

Bachelor's Degree Under CBCS- A Brief Introduction

Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

The Bachelor's Degree Programmes offered through this prospectus follow the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) introduced by UGC.

The CBCS provides the learner with flexibility to study the subjects/courses at their own pace; greater choice of inter-disciplinary, intra-disciplinary and skill-based courses; and mobility to different institutions for studies.

The system has the following advantages:

1. Learner can undertake as many credits as they can cope with (without repeating all courses in a given semester if s/he fails in one/more courses).
2. Allows learners to choose a combination of inter-disciplinary, intra-disciplinary courses, skill oriented courses (even from other disciplines according to their learning needs, interests and aptitude).
3. Makes education broad-based and at par with global standards.
4. Offers flexibility for learners to study at different times and at different institutions to complete the programme. Credits earned at one institution can be transferred to another institution.

Grading for Bachelors Degree Programmes under CBCS

IGNOU uses 10-Point Grading System for evaluating learners' achievement for Bachelor Degree Programmes under CBCS, as under

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Percentage
O (Outstanding)	10	> 85
A+ (Excellent)	9	> 75 to < 85
A (Very Good)	8	> 65 to < 75
B+ (Good)	7	> 55 to < 65
B (Above Average)	6	> 50 to < 55
C (Average)	5	> 40 to < 50
D (Pass)	4	> 35 to < 40
F (Fail)	0	< 35
Ab (Absent)	0	Absent

When is Bachelors Degree Programmes under CBCS offered?

The Bachelor Degree Programme based on CBCS is on offer once a year i.e. in July admission Session only.

CBCS Based Bachelor's Degree Programmes- Points to understand

The University has launched bachelor's degree programmes under the Choice Based Credit System. These can be grouped into Bachelor Degree programmes and the Bachelor Honours programmes. Although the minimum time for completing these two kinds of programmes is three years (and a maximum of six years), each has different credit weightage and mix of disciplinary, interdisciplinary and skill-based courses. The Bachelor Degree programmes (Bachelor

of Arts, Bachelors of Science, Bachelor of Commence, etc) have 22 courses each, totalling 132 credits. These programmes are broad in scope and give the learner an opportunity to study more than one discipline along with skill based courses (including language communication skills). The nine Bachelors Honours programmes that are on offer, on the other hand, have 26 courses each, totalling 148 credits. These programmes provide the learners with an opportunity to take up a single discipline for in-depth study and explore subjects beyond their discipline. Learners should choose the type of Programme they would like to pursue keeping their interests, needs and future plans. Once admission has been taken in a particular programme, the University will not allow change of programme. You will have to get the admission to the programme cancelled and register afresh for another programme.

For the July 2019 session, IGNOU is offering only “General Bachelors Degree programme under CBCS

1. Bachelor of Arts (BAG)

The University offers Bachelor of Arts Degree with the following Disciplines:

- a) Anthropology
- b) Economics
- c) History
- d) Political science
- e) Psychology
- f) Public administration
- g) Sociology
- h) Mathematics
- i) Hindi
- j) Urdu
- k) English, and
- l) Sanskrit

One credit is equal to 30 hours of learners study time. To earn Bachelor’s Degree, a learner has to complete 132 credits in minimum six semesters (three years) with 22 credits per semester. The 132 credits of the programme have to be earned by completing the following categories of courses:

- a) Core Courses(CC)
- b) Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)
- c) Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)
- d) Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)
- e) Generic Electives (GE)

A learner can choose any two disciplines from the above twelve disciplines for completing BA programme. Once the two disciplines are chosen in the first semester, he/she has to take Core Courses and Discipline Specific Elective Courses from those two Disciplines ONLY in all the subsequent semesters as per the following Programme Structure Template:

Semester	Core Courses (CC) (12)*	Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) (4)*	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) (2) (4 Cr)	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (4) (4 Cr)	Generic Elective (GE) (2)*	Total Credits per Semester
I	English/Hindi /MIL-1		Environmental Studies			22 Credits
	DCC- 1 A					
	DCC- 2 A					
II	Hindi/ English 2		English/Hindi/ Communication			22 Credits
	DCC- 1 B					
	DCC- 2 B					
III	English/Hindi 3			SEC -1		22 Credits
	DCC- 1 C					
	DCC- 2 C					
IV	Hindi/English 4			SEC -2		22 Credits
	DCC- 1 D					
	DCC- 2 D					
V		DSE-1 A		SEC -3	GE-1	22 Credits
		DSE-2 A				
VI		DSE-1 B		SEC -4	GE-2	22 Credits
		DSE-2 B				
Total	72 credits	24 credits	8 credits	16 credits	12 credits	132 Credits

* All Core Courses of Psychology have either practicum component worth 2 credits (4 Credits Theory and 2 Credits Practicals) or tutorials worth 2 credits (4 Credits theory and 2 Credits tutorials). Wherever there is a practical, there will be no tutorial and vice-versa.

** Mathematics as a subject at 10+2 level is required for opting for courses from Mathematics discipline.

Semester-wise options for BAG

132 credits of this Bachelor's Degree programme are spread over six semesters of 22 credits each. In each semester, the learners have to choose 4 courses in all from different categories of courses. While the courses under CC, DSE and GE categories are of 6 credits each, the courses under AECC and SEC are of 4 credits each. While the detailed nomenclature and number of credits for different courses have been presented earlier, the following Table presents the CODES of Courses available as option in each semester from different categories of courses with credit load.

Semester/ Credits	Core Courses	Discipline Specific Electives	Ability Enhancement Courses	Skill Enhancement Courses	Generic/ Interdisciplinary Elective
I	Any One: BHDLA 135 BEGLA 135 BUDLA 135 BSKLA 135 Any two from these BANC 131 BECC 131 BHIC 131 BPCC 131* BPSC 131 BPAC 131 BSOC 131	None	BEVAE 181	None	None

	BEGC 131 BHDC 131 BUDC 131 BSKC 131 BMTC 131**				
II	Any One: BHDLA 136 BEGLA 136 Repeat the same two disciplines BANC 132 BECC 132 BHIC 132 BPCC 132 BPSC 132 BPAC 132 BSOC 132 BEGC 132 BHDC 132 BUDC 132 BSKC 132 BMTC 132	None	Any one: BEGAE 182 or BHDAE 182	None	None
III	Any one: BHDLA 137 BEGLA 137 Repeat the same two disciplines: BANC 133 BECC 133 BHIC 133 BPCC 133 BPSC 133 BPAC 133 BSOC 133 BEGC 133 BHDC 133 BUDC 133 BSKC 133 BMTC 133	None	None	Any one of these BANS 183 BPCS 185 BEGS 183 BHDS 183	None
IV	Any One: BHDLA 138 BEGLA 138 Repeat the same two			Any one of these: BANS 184 BECS 184 BPAS 184	

	disciplines: BANC 134 BECC 134 BHIC 134 BPCC 134 BPSC 134 BPAC 134 BSOC 134 BEGC 134 BHDC 134 BULC 134 BSKC 134 BMTc 134	None	None	BPCS 184 BPCS 186 BSOS 184 BHDS 184	None
V	None	Repeat the same two disciplines. Choose one from each discipline Anthropology BANE 145 Economics BECE 145 History BHIE 141 BHIE 143 BHIE 145 Public Admin BPAE 141 BPAE 143 Psychology BPCE 145 Pol Science BPSE 141 BPSE 143 BPSE 145 Sociology BSOE 141 BSOE 143 BSOE 145 English BEGE 141 BEGE 143 BEGE 145 Hindi BHDE 141 BHDE 143 BHDE 145	None	Any one of these: BPCS 187 BSOS 185 BEGS 185 BHDS 185	Any one of these: BEGG 171 BEGG 173 BPAG 171 BPAG 173 BPCG 171 BPCG 173 BPCG 175 BSOG 171 BSOG 173

		Urdu BUDE 141 Sanskrit BSKE 141 Maths BMTE 141			
VI	None	Repeat the same two disciplines. Choose one from each discipline Anthropology BANE 146 Economics BECE 146 History BHIE 142 BHIE 144 Public Admin BPAE 142 BPAE 144 Psychology BPCE 146 Pol Science BPSE 142 BPSE 144 BPSE 146 Sociology BSOE 142 BSOE 144 BSOE 146 BSOE 148 English BEGE 142 Hindi BHDE 142 BHDE 144 BHDE 146 Urdu BUDE 142 Sanskrit BSKE 142 Maths BMTE 144	None	Any one of these: BPAS 186 BPCS 188 BEGS 186 BHDS 186	Any one of these: BGDG 172 BEGG 172 BEGG 174 BPAG 172 BPAG 174 BPCG 172 BPCG 174 BPCG 176 BSOG 176
Total	6X12=72	6X4=24	4X 2=8	4X4=16	6X2=12

2. Bachelor of Commerce (BCOMG)

In each Semester, the students have to study 4 courses in all from different categories of courses. While the courses under CC, DSE and GE Categories are of 6 credits each, the courses under AEC and SEC are of 4 credits each. The study load in each semester will come out to 22 credits. The following Table presents the CODES of Courses available for study for B Com students in each semester from different categories of courses with credit load.

Semester-wise Programme Structure of (BCOMG)

Semester	Core Courses (6 credits each)	Discipline Specific Electives (6 credits each)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (4 credits each)	Skill Enhancement Course (4 credits each)	Generic Elective (6 credits each)	Total Credits
I	BEGLA 135 BCOC 131 BCOC 132		BEVAE 181			22
II	BHDLA 136 or BEGLA 136 BCOC 133 BCOC 134		BHDAE 182 or BEGAE 182			22
III	BHDLA 137 or BEGLA 137 BCOC 135 BCOC 136			BCOS 183		22
IV	BCOLA 138 BCOC 137 BCOC 138			BCOS 184		22
V		BCOE 141 BCOE 143		BCOS 185	BCOG 171	22
VI		BCOE 142 BCOE 144		BCOS 186	BCOG 172	22
	72 credits	24 credits	8 credits	16 credits	12 credits	132 Credits

3. Bachelor of Science (BSCG)

The University offers Bachelor's Degree in Science in the following Disciplines:

- 1) Botany
- 2) Chemistry

- 3) Geography
- 4) Geology
- 5) Mathematics
- 6) Physics, and
- 7) Zoology

The University follows the credit system for offering all its programmes. One credit is equal to 30 hours of learners study time. To earn Bachelor's Degree, a learner has to earn 132 credits in minimum six Semester (three years) with 22 credits per Semester. For earning 132 credits, a student has to opt for courses from the following categories of courses:

- a) Core Courses (CC)
- b) Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

c) Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)

d) Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

A learner can choose any of the three disciplines as per interest from the above disciplines for completing BSc programme. Once chosen, he/she has to take Core Courses and Discipline Specific Elective Courses from those three Disciplines ONLY in all the semesters as per the following Programme Structure Template:

Semester-wise Programme Structure of BSCG Programme

Semester	Discipline Specific Core Courses (DSC)	Discipline Specific Elective Courses (DSE)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (4 Cr.)	Total Credits (Per Semester)
Semester	(6 Cr. each) (4 Cr. Theory & 2 Cr. Laboratory to be taken together*)/ (5 Cr. Theory & 1 Cr. Tutorials*)	(6 Cr. each) (4 Cr. Theory & 2 Cr. Laboratory to be taken together*)/ (5 Cr. Theory & 1 Cr. Tutorials*)	(4 Cr. each)	(4 Cr. each)	
I	DSC - 1A DSC - 2A DSC - 3A		Environmental Studies		22 Credits
II	DSC - 1B DSC - 2B DSC - 3B		English/Hindi Communication)		22 Credits
III	DSC - 1C DSC - 2C DSC - 3C			SEC - 1	22 Credits
IV	DSC - 1D DSC - 2D DSC - 3D			SEC - 2	22 Credits
V		DSE - 1A DSE - 2A DSE - 3A		SEC - 3	22 Credits
VI		DSE - 1B DSE - 2B DSE - 3B		SEC - 4	22 Credits
Total	72 Credits	36 Credits	8 Credits	16 Credits	132 Credits

- * 1. As per CBCS, in disciplines such as Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Physics and Zoology, where Laboratory work is compulsory, a 06 Credit Course is offered as a combination of two Courses in the same subject area: a 04 Credits Theory Course and a 02 Credits Laboratory Course. Both these courses in a given subject area of a discipline are to be taken together compulsorily.
2. Every course offered by the Mathematics discipline, which does not require Laboratory work, is a single course of 06 Credits which includes 01 Credit worth of Tutorials.
3. In the Geography discipline, some subject areas do require Laboratory works whereas, some subject areas do not require any Laboratory work. Therefore, the Courses of the Geography discipline are of two types:
- a) Courses which require Laboratory work – Each such Course is a combination of a 04

Credits Theory Course and a 02 Credits Laboratory Course (both these are to be taken together compulsorily); and b) Courses which do not require Laboratory work – Each such Course is of 06 Credits and includes 01 Credit worth of Tutorials.

SEMESTER-WISE COURSE OPTIONS FOR BSCG

The Bachelor's Degree in Science is of 132 credits spread over six semesters (Three years) with study load worth 22 credits in each semester. . The students have to select any Three Disciplines for study as per their interest in which they want to obtain their bachelor's degree in Science. They have to make a conscious decision of choosing the Disciplines they want to study since the Disciplines once chosen in first semester will have to be studied in the subsequent semesters also. In each semester, the students have to choose 4 courses in all from different categories of courses. **The courses given in pairs need to be taken in pairs only.** While the courses under CC and DSE Categories are of 6 credits each, the courses under AEC and SEC are of 4 credits each. Therefore, the study load in each semester will come out to 22 credits. While the detailed nomenclature and number of credits for different courses have been presented earlier, the following Table presents the CODES of Courses available as option in each semester from different categories of courses with credit load:

Semester/ Credits	Core Courses (6 x 12=72 Cr.)	Discipline Specific Electives (6x6=36 cr.)	Ability Enhancement Courses (4 x2= 8 cr.)	Skill Enhancement Courses (4 x4=16 cr.)	
I	Any Three Disciplines–Any One Course from each* BBYCT 131 & BBYCL 132 BCHCT 131 & BCHCL 132 BGGCT 131 BGYCT 131 & BGYCL 132 BMTC 131 BPHCT 131 & BPHCL 132 BZYCT 131 & BZYCL 132		BEVAE 181		22 Credits
II	Repeat the same Three disciplines. Any from each discipline* BBYCT 133 & BBYCL 134 BCHCT 133 & BCHCL 134 BGGCT 132 BGYCT 133 & BGYCL 134 BMTC 132 BPHCT 133 & BPHCL 134 BZYCT 133 & BZYCL 134		Any one: BEGAE 182 BHDAE 182		22 Credits

III	<p>Repeat the same Three disciplines. Any from each discipline* e BBYCT 135 & BBYCL 136</p> <p>BCHCT 135 & BCHCL 136</p> <p>BGGCT 133 & BGGCL 134</p> <p>BGYCT 135 & BGYCL 136</p> <p>BMTC 133 BHPCT 135 & BPHCL 136 BZYCT 135 & BZYCL 136</p>			<p>Any one</p> <p>BCHS 184</p> <p>BGGSL 191</p>	22 Credits
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Semester/ Credits	Core Courses (6 x 12=72 Cr.)	Discipline Specific Electives 36 cr.)	Ability Enhancement Courses (6x6= 4 x2= 8 cr.)	Skill Enhancement Courses (4 x4=16 cr.)	Total Credits
IV	<p>Repeat the same Three disciplines. Any from each discipline *BBYCT 137 & BBYCL 138 BCHCT 137 & BCHCL 138 BGGCT 135 BGYCT 137 & BGYCL 138 BMTC 134 BPHCT 137 & BPHCL 138 BZYCT 137 & BZYCL 138</p>			BGGSL 192	22 Credits
V		<p>Repeat the same Three disciplines. Any from each discipline</p> <p>*BBYET 141 & BBYEL 142</p> <p>BGGET 141</p> <p>BGYET 141 & BGYEL 142</p> <p>BMTE 141</p> <p>BPHET 141</p>		BGGSL 193	22 Credits

		& BPHL 142 BZYET 141 & BZYEL 142 Chem (any one) BCHET 141 & BCHEL 142 BCHET 145 & BCHEL 146			
VI		Repeat the same Three disciplines. Any from each discipline *BBYET 143 & BBYEL 144 BGGT 142 BGYET 147 & BGYEL 148 BMTE 144 BPHET 143 & BPHL 144 BZYET 143 & BZYEL 144 Chem (any one) BCHET 149 & BCHEL 150 BCHET 147 & BCHEL 148		BGGSL 194	22 Credits
Total	72 credits	36 credits	8 credits	16 credits	132 Credits

*The Courses given in pairs need to be taken in pairs only.

General Instructions regarding Exams

The students seeking admission to CBCS based Bachelor Degree Programme in July 2019 admission session will be allowed to appear for the term end examinations for all the courses of first and second semesters together in June 2020 TEE only. Subsequently, as per the existing practices they will be allowed to appear in both December and June term end exam to complete their courses. Students can appear for the TEE for only those courses for which the student has opted and has submitted the assignment within the stipulated period.

Where to find the course titles?

The Course titles and other details can be seen in the Common Prospectus at the URL, http://ignou.ac.in/userfiles/Prospectus_July19eng.pdf