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**POLICY CIRCULAR - 54**

The resolutions of the Academic Council meeting held on 6.6.2011, as detailed below, are hereby communicated for information and necessary action:

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| Prescribing norms for the Mandatory Plagiarism Certification of all Ph.D and M.Phil Thesis / Dissertations before processing                                     | Resolved to constitute a committee to evolve detailed norms in this regard |
| Setting up of University Innovation Cluster in Pondicherry University  | Approved in principle  |
| Various decisions taken in the meeting of the Deans/HODs/Centre Heads held on 10.5.2011 and the regulations for offering Joint Degree and Twin Degree programmes | Approved   |

A copy of the regulations for offering Joint Degree & Twin Degree programmes with overseas Institutions is enclosed.

  
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**The Deans/HODs/Centre Heads/All Faculty Members  
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The P.S to Director (SEI & RR)  
All Asst.Registrar's & Deputy Registrar's  
SO (Aca II) & SO (Aca I).

# Joint & Twin degree REGULATIONS



## REGULATIONS GOVERNING AWARD OF JOINT DEGREES AND TWIN DEGREES WITH OTHER OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES

### PREAMBLE:

The fast changing global trends in Higher Education have been more focused in interdisciplinary learning process with flexibility, greater value addition to the basic degrees acquired, international exposure and interaction during the course of University education and research. A large number of conferences and debates at national and international platforms have repeatedly emphasized on providing greater opportunities to students & researchers for international exposure, varied choice of learning programmes in order to produce more globally competitive human resource with greater fervour for innovation and confidence to face global requirements of Industry, Teaching and Research.

The Pondicherry University which has always taken a lead in launching such innovative regulations has framed these regulations to open up a new era of international learning opportunities to the Indian youth vis-à-vis opening up the University to International students and Faculty.

### 1. JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMMES:

1.1 Joint degree programmes shall be offered by Pondicherry University and the collaborating international University, which has duly entered into an MoU with the University with clearly laid down rules and conditions.





## MEANING AND MODE :

1.2 A joint degree means that the degree offered will have the emblems of two collaborating Universities and the degree shall bear the name and seal of the two Universities.

1.3 The degree will be signed by the Registrar and Vice-Chancellor of Pondicherry University and the Authorised Signatory/Signatories of the collaborating University.

1.4 The collaborating University and Pondicherry University shall identify one or more subjects for Joint Degree and shall initially begin with not more than two subjects.

1.5 The student admitted to Joint Degree programmes shall spend atleast one semester (for four semester programme) and two semester (for 6 semester programme) in any one of the two collaborating Universities, and fulfill requirements courses and credits to qualify for a Joint degree.

1.6 The total number of papers (courses) and total credits to be earned for completion and qualifying for award of degrees shall be determined by the two Universities and which shall be approved by appropriate academic bodies of the two Universities, and shall be specific to the programme and the University.

1.7 The Joint degree programmes students shall be part of the main regular programme offered in this University except that they shall opt for the Joint degree at the time of admission.

1.8 The examinations and evaluation of the courses taken by a student shall be done at the University at which he takes the courses and the respective University shall transfer the credits earned to the parent University where the student has taken the admissions.

1.9 The students of collaborating university will spend the earlier semesters at parent University and spend the last one or two semesters at Pondicherry University. Like wise the students of Pondicherry University shall complete the first two or three semesters at Pondicherry University and then take one or two end semesters at the collaborating University.

1.10 The degree shall be issued by the parent University where the student first takes admission but the format of the degree shall be the same as that issued by the collaborating University.

1.11 Students opting for Joint degree shall have to abide by the rules and regulations of the collaborating University for the courses taken at that University.



**1.12** Students of Joint degree programmes shall have the same number of chances to clear the exams as applicable to regular students and the permitted time may change from one University to another and shall be binding on students.

## 2. TWIN DEGREE PROGRAMME:

**21** Twin degree programme is one where two degrees are offered to a student, one by Pondicherry University and the other by the collaborating overseas University in two different allied subjects or in the same subject.

**22** A student seeking twin degree shall have to take additional one or more semester and earn extra credits at the collaborating University for conferment of additional degree of that University.

**Example 1:** A student after completing MBA at Pondicherry University takes one or more semesters at collaborating University (depending on the MoU of that University) with specialization on Finance or Taxation, gets a second MBA in Finance from the collaborating University.

**Example 2:** A student of English Literature takes one/two semester at collaborating University in Mass Communication or Media will get a second M.A. in Media or Mass Communication.

**23** These regulations only provide the broad philosophy of twin degrees possibility and the number of semesters and the subjects of the second degree shall be entirely governed by the MoU signed by an individual/overseas University.

## 3. INTAKE:

The intake for Joint degrees and Twin degrees shall be decided mutually by the Pondicherry University and the collaborating university and shall be a part of MoU.

## 4. SUBJECTS/ PROGRAMMES:

The subjects and programmes will also be mutually decided by Pondicherry University and collaborating University and will form a part of the MoU.

## 5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

- 51 The Pondicherry University shall not take any responsibility on the cost of travel, living expenses and fee charged by the collaborating overseas Universities. The students opting for Joint degree should be prepared to meet the entire cost for his/her overseas travel, fee and living expenses. The University will however negotiate with the overseas institutions to obtain concessions in fee and facilities for stay etc., for our students, if need be, on reciprocal basis.
- 52 Any University hostel accommodation, fee concession, or partial support offered by the collaborating institution may vary from University to University and shall depend on the discretion of the overseas collaborating University.
- 53 The student shall apply and arrange for his/her student visa himself/herself. The University will facilitate the process for obtaining visa and travel of our students abroad, through appropriate authorisations.
- 54 The student may have to sign an agreement of good conduct and discipline, if selected for Joint degree programmes at the time of his departure to the other country or may have to sign it if required by the overseas University, accepting the candidates. However, the parent University, i.e., the University which admitted the students initially, will decide on the final disciplinary action to be taken for any acts of indiscipline by the student.
- 55 The selection of candidates to the Joint degree programmes shall be as per the eligibility defined in MoU and shall be made by the rules of admission prevailing in the respective Universities.
- 56 The design of the Joint degrees shall be approved by both the Universities.
- 57 The overseas students of the collaborating University shall be charged the fee for foreign students fixed from time to time and shall be provided with campus accommodation and food at nominal charges.
- 58 The overseas students shall also be provided with free campus medical care, internet, transport, sports, gym, yoga and library and analytical facilities for using the sophisticated instruments.