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In continuation of this office circular No.Syll.Sec/Pur.Two-Degree./ UGC Norms/2024/13432-37 dated 31.01.2025. It is hereby inform to all concerned that, on the recommendation of the Deans, ***the Academic Council at its meeting held on 28th October 2026 has accepted "Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously as per the Guidelines of UGC & University Norms"*** For All Faculties.

This is effective from the Academic Year 2026-27 and onwards as aappended herewith.

All concerned are requested to note the contents of this circular and bring the notice to the students, teachers and staff for their information and necessary action.

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Policy for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously

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Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Policy for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously

1. Title

This Policy shall be called the "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Policy for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously."

2. Background

The University Grants Commission (UGC) issued the *Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously* in 2022 and subsequently modified the Guidelines in 2025, in pursuance of the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

In view of the above, it is proposed to implement the UGC Guidelines through a University Policy applicable to eligible students of the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University main campus and sub-campus, hereinafter referred to as University, and to colleges affiliated to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, hereinafter referred to as affiliated colleges, and Model College, Ghansavangi, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

3. Legal and Policy Basis

3.1 The Policy is framed in pursuance of the objectives of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.

3.2 The Policy shall be implemented in accordance with the **UGC Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously**, as amended from time to time.

3.3 The Policy shall be subject to the **Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016**, and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Rules of the University.

3.4 Programmes governed by statutory/professional regulatory authorities shall be subject to the regulations of the respective authorities.

3.5 Any subsequent UGC, Government or regulatory direction shall prevail to the extent applicable.

4. Scope and Applicability

4.1 The Policy shall apply to eligible students admitted to academic programmes conducted by:

a. University Departments;

b. Centres;

c. Constituent Colleges; and

d. Affiliated Colleges of the University.

4.2 The opportunity to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously shall be available only where the concerned institution is duly authorised to conduct the respective programme.

4.3 Each programme shall remain an independent academic programme with its prescribed eligibility, curriculum, attendance, examination, credit and other requirements.

4.4 Where one of the programmes is offered by another recognised Higher Education Institution, that programme shall additionally be governed by the rules and regulations of that institution and the applicable UGC and statutory/regulatory provisions.

5. Permissible Modes

Subject to applicable UGC and regulatory provisions, an eligible student may pursue:

5.1 Two full-time academic programmes in physical mode, provided that the class timings do not overlap and the requirements of both programmes can be fulfilled;

5.2 One full-time physical-mode programme and one recognised Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online programme; or

5.3 Up to two recognised ODL/Online programmes.

6. Eligibility

6.1 The student shall independently satisfy the eligibility and admission requirements of each programme.

6.2 Admission to one programme shall not confer eligibility for admission to the other programme.

6.3 Where an entrance examination, merit requirement or other admission criterion is prescribed, the same shall apply independently to each programme.

7. Academic Combinations

Subject to applicable regulations, permissible combinations may include:

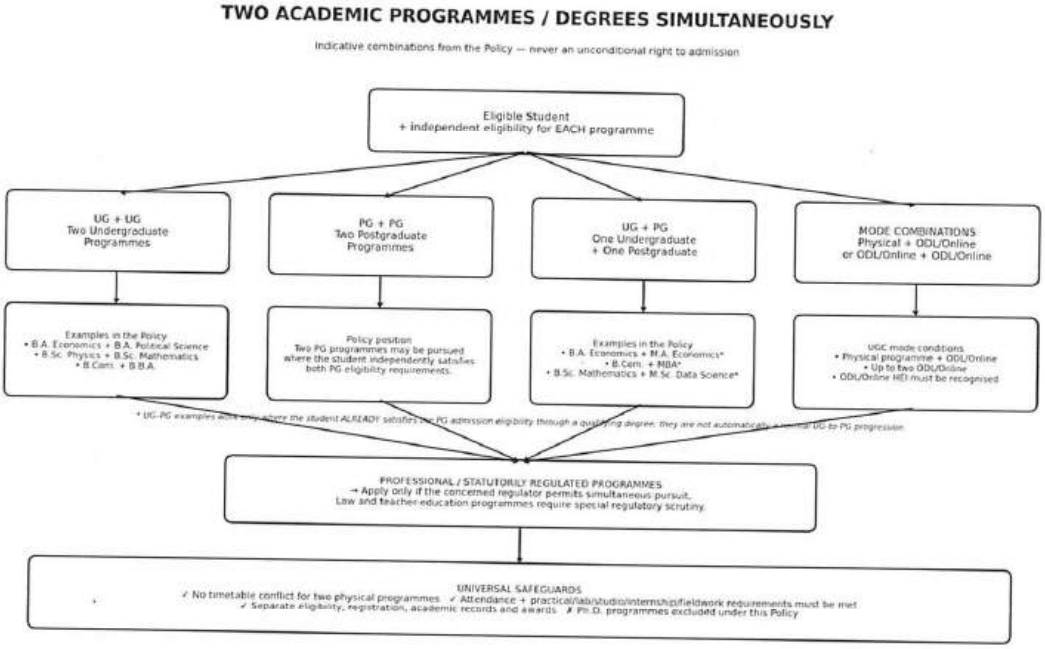
7.1 Two undergraduate programmes;

7.2 Two postgraduate programmes;

7.3 One undergraduate and one postgraduate programme; and

7.4 Other combinations approved by the competent authority.

Indicative Flow Chart of Permissible Combinations



Note: The flow chart is illustrative only. Every combination remains subject to independent eligibility, academic feasibility, applicable UGC provisions and the requirements of the concerned statutory/professional regulatory authority. Ph.D. programmes are excluded under this Policy.

No combination shall be permitted where prohibited by the UGC or the concerned statutory/professional regulatory authority.

Subject to the provisions of this Policy, applicable UGC Guidelines/Regulations, the eligibility requirements of the respective programmes, and the norms of the concerned statutory/professional regulatory authorities, a student may pursue two academic programmes simultaneously.

7.5 Categories of Permissible Combinations

The following categories of combinations may ordinarily be permitted:

Sr. No.	Category of Combination	Permissibility	Conditions
1	Two Undergraduate (UG) programmes	Permitted	The student shall independently satisfy the eligibility requirements of both programmes and shall be able to fulfil the attendance, practical, fieldwork and examination requirements of both programmes.
2	Two Postgraduate (PG) programmes	Permitted	The student shall independently satisfy the eligibility requirements of both PG programmes and comply with all academic requirements of both programmes.
3	One UG + One PG programme	Permitted, subject to eligibility	The student must independently satisfy the prescribed eligibility requirements for admission to the PG programme. Enrolment in the UG programme shall not by itself confer eligibility for admission to the PG programme.
4	One Physical/Regular programme + One recognised ODL/Online programme	Permitted	Subject to applicable UGC/DEB and other regulatory requirements.
5	Two recognised ODL/Online programmes	Permitted	Subject to applicable UGC/DEB regulations and recognition/entitlement requirements.
6	Two programmes from the same or allied discipline	Permitted in principle	Subject to independent eligibility and the academic feasibility of pursuing both programmes simultaneously.
7	Two programmes involving laboratory,	Permitted subject to feasibility	The student must fulfil the compulsory practical, laboratory, studio, internship, fieldwork and attendance requirements of both

	practical, studio, internship or fieldwork		programmes.
8	Professional/statutorily regulated programmes	Subject to applicable regulatory norms	The norms of the concerned statutory/professional regulatory authority shall prevail.
9	Other combinations	May be permitted	Subject to approval by the competent authority and compliance with UGC, Government, University and regulatory provisions.

7.6 Indicative Programme-wise Combinations

The following matrix provides an indicative list of combinations that may ordinarily be considered for programmes offered by the University and its affiliated institutions. The list is not exhaustive and shall always remain subject to the independent eligibility requirements and regulatory provisions applicable to each programme.

Broad Area	Illustrative Permissible Combinations
Inter-Faculty / Interdisciplinary	B.A. Economics + B.F.A.; B.A. Economics + B.Sc. Physics; B.Com. + B.Sc. Computer Science, subject to independent eligibility, academic feasibility and applicable regulatory requirements
Engineering, Pharmacy, Food Technology and Social Work	B.E./B.Tech. + B.A. Economics; B.Pharm. + B.A. Economics; B.Tech. Food Technology + B.Sc. Chemistry; M.S.W. + M.A. Sociology, subject to prescribed eligibility and the applicable statutory/professional regulatory requirements
Humanities and Languages	B.A. Marathi + B.A. English; B.A. Marathi + B.A. Hindi; B.A. English + B.A. Hindi; B.A. English + B.A. History; B.A. English + B.A. Political Science; B.A. Marathi + B.A. History; B.A. Hindi + B.A. History
History, Political Science and Public	B.A. History + B.A. Political Science; B.A. History + B.A. Sociology; B.A. Political Science + B.A. Public Administration; B.A. Political Science + B.A. Sociology; B.A. Public Administration + B.A. Sociology; B.A. History + B.A. Public Administration

Administration	
Economics and Social Sciences	B.A. Economics + B.A. Political Science; B.A. Economics + B.A. Sociology; B.A. Economics + B.A. Public Administration; B.A. Economics + B.A. History; B.A. Economics + B.A. Geography; B.A. Sociology + B.A. Psychology; B.A. Sociology + B.A. Social Work; B.A. Psychology + B.A. Social Work; B.A. Political Science + B.A. Social Work
Geography and Earth Sciences	B.A. Geography + B.Sc. Geoinformatics; B.Sc. Geology + B.Sc. Geography; B.Sc. Geology + B.Sc. Geoinformatics; B.Sc. Geography + B.Sc. Geoinformatics
Commerce and Management	B.Com. + B.B.A.; B.Com. + B.B.A. Agro Business Management; B.Com. + B.Com. Computer Application; B.Com. + B.Com. Banking, Financial Services & Insurance; B.B.A. + B.B.A. Agro Business Management; B.Com. + B.A. Economics
Computing and Data Sciences	B.C.A. + B.Sc. Computer Science; B.C.A. + B.Sc. Data Science; B.Com. Computer Application + B.C.A.; B.Sc. Computer Science + B.Sc. Mathematics; B.Sc. Computer Science + B.Sc. Statistics; B.Sc. Computer Science + B.Sc. Data Science; B.Sc. Mathematics + B.Sc. Statistics; B.Sc. Mathematics + B.Sc. Data Science; B.Sc. Statistics + B.Sc. Data Science
Physical Sciences	B.Sc. Physics + B.Sc. Mathematics; B.Sc. Physics + B.Sc. Electronics; B.Sc. Physics + B.Sc. Nano Technology; B.Sc. Mathematics + B.Sc. Electronics, where programme eligibility permits
Chemical Sciences	B.Sc. Chemistry + B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry; B.Sc. Chemistry + B.Sc. Biochemistry; B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry + B.Sc. Biochemistry, subject to the eligibility requirements of the respective programmes
Life Sciences	B.Sc. Botany + B.Sc. Zoology; B.Sc. Botany + B.Sc. Biotechnology; B.Sc. Zoology + B.Sc. Biotechnology; B.Sc. Biotechnology + B.Sc. Biochemistry; B.Sc. Biotechnology + other eligible Life Science programmes
Agricultural /Life Sciences	B.Sc. Horticulture + B.Sc. Botany; B.Sc. Horticulture + B.Sc. Biotechnology; B.Sc. Horticulture + other eligible Agricultural/Life Science programmes
Design and Fine Arts	Two eligible Fine Arts/Design programmes, subject to studio, practical, attendance and other programme-specific requirements

Library and Information Science	B.Lib.I.Sc. + another eligible academic programme, subject to the attendance and other requirements of both programmes
Education and Physical Education	B.Ed./B.P.Ed. + another programme only where such simultaneous pursuit is permitted by the applicable regulatory authority and the respective programme regulations
Law	LL.B./B.A. LL.B. — simultaneous pursuit with another programme shall be governed strictly by the applicable Bar Council of India and other statutory/regulatory requirements. No combination shall be permitted where such simultaneous pursuit is prohibited.

The UG–PG combinations indicated below shall be permissible only where the student independently satisfies the prescribed eligibility for admission to the postgraduate programme, including possession of the requisite qualifying degree.

7.7 UG–PG and PG–PG Combinations

The following combinations may ordinarily be considered, subject to the student independently satisfying the admission eligibility requirements of the respective postgraduate programme:

a. B.A. Economics + M.A. Economics;

b. B.A. Political Science + M.A. Political Science/Public Administration;

c. B.A. History + M.A. History;

d. B.A. Sociology + M.A. Sociology;

e. B.A. English + M.A. English;

f. B.A. Marathi + M.A. Marathi;

g. B.A. Hindi + M.A. Hindi;

h. B.Com. + M.Com.;

i. B.Com. + MBA, where the prescribed MBA eligibility is satisfied;

j. B.C.A. + M.Sc. Computer Science, where prescribed eligibility is satisfied;

k. B.Sc. Mathematics/Statistics/Data Science + M.Sc. Mathematics/Statistics/Data Science, where prescribed eligibility is satisfied;

l. other UG–PG combinations for which the student independently satisfies the prescribed eligibility requirements.

Similarly, two postgraduate programmes may be pursued simultaneously where the student independently satisfies the eligibility requirements of both programmes and the combination is otherwise permissible under this Policy.

7.8 Guiding Principles Governing the Matrix

a. **Independent Eligibility:** Eligibility for each programme shall be determined separately.

b. **No Automatic Eligibility:** Admission to or enrolment in one programme shall not confer eligibility for admission to the other programme.

c. **No Timetable Conflict:** Where both programmes are pursued in physical/regular mode, their class timings shall not overlap.

d. **Attendance:** The student shall satisfy the prescribed attendance requirements of both programmes.

e. **Academic Requirements:** Internal assessment, practicals, laboratory work, projects, dissertations, internships, fieldwork, studio work and other compulsory academic components of both programmes shall be completed as prescribed.

f. **Examinations:** The student shall comply with the examination requirements of both programmes.

g. **Regulatory Requirements:** Where a statutory/professional regulatory authority prescribes additional or different conditions, such provisions shall prevail.

h. **Institutional Feasibility:** The University/College may restrict a particular combination where simultaneous fulfilment of academic, practical, attendance, internship, clinical, studio or other compulsory requirements is not feasible.

i. **Indicative Nature:** The combinations specified in Clauses 7.6 and 7.7 are illustrative and shall not be construed as creating an unconditional right to admission to any programme.

j. **Changes in Regulations:** The provisions shall be read subject to amendments, notifications, regulations and guidelines issued by the UGC, Government or concerned statutory/professional regulatory authority from time to time.

7.9 Overriding Provision

In all cases, the **eligibility criteria, Ordinances, Regulations and statutory/professional regulatory requirements applicable to the respective academic programme shall prevail over any illustrative combination specified in this Policy.**

No combination shall be permitted where it is prohibited by the UGC, Government, statutory/professional regulatory authority, University Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations or any other applicable legal provision.

8. Professional Programmes

Programmes regulated by statutory/professional councils shall be governed by the norms of the respective authorities.

Where compulsory attendance, practical training, internship, clinical work, field work or other requirements are incompatible with simultaneous enrolment, the concerned programme may be excluded from the opportunity to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously.

9. Exclusion of Ph.D. Programmes

The opportunity to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously shall **not extend to Ph.D. programmes**, which shall continue to be governed by the applicable UGC Regulations and University regulations.

10. Admission and Registration

10.1 The student shall disclose simultaneous enrolment at the time of admission/registration.

10.2 Where the programmes are offered by different institutions, the student shall comply with the admission and registration requirements of both institutions.

10.3 Separate registration and academic records shall be maintained for each programme.

11. Attendance and Academic Requirements

11.1 The student shall independently fulfil the attendance and academic requirements of each programme.

11.2 Simultaneous enrolment shall not constitute a relaxation of attendance, internal assessment, practical, project, internship or other academic requirements.

12. Examination

12.1 The student shall appear separately for the examinations prescribed for each programme.

12.2 The University and affiliated colleges shall endeavour, within their administrative capacity, to avoid timetable and examination conflicts.

12.3 Simultaneous enrolment shall not entitle a student to automatic postponement or alteration of an examination.

13. Credits and Academic Records

13.1 Credits earned in one programme shall not automatically be counted towards the other programme.

13.2 Credit transfer or recognition shall be governed by applicable UGC and University regulations.

13.3 Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) requirements shall be followed wherever applicable.

14. Fees

14.1 A student pursuing two programmes shall ordinarily pay the prescribed fees applicable to each programme.

14.2 Refund, cancellation and other fee-related matters shall be governed by the applicable University rules.

15. Award of Qualifications

15.1 Each programme shall constitute an independent programme of study.

15.2 The respective degree, diploma or certificate shall be awarded only upon fulfilment of all requirements prescribed for that programme.

15.3 Completion or withdrawal from one programme shall not automatically affect the other programme.

16. Responsibilities of Institutions

The University Departments, Constituent Colleges and affiliated colleges shall be responsible for:

a. verification of eligibility;

b. admission and registration;

c. maintenance of academic records;

d. monitoring attendance;

e. examination-related coordination;

f. compliance with applicable regulatory requirements; and

g. reporting implementation-related difficulties to the competent authority.

17. Grievance Redressal

17.1 Grievances arising from implementation shall initially be considered by the Head/Principal/competent authority of the concerned institution.

17.2 Where necessary, the matter may be referred to the Registrar or a committee constituted by the University.

18. Implementation

18.1 The University shall establish appropriate administrative mechanisms for effective implementation of this Policy.

18.2 The Registrar shall issue necessary notifications, administrative instructions, forms and procedures.

18.3 Affiliated colleges shall implement the Policy in accordance with the University's approved guidelines and directions.

19. Review and Amendment

19.1 The Policy shall be reviewed periodically in the light of amendments to UGC regulations, Government directions and institutional experience.

19.2 Any amendment shall be made by the competent statutory authority in accordance with the applicable law.

20. Effective Date

The Policy shall come into force from the date of its notification by the University after approval by the **Academic Council and Management Council**, as applicable under the University's statutory framework.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- University Grants Commission (UGC), Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously, 2022.
- University Grants Commission (UGC), Modified Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously, 2025.
- UGC communication dated 5 June 2025 regarding modification of the Guidelines.
- National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.
- Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Rules governing admission, registration, attendance, examinations, credits and award of qualifications.
- Applicable statutory and professional regulatory instruments governing the respective academic programmes, including the Bar Council of India requirements for Law programmes and the regulations of the concerned statutory/professional regulatory authority.
- Circular, Syllabus Section, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, dated 31 January 2024.