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**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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Regulations for Two–Years (Four Semesters)

M.A. in HISTORY

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INTRODUCTION:

The Department of History, University of Calcutta began to function in 1912, and the system of examination at the end of two years was in practice. It introduced the biennial system of examination Part-I and Part-II, where the students had to sit for a yearly final examination. The department then introduced a system of internal assessment of 20 marks each paper and 10 marks each half and 80 marks each paper and 40 marks each half system of examination as a step towards semester system of examination from the 2014-2015 session. But on and from 2018-2019 sessions, the Semester system has been introduced in the department making provision for examination at regular interval of six months based on CBCS. There were a couple of revisions in the CSR since then, ahead of the present CSR in line with the New Education Policy [NEP].

REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL

The course of study leading to the Post-graduate M.A. Degree in HISTORY of the University of Calcutta shall be conducted by the Department of history.

A student may write his/her examination in English or in Bengali but the question paper will be set in English only.

The University shall lay down from time to time such subsidiary rules of admission, courses of study and methods of examination as may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of standards of University Education, in conformity with the relevant authorities.

2. DURATION OF THE COURSE

Two full academic years will be divided into four semesters. Two of the semesters would involve fully taught coursework. One semester would be devoted to research training, and one semester would be devoted to the research and writing of a Master's dissertation. The classes will be held both in the Department and in the allied departments within Alipur Campus subject to availability of the resource persons and approval of the Departmental Committee.

3. NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS

Each course of study towards M.A. in HISTORY shall involve multiple modes of evaluation. In the first two semesters, evaluation will be by means of internal assessments (including term

papers/seminar presentations, constituting 30% of total grade point average) and take-home assignments, term-papers, presentations or sit-down examinations, in accordance with the preference of the respective teachers, subject to the decision of the PGBOS during the first two semesters. Evaluation during the third semester would be on the basis of continuous assessment by concerned teachers, regarding the candidate's understanding and acquisition of basic skills of historical research. This evaluation would be by means of book review, review essays, written assignments, student presentations, seminars, sit-down tests and even other forms (including new and innovative modes, including audio-visual presentations), as may be worked out by respective teachers in consultation with the PGBOS. Evaluation at the end of the fourth semester would be on the basis of MA dissertation and/or seminar presentation.

SEMESTER-I, to be held at the end of the first semester of the course of study.

SEMESTER-II, to be held at the end of the second semester of the course of study.

SEMESTER-III, through continuous assessment by means of book review, review essays, seminar presentations, sit-down tests and other forms of periodic evaluation in course of third semester of the course of study.

SEMESTER-IV, Master's Dissertation at the end of fourth semester of the course of study.

The date of commencement of the examination shall be duly notified in line with the calendar laid out by the PGBOS.

Classes for the next semester course will start as per notification by the Department History.

Semester wise allocation of papers for the first two and the syllabus are given in the template attached herewith. The tentative allocation indicated in the template provides the range of options available for the students to opt in a particular semester; the actual choices on offer would vary from one semester to another. The third and fourth semester would not involve the teaching of any specific course paper. Research training should depend on the type of history writing the student seeks to learn.

4. ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR M.A. IN HISTORY

A candidate who has passed the third year of Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP), preferably with Major in History of this University is eligible to seek admission to the M.A. Course in the subject directly. Remaining seats will be offered to the candidates who have passed the cleared the third year of FYUP course in affiliated disciplines from this University. There will be a few seats available as per U.G.C. guidelines in every such course in this University to the graduates of other Universities provided they fulfil other terms and conditions as may be laid down in the admission notification issued by the University from time to time.

5. FEES STRUCTURE

Monthly and yearly fees are to be collected from a student as academic year July to June. Examination fees and other related fees are payable by the candidates as may be prescribed by the university from time to time.

6. COURSE TEMPLATE CREDIT POINT OR DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS OF PAPERS

Two-Year Post-graduate Programme (TYPP) in History shall constitute of four semesters, running along the University prescribed template of **Coursework** (first two semesters) and **Research** (third and fourth semesters). The first two semesters are to be based on coursework. During the first semester, students working towards a Master's Degree in History will have to take 5 Core Courses (CC); during the second semester students have to choose 5 Discipline Centric Elective (DCE) courses out of those offered by the department. Students from other departments who seek an Open Elective course from the department of history would have to choose from these same five courses in each semester offered by the department. For students from 5 courses in each of the first two semesters will each be of 50 marks – hence the first two semester would be worth $(50 \times 5) = 250$ marks. Further, each paper carries 4 Credit Points, so each semester will be of $(4 \times 5) = 20$ Credit points. The mode of examination could range between sit-down examination, take-home assignments, open book examinations. Third semester involves dealing with basic research skills and methodological training. Semester III shall pertain to foundational training in research skills – such as formulation of research questions, review of literature, identification and exploration of primary resources, learning to write academic papers, review articles and book reviews, research and publication ethics, etc – totalling 20 credits, for continuous evaluation adding up to 250 marks. The fourth semester would be dedicated entirely to students working on their Master's level dissertation and/or presentation for 20 credits and 250 marks.

5 s x 50 marks = 250 Marks each for Semesters I and II; 250 Marks for research training and methodology through continuous evaluation in Semester III; Semester IV – Dissertation = 250 marks.
Total = 1000 marks

Each course is of 4 Credits, i.e. $20 \times 4 = 80$ Credits

COURSE STRUCTURE UNDER CBCS FOR MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN HISTORY UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

	SEM I	SEM II	SEM III	SEM IV
	Core Courses/Open Electives (CC/OE) 1-5 4x5= 20 credits Marks: 50x5= 250	Discipline Centric Elective/Open Electives (DCE/OE) Credit: 4/Course 4x5= 20 credits Marks: 50x5= 250	Research Training And methodology 5 X 4 Credits Total = 20 credits Marks 250	Dissertation 20 credits Marks 250
Total Credit/Semester	20	20	20	20
Total Marks/Semester	250	250	250	250

The Department offers a 1000 marks M.A. Examination (equivalent to 80 Credit Points) divided equally in 4 Semesters:

SEMESTER	MARKS	CREDIT POINT
I	250	20
II	250	20
III	250	20
IV	250	20
TOTAL	1000	80

7. ATTENDANCE

As per rule of the University, a candidate shall be eligible for admission to a semester examination provided he/she prosecutes a regular course of studies in the Department for that semester in the subject and attends at least 75% of the total number of Theoretical classes held during the semester. A failed candidate shall not have to attend classes for appearing in the corresponding back paper(s) in a subsequent semester.

Condonable limit: A student who has attended at least 60% of the classes but less than 75% of the classes shall, however, be eligible to appear in the examination upon payment of requisite short percentage fees as may be prescribed by the University from time to time after obtaining a condonation order from the Vice-Chancellor.

This applies to the three semesters, where the student is required to maintain regular contact hours with the concerned teachers. In the fourth semester, the student would be advised to maintain similar regular contact with her/his supervisor.

8. EXAMINER

For term papers, the responsibility for managing the evaluation rests entirely with the corresponding resource person, subject to the approval of the PGBOS. For end semester sit-down examination, paper setters, moderators, examiners, scrutinisers for each paper will be appointed by the University on the recommendations of the PGBOS of the department of History.

Scripts will be examined by single examiner for both term papers and sit-down tests.

In the third semester, evaluation of the student in terms of his/her attainment of research skills will be the responsibility of the teacher/s to whom the candidate is assigned by the Department.

9. EXAMINATION TIMING

Theory papers:	Upto 25 Marks	1hour
	40 to 50 marks	2 hours

10. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME FOR COMPLETING THE ENTIRE COURSE

Students will have to clear the entire course within 4 years from the year of first admission or as per University rule.

11. SEMESTER COMBINATION

As per prescribed by the University.

12. PASSING CRITERIA

A candidate is required to appear at each and every paper/course/module/part/group of the respective syllabus. Examinees obtaining 40% of the total marks in each paper and in the aggregate of all the semesters shall be declared to have passed in the M.A examination.

13. CRITERIA FOR RE-APPEARING (SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION

A candidate who has failed in one or more paper(s) can appear at the higher semester, and take the supplementary examinations along with the examinations of the higher semester, except for those for the third and fourth semesters, which have to be completed after a period of three months from the publications of results of the fourth semester.

A failed candidate, intending to re-appear in a subsequent semester examination has to submit examination form / application to the Controller of Examinations through the Head of the Department (Principal for affiliated colleges) as per the notice to be issued by the department of Controller of Examinations.

Candidate who fails in one or more paper(s) can clear the paper(s) within four years of initial enrolment. If the candidate is unable to clear the same within four years from initial enrolment, he/she shall be dropped from the concerned course.

14. ABSENT CRITERIA

If a candidate who is eligible to appear at a particular semester examination does not fill up the application form for that examination or remains absent in all the papers or some of the papers shall be considered to have lost one stipulated chance for that examination. Failure to fill up the examination form shall be considered as missing a chance and such candidates who have not filled up the examination form shall have to appear at the same semester examination.

A candidate who has filled up the examination form but remains absent in the entire examination or more than two courses will be considered to have lost a chance and shall be required to re-appear for the same semester examination(s).

A candidate remaining absent in one or two papers/courses but clearing the other papers/courses shall be considered to have failed in those papers/courses in which he/she remains absent and shall be eligible to appear at the supplementary examination.

15. RE-ADMISSION CRITERIA

If a student is dropped from the respective course of study because of his failure to clear a particular course, he/she may apply for readmission in the same course of study in the 1st semester of the next academic session along with the fresh applicants.

16. CONSOLIDATED MARK SHEET

A Candidate, after passing all the semesters may apply for a consolidated mark sheet to the Controller of Examinations upon payment of such fees as prescribed by the University.

17. MARKING SYSTEM

Numerical scores will be awarded in all the semesters and marks in numbers shall be given in the mark sheet. Credit points awarded to a candidate shall be given in the mark sheet by the University.

18. DATE OF PUBLICATION OF FINAL RESULT

For a regular student who has cleared all the semester in normal course, the date of publication of final result shall be the date of publication of the result of the 4th semester.

The final date of publication of result for students clearing previous semester(s) subsequent to their clearing 4th semester examination will be date of publication of the last result clearing all papers.

19. GRADE POINT CALCULATION

Examiners shall forward assessment in respect of every student to the Controller of Examinations for tabulation of results A-7 Point Grade System shall be followed for the purpose details of which are laid down hereunder:

Percentage of Marks*	Grades	Numerical Grade Points	Remarks
80-100	O	5.50-6.00	Outstanding
70-79	A+	4.50-4.99	Excellent
60-69	A	4.00-4.49	Very Good
55-59	B+	3.75-3.99	Good
50-54	B	3.50-3.74	Fair
40-49	C	3.00-3.49	Satisfactory
0-39	F	**	Fail

** In case Percentage value of Marks involves decimal figures, candidates shall be awarded the next higher integer value if the decimal value (Rounded off up to two decimal places) exceeds 0.50.*

*** Numerical Grade Point shall not be calculated in respect of a failed paper*

The multiplicative factors shall be 0.05 for all Grades for the purpose of calculating numerical Grade Point.

Example 1: Example: If a student scores 50% in a particular module, his/her grade point for the module will be $(3.00 + 0.05 \times 12) = 3.60$. More generally, if the student secures p% where $P > 40$ or $P = 40$ his/her grade point will be $[3.0 + \{(P-40) \times 0.05\}]$.

The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) will be just the average of the grade points obtained in all the modules of the given semester. If the Numerical Grade Points obtained by a student are denoted by c_i ($i = 1$ to n , where n is the number of paper/course/module/part/group in each semester), the SGPA will simply be $(\sum c_i / n)$, as all modules have equal weightage. The average should be shown in the mark sheet up to the third decimal point.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CUPA) over four semesters shall be the simple average of the four SGPs. $CGPA = (\sum SGPA_j / 4)$ where $j = 1$ to 4. CGPA should be calculated and shown up to three decimal places.

Both SGPA and CGPA will be rounded off to the third place of the decimal and will be shown as such on the mark sheet. The mark sheet issued at the end of each semester shall include both the GOA and the total marks obtained in each module, as well as the SGPA and the total marks obtained in that semester. The final mark sheet shall also include the CGPA and the total marks obtained out of 1000.

20. MARKSHEET DESIGNING

Full marks, marks obtained and grade point, SGPA, CGPA of the examination shall be reflected in the mark sheets wherever applicable.

If a candidate gets 'F' grade in one or more course/modules/groups in a semester examination, his SGPA in that Semester shall be temporarily withheld and GPW (Grade Point Withheld) shall be marked against SGPA on marksheet. A fresh marksheet with duly calculated SGPA shall be issued only when a candidate clears the course subsequently but within the stipulated time frame.

Mark sheet shall reflect marks obtained in each half/course of the paper as well as the full marks in the paper and the marks obtained, in the examination.

If a candidate fails in a semester, mark sheet of that semester shall be temporarily withheld. A fresh mark sheet with duly calculated marks shall be issued only when a candidate clears the course subsequently but within the stipulated time frame.

21. PASS DEFINITION

On the basis of CGPA obtained by a candidate over four semesters, final grade and class shall be awarded as follows:

CGPA	Grade	Class
5.000-6.000	O (Outstanding)	1 st Class
4.500-4.995	A+ (Excellent)	1 st Class
4.000-4.495	A (Very Good)	1 st Class
3.750-3.995	B+ (Good)	II nd Class
3.500-3.745	B (Fair)	II nd Class
3.000-3.495	C (Satisfactory)	II nd Class
0.000-2.995	F (Fail)	Fail

22. GRACE MARKS

A Candidate failing to obtain the pass marks in a semester examination shall be given benefit of one additional mark in the paper in which he/she secures lowest marks and the same shall be shown in the Tabulation Rolls. However, in the mark sheet only the total marks shall be shown after such addition.

23. RE-EXAMINATION

A candidate shall be eligible to apply for a maximum of two theoretical papers only of a semester examination provided he has appeared at the said examination as a whole and has obtained at least 40% marks in aggregate in rest of the papers taken together in that semester examination. This shall not apply to a candidate who has partly appeared or has appeared in a supplementary examination.

Candidates seeking re-examinations may apply to the University in a prescribed form along with requisite fees as may be fixed by the University within such date as may be notified by the University.

In case marks awarded in a paper on re-examination exceeds the original marks obtained by more than 15% of the total marks in the paper or falls 5% of the original marks in the paper, the script will

be referred to a third examiner and the candidate will be awarded the average of the best two of the marks awarded by the three examiners.

Change in marks will be given effect and a fresh mark sheet will be issued. Change in marks shall not be given effect if the said change leads to decline in result status and in such cases re-examination result shall be declared as “No Change”.

24. RANKING

Candidate unable to clear each part of all the semester examinations (semester-I, II, III, IV) in one chance shall not be entitled to any position in order of merit. To be eligible for award of rank in order of merit, a candidate must pass all the semester examinations at first chance as a regular candidate.

25. CANCELLATION OF EXAMINATION

Candidates may apply to the Controller of Examinations for cancellation of enrolment of the said examination within ten days from the date of completion of theory papers. The said cancelled examination will also be counted as a chance.