



RASHTRASANTTUKADOJIMAHARAJNAGPURUNIVERSITY

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DIRECTION NO 1 OF 2024

DIRECTION GOVERNING THE EXAMINATION LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (AS PER NEP 2020) EXAMINATION UNDER FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Whereas, The Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (VI of 2017) has come into force from 1st March 2017;

AND

Whereas, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (hereinafter "the University") is now being governed by The Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (VI of 2017) (hereinafter the Act);

AND

Whereas, in the meetings of all Boards of Studies held on 25th & 26th September 2023 under the Faculty of Humanities it is resolved to restructure all the post graduate programmes of the faculty in tune with National Education Policy 2020. All the Boards of Studies have submitted the draft scheme of examinations, syllabus and other details of these programmes including On Job Training (OJT)/ Field Project (FP), Research Methodology (RM) and Research Projects (RP) to be introduced in the various Semester of the restructured programmes;

AND

Whereas, on behalf of the Faculty of Humanities and the Academic Council, Vice Chancellor has accepted the draft submitted by the committee of the Board of Studies on 14.8.2023 and the Notification to that effect was issued on 14.8.2023;

AND

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Subhash R. Chaudhari, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 do hereby issue the following direction:

1. This direction shall be called "DIRECTION GOVERNING THE EXAMINATION LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (AS PER NEP 2020) EXAMINATION UNDER FACULTY OF

2. This Direction shall come into force from the academic session 2023-24.

3. Interpretation Clause: Interpretation Clause: In this direction, unless the context requires otherwise the words, phrases and abbreviations used shall have the following meaning:

- a. "Academic Council" means Academic Council of R.T.M. Nagpur University.
- b. "ATKT" means allowed to keep term in higher semester.
- c. "Board of Studies" means Board of Studies for various subjects of Arts and Social Sciences in the faculty of Humanities in the University.
- d. "CC" means Core Course.
- e. "CIE" means Continuous Internal Evaluation which refers to the Internal Assessment done at college/institute level.
- f. "Competent Authority" (for admission purpose) means an "Authority" established or assigned the duty to regulate admissions in the course by the Government of Maharashtra or an authority constituted by the University, for this purpose.
- g. "Credit Point" (G) It is the product of grade point and number of credits for a course.
- h. "Credit" (C) A unit by which the course work is measured. It determines the number of hours of instructions required per week. One credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (lecture or tutorial) or two hours of practical work/field work per week in the semester system.
- i. "Course" means a paper/subject (theory or practical) prescribed for any semester of the programme.
- j. "Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)" It is a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters (four semesters). The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all the semesters. It is expressed up to two decimal places.
- k. "DSE" means Discipline Specific Elective Course.
- l. "Degree" means the Post Graduate Degree awarded after successful completion of the programme governed by this Direction.
- m. "Fees" means the fees prescribed by the University/ShikshanShulkaSamiti of Government of Maharashtra, for the Post Graduate Programme under this Direction, from time to time.
- n. "Grade Letter" is an index of the performance of students in a said course. Grades are denoted by letters O, A+, A, B+, B, C, and F.
- o. "Grade Point" It is a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale.
- p. "Master Programme" means Master degree programme in Arts and Social Sciences.
- q. "MOOC" means Massive Open Online Course offered by SWAYAM/NPTEL or any other recognized University or Institution or Platform.
- r. "SEC" means Skill Enhancement Course.
- s. "Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)" It is a measure of performance of work done in a semester. It is ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses registered

in a semester and the total course credits taken during that semester. It shall be expressed up to two decimal places.

t. "Student" means student admitted to Master's degree programme in Arts and Social Sciences under this direction.

u. "ODL" means Online Distance Learning

v. "University" means Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University.

3. **Eligibility for Admission:** Graduate from any recognized university is eligible for admission in M.A. Program. Candidates from other Universities seeking admission in M.A. Programs are required to obtain an Eligibility Certificate from Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur and submit original documents along with Migration Certificate.

4. **Admission quota:** 70 percent from RTMNU and 30 percent from other Universities. Reservation of seats is as per Government of India and Government of Maharashtra rules.

5. **Duration of the Program, student progression path and provisions for Multiple Entry and Exit**

a. Duration of the M. A. Program shall be TWO years with the provision for multiple exit as mentioned here:

a. A student can exit the program after successful completion of 1st and 2nd semesters having earned requisite number of credits as mentioned in the scheme of examination. Such a student shall be eligible for the award of '**Post Graduate Diploma in Arts**' with a major by the University.

OR

a student can continue the program in 2nd year in order to become eligible for the award of '**Master of Arts**' degree with a major subject by the university.

b. Re-entry or Lateral Entry

a. Students, opting for exits at any level, will have the option to re-enter the programme from where they have left off, in the same or in a different higher education institution within three years of exit and complete the degree programme within the stipulated maximum period of SEVEN years from the date of admission to first year.

b. Re-entry at various levels for lateral entrants in academic programmes shall be based on the earned and valid credits as deposited and accumulated in the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) through Registered Higher Education Institutions and proficiency test records.

c. Lateral entry into the programme of study leading to the UG Diploma / Three Year UG Degree / Four Year Bachelor's Degree with Honours/Research will be based on the validation of prior learning outcomes achieved and subject to availability seats based on intake capacity.

Eligibility for Award of Certificate/Diploma/Degree/Honours or Research Degree

Semester Completion	No. of Minimum Credits Required	Additional Credit Requirement	Eligible For
I and II	40	Nil	Post Graduate Diploma in Arts with Major
III and IV	82	Nil	Master of Arts Degree with Major

4. **Selection of 'Major' Subject:** A student admitted to this program is required to select any one of the following subjects as 'Major' subject to the availability of a particular subject in a particular college and is required to undergo and successfully complete the 'Core' and 'Elective' courses as mentioned in the scheme of examination of the selected 'Major' subject.

5. **Availability of 'Major' and 'Intake Capacity'**

All colleges affiliated to the University for offering **Master of Arts (M. A.)** Program/s in the Faculty of Arts shall adhere to the following:

Affiliated Program	Sanctioned Intake	'Major' to be offered
M. A.	As approved by the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History, • Economics, • Political Science, • Sociology, • Philosophy, • Psychology, • Geography, • Home Economics, • Women's Studies & Development, • Dr. Ambedkar Thought, • Public Administration, • Buddhist Studies, • Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology, • Gandhian Thought, • Travel & Tourism, • Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Thought, • English, • Marathi, • Hindi, • Urdu, • Sanskrit, • Pali & Prakrit, • Arabic, • Persian, • Music, • Linguistics and other Indian languages.
NOTES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total intake capacity for the program as approved by the university shall remain the same and be divided amongst the 'Major' subjects allowed for M. A. program. • The COLLEGE may offer a particular 'Major' subject depending on the availability of students and teachers. 		

- The COLLEGE is not expected to force any student to opt for a particular subject where a choice is provided in the scheme of examination.

- All colleges affiliated to the University offering M. A. Program are required to put up a list of 'Major' and other subjects it is offering on the Notice Board as well as on the website of the college to make students aware about the availability of subjects. Moreover, colleges are expected to define and display the 'Standard Operating Procedures' for the college staff members and students to facilitate the process of selecting 'Major' subjects.
- In pursuance with the National Education Policy 2020 and a Government Resolution No. NEP-2022/प्र.क्र.09/विशी-3/शिकाना dated 16th May 2023 issued by the Government of Maharashtra, the credit framework for M. A. Program shall be as mentioned in **Annexure – I**.
- Teaching and Examination Scheme:** SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS OF FACULTY UNDER THE SUBJECTS OF HISTORY, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, HOME ECONOMICS, WOMEN'S STUDIES & DEVELOPMENT, DR. AMBEDKAR THOUGHT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BUDDHIST STUDIES, ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY CULTURE & ARCHAEOLOGY, GANDHIAN THOUGHT, TRAVEL & TOURISM, RASHTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ THOUGHT, ENGLISH, MARATHI, HINDI, URDU, SANSKRIT, PALI & PRAKRIT, ARABIC, PERSIAN, MUSIC, LINGUISTICS AND OTHER INDIAN LANGUAGES.

A student enrolled for M.A. program should acquire a total of 88 credits over four semesters. Twenty Two credits for each semester. Some papers will be of 4 credits and one mandatory paper will be of 2 credits. The Research Project is divided into two parts, it consists of 4 credits at Semester three and 6 credit at semester four.

TYPE OF COURSE	SEM-I	SEM-II	SEM-III	SEM-IV
Mandatory	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits
	1 Course x 2 Credit=2	1 Course x 2 Credit=2	1 Course x 2 Credit=2	-
Elective	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	1 Course x 4 Credit=4
RM	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	-	-	-
OJT/FP	-	1 Course x4 Credit=4	-	-
Research Project (RP)	-	-	RP x 4 Credit=4	RP x 6 Credit=6
Total Credit	22	22	22	22
	Exit Option: PG Diploma (44Credits) after Three Year UG Degree		For One Year P.G. Degree (After Four Year UG Degree) Total 44 Credits	
For Two Year P.G. Degree Total Credits 88 Credits				

- Incentive credits:** The students can earn extra incentive credits participating in conferences/

NCC/NSS/Games & Sports/Cultural Activities/ Technical competitions/ innovation competition at University/ State/ National/ International level and other activities prescribed in the following table-

Various components for calculating the marks out of 100 are as below:

SN	Components of marks	Marks
1	Online certificate course of min 3 credits offered by MOOCs / SWAYAM-NPTEL/ other platforms approved by Academic council (Scored \geq 60% / Successfully Passed)	100/50
2	Research/innovation competitions organized by institute of repute/Govt. of India/Professional bodies. (Winner/Participated)	100/50
3	Patent granted/published/filed jointly with Department	100/70/40
4	Research paper accepted for publication in indexed journal/UGC approved journals (Marks will be distributed amongst authors)	100/50
5	Inter Collegiate University Level Competitions (Winner/Participation)	100/50
6	All office bearers of College Clubs/ Departmental Association	40
7	Participation in Inter-University / National level competitions	100
8	Participation in NSS/NCC Activities	50
9	Organization of Co-curricular & extra-curricular activities	40
10	Completion of Swachhha Bharat Abhiyan Internship	100
11	Working on Industry based final year Project	80

10. Guidelines for Continuous Internal Evaluation and End Semester Examination:

Course: Every course offered will have two components associated with the teaching-learning process, namely (a) L – Lecture, (b) T – Tutorial, and (c) P- Practical, Where L - Stands for Lecture session & T - Stands for Tutorial session consisting of participatory discussion/self-study/desk work/ brief seminar presentations by students and such other novel methods that make a student to absorb and assimilate more effectively the contents delivered in the Lecture classes.

One Lecture/Tutorial hour per week shall be assigned one credit over a period of one semester of 16 weeks for teaching – learning process. The total duration of a semester is 20 weeks inclusive of end semester examination

A course shall have either one or all two components. That means a course may have only lecture component, or combination of both the components. The total credit earned by a student at the end of the semester upon successfully completing the course is equal to L + T of each paper.

In a semester a student shall be evaluated for his/her academic performance in a theory (Lecture/ Tutorial) course through Continuous Assessment, Mid Semester Examinations and End Semester Examination.

Research Methodology Course: 'Research Methodology' is a compulsory course at semester-I and the curriculum and evaluation pattern is prescribed by all the Board of Studies under all 'Major Subjects' independently under the faculty of Humanities.

Evaluation Scheme for OJT/FP/CEP and RP: A student of M. A. Semester – II has to compulsorily undergo 'On Job Training' during a summer break after second semester. A 'Field Project' or 'Community Engagement Project' of same duration shall be considered as equivalent to OJT. Similarly, a student of M. A. Semester – III and IV is required to undertake a 'Research Project'. In

case the student is going for OJT or Internship he/she needs to inform the Head of the department about it at least 2 weeks in advance of the start of end semester examination. The said OJT/Internship will carry 4 credits and should be of 120 hours to be completed in maximum period of 4 weeks. Those students who wish to carry a field project instead of OJT/Internship will be finalized the topic of the field project in consultation with the subject teacher. The supervisor shall be allotted by the subject teacher in consultation with the Head of the Department. The evaluation of the Field Project/ OJT/Internship will be based on the project report submitted by the students and viva-voce thereafter. The project report should be forty to fifty pages and has to be submitted within 2 weeks of the completion of Field Project/ OJT/Internship. The Field Project/ OJT/Internship shall carry 100 marks.

Research Project: The students have to undertake a research project in Semester III and IV of 04 and 06 credits respectively. The design of the research project will be as follows:

Semester III: The student will be required to identify and define the research problem, review literature of at least thirty research works and design the research methodology for conducting research. A synopsis and presentation of the work has to be done before the end semester examination. The research project shall carry 100 marks. The topic of the research project will be finalized in consultation with the supervisor who will oversee the research work through contact hours. The supervisor shall be allotted by the subject teacher in consultation with the Head of the Department or the Principal.

Semester IV: The student will continue the research project in Semester IV on the research topic submitted in Semester III. During the semester the student shall do data collection, data analysis and report writing of the selected research topic. The final research project report should be of 90 to 100 pages. The research project shall carry 150 marks. The evaluation shall be done as follows:

Sr. No.	Assessment Parts	Maximum Marks Allotted
1	Internal Assessment through presentation and Viva-voce	20 %
2	Research Paper / Research Report	80%
	Total	100%

Continuous Internal Assessment:

- The final total assessment of examinees shall made in terms of Continuous Internal Assessment (CIE) for 20% component and Session End Examination (SEE) for 80% component for each THEORY course mentioned in the scheme of examination.
- Expected Performance Based Activities shall consist of the following: (a) Group Discussion (b) Seminars (c) Power Point Presentations (d) Elocution (e) Debate (f) Role Play (g) Case Studies (h) Educational Games. The teacher is expected to undertake a minimum of four of the aforesaid activity.

1a	Attendance of the student during a particular semester	05 Marks
1b	An assignment based on curriculum to be assessed by the teacher concerned	05 Marks
1c	Subject wise class test or Performance Based Activities conducted by the teacher concerned	10Marks
1	Continuous Internal Evaluation Total marks	20

- The CIE marks will be communicated to the University at the end of each semester, but before the semester end examinations / as instructed by the university. These marks will be considered for the declaration of the results.
- The record of CIE marks, evaluation & results should be maintained for a period of one year by the respective institute/college for verification by the competent authority.
- The teacher of the concerned subject shall decide the task to be assigned to the students for home assignment, viva-voce test, and seminar, presentation.
- Mid Semester Examinations will be conducted as per schedule in the Academic Calendar. Mid Semester Examination will be normally of at least of two-hour duration.
- End Semester Examination will be conducted as per schedule in academic calendar. End semester examinations will be of three-hour duration. The duration of examination may vary as per the need of the theory course.
- A student who skips continuous assessment or a part thereof shall be awarded zero marks under the respective subject teacher. However, the Principal may take decision on such issues whenever required.
- A student who remains absent for End Semester Examination, shall be awarded zero marks in end semester examination.
- If a student gets 'F' grade shall be allowed to appear for the make-up examination. The make-up examination shall be conducted within fifteen days from the declaration of results of the end semester examination. Make up examination shall be for end semester examination of that academic year only. The Grade applicable to students in make-up examination will be one level below the actual grade obtained by the student in make-up exam.
- An examinee securing 'F' grade in any course of an examination of the M.A program shall have an option to forego his/her continuous assessment marks in a course or courses. In such cases he/she shall be examined for total marks comprising theory/practical end semester examination and continuous assessment together, at his/her successive attempt at the examination. Such an option can be availed by an examinee in case he/she is appearing for the successive attempts at the examination as ex-student for that particular course.
- The option of forego cannot be availed by examinee in an examination in case he/she is appearing for the examination as regular student for that particular course. A student who is detained from appearing in an examination in a course(s) for lack of attendance can exercise the option of forego in successive attempts at the examination.
- To avail this, the examinee would indicate the same in his or her 'Application for the examination' and the option once exercised, shall be 'Final and Binding' on the examinee concerned for all the subsequent examinations in that course. For the examinee opting for forego, his/her marks in continuous assessment shall be ascertained proportionately on the basis of his/her marks in the end semester theory examination of that course and in equal proportion on the basis of his/her marks in practical examination.

Structure of the End semester examination questions paper: The end semester examination shall carry 80 marks for a four (04) credit course and shall carry 40 marks for a two (02) Credit course. The **paper pattern for end semester examination of 80/40 marks will be:**

Section A	Four questions	16/8 marks each	(All compulsory)
Section B	Four questions	4/2 marks each	(All compulsory)

Section A: Four Questions of 16/8 marks each (All compulsory-with OR option to each question) will be based on remembering and understanding cognitive level of blooms taxonomy.

Section B: Four Short Answer Questions of 4/2 marks each (All compulsory-one from each unit), will be based on analytical cognitive level of blooms taxonomy.

11. Grade Conversion Table and Computation of SGPA and CGPA

Grade Conversion Table (Theory)

SN	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Mark Range	Performance
1	O	10	Above 90 upto 100	Outstanding
2	A+	9	Above 80 upto 90	Excellent
3	A	8	Above 70 upto 80	Very Good
4	B+	7	Above 60 upto 70	Good
5	B	6	Above 55 upto 60	Above Average
6	C	5	Above 50 upto 55	Average
7	F	0	Below 50	Fail
8	AB	0	Absent	Fail

Grade Conversion Table (Practical)

SN	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Mark Range	Performance
1	O	10	Above 90 upto 100	Outstanding
2	A+	9	Above 80 upto 90	Excellent
3	A	8	Above 70 upto 80	Very Good
4	B+	7	Above 60 upto 70	Good
5	B	6	Above 55 upto 60	Above Average
6	C	5	Above 50 upto 55	Average
7	F	0	Below 50	Fail
8	AB	0	Absent	Fail

12. Computation of SGPA & CGPA:

The UGC recommends the following procedure to compute the Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):

i. The SGPA is the ratio of sum of the product of the number of credits with the grade points scored by a student in all the courses taken by a student and the sum of the number of credits of all the courses undergone by a student, i.e

$$SGPA (S_i) = \sum(C_i \times G_i) / \sum C_i$$

where C_i is the number of credits of the i th course and G_i is the grade point scored by the student in the i th course.

- ii. The CGPA is also calculated in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a programme, i.e.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum(C_i \times S_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

where S_i is the SGPA of the i th semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester.

- iii. The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcripts.

- iv. CGPA to Percentage (%) conversion formula:

$$\text{Percentage (\%)} = (\text{CGPA} - 0.44) \times 10$$

13. Credit Specifications:

- Theory/Tutorial Courses: One hour/credit/week (a minimum of 15 hours of teaching per credit is required in a semester).
- Laboratory/Performance Based Courses: A minimum of 30 hours in laboratory or Performance Based activities is required in a semester. Performance based activities include Studio activities, Workshop based activities, internship, Apprenticeship, Field based learning, community engagement learning, etc.
- Each semester will consist of at least 15 weeks of Academic Work equivalent to 90 actual teaching days.

14. Attainment of Course Outcomes:

- Continuous Internal Assessment shall be carried out at college/department level in such a way that the attainment of prescribed learning outcomes can be measured. The college/department concerned is required to define evaluation rubrics for 'Performance Based Activities' conducted for CIE.
- Semester End Examinations are conducted by the university. The question papers for these examinations are required to be set in such a way that the attainment of prescribed learning outcomes can be measured.

15. Standard of Passing: The scope of the subject, percentage of passing in Theory and Project and Internal Assessment will be governed as per following rules:

- In order to pass the Master of Arts (M.A.) 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Semester Examinations, an examinee shall obtain not less than 50 % (Grade 5) marks in each theory course/paper, taking CIE & SEE together. Whereas, for practical/performance-based examination an examinee shall obtain not less than 50 % (Grade 5) marks in each practical, taking CIE & SEE together. Moreover, a student is required to secure not less than 50% marks in aggregate i.e. taking all courses together in order to become eligible for the award of M. A. degree.
- An examinee who is unsuccessful at the examination shall be eligible for admission to the subsequent examinations on payment of a fresh fee prescribed for the examination together with the conditions of the ordinance in force from time to time.
- The candidates who pass all the semester examinations in the first attempt are eligible for ranks.

- (iv) The results of the candidates who have passed the Semester-IV examination but not passed the lower semester examinations shall be declared as NCL (not completed lower semester examinations). Such candidates shall be eligible for the Degree only after successful completion of all the lower semester examinations.

16. Absorption of students admitted under previous directions: Students admitted to M. A. programs under previous directions shall not be absorbed into the scheme of examination under this direction. Hence, the university shall continue to conduct these examinations for **THREE** years to provide opportunities to failure students of these programs. All failure students after these additional **SIX** attempts will be required to take admission to 1st year of M. A. program as per this direction.

17. Rules for ATKT (Allowed to Keep the Term): An unsuccessful examinee at any semester examination shall be **ALLOWED TO KEEP TERM** as per following conditions:

Admission Semester	to Eligibility for admission and taking University Examination
Semester – I	Candidate should have passed the qualifying examination as per the relevant Direction governing the course.
Semester – II	Candidate should have completed the term of the 1st semester and filled examination form.
Semester – III	Candidate should have completed the term of the II nd semester, filled the examination form of the same and has obtained exemption in 2/3 rd passing heads of the 1st and II nd semesters taken together.
Semester – IV	Candidate should have completed the term of the III rd semester and filled the examination form of the same.

18. Abbreviations Used: CIE: Continuous Internal Evaluation SEE: Semester End Examination
OJT: On Job Training (Internship/Apprenticeship), RM: Research Methodology, RP: Research Project

Annexure-I Credit structure given by Govt. Of Maharashtra as per GR dated 16/5/2023

Annexure-II Scheme of teaching and examination of all Major programs

Annexure-III Rubrics and evaluation scheme for performance based activities i.e. FP/OJT/RP etc

19. Provision for Transfer of Credits: The M.A. program offered under this direction provides enhanced academic flexibility to students in terms of selecting the courses they want to learn. A student can opt for any course from any statutory/recognized University or a MOOC from SWAYAM/NPTEL in lieu of a course mentioned in this scheme of examination as 'Elective' course. The mechanism for transfer of credits earned through these courses to be adhered is mentioned here:

1. Every student is mandatorily required to create an ID on Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) and shall submit her/his ID to the college.
2. Any Course mentioned in this scheme of examination under 'Elective' can be opted out by a student for taking a MOOC from SWAYAM/NPTEL learning platform.
3. A student cannot opt out any 'Core' course.

4. If a student is willing to opt out any 'Elective' course, he/she will have to mention this while submitting the examination form to the University for respective semester.
5. A certificate of completion of such an ODL/Online course shall be submitted by the student to the University through college before end term evaluation.
6. Such a certificate shall mandatorily have the number of credits, duration of the course and grades/marks obtained by the student and shall preferably have a QR code for verification.
7. The college shall submit the grades and marks obtained by the student to the University along with Internal Assessment marks for the concerned examination.
8. If a student has opted for an ODL/Online course in a particular semester and failed to submit the certificate within prescribed time, the student will be marked for 'Absent' for a particular course in that examination. Such a student will be required to fill in the examination form in the consecutive attempt and submit the passing certificate in order to get his/her corrected result.
9. A separate guideline for 'Transfer of Credits' issued by the University will be applicable to the students of M.A. Program from the date of its issuance.

Date: 06-01-2024

Nagpur

Dr. Subhash R Chaudhari

Vice-Chancellor

ANNEXURE-II

SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS OF FACULTY UNDER THE SUBJECTS OF HISTORY, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, HOME ECONOMICS, WOMEN'S STUDIES & DEVELOPMENT, Dr. AMBEDKAR THOUGHT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BUDDHIST STUDIES, ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY CULTURE & ARCHAEOLOGY, GANDHIAN THOUGHT, TRAVEL & TOURISM, RASHTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ THOUGHT, ENGLISH, MARATHI, HINDI, URDU, SANSKRIT, PALI & PRAKRIT, ARABIC, PERSIAN, MUSIC, LINGUISTICS AND OTHER INDIAN LANGUAGES.

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SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS OF FACULTY UNDER THE SUBJECTS OF HISTORY, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, HOME ECONOMICS, WOMEN'S STUDIES & DEVELOPMENT, Dr. AMBEDKAR THOUGHT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BUDDHIST STUDIES, ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY CULTURE & ARCHAEOLOGY, GANDHIAN THOUGHT, TRAVEL & TOURISM, RASHTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ THOUGHT, ENGLISH, MARATHI, HINDI, URDU, SANSKRIT, PALI & PRAKRIT, ARABIC, PERSIAN, MUSIC, LINGUISTICS AND OTHER INDIAN LANGUAGES.

A student enrolled for M.A. program should acquire a total of 88 credits over four semesters. Twenty Two credits for each semester. Some papers will be of 4 credits and one mandatory paper will be of 2 credits. The Research Project is divided into two parts, it consists of 4 credits at Semester three and 6 credit at semester four.

TYPE OF COURSE	SEM-I	SEM-II	SEM-III	SEM-IV
Mandatory	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits	3 Courses x 4 Credit =12 credits
	1 Course x 2 Credit=2	1 Course x 2 Credit=2	1 Course x 2 Credit=2	-
Elective	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	1 Course x 4 Credit=4
RM	1 Course x 4 Credit=4	-	-	-
OJT/FP	-	1 Course x4 Credit=4	-	-
Research Project (RP)	-	-	RP x 4 Credit=4	RP x 6 Credit=6
Total Credit	22	22	22	22
	Exit Option: PG Diploma (44Credits) after Three Year UG Degree		For One Year P.G. Degree (After Four Year UG Degree) Total 44 Credits	
For Two Year P.G. Degree Total Credits 88 Credits				

Incentive credits:

The students can earn extra incentive credits participating in conferences/ NCC/NSS/Games & Sports/Cultural Activities/ Technical competitions/ innovation competition at University/ State/ National/ International level and other activities prescribed in the following table-

Various components for calculating the marks out of 100 are as below:

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SN	Components of marks	Marks
1	Online certificate course of min 3 credits offered by MOOCs / SWAYAM-NPTEL/ other platforms approved by Academic council (Scored $\geq 60\%$ / Successfully Passed)	100/50
2	Research/innovation competitions organized by institute of repute/Govt. of India/Professional bodies. (Winner/Participated)	100/50
3	Patent granted/published/filed jointly with Department	100/70/40
4	Research paper accepted for publication in indexed journal/UGC approved journals (Marks will be distributed amongst authors)	100/50
5	Inter Collegiate University Level Competitions (Winner/Participation)	100/50
6	All office bearers of College Clubs/ Departmental Association	40
7	Participation in Inter-University / National level competitions	100
8	Participation in NSS/NCC Activities	50
9	Organization of Co-curricular & extra-curricular activities	40
10	Completion of Swachhha Bharat Abhiyan Internship	100
11	Working on Industry based final year Project	80

Rules and Regulations:

1. These guidelines for M.A. (History) Program shall be governed by the **vide G.R. No. NEP-2020 /CR No. 09 VISHI-3 SHIKANA, dated May 16, 2023** and Direction No. 1 of 2023 (The Admissions and Examinations of Students Leading to the Award of the Master of Arts (Choice Board Credit System), Direction, 2023), Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur
2. **Eligibility for Admission:** Graduate from any recognized university is eligible for admission in M.A. Program. Candidates from other Universities seeking admission in M.A. Programs are required to obtain an Eligibility Certificate from Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur and submit original documents along with Migration Certificate.
3. **Admission quota:** 70 percent from RTMNU and 30 percent from other Universities. Reservation of seats is as per Government of India and Government of Maharashtra rules.
4. **Duration of the Program:** The academic programs of M.A. shall be a full time Two Year (across Four Semester) PG Program with one Exit Option after successfully completion of one year (1st and 2nd semester) and the one-year Master's Degree Program for four year/ eight semesters U.G. students will begin with effect from Academic Year 2027-28.

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5. The academic programs shall be based on semester system; two semesters (July - Dec and Jan-June) in a year with vacations as declared by the University in the academic calendar.
6. **On-the-job training/internship/ FP:** Under the One-year PG Diploma program, and two-year master's Degree program, the students must complete on-the-job training/internship of 04 credits during summer break, after completion of the second semester (within one week) of the first year in History.
7. **Research Project:** The students will have to undertake a research project of 4 credits in Semester III and a research project of 6 credits in Semester IV in the second year of the two-year master's degree program. This is also applicable to the students admitted to one-year PG program after completion of four years UG Program.
8. **Exit option:** The exit option at the end of one year of the Master's degree program will commence from Academic Year 2024-25. Students who have joined a two-year Master's degree program may opt for exit at the end of the first year and earn a PG Diploma.
9. **Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction shall be English, Marathi & Hindi (as per the availability of medium in the institution)
10. **Seats distribution:** The seat distribution shall be as per university guidelines from time to time.
11. **Curriculum Structure:** The curriculum is based on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and shall consist of Mandatory and elective courses.
 - i) An elective course in M.A. program shall run through classes, only if minimum 5 students register for it in a regular semester.
 - ii) The second semester of the program includes OJT-On Job Training (internship/Apprenticeship) or Field Project (FP) of four credits.
 - iii) The Third and Fourth Semester of the program includes Project work of Four (04) and 6 credits respectively which has to be undertaken by all the students.
 - iv) Project work shall be evaluated by mid-term seminar/s, the quality of work carried out, project report submission and the viva-voce examination.

12. Guidelines for Continuous Internal Evaluation and End Semester Examination:

Course: Every course offered will have two components associated with the teaching-learning process, namely (a) L – Lecture, (b) T – Tutorial, and (c) P- Practical, Where L -



Stands for Lecture session & T - Stands for Tutorial session consisting of participatory discussion/self-study/desk work/ brief seminar presentations by students and such other novel methods that make a student to absorb and assimilate more effectively the contents delivered in the Lecture classes.

One Lecture/Tutorial hour per week shall be assigned one credit over a period of one semester of 16 weeks for teaching – learning process. The total duration of a semester is 20 weeks inclusive of end semester examination

A course shall have either one or all two components. That means a course may have only lecture component, or combination of both the components. The total credit earned by a student at the end of the semester upon successfully completing the course is equal to L + T of each paper.

13. In a semester a student shall be evaluated for his/her academic performance in a theory (Lecture/ Tutorial) course through Continuous Assessment, Mid Semester Examinations and End Semester Examination.

14. The M.A program will be based on continuous assessment and Mid semester examination of the students carrying a weightage of 20 percent and end semester examination carrying a weightage of 80 percent.

15. The framework of continuous assessment and Mid Semester Examinations will be as in-

Table 1

Sr. No	Evaluation method	Marks
01	Mid Term Examination	05
02	Home assignments / open book tests /seminars /group discussions /quizzes (Any two)*	05
03	Active participation in all Departmental Activities like Viva voce, Seminar, workshops, university programs, etc.	05
04	Overall conduct as a responsible student, mannerism & articulation and leadership qualities in organizing related academic actives.	05
	Total Marks	20

- The teacher of the concerned subject shall decide the task to be assigned to the students for home assignment, viva-voce test, and seminar, presentation.
- One Lecture/Tutorial hour per week shall be assigned one credit over a period of one semester of 16 weeks for teaching – learning process. The total duration of a semester is 20 weeks inclusive of end semester examination
- A course shall have either one or all two components. That means a course may have only lecture component, or combination of both the components. The total credit earned by a student at the end of the semester upon successfully completing the course is equal to L + T of each paper.

16. Evaluation criteria for Field Project/ OJT/Internship: In case the student is going for OJT or Internship he/she needs to inform the Head of the department about it at least 2 weeks in advance of the start of end semester examination. The said OJT/Internship will carry 4 credits and should be of 120 hours to be completed in maximum period of 4 weeks. Those students who wish to carry a field project instead of OJT/Internship will be finalized the topic of the field project in consultation with the subject teacher. The supervisor shall be allotted by the subject teacher in consultation with the Head of the Department. The evaluation of the Field Project/ OJT/Internship will be based on the project report submitted by the students and viva-voce thereafter. The project report should be forty to fifty pages and has to be submitted within 2 weeks of the completion of Field Project/ OJT/Internship. The Field Project/ OJT/Internship shall carry 100 marks.

17. Research Project: The students have to undertake a research project in Semester III and IV of 04 and 06 credits respectively. The design of the research project will be as follows:

Semester III: The student will be required to identify and define the research problem, review literature of at least thirty research works and design the research methodology for conducting research. A synopsis and presentation of the work has to be done before the end semester examination. The research project shall carry 100 marks. The topic of the research project will be finalized in consultation with the supervisor who will oversee the research work through contact hours. The supervisor shall be allotted by the subject teacher in consultation with the Head of the Department.

Semester IV: The student will continue the research project in Semester IV on the research topic submitted in Semester III. During the semester the student shall do data collection, data analysis and report writing of the selected research topic. The final

research project report should be of 90 to 100 pages. The research project shall carry 150 marks. The evaluation shall be done as follows:

Sr. No.	Assessment Parts	Maximum Allotted Marks
1	Internal Assessment through presentation and Viva-voce	20 %
2	Research Paper / Research Report	80%
	Total	100%

18. Mid Semester Examinations will be conducted as per schedule in the Academic Calendar. Mid Semester Examination will be normally of at least of two-hour duration.
19. End Semester Examination will be conducted as per schedule in academic calendar. End semester examinations will be of three-hour duration. The duration of examination may vary as per the need of the theory course.
20. A student who skips continuous assessment or a part thereof shall be awarded zero marks under the respective subject teacher. However, the Principal may take decision on such issues whenever required.
21. A student who remains absent for End Semester Examination, shall be awarded zero marks in end semester examination.
22. If a student gets 'FF' or 'I' grade shall be allowed to appear for the make-up examination. The make-up examination shall be conducted within fifteen days from the declaration of results of the end semester examination. Make up examination shall be for end semester examination of that academic year only. The Grade applicable to students in make-up examination will be one level below the actual grade obtained by the student in make-up exam.
23. An examinee securing 'FF' or 'Z' grade in any course of an examination of the M.A program shall have an option to forego his/her continuous assessment marks in a course or courses. In such cases he/she shall be examined for total marks comprising theory/practical end semester examination and continuous assessment together, at his/her successive attempt at the examination. Such an option can be availed by an examinee in case he/she is appearing for the successive attempts at the examination as ex-student for that particular course.

24. The option of forego cannot be availed by examinee in an examination in case he/she is appearing for the examination as regular student for that particular course. A student who is detained from appearing in an examination in a course(s) for lack of attendance can exercise the option of forego in successive attempts at the examination.
25. To avail this, the examinee would indicate the same in his or her 'Application for the examination' and the option once exercised, shall be 'Final and Binding' on the examinee concerned for all the subsequent examinations in that course. For the examinee opting for forego, his/her marks in continuous assessment shall be ascertained proportionately on the basis of his/her marks in the end semester theory examination of that course and in equal proportion on the basis of his/her marks in practical examination.
26. For the courses (compulsory/ elective/any other course) of M.A. program which are closed by the college/department from 2023-24 academic session and onwards, number of attempts to pass these courses will be SIX. After that, the student will have to appear for the examination of equivalent course as per the absorption and equivalence scheme.
27. **Structure of the End semester examination questions paper:** The end semester examination shall carry 80 marks for a four (04) credit course and shall carry 40 marks for a two (02) Credit course. The **paper pattern for end semester examination of 80/40 marks will be:**

Section A	Four questions	16/8 marks each	(All compulsory)
Section B	Four questions	4/2 marks each	(All compulsory)

Section A: Four Questions of 16/8 marks each (All compulsory-with OR option to each question) will be based on remembering and understanding cognitive level of blooms taxonomy.

Section B: Four Short Answer Questions of 4/2 marks each (All compulsory-one from each unit), will be based on analytical cognitive level of blooms taxonomy.

28. **Absorption of students admitted under previous directions:** Students admitted to M.A. Programs under previous directions shall not be absorbed into the scheme of examination under this direction. Hence, the university shall continue to conduct these examinations for THREE years to provide opportunities to failure students of these programmes. All failure students after these additional SIX attempts will be required to take admission to 1st year or Semester one of M.A. program as per this direction.

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