

## St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

### Structure of 4-year UG Courses

(Following the UGC Guidelines based on National Education Policy 2020)

#### A. 3-year UG Degree with Major (exit option)

A student will be awarded UG degree with a Major after securing a total 120 credits including 60 credits in Major courses. He/she may join the Master degree programme and complete the same in two years.

#### B. 4-year UG Degree (Honours)

A student will be awarded 4-year honours degree with a Major discipline after completing 160 credits including 80 credits in Major.

#### C. 4-year UG Degree (Honours with Research)

If a student secures a minimum of 75% marks in first six semesters may opt for honours with research in 4<sup>th</sup> year. The student will be required to complete a research project/dissertation of 12 credits in lieu of three Major courses under the guidance of a Faculty member of the University.

[It is to be noted that as per National Higher Education Qualification Framework formulated by UGC, the students completing the 4-year Hons. or 4-year Hons. with Research may join the Master degree programme and complete the same in one year. Also a student completing the 4-year Hons. with Research may directly be allowed to join the Ph.D. Programme.]

#### Courses with credits

##### 1. Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)

Total Credit requirements – 8

Credits per course – 2

##### Courses:

(i) Communicative English - 1 & Communicative English – 2

(ii) Modern Indian language (MIL) - Bengali/Hindi -1 & Bengali/Hindi - 2;

Or

(iii) Business Communication -1 & Business Communication -2 (in lieu of MIL) for the students who did not have Bengali or Hindi at higher secondary or equivalent level.

##### 2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

Total Credit requirements – 9;

Credits per course – 3;

Total Courses – Three

(i) Personality Development

(ii) [will be offered by the respective department]

(iii) [will be offered by the respective department]

##### 3. Multidisciplinary courses (Courses from other disciplines)

Total Credit requirements – 9;

Credits per course – 3;

Total Courses – Three

Students will take three courses which were not in their Plus Two level of study.

[Students may be asked to give their first choice and second choice of multidisciplinary courses for each semester. If the selection for a course of first choice is made by less than 20 students, they will be required to take the course of second choice].

#### **4. Value added courses (VAC) common for all UG**

Total Credit requirements – 8;

Credits per course – 2

Total Courses - Four

- (i) Inter-Religious Studies for Global Citizenship.
- (ii) Environmental Education.
- (iii) Service Learning (Community Service).
- (iv) Understanding Indian Constitution.

#### **5. Summer Internship**

Total Credits – 2

#### **6. Minor Courses**

Total Credit requirements –

- (i) 32 credits for 4-year Hons. degree

Or

- (ii) 24 credits for 3-year Major degree.

Credits per course – 4.

Total Courses –

- (i) Eight courses for 4-year Hons. degree.

Or

- (ii) Six courses for 3-year Major degree.

#### **Notes:**

- (i) 50% of the total credits from the minors must be secured in the relevant subject/discipline.
- (ii) Another 50% of the total credits from the minors can be earned from any discipline.

#### **7. Major Courses**

Total Credit requirements –

- (i) 80 credits for 4-year Hons. degree.

Or

- (ii) 60 credits for 3-year Major degree.

Credits per course – 4.

Total Courses –

- (i) Twenty courses for 4-year Hons. degree.

- (ii) Fifteen courses for 3-year Major degree.

[ Example of 3-year UG degree with Major: If a student joins 4-year Economics Hons. programme and wishes to exercise the exit option after three years and completes 120 credits including 60 credits of Major courses for Economics, the student will be awarded B.A. with Major in Economics. If the student also completes 12 credits of Minor Courses in Statistics, he/she will be awarded a degree with Major in Economics and Minor in Statistics after three years.]