. (3) On receipt of the report from the external referee, the candidate will be examined orally on the thesis giving due weightage to the report of external referee, by the major and minor guides and one teacher from the Major field nominated by the Dean of Post Graduate Studies as external examiner, and the Major Guide will submit their final report on thesis examination to the Registrar & copy to Dean of Post-Graduate Studies through the Dean faculty. However, the decision of DR & Dean PGS will be final.
47.7	The project work of MBA (ABM) shall be approved by the committee constituted by Dean PGS as per 44.5. This project report (dissertation) is to be submitted to the Registrar office.
47.8	Doctorate Degree
	(1) Requirement for the Ph.D. degree shall include successful completion of scientific investigation and creditable research to be submitted in the form of a thesis, which must be an original contribution to knowledge as evidenced either by the discovery of facts and their significance or by a new interpretation of facts or theories. In either case, it should evince the candidate's capacity for critical examination and sound judgment. (2) The thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of Ph.D. degree shall be examined by the two external referees appointed by the Dean of Post-Graduate Studies from a panel of five experts suggested by the Major guide. The Chairman of Student Advisory Committee shall be the Chairman of the Examining Committee. The external referees shall be from outside the University. (3) The referees shall evaluate the thesis and shall submit their reports to the Dean of Post-Graduate Studies and Registrar under intimation to the Major guide normally within 6 weeks from the date of receipt of the thesis. He/she shall send the evaluated thesis directly to the Dean Faculty under intimation to the Major Guide. (4) In case, the reports of both the external examiners are favorable, the thesis shall be considered for the award of the degree. (5) If in case, one of the external referees does not recommend the acceptance of the thesis, a third external referee from the same panel shall be appointed. If third referee also does not recommend the thesis for acceptance, the candidate shall be declared to have failed and no oral examination shall be conducted. If both the external referees recommend acceptance of the thesis, the final oral examination shall be conducted by committee comprising of Major Guide, Minor Guide and two external examiners (one external examiner who has evaluated the thesis and other external examiner from major field/subject of study) appointed by the Dean of Post-Graduate Studies. Under exceptional circumstances, if any of the two external referees are unable to attend the *Thesis*

	Viva, then Dean PGS can nominate any competent/qualified expert to conduct the Thesis-Viva and the decision of Dean, PGS in this regard shall be final.
48.0	**Remarks of Examiners**
48.1	After favorable evaluation of thesis by External Examiner(s), the Registrar shall issue necessary order for conducting *Thesis-Viva*. Head of the Department concerned shall arrange for thesis *viva-voce* examination in consultation with the Major Guide.
48.2	In case an External Examiner does not recommend a thesis for the award of Master degree, External Examiner next in order of the approved panel, shall be contacted for evaluation of thesis. If the second Examiner recommends the thesis for acceptance, this recommendation may be accepted. If, the thesis is rejected by the second Examiner as well, the degree shall not be awarded. In such cases, the student on proper registration in the following semester shall have the option to continue the work, re-write the thesis and re-submit the same after a lapse of at least four months from registration. If the thesis is again rejected by the External Examiner, student will be debarred/dropped from the University..
48.3	In case both the External Examiners reject a Ph.D. thesis, the same shall not be considered for award of the degree. In such cases, the student may be permitted to continue the work in the subsequent semester on proper registration. He/she shall be allowed to re-submit the thesis after the lapse of at least one semester after re-registration. No student shall be eligible to submit the thesis for the third time and thereafter, he will be debarred/dropped from the University.
49.0	**Thesis *Viva-Voce* Examination**
49.1	The candidate is expected to defend the thesis work at the examination. The degree shall be awarded on unanimous recommendation of the examiners in respect of the thesis itself and the performance of the student in the oral examination. The recommendation of the examiners shall be forwarded by the Major guide to the Dean Post-Graduate Studies through the Dean/Principal of the College.
49.2	After the receipt of full report from the External Examiner recommending the acceptance of thesis, in respect of Master student, the Major Guide shall in consultation with the External Examiner, fix the date and place for holding the thesis *viva-voce* examination. The report of the External Examiner shall be considered by the Committee at the time of examination.
49.3	The *thesis viva-voce* of Ph.D. student shall be conducted by the Examining Committee comprised of Major Guide, Minor Guide and two external examiners (one external examiner who has evaluated the thesis and other external examiner from major field/subject of study) appointed by the Dean of Post-Graduate Studies on receipt of full reports from both the external examiners and not on the basis of intimation of approval of thesis. The report of the dissent from External examiners, if any, shall also be considered at the time of *thesis viva-voce* examination, which shall be conducted on a date fixed by the Major Guide.
49.4	Only under unavoidable circumstances, permission for substituting committee member(s) will be given by the Dean, Postgraduate Studies.
49.5	The performance in the *thesis viva-voce* will be graded by the Committee as satisfactory/unsatisfactory on the basis of quality of thesis and performance of the student in the prescribed viva-voce examination Form. In case of any disagreement among the members, the decision of the External referee shall be final. The report of the Committee shall be forwarded by the Major Guide to the Dean Faculty who shall forward the same to the Registrar, and the Dean, Postgraduate Studies for declaration of the result.
49.6	A postgraduate student, who fails to show satisfactory performance in the thesis viva-voce examination, may apply again to the Dean, Postgraduate Studies with the recommendation of the Major Guide for permission to appear second time. Permission to appear second time may be given, but re- examination shall take place after one month from the date of the first thesis *viva-voce* examination. A student failing second time in the *viva-voce* examination shall be debarred/dropped from the University.
49.7	As far as possible, the *thesis viva-voce* of a postgraduate student for the second time

	shall be conducted by the same Committee.
49.8	The student (both Master & Ph.D.) shall submit four copies of bound thesis (five copies in case of scholarship/fellowship holder) to major guide and forward through Head of Department to Dean of the faculty along with soft copy (CD) for further approval. The student (both Master & Ph.D.) shall submit prescribed NO DUES certificates at the time of submission of Pakka bound thesis.
50.0	**Remuneration for External Examiner**
	An External Examiner who is appointed to examine the thesis and/or conduct the oral comprehensive/*thesis viva-voce* examination of the postgraduate student shall be paid the remuneration as prescribed by the university from time to time.
51.0	**Notification of Master and Ph.D. degree**
	The Dean will forward copy of the reports on thesis *viva voce* to the Registrar. A notification containing the enrolment Number, name of the candidate, eligible degree, name of Major Guide, title of thesis, subject of specialization, OGPA and division/class obtained shall be issued by the Registrar on approval of the Dean PGS.
52.0	**Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging**
	In view of the directions of the Honorable Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16-05-2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, dated 08-05-2009, following provisions will be effective to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging including any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student, or indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student, in all higher education institutions in the country, and thereby, to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students.
52.1	What Constitutes Ragging
	Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts: (1) Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student; (2) Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student; (3) Asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student; (4) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher; (5) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students; (6) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students; (7) Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person; (8) Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, posts, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student;

	(9) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.
52.2	Mandatory Discloser
	(1) Ragging is totally banned and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging is liable to be punished. (2) The affidavit-I should be filled up and signed by the candidate to the effect that he / she is aware of the law regarding prohibition of ragging as well as the punishments, and that he/she, if found guilty of the offence of ragging and / or abetting ragging, is liable to be punished appropriately. (3) The affidavit-II should be signed by the parent/guardian of the applicant to the effect that he/she is also aware of the law in this regard and agrees to abide by the punishment meted out to his/her ward in case the latter is found guilty of ragging and / or abetting ragging. (4) A student seeking admission to the hostel shall have to submit another affidavit-III along with his/her application for hostel accommodation that he / she is also aware of the law in this regard and agrees to abide by the punishments meted out if he / she is found guilty of ragging and / or abetting ragging. (5) The first year students should desist from doing anything against their will even if ordered by the seniors, and that they have nothing to fear as the institution cares for them and shall not tolerate any atrocities against them. (6) A student securing admission to a particular institute shall have to submit concern affidavits to the Dean/Principal of institute.
52.3	Actions to be taken against students for indulging and Abetting Ragging in SAUs.
	(1) The punishment to be meted out to the persons indulged in ragging has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents. (2) Every single incident of ragging, a First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities. (3) The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, with regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging. (4) Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level shall be any one or any combination of the following, (a) Cancellation of admission (b) Suspension from attending classes (c) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits (d) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process (e) Withholding results (f) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, *etc.* (g) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel (h) Rustication from the institution for a period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters (i) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution (j) Collective punishment: when the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.
	An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,
	(1) In case of an order of an institution affiliated to or constituent part of the University, to the Vice Chancellor of the University; (2) In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor; (3) In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.

	The institutional authorities shall intimate the incidents of ragging occurred in their premises along with actions taken to the Council from time to time.
53.0	**Unlawful Activities**
	In case of students found involved in any unlawful activities either within or outside the Hostel / College Campus, besides, expulsion both from the Hostel and College at the discretion of the Dean, the matter will be reported to the Police of the jurisdiction to be dealt with, in accordance with the appropriate law in force.
54.0	**Repeal & Savings**
	The regulations for the award of Post Graduate Degree in concerned University and amended from time to time and in force on the date this regulation comes into effect are hereby repealed.
	Moreover, possible amendments/revisions/modifications as suggested/mandated by ICAR, New Delhi through its BSMA committees nominated for updating/revising postgraduate programmes in Agricultural Universities shall be considered while enacting/executing these regulations.