

1. PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN THE COLLEGE

1. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Economics, English, Hindi, History, Political Science and Sociology
2. Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com)

2. SCHEME FOR CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS) IN B.A./B. Com

The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) adopted under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) provides an opportunity for the students to study courses (from the prescribed courses) according to their choice. Under this system the courses are measured in terms of credits. Credit is a method to measure the volume of content, learning effort, achievement of learning and weightage of the course. The term credit refers to the weightage given to a course usually in terms of instructional hours per week assigned to it. For purpose of credit determination, one lecture or tutorial of one hour a week or practical of two hours a week is considered as one credit. Himachal Pradesh University and its affiliated colleges have implemented new CBCS, as framed by UGC, since the academic year 2016-17 and presently merged in annual system by HPU from academic year 2018-19. In the present system a student is required to attain/ secure 132 credits in three-year degree course across different courses/ papers to become eligible for the award of under graduate degree.

2.1 Outline of Choice Based Credit System

1. Core Course: A course, which should be compulsorily studied by a candidate as a core requirement is termed as a core course. In this category 4 discipline specific courses each for DSC-1 & DSC-2 and four courses of languages (2 of English and 2 of Hindi) are to be studied in 1st and 2nd Year.

2. Elective Course: A course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may be very specific or specialized or advanced or supportive to the discipline/ subject of study or which provides an extended scope or which enables an exposure to some other discipline/ subject/ domain or nurtures the candidate's proficiency is called an Elective Course.

- a. **Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course:** Elective courses offered under the main discipline/subject of study are referred to as Discipline Specific Elective courses. In this category 2 each for regular courses are to be studied by a student in the 3rd Year.

- b. **Dissertation/ Project:** Introducing research component in under-graduate courses, dissertation/ project work is considered as a special course involving application of knowledge in solving/ analysing/ exploring a real-life situation/ difficult problem. A Project/ Dissertation work may be given in lieu of a discipline specific elective course of 6 credits.
- c. **Generic Elective (GE) Course:** An elective course chosen from an unrelated discipline/ subject, with an intention to seek exposure beyond disciplines of choice is called a Generic Elective. In this category two such courses are to be studied in third year.

Note: A core course offered in a discipline/ subject may be treated as an elective by other discipline/ subject and vice-versa and such electives may also be referred to as Generic Elective.

3. Ability Enhancement Course (AEC): The Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) may be of two kinds:

- a. **Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC):** The AECC courses are based upon the content that leads to knowledge enhancement. They are mandatory for all disciplines. The AECCs include:
 - i. Environment Science
 - ii. English/ Hindi/ MIL Communication
- b. **Ability Enhancement Elective Courses (AEEC):** The AEEC courses (known as **Skill Enhancement Courses-SEC**) are aimed at providing hands-on-training, competencies, skills, etc. These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses, specific to the main discipline, designed to provide value-based and /or skill-based knowledge and should contain theory and lab/hands-on/ training /field fieldwork. Four such courses are to be studied by students in their 2nd and 3rd year.

2.2 Scheme for CBCS For B.A./B. Com

YEAR	CORE COURSE / (Credits)	Ability Enhancement Course (AECC)	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)	Discipline Specific Course (DSE)	Generic Elective Course (GE)	Credits
	12 Courses	2 Courses	4 Courses	4 Courses	2 Courses	
I	English1 (6)	Environment Science (4)	NIL	NIL	NIL	44
	Hindi-1 (6)					
	DSC-1A (6)					
	DSC-2A (6)	English/Hindi/MIL (4)				
	DSC-1B (6)					
	DSC-2B (6)					
II	English-2 (6)	NIL	SEC-1(4)	NIL	NIL	44
	Hindi-2 (6)		SEC-2(4)			
	DSC-1C (6)					
	DSC-1D (6)					
	DSC-2C (6)					
	DSC-2D (6)					
III	NIL	NIL	SEC-3(4)	DSE-1 A(6)	GE 1 (6)	44
			SEC-4(4)	DSE-2 A(6)		
				SEC-4(4)	DSE-1 B(6)	
			DSE-2 B(6)			
Credits Total	12x6=72	2x4=8	4x4=16	4x6=24	2x6=12	132

Note: Figures in parentheses indicate credits assigned to the course.