



University Of Kashmir, Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE DEAN RESEARCH

Circular

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to authorize the following, on the recommendation of the Sub-committee on the conduct and evaluation of practical/lab sessions of the UG/PG Students in the University.

- a) **Category 1:** Those of the practical sessions that could be delivered more or less like the theory classes online using a myriad of e-content online delivery platforms. However, such practical sessions might be supplemented with assignments wherever appropriate.
- b) **Category 2:** This class of practicals shall be delivered online to the students via videos recorded by the faculty in the labs. For example, the demonstration of specimens (Geology, Botany, Zoology and various other Departments) shall be recorded by the concerned faculty in the lab and delivered online or circulated among the students via university web portal or any other online platform by the concerned faculty.
- c) **Category 3:** This class of practical is relevant to many of the Depts., in the university like Computer Sciences, Engineering, Geo-informatics, Electronics, IT& SS, etc. and shall comprise the use of computers and software for the online demonstration and delivery in the same way as is being done in the laboratories under normal circumstances. However, the concerned faculty shall circulate a brief guidance for step-by-step hands-on material among the students prior to the demonstration and online delivery of the practical so that the students having access to the computers and software are able to replicate it by themselves after attending the demonstration online. The Departments are encouraged to promote the use of open source software's by the faculty and students, wherever possible, for the conduct of the practical's so that the students don't face any difficulty in accessing the software.
- d) **Category 4:** This class of practical's comprises of those practical sessions in the syllabi that can't be delivered through any of the above three modes and therefore needs in-person delivery and conduct of the practical. The conduct of these practical's shall be done towards the end of the semester after having completed the rest of the practical's in the course and the HoDs shall provide a strategy for the in-person conduct of these practical's in terms of the number of days, number of students, shifts, timing and other requirements strictly adhering to the COVID guidelines and submit this information to the Dean Research, through the concerned Deans, for seeking the necessary administrative approvals for bringing students to the campus.

Dissertation/Project Work/Field work:

The dissertation/project work, if part of the curriculum, in some of the departments shall be immediately initiated online by the concerned Depts, providing topics to the students, guiding the students in framing the proposal/synopsis, and online presentation of the synopsis etc. The students shall be encouraged to make a thorough literature survey related to the topics of the dissertation/project work. However, the dissertation/project work shall be done from home without field visits/data collection in order to avoid exposing the students to the COVID risks.

The faculty shall encourage the use of secondary data for project work/dissertation by the students.

In case of fieldwork, wherever it is necessary and part of the curriculum, the same shall be deferred till the COVID situation improves and it becomes safe for the faculty and students to conduct field surveys and fieldwork.

Evaluation of practical/dissertation/project work:

Practical Evaluation:

Category 1: The evaluation of the practical would be done on the basis of the assignment and viva voce;

Category 2: The evaluation would be done online in the same way as is done in the routine in-person lab evaluation during normal circumstances. The teacher shall identify a few specimens (rocks/plants/animals/etc. whatever be the case) and evaluate the students online on the basis of their knowledge about the experiment/lab specimen/material;

Category 3: Again, the evaluation of this category of practical's shall be done on the basis of the assignment. The concerned faculty shall identify the secondary data and open source software so that the students are able to do the assignments without any difficulty;

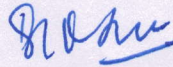

Category 4: The evaluation of this class of practical's shall be exactly like the in-person evaluation in vogue in the Departments.

The concerned Departmental Committees shall devise the appropriate marks scheme and weightage for the above categories of practical as per the situation specific to the Dept.

Dissertation/Project work:

The Departments shall evaluate the students on the basis of the following tasks: i) preparation of the synopsis/proposal; ii) presentation of the synopsis/proposal before the DRC; iii) literature survey related to the topic of the dissertation/project work; iii) theoretical methods/concept development/simulation exercises; iv) use of secondary data and analysis for dissertation and finally, a viva-voce at the end of the semester. The marks and relative weightage for these tasks shall be decided by the concerned Departmental Committees.

By order,


Assistant Registrar
(Research)


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1. Dean, Academic Affairs, University of Kashmir;
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