

UNDER GRADUATE REGULATIONS

1.0 SHORT TITLE

These regulations shall be called 'The FCRI Regulations, 2016 governing the under graduate courses of study leading to the award of the B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry 4 year degree program. These regulations shall apply to the students admitted from the academic year 2016-17 and onwards.

2.0. Definitions

2.1 Academic Year

The academic year of the FCRI shall ordinarily be from August to July and shall consist of two semesters. The VIII semester shall be completed before May.

2.2 Semester

A minimum duration of 110 working days, consisting of 95 instructional days and 15 examination days except during the year of admission.

2.3 Credit Hour

Each credit hour represents one hour lecture or two to three hours of laboratory or field practical's each week in a semester. It is also known as semester credit or credit.

2.4 Course

A course is a unit of instruction or segment of subject matter (as specified in the course catalogue) to be covered in a semester. It has a specific number, title and credits.

2.5 Grade Point of course

It is the value obtained by dividing the percentage of marks secured in a course by 10. The grade point is expressed on a 10 point scale upto two decimal places.

2.6 Credit point of a course

It is the product of number of credits for the course and grade point obtained by a student in that course.

2.7 Grade Point Average (GPA)

It is the quotient of the total credit points obtained by a student in various courses at the end of each semester divided by the total number of credits taken by him/her in that semester. The

grading is done on a 10 point scale. The GPA is to be corrected up to two decimal places. It is also called Semester Grade Point Average.

2.8 Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA):

It is the quotient of cumulative credit points obtained by a student in all the courses taken by him/her from the beginning of the first semester of the degree course divided by the total number of credits of all the courses which he/she had completed up to the end of a specified semester from the first semester. It determines overall performance of a student in all the courses taken during a period covering more than a semester. The OGPA is to be corrected up to second decimal place. The same shall be referred as Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

2.9 Semester final examinations

Semester final examinations for each course are conducted by the affiliating University at the end of each semester in the theory portion of the course.

2.10 FCRI

Forest College and Research Institute, Mulugu, Siddipet district, Telangana State, India

2.11 Dean of FCRI

Dean of FCRI means Dean/Person In charge/Principal/ Director of FCRI.

3.0 Admissions

3.1 Admission including selections to the under graduate courses, ordinarily made in the beginning of the first semester of the academic year, shall be in accordance with the guidelines laid down from time to time by the FCRI.

3.2 Fee

The fee for application, semester fee, special fee, examination fee and other fee shall be as prescribed by the FCRI from time to time.

4.0 Courses, credits and syllabi

The details of the courses, credits and syllabi of the under graduate courses shall be as prescribed by the Academic Council of FCRI and Board of Studies in Forestry, Osmania University from time to time.

5.0 Advisory System

The students on their admission shall be divided into convenient batches by the Dean of the college, and each batch is assigned to one of the teachers who are designated as 'Advisor/ Mentor'. Each student immediately after enrolment fills up all the registration cards with the guidance of his/her advisor/ mentor. Among other things, the advisor shall help the students in planning the programmes of their studies. By having periodical meetings with students assigned to him/her, to consider necessary in an effort to know their problems, review their study programmes and take such remedial actions as may be necessary in consultation with the teachers concerned and the Dean. The advisor will maintain a record containing particulars of previous history of the student, courses registered and examinations appeared and grades obtained in each course in each semester as per the format prescribed by the FCRI (Format - 1).

6.0 Registration

6.1 Registration for the first time in the FCRI

Students who have received intimation of admission, on arrival at FCRI will be given guidelines for registration from the office of Dean.

The registration and orientation programme will be conducted by the Dean of the FCRI for the benefit of the students joining for the first time.

Attendance in respect of fresh students for the first semester shall be reckoned from the date of registration of the student concerned.

6.2 Registration in the subsequent semesters

The following are the steps in registration of students.

6.2

(a) The student in each batch shall have to register for the set of courses offered for that batch and fill in the registration cards in person producing the identity card at the registration centre on the day of registration. The students having backlog courses can register the total backlog courses and fresh courses offered in that semester for that batch and fill in the cards. The Advisor in turn will countersign and send them to the Dean's office. The Dean's office should prepare a list of students who have registered for each course and send them course-wise to the concerned teacher within a week.

(b) The payment of fee and other arrears due to the college, department, hostel, library etc., shall precede registration.

(c) Late fee for U.G. students shall be Rs. 10/- for the first three working days starting from the next day of the scheduled date of registration and thereafter Rs. 100/- per day for a further period of seven (7) days.

(d) The attendance will however be reckoned from the day the instruction commences as per the academic calendar. However, in respect of Internship/Experiential Learning Programmes (ELP)/ Project Work, the rules as shall be followed.

6.3 Study load for semester

For the purpose of calculation of study load, number of credits registered in a semester includes fresh courses and courses to be repeated due to shortage of attendance in the previous semester (s). The total study load for a student shall not be more than 25 credit hours per semester.

7.0 Attendance

7.1 Every student shall ordinarily attend all classes in a course. However, the minimum attendance prescribed in a course is 75%. The attendance shall be reckoned for theory and practical separately. A student who fails to put in the minimum attendance either in theory or practical examination his/her registration, for that course shall be treated as cancelled.

7.1 The minimum attendance requirements can be relaxed up to 10% on medical grounds (i.e., up to 65% for theory and practical separately) only in case of indoor Hospitalization.

7.2 (a) If a student admitted to the first year U.G. course does not register the courses of first semester of that year or having registered does not put in at least 75% of attendance in all the courses, his/her admission shall stand cancelled, provided that the admission of a student may not be cancelled in exceptional and deserving cases having regard to the facts and merits of the case as provided in clause (b) of this regulation

(b) A student who wishes to seek relaxation of provision in clause (a) of this regulation for good and exceptional reasons may make an application within 7 calendar days from the last day of instruction of first semester to the Dean of FCRI giving the grounds and the proof thereof due to which he/ she could not fulfil the minimum attendance requirement, provided he/she puts in at least 60% attendance during the first semester of admission. Such application shall be considered by a committee consisting of Dean, a senior Professor or a senior Associate Professor or an Assistant Professor as nominated by the Dean, the Academic advisor of the college, Advisor of the student concerned and the FCRI Medical Officer.

If the committee is satisfied that there were exceptional circumstances warranting exercise of discretion to relax the provision in clause (a) of this regulation, the Dean may pass an order

allowing the student to continue the studies in relaxation of the provision in clause (a). The student so permitted to continue the studies shall register such courses when offered next.

7.3 When a student has to leave the college after completion of first semester of study, for reasons beyond his/her control, he/ she shall obtain prior permission of the Dean for discontinuation within one month from the date of discontinuation. If a student fails to take such permission, he/ she shall not be eligible for readmission. The maximum period of break shall not exceed 4 (four) semesters under any circumstances including the semester during which he/she discontinued. A student, permitted to discontinue by the Dean, shall apply to the Dean for readmission, at least one month before the commencement of the semester in which readmission is sought.

7.4 Where a student leaves the colleges taking a T.C. he/she shall not be eligible for readmission.

8.0 Evaluation of students, examinations and grades

8.1

(a) The evaluation of the student in a course shall be based on his/ her performance in various kinds of examinations, records, class work and other types of assignments.

(b) The detailed course outlines in each course shall be made available to the students during the first week of the semester. A schedule of the Term examinations of the academic programme shall be prepared by the Dean and notified to the students at the beginning of each semester

(c) Answer scripts of Term examinations are evaluated by the teacher shall be shown to the students. The students shall have the option to request the teacher for clarification of any doubts in scoring, provided that such clarification is requested for when the answer scripts are made available to them. This, shall not apply for final both theory and practical examinations.

8.2 Term examinations

There shall be two term examinations to be conducted by the teacher offering the course after every 50% of the syllabus coverage in that course. The duration for term examination shall be for one hour. Ordinarily no condonation for absence of Term examination shall be given. However, if a student is genuinely prevented from taking examination as in the case of serious illness or accident or any other case, a special re-examination may be arranged by the concerned teacher in consultation with the Head of the department. This repeat examination shall be held within one week from the date of examinations so missed, and shall be a common examination for all such students.

Unless a student appears for the term examination he/she shall not be permitted to appear for the semester final theory and practical examinations in the course concerned.

The regular term examination and the special re-examination shall be conducted as per the time to be fixed by the Dean.

8.3 Semester final examinations

(a) The semester final examinations shall be held at the end of each semester in each course. The semester final examination in the theory portion shall be of two and half hours duration. It shall be the responsibility of the affiliating University to conduct the theory portion of semester final examination. Practical examinations shall be conducted by FCRI internally. The students shall be given minimum two preparation holidays (inclusive of the public holidays) before the commencement of semester final theory examinations. FCRI campus will be the centre for Final theory examinations.

(b) Answer scripts of semester final theory examination are evaluated at affiliating University. The Dean of FCRI shall send all the sealed answer scripts to University.

8.4 Scheme of examination & Evaluation

As approved by the Board of Studies in Forestry of Affiliating University and approved by academic council of FCRI.

8.5 Mass absence of students from a class or examination

Absence of students 'enmasse' from a class or examination shall not be condoned. The Dean in consultation with affiliating University in addition, may order suspension of that particular course, if deemed necessary.

8.6 Unfair means during test and examinations

The Dean of the FCRI shall be responsible for dealing with all cases of use of unfair means in various examinations. The phrase, 'Use of Unfair Means' include possession of any information or material by the student, talking to other students, copying from other students or from printed or written material may include 'use of mobiles or any other electronic gadgets', impersonation etc. The invigilator concerned, on finding the use of unfair means by any student may take the answer scripts of the student and the material evidence, if any, and the explanation from the student. The student may also be sent out of the examination hall immediately. The invigilator concerned shall report each case of unfair means directly to the Dean immediately with full details of the incident, answer scripts, the available evidence and explanation of the concerned students, if any. The Dean, on receipt of the report, may give an opportunity to the concerned student to represent his/her case considering all the available evidence, the Dean shall take appropriate action immediately. The penalty shall be as indicated below:

(a) A student found using unfair means during term examinations shall be deemed to have failed in that course.

(b) A student found using unfair means during semester final examination shall be deemed to have failed in all the courses, he/she has registered in that semester and/or in such of those courses in which he/she appeared for semester final examination in that semester. In such cases, the student shall not be permitted to take the remaining examinations, if any, in that semester

(c) The Dean shall pass an order regarding the cases falling under (a) and (b) above immediately.

(d) For using unfair means of a serious nature such as ignoring the repeated instructions of invigilator, or abusing or threatening or assaulting the invigilator, warranting higher penalties than those indicated in clauses (a) and (b) above, the Dean, besides treating the student as failed in all the courses he/she registered in that semester, may further debar the student for the succeeding semester permanently. The decision of the Dean is final. The parent or the guardian of the concerned student shall be informed of any punishment awarded to the student and the reason therefore.

8.7 Scrutiny of grades

The student may apply to the affiliating University within the prescribed time after the announcement of the grades for scrutiny of the totaling of marks of the semester final examination or calculation of grade points obtained by him advancing sufficient reasons for such a request. The fee for such scrutiny shall be as prescribed by the affiliating University from time to time.

9.0 Academic status and scholastic deficiencies

9.1

(a) A student shall get minimum of 50% marks in both final theory and final practical examinations separately for a pass in the final examination of a course. If a student does not achieve this he/she has to reappear for the final examination in theory/practical or both as the case may be, when next conducted for such course(s).

(b) A student obtaining a grade point of 5.0 shall be considered to have passed the course. A student getting less than 5.0 shall be deemed to have failed in the course and 'F' shall be indicated in the grade report. A student who secured grade point below 5.0 or who secures above 5.0 but secures less than 50% marks in semester final theory/practical examination of the course (or) was marked absent has to appear for either final theory or practical examination or both (as the case may be). A student may also have the option to write the term examinations of the course in the same semester when he/she next takes again the final examination of that particular course.

In the case of final year B.Sc. (Hons.) forestry, re-examination shall be conducted within one month from the date of reopening the colleges after the semester vacation i.e. first semester of the succeeding academic year, in not more than three failed courses, provided the student would complete his/her graduation requirements by passing said three courses.

(c) Whenever a student wants to take re-examination in any course(s) he/she should fill in the particulars in a prescribed application form duly paying the re-exam fee within prescribed time period.

9.2 Promotion to second year: A candidate is automatically promoted to second year irrespective of the number of courses as absent/failed courses in the first year.

Promotion to third year: A candidate should have passed all the courses of first year and should not have more than 6 courses of second year as backlog courses (failed).

Promotion to fourth year: A candidate should have passed all the courses of second year and should not have more than 6 courses of third year as backlog courses (failed).

NO CONDITIONAL PROMOTIONS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ANY STUDENT TO REGISTER THE COURSE (S).

9.3 Year of standing

The year of standing of a student shall be determined solely on the basis of his completion of certain number of credit hours.

10.0 Graduation requirements

10.1 The student shall satisfy minimum residential requirements and maximum duration as below. The minimum residential requirement is eight Semesters for U.G. Degree Programmes at FCRI. The maximum duration of degree programmes is fourteen semesters (7 academic years).

10.2 Requirements for Bachelor's Degree

A student undergoing B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry 4 year degree at FCRI shall pass courses and complete the minimum number of credit prescribed from time to time by obtaining minimum OGPA/CGPA of 5.00 in the 10 point scale.

A student undergoing instructions in U.G. courses of study leading to the award of Bachelor in Forestry, shall have to complete satisfactorily the internship/Experiential Learning/Student READY Programme/FoWE/Study tours/Project Work etc., as prescribed from time to time.

10.3 Classification of successful candidates

The successful candidates after completion of graduation requirements who secured an OGPA of 5.00 or more in the 10 point scale shall be classified as under:

OGPA/CGPA	DIVISION
5.00-5.99	Pass
6.00-6.99	II division
7.00-7.99	I division
8.00 and above	I division with distinction

NOTE: Class/division shall not be mentioned in the degree certificate but, classification may be given in the transcript as footnote.

Student's responsibility

All under graduate students studying in FCRI, Mulugu are expected to know the requirements for the award of Bachelor's Degree and general academic requirements and assume full responsibility for meeting them. They are expected to keep constantly in touch with their advisors so that the latter may watch their progress and guide them along right lines. In no case a regulation be waived or exception made simply because a student pleads ignorance of it.

12.0 Transfers

Transfer of students from other Universities/ Institutes/ Colleges to FCRI is not permitted.

Record of courses

To ensure that requirements for the award of degree have been completed by a student, the affiliating University shall keep a record of courses completed by the students. A copy of the same shall be maintained by the Dean of the FCRI.

14.0 Authorities to approve results and issue pass certificates, transcripts etc.

The Vice-Chancellor of affiliating University shall approve the results on the recommendation of the Dean of the FCRI.

Registrar of the affiliating University shall issue the Provisional Pass Certificates, transcripts etc. to the candidates.

15.0 Award of Degree

A degree under the seal of the affiliating University and duly signed by the officers authorized in this behalf shall be presented at a convocation to each candidate who has successfully completed the graduation requirements for the award of degree. Degrees of the candidates who have

successfully completed the graduation requirements for the award of degree and are admitted 'IN ABSENTIA' to a degree at convocation shall be sent by post. The degree shall set for the name of the candidate, father's name, mother's name, degree, name and logo of the FCRI, month and year of successful completion of the graduation requirements etc.

16.0 Amending or cancellation of result

If the result of a candidate is discovered to be vitiated by error, malpractice, fraud, improper conduct or any other reasons, the Vice-Chancellor of affiliating University shall have the power to amend the result in such a manner as to accord with the true position, and to make such declaration as the Vice-Chancellor of affiliating University may deem necessary in that behalf.

If it is found that the result of a candidate has been vitiated by malpractices, fraud or other improper conduct whereby he has been benefited and that he has in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor of affiliating University, been a party to or connived at the malpractice, fraud or improper conduct, the Vice-Chancellor of affiliating University shall have the power at any time, notwithstanding the award of the Degree or a Certificate or Prize or a Scholarship, to amend the result of such candidate and to make such declaration as the Vice-Chancellor of affiliating University may deem necessary in, that behalf, including debarring of the candidate from the University for such a period as may be specified and the cancellation of the result of the candidate in such manner as the Vice-Chancellor of affiliating University may decide.

17.0 Transitory provision

These regulations shall apply to the students who shall be admitted from the academic year 2016 -17 and onwards.

18.0 No Regulations governing the under graduate courses of study shall be constructed to limit or abridge the powers of the Academic Council to deal with any case or cases of any student or students of the under graduate courses in such manner as it may appear to it to be just and equitable.

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(REGULATION 5.0)
REGISTRATION & AWARD BOOK

- 1 Name of the College:
- 2 Course of Student:
- 3 Name of the Student in Full:
- 4 I.D. No.:
- 5 Aadhar Card Number of the student:
- 6 Mobile No. of Student and Father/Guardian:
- 7 email ID of the Student & Father/ Guardian:
- 8 Blood Group:
- 9 Health Status:
- 10 *Are you suffering from Chronic Illness?*
- 11 Father's Name & Occupation:
- 12 Mother's Name & Occupation:
- 13 Permanent Address:
- 14 Present Address:
- 15 Name & Address of guardian, if any:
- 16 Name of the institute last studied:

Signature of the Student

Particulars of the Advisor

Name:

Designation:

Department:

Signature of the Advisor

Note: Subsequent pages (As many pages as No. of semesters allowed to complete graduation requirements + (4) additional pages)

Semester_____ and Academic year_____

S. No.	Course No. Registered	Title of the Course	Credits	Grade Point	*SA/AB/F

S. No.	Title of the course & Course number in which Re-examination is taken	Credits	Grade Point / AB/F

SGPA during the semester : _____

OGPA/CGPA at the end of the semesters:

*SA Shortage of Attendance

*AB Absent

* F Failed

Signature of the Advisor

S. No.	Advisory meeting during the semester (dates on which student attended)
1	
2	
3	
4	

S. No.	Discipline & Conduct, Punishment awarded, prizes won, if any	Other remarks
1		
2		
3		