

**The CBCS System:** All Programmes conducted in our College are on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). It is an instructional package developed to suit the needs of students to keep pace with the developments in higher education and the quality assurance expected of it in the light of liberalization and globalization in higher education. The term 'Credit' refers to the weightage given to a course, usually in relation to the instructional hours assigned to it. However, in no instance the credits of a course can be greater than the hours allotted to it. Course is designed differently under lectures / tutorials / laboratory or field work / seminars / practical trainings/ Assignments / Report writing etc., to meet effective teaching and learning needs.

**Course Structure:** Each UG/PG/M.Phil. programme consists of a number of courses. The term 'course' is applied to indicate a logical part of the subject matter of the programme and is invariably equivalent to the subject matter of a "paper" in the conventional sense. The following are the various categories of courses offered for the UG programmes. Language Courses (LC) (Tamil), English Language Courses (ELC), Core Courses (CC), Allied Courses (AC), Major Based Elective Courses(MBEC), Non Major Elective Courses (NMEC), Skill Based Elective Courses (SBEC), Environmental Studies, Value Education and Gender Studies Courses.

The Language Courses and English Language Courses, four each in number are meant to develop the students' communicative skills at the UG level. Core Courses are the basic courses compulsorily required for each of the programme of study. These will be related to the subject of the programme in which the candidate gets the degree. There shall be 16 Core Courses. Allied Courses cover two disciplines that are generally related to the main subject of the programme. There shall be 8 Allied Courses. There are 3 major based electives under Part III. There are Two Non Major Electives, Environmental Studies, Value Evaluation, Soft Skill Development, Gender Studies and Three Skill Based Electives under Part IV. Courses with Extra Credits are also offered under Part IV in 5th and 6th semesters, these are self study courses and are optional.

**PART-I: Language Course (LC)** The college offers Tamil as first language. An undergraduate student must select Tamil as first language. He should earn 12 credits (3 credits per semester in the first four semesters). Part I carries 400 marks in the first 4 semesters.

**PART-II: English Language Course (ELC)** All the UG students shall go through this course for the first four semesters. A student must earn 12 credits (3 credits per semester in the first four semesters). Part II carries 400 marks in the first 4 semesters.

**PART III: Allied Courses (AC)** Besides Core Courses, an undergraduate student must study allied courses which may help to understand the Core Courses well. The students will study 6 papers of 4 credits each with 24 total credits carrying 600 marks.

**PART III: Core Courses (CC)** There are 13 Core Courses, which are considered essential for each major subject. Each department will decide the title of courses, theory for Arts subject, theory and practicals for Science subject. The Core Courses carry 60 total credits with 1300 marks.

**PART III: Major Based Electives (MBE)** There are 3 major based elective courses carrying 12 total credits with 300 marks.

**PART IV: Non Major Elective (NME)** There are two courses - one in the V semester and one in the VI semester with 3 credits each. It is open to all students, irrespective of the Department. No student shall be permitted to select Non-Major Elective offered by the parent department. Students have to choose Non-Major Elective offered by other departments only.

**PART IV: Skill Based Electives (SBE):** Three Courses are offered with 2 credits each.

**PART IV: Courses with Extra Credit for Advanced Learners:** Courses with extra credit for the interested advanced learners are introduced to improve the knowledge base of the students in their own Discipline. These are self study courses and are optional. For UG, two Courses with extra credit and for PG, two courses with extra credit are included.

1. There should be no standing arrears for opting Extra Credit Courses
2. Students are not permitted to write the course as arrear, if he / she fails in the courses with extra credit.
3. In the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> semesters of the UG Programmes and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Semesters of the PG Programmes, these extra credit courses are to be offered.

4. One of the Discipline Specific Major electives of the particular semester (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> semesters of the UG and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Semesters of the PG), which are not opted by the candidate for the regular Study may be taken by them as extra credit course.
5. Each Extra Credit Course will carry 4 credits each.

**PART IV: Courses with Extra Credit (EC) for all the Learners:** In order to motivate all students to acquire more credits, Extra credit courses from external agencies can also be availed. According to the guidelines of UGC, the students are encouraged to avail this option of enriching by enrolling themselves in the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) in any subject of their choice provided by various portals such as SWAYAM, NPTEL etc. initiated by MHRD. This can be availed by all the students of all the semesters and there is no minimum eligibility to take up this course by UG/PG students during their period of study (3 Years/2 Years). The Certificates obtained so is forwarded duly at the end of the Programme. The entry for the same will be entered in the Consolidated Marksheet.

**PART IV: Other Courses:** They include the Value Education, Environmental Studies, Soft Skill Development with 2 Credits each and Gender Studies with 1 credit.

**PART V: Extra Curricular Courses (ECC)** The Extra Curricular Courses include activities of the NSS, NCC, RRC, Youth Red Cross, Consumer Club and Sports. All the students have to involve themselves in any one of the extension services for first four semesters. This will carry one credit.

### **Credit structure for Under Graduate Programmes**

The following is the credit structure for BA, B.Lit., B.Sc, B.Com and BBA programmes w.e.f. 2018-19

Nature of Courses		No. of Papers x Credit	Total Credit	Total Marks
PART-I	TAMIL	4x3	12	400
PART-II	ENGLISH	4x3	12	400
PART-III	CORE	8x5=40, 5x4=20	60	1300
	ELECTIVE	3x4	12	300
	ALLIED	6x4	24	600
PART - IV	NON-MAJOR ELECTIVE	2x3	6	200
	* EXTRA CREDIT COURSE	2x4	8*	200*
	ES,VE	2x2	4	200

	SKILL BASED	3x2	6	300
	SSD	1x2	2	100
	GS	1x1	1	100
PART - V	EXT. ACTIVITIES		1	-
TOTAL		39	140	3900

\* Not Considered for CGPA

### **Credit structure Post Graduate Programmes:**

A PG programme consists of a number of courses. The following are the various categories of the courses suggested for the PG programmes :

- i. Core Courses (CC) – 14, Elective Courses (EC) – 5, Project – 1 (for Arts).
- ii. Core Courses (CC) – 10/8, Core Practical (CP) – 4/6, Elective Courses (EC) – 5, Project- 1 (for Science)

The following is the credit structure for M.A, M.Sc, and M.Com programmes with effect from 2018-19.

<b>Nature of Courses</b>	<b>No of papers</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>
Core courses	14	66	1400
Elective courses	5	20	500
Project	1	4	100
*Extra Credit Course	2	8*	200*
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2000</b>

### **Credit structure for M.Phil. Programmes:**

The following is the credit structure for M.Phil. programmes with effect from 2018-19.

<b>Nature of Courses</b>	<b>No of papers</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>
Core courses	4	16	400
Dissertation	1	8	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>600</b>