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Honours Degree Regulation (School of Engineering and Technology)

Introduction

ITM University recognizes the importance of fostering well-rounded graduates prepared for the dynamic professional landscape. In line with this vision, the university offers a pathway for students to earn an Honours Degree by pursuing approved extracurricular activities alongside their regular coursework. This regulation outlines the eligibility criteria, acceptable activities, credit allocation, and application process.

Eligibility Criteria:

Students must maintain an average CGPA of 6.5 and acquire stipulated additional 20 credits in addition to minimum required 170 credits for award of B. Tech. Degree.

Acceptable Activities and Credit Allocation:

Students must earn a minimum of 20 extra credits towards an Honours Degree by participating in the following approved activities:

Activity	Description	Credit Allocation
Industrial Training	Participation in industry-approved training programs offered by corporate in association with the university's Training and Placement (TAP) Cell.	2-5 credits per program (based on program duration and intensity)
MOOCs Courses Including NPTEL	Completion of online courses offered by established universities through recognized MOOC platforms. (Subject to university approval based on course content and accreditation)	1-3 credits per course (based on course workload and complexity)



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Creation of Start-up Venture	Successfully launching and maintaining a registered start-up venture for a minimum period of one year.	5-10 credits (based on venture's impact, innovation, and sustainability)
National Level Hackathon Wins	Winning a national-level hackathon recognized by the university.	2-5 credits (based on hackathon prestige and project impact)
Approved National & International Competition Wins	Winning a national or international competition approved by the university (e.g., debating, design, research competitions).	1-5 credits (based on competition level, recognition, and student contribution)
Patent Filing	Successfully filing a patent for an original invention.	5 credits
Research Publication	Publishing a research article in a Scopus-indexed or IEEE-indexed journal or International Conferences (first or co-author).	3-5 credits (based on publication type and impact factor of the journal)

Application Process:

Students interested in pursuing the Honours Degree through extracurricular activities must follow these steps:

1. **Prior Approval:** Before undertaking any activity, students must obtain prior written approval from the Honours Degree Committee outlining the proposed activity, its expected learning outcomes, and the anticipated number of credits.



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2. **Documentation and Verification:** Upon completion of the activity, students must submit relevant documentation for verification, such as completion certificates, competition results, patent filing receipts, or co-authorship confirmation for research publications.
3. **Evaluation and Credit Awarding:** The Honours Degree Committee will evaluate the submitted documentation and approve credits based on the established criteria.

Important Notes:

- Students are responsible for ensuring the legitimacy and accreditation of chosen activities (e.g., MOOC platforms, competitions).
- Students cannot double-count activities for course credit and Honours Degree credit.
- The Honours Degree designation will be clearly indicated on the student's official transcript.
- The Honours Degree Committee will forward the approved credits for inclusion in the mark sheets to the COE office.

Conclusion:

This regulation provides ITM University students with an exciting opportunity to enrich their academic experience, develop valuable professional skills, and earn an Honours Degree by actively engaging in beyond classroom learning or application of their learning. The university encourages students to explore this pathway and work closely with their mentors the Honours Degree Committee for guidance and support.


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