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Policy Document

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Implementation of “*Four-Year Undergraduate Program (FYUGP)*” under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Comprehensive **Policy Document** for the Implementation of the *Four-Year Undergraduate Program (FYUGP)* at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University (SRTMU), Nanded, Maharashtra, based on the NEP 2020 framework and using the content from your provided document.

Effective From Academic Year [2026-27]

Preamble

In compliance with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, and the directives of the Government of Maharashtra (GR No. Sankirn-2026/E-1609722/Vishi-3, dated 6th April 2026), Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University (SRTMU), Nanded, hereby introduces the **Four-Year Undergraduate Program (FYUGP)**. The programme is structured to provide students with academic opportunities comparable to leading global institutions, aligning Maharashtra's degree structure with international standards. This policy outlines the structure, credits, eligibility, assessment, and pathways for students opting for the 4-year degree programme, including **Honors and Honors with Research**. The roll-out of the four-year undergraduate programme will commence from the **academic year 2026-27**.

The policy also aims to contribute to the **Viksit Maharashtra 2047** mission by fostering research, innovation, and skill development among the youth.

1 Definitions and Objectives

1.1 The Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP):

The FYUGP is an **integrated, flexible, and multidisciplinary** undergraduate education framework under NEP 2020. It requires students to complete a total of **176 credits** over eight semesters.

In the fourth year, students pursue **advanced, specialized, and in-depth study** in their chosen discipline, along with a mandatory **project, dissertation, or research internship**.

1.2 Objectives

Objective Code	Description
O1	To provide a flexible and multidisciplinary learning environment.
O2	To offer multiple entry and exit options with appropriate certifications.



Objective Code	Description
O3	To develop research aptitude and industry-relevant skills through mandatory projects and internships.
O4	To align with global education standards (4-year bachelor's degree).
O5	To provide direct pathways to PhD and fast-track Master's programmes for meritorious students.
O6	To contribute to the Viksit Maharashtra 2047 mission by creating a skilled, research-oriented workforce
O7	To integrate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the curriculum and research projects

2 Credit Structure and Duration

2.1 Credit Requirements

Exit Point	Duration	Minimum No. Credits Required	Award
Exit after 1st Year	2 Semesters	44 credits and 4 credits of NSQF	Undergraduate Certificate
Exit after 2nd Year	4 Semesters	88 credits and 4 credits of NSQF	Undergraduate Diploma
Exit after 3rd Year	6 Semesters	132 credits	Bachelor's Degree (e.g., B.A., B.Sc. , B.Com.)
Exit after 4th Year	8 Semesters	176 credits	Bachelor's Degree with Honors OR Honors with Research

Note: The total No. of credits for the **Honors** and **Honors with Research** are 160, however, the **Honors with Research** includes a Research Project of 12-credits.

2.2 Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

All credits earned by the student shall be stored in the **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)**, a digital system that enables:

- Seamless credit transfer between universities.
- Re-entry after a break (credits valid for up to 7 years as per university norms).
- Multiple entry and exit options.
- Integration of learning across institutions and online platforms (SWAYAM)

3 Eligibility for Fourth Year Admission

3.1 General Eligibility

Not every student is automatically eligible for the admission to the fourth year of the FYUG.

Admission to the fourth year is **merit-based** and subject to the following conditions:

Criterion	Requirement
Completion of Credits	Successful completion of 132 credits (first three years / semesters 1–6). Students with No Backlogs are eligible for admission to the FYUGP.
Academic Performance	Minimum CGPA of 7.5 (or 75% marks) for Honors with Research . For Honors (without research) minimum CGPA is 6.0 .
Backlogs / ATKT	No Backlog or ATKT (Allowed to Keep Terms) in any subject at the time of admission. All previous examinations must be passed.
ABC Registration	All students must be registered in the ABC portal
Supernumerary Quota	University may sanction an additional 10% supernumerary quota for the Lateral Entry of the students.

3.2 Lateral Entry

Students may take **lateral entry** into the FYUGP at another recognized university/institution, subject to:

- Approval of the university.
- Transfer of credits through ABC.
- Compliance with the receiving institution's ordinances.
- Validation of prior learning outcomes achieved
- Availability based on approved intake of that College/University Department
- Reservation policy of Government of Maharashtra



4 Academic Pathways – *Honors vs. Honors with Research*

4.1 Comparison

Parameter	Honors	Honors with Research
Focus	Advanced theoretical study; industry project	Independent research project/dissertation
Research Component	Not mandatory (may include minor project)	12 credits mandatory research project/dissertation
Total Credits	176	176 (includes 12 research credits)
PhD Eligibility	Not directly eligible; needs Master's degree	Directly eligible for PhD (with 7.5 CGPA)
Master's Pathway	Eligible for 2-year Master's program	Eligible for 1-year Master's program

4.2 Research Project in *Honors with Research*

The 12-credit research project is typically implemented as:

Semester	Credits	Activity
Semester VII	4 credits	Topic selection, literature review, proposal submission, experimental work / data collection
Semester VIII	8 credits	Data collection/experimentation, analysis, dissertation writing, viva voce

Process:

- i. **By End of Semester VI: topic selection & approval** – Student selects a potential and guide and identifies research topic in consultation with the guide.
- ii. **Faculty Guide Allocation** – A qualified faculty member (**only recognized Ph. D. supervisor**) is assigned as research supervisor.
- iii. **Semester VII, Week 1-4:** Topic selection and finalization of research proposal.
- iv. **Semester VII, Week 5-14:** Literature review, methodology development, and initiation of data collection or experimentation.
- v. **Semester VIII, Week 5-14:** Data analysis and dissertation writing.
- vi. **Semester VIII, Week 11-12:** Final submission of dissertation report and viva-voce.
- vii. **Regular Progress Reviews** – Monthly meetings, mid-term presentation.

viii. **Evaluation** – Project defence (viva-voce) and report evaluation.

4.3 Research Guide Allocation and Intake Capacity (Honors with Research)

Rule	Detail
Guide Qualification	PhD with publications / research experience.
Student-Guide Ratio	Maximum 5 students per guide per academic year.
Sanctioned Intake Formula	Sanctioned Intake = Number of Recognised PhD Guides × 5
Allocation Method	Based on student's area of interest and guide's availability; Departmental Research Committee shall allocate research supervisor to individual student.
Joint Supervision	Permitted if institutional research facilities are limited.

5 Curriculum Model – Seven Vertical Framework

The FYUGP curriculum follows the **Seven Vertical Curriculum Model** as per the SRTMU Credit Framework and GR provisions:

Vertical	Focus	Credit Proportion (Approx.)
1. Major	Primary/Core discipline specialization	80-92 credits
2. Minor	Secondary discipline (may be interdisciplinary)	20-24 credits
3. Generic Electives / Multidisciplinary	Broadening knowledge from other faculties	08 credits
4. Vocational and Skill Enhancement Courses (VSC/SEC)	Industry-relevant skills	08+06 credits
5. Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)	Languages (English + MIL)	16 credits
6. Indian Knowledge System (IKS) / Value	Constitution of India, EVS, IKS	06 credits



Vertical	Focus	Credit Proportion (Approx.)
Education		
7. Co-curricular Courses / OJT / FP / CEP / RP	Practical experience, internships, projects	14-22 credits

5.1 Major and Minor Subjects

Term	Definition	Credits
Major	Primary discipline (e.g., Physics, Chemistry, Economics)	84-92 credits
Minor	Secondary discipline (may be complementary or completely different)	20 + 4 (Research Methodology in VIII semester) credits

Example: A [B.Sc.](#) Physics student may take a Minor in Data Science / Computer Science / Economics.

5.2 National Credit Framework (NCrF) Alignment

The FYUGP complies with the **National Credit Framework (NCrF)** , which integrates:

- Academic education (liberal/vocational)
- Skill-based training
- Credit transferability between school, college, and vocational training

6 Online Courses (SWAYAM)

As per the UGC Regulations, 2021, the University permits up to **40% of the total courses** being offered in a particular program in a semester through the Online Learning Courses offered through the **SWAYAM** platform, as approved by the Statutory Bodies of the University .

7 Internship (OJT) and Assessment

7.1 Mandatory Internship

Internship (On-the-Job Training / OJT) is a **mandatory component** of the fourth year (usually of 240 hours, equivalent to 4 credits) of the FYUG Honors program and is typically completed during the summer break between the seventh and eighth semester.

7.2 Internship Assessment Framework

Component	Weightage	Assessed By
Daily Logbook / Monthly Report	20%	Faculty Supervisor
Industry Mentor Feedback	30%	Industry Mentor
Final Presentation / Seminar / Defence	20%	Faculty Panel
Final Project Report / Dissertation	30%	Faculty Supervisor + External Examiner

7.3 Formative vs. Summative Assessment

Assessment Type	Weightage	Purpose	Tools
Formative (Continuous)	40%	Track progress; identify weaknesses	Projects, quizzes, assignments, presentations
Summative (Term-end)	60%	Final evaluation of learning	Written exams, practical exams, viva voce, defence

Minimum passing marks: 40%, independently in formative and summative assessments.

8 Institutional Eligibility for Offering Fourth Year

8.1 Institutional Eligibility

Not every affiliated college is automatically eligible to offer the FYUG program. As per the Maharashtra Government GR dated 6th April 2026, the college must possess:

Program	Eligibility Condition
4th Year Honors	Colleges with approved PG program in the concerned Major Subject shall be automatically allowed to continue PG Degree program and conduct the fourth year of UG Honors Degree program without undergoing any additional procedures



Program	Eligibility Condition
4th Year Honors with Research	Colleges with approved PG program and Ph.D. Research Centre shall be automatically allowed to continue PG Degree program and start the fourth year of UG Honors with Research Degree program in that particular subject without undergoing any additional procedures

8.2 For Colleges Without PG program

For those Colleges which do not have PG program in concerned Major Subject or Ph.D. Research Centre in concerned Major Subject shall apply for the fourth year program in a particular subject through the existing affiliation process, provided following eligibility conditions are satisfied:

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

Parameter	Honors	Honors with Research
NAAC Accreditation	Minimum B++	Minimum A Grade
Infrastructure	Necessary infrastructure for Major subject at 400-level (Level 6.0)	Dedicated research laboratories, advance instrumentation
Faculty	Approved faculty (minimum of two PG approved teachers per subject per batch)	A minimum of two Permanent PG teachers Recognized as Ph.D. Research Guides
Research Evidence	Not mandatory	Evidence of active research in last 5 years (Publications in indexed journals: SciFinder, Web of Science, Scopus; and/or Ongoing/completed funded research projects)
Library /Digital Resources	Basic library	Good library and digital resources/databases, plagiarism detection software (Turnitin/Urkund), high-speed internet
Allied Facilities	As per norms	Statistical/data analysis software, power backup, safety equipment, research ethics and integrity policy, and/or tie-ups with Recognised Research Institutions (CSIR National labs, IITs, IISERs, Recognized Industry R&D Labs)

8.2 Natural Growth Principle

The Colleges may start with **Honors** (without research) initially and may gradually introduce **Honors with Research** as faculty, infrastructure, and research capabilities develop and fulfil above requirement. This is called the **Natural Growth Principle**. If the college has no qualified faculty, no research facilities, and no MoU partners, **Honors with Research** should **not** be started.

8.3 For Colleges Offering Only Three-Year UG program

For students of Colleges running only three year UG Degree program, the University shall allow admissions to the fourth-year Honors program in other Colleges through lateral entry, however, the students need to fulfil the General Eligibility conditions as mentioned in **Section 3.1**.

9 Career Outcomes and PhD Pathways

9.1 Career Comparison

Career Path	Honors (3+1 years)	Honors with Research (4 years)
Job Role / Sector	Entry-level roles (Software, Data Analyst, Sales)	R&D, Data Scientist, Consultant, Specialist roles
Higher Education	1-year Master's → PhD	Direct PhD OR 1-year Master's
Government Exams	Eligible (UPSC, MPSC)	Eligible (same or higher)
Abroad Studies	May require bridge courses	Direct eligibility (US/Europe standard)
Starting Salary	Average	Slightly higher (especially in R&D)



9.2 PhD Admission Benefits (only for Honors with Research)

Upon completion of **Honors with Research with 7.5 CGPA** students are eligible to get direct admission to the Ph. D. program through the procedure outlined by the concerned university.

- i. **No Master's degree required** for PhD admission.
- ii. **Save 1–2 years** of study time.
- iii. **Direct entry** into PhD program.
- iv. **Eligibility for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)** as per UGC norms.

10 Student Guidance and Counselling

10.1 Decision-Making Framework for Students

Students should decide between 3-year exit and 4-year continuation based on:

Path A: Choose 3 Years (Exit), if,

Condition
Immediate job offer or urgent financial need.
Interest in professional Master's (MBA, MCA) not requiring research.
No interest in research or long-term academic career.
CGPA less than 7.5 (not eligible for Honors with Research).

Path B: Choose 4 Years (Honors or Honors with Research), if,

Condition
Interested in PhD or research career.
Want to study abroad (US, Canada, Europe).
Want a competitive edge in technical/R&D jobs.
Have CGPA >7.5 and good attendance.
Want 1-year Master's option.

10.2 Student Support Systems

SRTMU and colleges / institutes offering four year degree programs shall provide support to the students, through:

Support	Description
Career Development Cell	Dedicated cell for counselling students on 3 vs. 4 year options.
Champion Faculty	Trained faculty mentors for each department.
LMS Resources	Dedicated FAQs, case studies, and decision matrix on the LMS (DegreePlus 4.0).
Orientation Workshops	For first-year students, parents, and teachers.
Individual Counselling	Based on student's interests, abilities, and financial situation.

11 Admission Intake for Fourth Year

11.1 Intake Determination

Fourth year intake (especially for Honors with Research) is determined by:

Factor	Limit
Minimum CGPA	7.5 (Honors with Research)
Faculty capacity	A maximum of 5 students per university approved research guide in a college that has been identified as a research centre in that particular subject.
Supernumerary quota	Maximum of 10% of the sanctioned intake for Honors with Research.
Selection process	May include bridge course / interview / project proposal

Note: Intake is not solely based on CGPA; it also depends on the institution's research culture and facilities.



12. Policy Committee

The following members constituted the Policy Committee for drafting and finalizing this document:

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Approval and Effective Date

This policy comes into existence upon the approval of the **Academic Council** [Date] and by the **Management Council** [Date] of Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded.

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Annexure: Quick Reference Table for Students

My Goal	Recommended Path
Get a job immediately after UG	Exit after 3 years
Become assistant professor / scientist	4 years → Honors with Research → Direct PhD
Study Master's abroad (US/Europe)	4 years → Honors (with research project)
Save time on Master's in India	4 years → Honors → 1-year Master's
I am not sure; I want flexibility	Take ABC credits; exit after semester 6 with Bachelor's degree; re-enter within 7 years
My marks are low (<60%)	Exit after 3 years; choose professional Master's (MBA, MCA) later