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Arrear Option for CAL Students

As per the FFCS-CAL regulations, students who fail to clear a course should re-register the component(s) in the subsequent semesters. While this option still exists, arrear option is provided to CAL students *after the minimum duration of the study period* (after Winter Semester in the final year). This is in accordance with the decision taken in the 52nd Academic Council. Arrear option is *NOT applicable* for students who are within the minimum period (eg. Four years for B.Tech students) of study.

Following are the eligibility criteria for taking up the arrear option:

1. Students who have appeared for the Final Assessment Test (FAT) in theory / laboratory (final review for the project component) and not declared as pass are permitted to register for the arrear examination.

2. Students are NOT permitted to register for arrear examination if the results of the previous examination are not declared.

3. Students are NOT permitted to register for the arrear examination if they have been suspended during the regular FAT period, debarred from exam or awarded zero in FAT due to indulgence in malpractice.

4. Students are permitted to choose either arrear FAT option or the re-registration option for the course within the same time period. Only one option is permitted at a time for a given course. However, if a student has multiple courses to be clear, he / she may choose to clear a few courses through arrear FAT and the remaining courses through regular course registration.

5. If the student chooses the arrear FAT option then, he/she should register for all the components of that course. Component wise registration is NOT permitted. For example, if a course has both theory and laboratory components, the student should register for both theory and laboratory components to clear the backlog, even though the student would have cleared either the theory or laboratory component of that particular course.

6. If a course has a J component, the student should appear for the final review again. It will be considered equivalent to FAT for the project component of the course.

7. For theory components, the office of Controller of Examinations will announce the dates of the arrear examinations. However, for laboratory and project components it is the responsibility of the Schools (programme owners) to inform the dates of the arrear examination. For an embedded

theory and lab / project course, the lab / project arrear examination may be scheduled on the day of the theory examination.

Pass Criteria:

8. Existing rules related to pass criteria, as described in FFCS-CAL regulations, are applicable (including the weightage of 60:40)

9. The internal marks obtained in the last course registration along with the arrear FAT marks will be used to calculate the total marks. Final grade will be calculated based on absolute grading.

10. ***Challenge 50:*** Students are also declared as pass if they score a minimum of 50 in arrear FAT (in each component of the course) even though the sum total of the marks in arrear FAT and internals (obtained during the regular registration) do not exceed 50. In such cases, the student will be given 'E' grade irrespective of the marks obtained in FAT.

11. However, better of the two grades obtained, as stated in the rules (9) and (10) will be awarded.

12. These rules are also applicable for non-CAL students who had failed to clear the CAL courses.

13. If a student fails to clear the arrear examination, the student can again register for the subsequent arrear examination. Alternatively, the student can defer taking the arrear option again and has the option to re-register for the course. However, such students (if they have availed the arrear option at least once) should register for all the components of the course. This option is also applicable to students who register for the arrear FAT examination but fails to appear for the examination.

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