

Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Revised Syllabus 2019

**2 year, 4 Semester Full time Programme
Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Grading System
Outcome Based Education Pattern**

MBA I effective from AY 2019-20

MBA II effective from AY 2020-21

1.0 Preamble: The revised MBA Curriculum 2019 builds on the implementation of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Grading System initiated in the AY 2013. The curriculum takes the MBA programme to the next level in terms of implementing Outcome Based Education along with the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Grading System.

2.0 Definitions:

2.1 Outcome Based Education:

2.1.1 Outcome Based Education (OBE) Approach: Outcomes are about performance, and this implies:

- a) There must be a performer – the student (learner), not only the teacher
- b) There must be something performable (thus demonstrable or assessable) to perform
- c) The focus is on the performance, not the activity or task to be performed

2.1.2 Programme Educational Objectives (PEOs): Programme Educational Objectives are a set of **broad future-focused student performance outcomes** that explicitly identify what students will be **able to do with what they have learned**, and **what they will be like** after they leave school and are **living full and productive lives**. Thus PEOs are what the programme is preparing graduates for in their **career and professional life** (to attain within a **few years** after graduation¹).

2.1.3 Graduate Attributes (GAs): Graduate Attributes (GAs) are the **qualities, knowledge and capabilities** that students are encouraged to take responsibility for developing throughout their studies and are the **defining characteristics** of the students passing out of the MBA program. These attributes include, but go **beyond, the disciplinary expertise or technical knowledge**.

2.1.4 Programme Outcomes (POs): Programme Outcomes are a set of **narrow statements** that describes what students (learners) **of the programme** are expected to know and be able to perform or attain **by the time of graduation**.

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2.1.6 Learning Outcomes: A learning outcome is what a student **CAN DO** as a result of a learning experience. It describes a **specific task** that he/she is able to perform at a **given level of competence under a certain situation**. The three broad types of learning outcomes are:

- a) Disciplinary knowledge and skills
- b) Generic skills
- c) Attitudes and values

2.1.7 Course Outcomes (COs): A set of specific statements that describes the **complex performances** a student should be capable of as a result of **learning experiences within a course**.

2.1.8 Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs): The set of **pedagogical tools and techniques** or the teaching and learning activities that aim to **help students to attain** the intended learning outcomes and engage them in these learning activities through the teaching process.

2.1.9 Outcome Based Assessment (OBA): An assessment system that asks course teachers to first identify what it is that we expect students to be able to do once they have completed a course or program. It then asks course teachers to provide evidence that they are able to do so. In other words, how will each learning outcome be assessed? What **evidence of student learning** is most **relevant for each learning outcome** and **what standard or criteria** will be used to evaluate that evidence? Assessment is therefore a key part of outcome-based education and used to determine whether or not a qualification has been achieved.

2.2 Credit: *In terms of credits, for a period of one semester of 15 weeks:*

¹ Graduation refers to passing out of the MBA programme. Graduation does NOT refer to 10+2+3/4 degree e.g. BA, BE, etc.

- a) every ONE hour session per week of L amounts to 1 credit per semester
- b) a minimum of TWO hours per week of T amounts to 1 credit per semester,
- c) a minimum of TWO hours per week of P amounts to 1 credit per semester,

Each credit is a combination of 3 components viz. Lecture (L) + Tutorials (T) + Practice (Practical / Project Work / Self Study) (P) i.e. LTP Pattern. Indicative LTP, for each course, is documented in the syllabus.

The course teacher may modify the LTP of the course in view of the course requirements, nature of the course, the level of learners and the type of pedagogy and assessment tools proposed. The modified LTP shall have to be approved by the Director / Head of the Department / Designated academic authority of the Institute.

- 2.3 Session:** Each teaching-learning, evaluation session shall be of 60 minutes. However, institutes shall have the flexibility to define their time slots in a manner as to use their faculty and infrastructure resources in the best possible way and ensure effective learning.
- 2.4 Course Announcement:** The institute shall announce the elective courses and specializations it proposes to offer the students out of the wider course basket. It is not mandatory to offer all the specializations and all the electives. The decision of the Director shall be final in this case. However, in the spirit of Choice Based Credit System, institutes should offer choices to the students for the elective courses and not offer only the minimum number of electives.
- 2.5 Course Registration:** It is mandatory for every student, to register every semester, for the courses opted for that semester. Each student, on admission shall be assigned to a Faculty Advisor who shall advise her/him about the academic programs and counsel on the choice of courses considering the student's profile, career goals and courses taken in the earlier semesters. With the advice and consent of the Faculty Advisor, the student shall register for a set of courses he/she plans to take up for the Semester. Students shall have to register for the courses for the semester within first week of Semester I and immediately after conclusion of the preceding term for subsequent Semesters II, III and IV.

3.0 MBA Programme Focus:

3.1 Programme Educational Objectives (PEOs):

1. **PEO1:** Graduates of the MBA program will *successfully integrate core, cross-functional and inter-disciplinary aspects of management theories, models and frameworks with the real world practices and the sector specific nuances to provide solutions to real world business, policy and social issues in a dynamic and complex world.*
2. **PEO2:** Graduates of the MBA program will possess excellent *communication skills, excel in cross-functional, multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural teams, and have an appreciation for local, domestic and global contexts so as to manage continuity, change, risk, ambiguity and complexity.*
3. **PEO3:** Graduates of the MBA program will be appreciative of the significance of *Indian ethos and values in managerial decision making and exhibit value centered leadership.*
4. **PEO4:** Graduates of the MBA program will be ready to *engage in successful career pursuits covering a broad spectrum of areas in corporate, non-profit organizations, public policy, entrepreneurial ventures and engage in life-long learning.*
5. **PEO5:** Graduates of the MBA program will be recognized in their chosen fields for their *managerial competence, creativity & innovation, integrity & sensitivity to local and global issues of social relevance and earn the trust & respect of others as inspiring, effective and ethical leaders, managers, entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs and change agents.*

3.2 Programme Outcomes (POs): At the end of the MBA programme the learner will possess the

1. **Generic and Domain Knowledge** - Ability to articulate, illustrate, analyze, synthesize and apply the knowledge of principles and frameworks of management and allied domains to the solutions of real-world complex business issues
2. **Problem Solving & Innovation** - Ability to Identify, formulate and provide innovative solution frameworks to real world complex business and social problems by systematically applying modern quantitative and qualitative problem solving tools and techniques.

SUBJECT TO THE minimum and maximum limits of credits prescribed and, subject to institutional norms and guidelines, issued from time to time.

6.0 Summer Internship Project: At the end of Second Semester each student shall undertake a Summer Internship Project (SIP) for a **minimum of 8 weeks**. For SIP, 1 credit is equivalent to minimum 40-45 hours of effective work. SIP shall have 6 credits. It is mandatory for the student to seek advance written approval from the faculty guide and the Director of the Institute about the topic and organization before commencing the SIP.

The SIP may or may not have a Functional Focus, i.e. the student may take up a SIP in his/her intended area of specialization or in any other functional area of management. **Ideally the SIP should exhibit a cross-functional orientation.** SIP can be carried out in a Corporate Entity / NGO / SME / Government Undertaking / Cooperative Sector. SIP may be a research project – based on primary / secondary data or may be an operational assignment involving working by the student on a given task/assignment/project/ etc. in an organization / industry. It is expected that the SIP shall sensitize the students to the demands of the workplace.

Each student shall maintain a SIP Progress Diary detailing the work carried out and the progress achieved on a daily basis. The student shall submit a written structured SIP report based on work done during this period. The student shall submit the SIP Progress Diary along with the SIP Report.

Students shall also seek a formal evaluation of their SIP from the company guide. The formal evaluation by the company guide shall comment on the nature and quantum of work undertaken by the student, the effectiveness and overall professionalism. The learning outcomes of the SIP and utility of the SIP to the host organization must be specifically highlighted in the formal evaluation by the company guide. The SIP evaluation sheet duly signed and stamped by the industry guide shall be included in the final SIP report.

The SIP report must reflect 8 weeks of work and justify the same. The SIP report should be well documented and supported by –

1. Institute's Certificate
2. Certificate by the Company
3. Formal feedback from the company guide
4. Executive Summary
5. Organization profile
6. Outline of the problem/task undertaken
7. Research methodology & data analysis (in case of research projects only)
8. Relevant activity charts, tables, graphs, diagrams, AV material, etc.
9. Learning of the student through the project
10. Contribution to the host organization
11. References in appropriate referencing styles. (APA, MLA, Harvard, Chicago Style etc.)

The completion of the SIP shall be certified by the respective Faculty Guide & approved by the Director of the Institute. The external organization (Corporate / NGO/ SME/ Government Entity/ Cooperative/ etc.) shall also certify the SIP work.

The students shall submit a spiral bound copy of the SIP report by 15th September. The Institute shall conduct an internal viva-voce for evaluation of the SIP for 50 marks between 15th September to 30th September. The Panel shall comprise of two evaluators appointed by the Director of the Institute / Head of Department (for MBA departments in engineering colleges). Institutes are encouraged to involve senior alumni, industry experts, recruiters to conduct the internal viva-voce. The internal viva-voce panel shall provide a detailed assessment of the SIP report and suggest changes required, if any.

After the internal viva-voce, the student shall finalize the SIP report by incorporating all the suggestions and recommendations of the internal viva-voce panel. The internal guide shall then issue the Institute's Certificate to the student.

The student shall submit TWO hard copies & one soft copy (CD) of the project report before 30th October in Sem III. One hard copy of the SIP report is to be returned to the student by the Institute after the External Viva-Voce. In the interest

of environmental considerations, students are encouraged to print their project reports on both faces of the paper. Spiral bound copies may be accepted.

There shall be an external viva-voce for the SIP for 50 marks. The external viva-voce shall be conducted after the theory exam of Semester III.

The Internal & the External viva-voce shall evaluate the SIP based on:

1. Adequacy of work undertaken by the student
2. Application of concepts learned in Sem I and II
3. Understanding of the organization and business environment
4. Analytical capabilities
5. Technical Writing & Documentation Skills
6. Outcome of the project – sense of purpose
7. Utility of the project to the organization
8. Variety and relevance of learning experience

Copies of SIP report and records of evaluation shall be maintained by the Institute for a period of 3 academic years.

7.0 Comprehensive Concurrent Evaluation (CCE) / Concurrent Internal Evaluation (CIE):

1. The course teacher shall prepare the scheme of Comprehensive Concurrent Evaluation (Formative Assessment) before commencement of the term. The scheme of Comprehensive Concurrent Evaluation shall explicitly state the linkages of each CCE with the Course Outcomes and define the targeted attainment levels for each CO.
2. The Director / Head of the Department / designated academic authority shall approve the scheme of Comprehensive Concurrent Evaluation with or without modifications.
3. The course teacher shall display, on the notice board, the approved CCE scheme of the course and the same shall also be hosted on the website, not later than the first week of the term.
4. Each CCE item shall be of minimum 25 marks.
5. For a 3 Credit Course there shall be a MINIMUM of three CCE items. The final scores shall be converted to 50, using an average or best two out of three formula.
6. For 2 Credit Course there shall be a MINIMUM of two CCE items. The final scores shall be converted to 50.
7. For a 1 Credit Course there shall be a MINIMUM of one CCE item.
8. CCE shall be spread through the duration of course and shall be conceptualized, executed, assessed and documented by the course teacher along with student-wise and class-wise attainment levels of the COs and the attainment levels of the course.
9. The assessment outcome of each CCE shall be duly signed by the course teacher, programme coordinator / academic head and the Director / Head of the Department / designated academic authority of the Institute.
10. A copy of the duly signed CCE *outcome* shall be displayed on the notice boards, within a week of the assessment and course teachers shall guide the students on a need basis.
11. Institute may conduct additional make up / remedial CCE items at its discretion.
12. At the end of the term aggregate CCE scores / grades shall be calculated and the CO attainment levels shall be calculated by the course teacher. The same shall be displayed on the notice board

7.1 Comprehensive Concurrent Evaluation Methods: Course teachers shall opt for a combination of one of more CCE methods listed below.

Group A (Individual Assessment) – Not more than 1 per course

1. Class Test
2. Open Book Test
3. Written Home Assignment
4. In-depth Viva-Voce

Group B (Individual Assessment) – Atleast 1 per course

5. Case Study
6. Caselet
7. Situation Analysis