



STELLA MARIS COLLEGE
(AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI, INDIA

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS
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I OBJECTIVES OF THE CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

Stella Maris College is an autonomous institution affiliated to the University of Madras. The College frames its own courses of study and adopts innovative methods of teaching and evaluation. In keeping with its tradition of promoting innovation and growth, the College has introduced the Choice Based Credit System for the undergraduate programmes from the academic year 1997– 98 with the following objectives:

- to provide broad based education
- to provide students with greater flexibility in choice of courses
- to enable students to choose courses at basic / advanced levels
- to enable students to progress at their own pace
- to enable highly motivated students to gain extra credits

The postgraduate departments of the College introduced the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from the academic year 2000-2001.

The M.Phil. departments of the College introduced the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from the academic year 2005-2006.

In the Choice Based Credit System each course offered is assigned a weightage of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 credits. Credit allocation depends on the number of instructional hours assigned to the course every week.

Students should earn a minimum of 149 credits for an undergraduate degree programme. Students of Visual Arts degree programme should earn a minimum of 189 credits. Students of B.Com(Hons.) degree programme should earn a minimum of 172 credits. Students of B.Voc degree programme should earn a minimum of 180 credits

A student must necessarily complete a minimum of 94 credits for a postgraduate degree programme and 98 credits for MSW.

A student will earn the credits assigned to a course only when she successfully completes all requirements of the course.

A student will be awarded her degree on completion of the requirements of the curriculum: Parts I to V for the undergraduate degree programme, Parts I to IV for B.Voc. degree programme and Part A and Part B for the postgraduate degree programme.

II PRELIMINARY DEFINITIONS

Branch refers to discipline of study.

e.g. Branch III - B.A. - Sociology
or
Branch IV - B.Sc. - Chemistry

Course refers to a theory or practical subject that is studied in a semester.

e.g. Micro Economics, Business Law, Biochemistry

Credit is a unit of measurement for the quantum of work required of a student in a particular course. It reflects the number of instructional hours assigned to it every week. e.g. 2 credits, 3 credits, 4 credits (2, 3, or 4 instructional hours per week respectively).

Code : Each course is represented by a code.

19EC/MC/ME14
19EL/PC/AL14
19SW/RC/AS105

- The first two numbers indicate the year in which the syllabus becomes effective
- The two letters following the year indicate the department offering the course, e.g. EC - Economics ;EL-English, SW – Social Work
- The next two letters indicate the course category

Undergraduate

Foundation Core (FC), Major Core (MC), Major Elective (ME), Allied Core (AC), Interdisciplinary Core (IC), General Core (GC), General Elective (GE), Value Education (VE), Soft Skills(SS), Social Awareness Programme (SA) and Service Learning (SL).

Postgraduate

Postgraduate Core(PC) Postgraduate Elective (PE), Internship (PN), Soft Skills (PK), Value Education (PV), Social Awareness Programme (PA) and Service Learning (PL).

Research - M.Phil.

Research Core(RC), Research Elective(RE)

- The next two letters stand for the title of the course.
ME - Micro Economics
AL – American Literature
AS - Advanced Social Work Theory, Training and Practice
- The first number following the title indicates the semester in which the course is first offered and the remaining number(s) indicate the number of credits assigned to that particular course.
14 - 1 indicates semester I and 4 indicates the number of credits allotted to the course
105 – 1 indicates semester I and 05 indicates the number of credits allotted to the course
- In the case of a practical course, the letter P is followed by three numerals. eg. P232
P2 – Practical Two
32 – 3 indicates semester III and the last number 2 indicates the number of credits assigned to the course.

III THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

As an autonomous College, Stella Maris follows the semester pattern requiring three years of study for a Bachelor's Degree, four years of study for a Bachelor's Degree in Visual Arts, two years of study for a Master's Degree and one year of study for M.Phil. Degree. The duration of a semester is 90 working days.

Each year of study is divided into two semesters. The semester from June to November is the odd semester and the semester from November to April is the even semester for all undergraduate and postgraduate Degree programmes.

The M.Phil. programme comprises of two semesters from August to July.

In each semester, the course work consists of lectures, tutorials, assignments and seminars. All courses have an End Semester Examination. Some courses have projects, term papers, dissertations, or theses, in lieu of an End Semester Examination.

B.Voc. Degree Programme

B.Voc. is a unique programme with multiple exit points. A student can opt to exit the programme at the end of the first year earning a Diploma or at the end of the second year earning Advanced Diploma or after completion of three years earning a B.Voc. Degree.

At the Undergraduate level a student must complete a minimum of 180 credits for a B.Voc. degree, 117 credits for an Advanced Diploma and 59 credits for a Diploma.

BRANCHES OF STUDY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

BRANCH IA	History and Tourism
BRANCH III	Sociology
BRANCH IV	Economics
BRANCH XII	English
	English and Communication Skills

B.V. A. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Visual Arts (4 year Programme)

B.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

BRANCH I	Mathematics
BRANCH III	Physics
BRANCH IV	Chemistry
BRANCH VA	Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology
BRANCH VIA	Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology
	Psychology

B.S.W. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Social Work

B.Com. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Commerce
Commerce - Corporate Secretaryship
Commerce - Accounting & Finance
Commerce - Honours

B.B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Business Administration

B.C.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Computer Applications

B.Voc. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Food Processing and Quality Control
Sustainable Energy Management
Tourism and Hospitality
Banking, Financial Services and Insurance

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

BRANCH III	Economics
BRANCH VII	English
BRANCH X	History of Fine Arts International Studies Public Relations Human Resource Management

M.S.W. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Social Work

M.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

BRANCH I	Mathematics Chemistry Bioinformatics Biotechnology Information Technology Physics
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M.Com. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Commerce

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA COURSE

Computer Science

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

M.Phil. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Economics
English
Fine Arts
Mathematics
Social Work

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

Economics
English
Fine Arts
Biotechnology
Chemistry
Mathematics
Social Work

STRUCTURE OF UG DEGREE PROGRAMMES

STRUCTURE OF B.A. / B.Sc. / B.V.A. / B.Com. / B.Com.(CS) / B.Com.(A&F)/B.B.A./B.S.W./B.C.A.DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- PART I Foundation Course in Language
– Tamil / Hindi / Sanskrit / French
- PART II Foundation Course in English
- PART III (A) Core Courses
(i) Major
(ii) Allied
(iii) Interdisciplinary Core
(B) Major Elective Course
- PART IV
(a) General Electives / Basic Tamil/ Advanced Tamil
(b) Environmental Studies
(c) Soft Skills
(d) Value Education
(Catholic Doctrine / Ethics / Scripture)
(e) Extra Credits from Value-added courses (Optional)
(Independent Electives, Internships, Certificate Courses, Research Projects)
- PART V
(a) Student Training Programmes
NSS / NCC / Games / Youth Red Cross
(b) Social Awareness Programme/ Service Learning
(c) Extra credits from Student Training Programmes
(Optional)

STRUCTURE OF B.Com.(HONOURS)DEGREE PROGRAMME

- PART I Foundation Course in Language
–Tamil/ Hindi / French / Sanskrit
- PART II Foundation Course in English
- PART III Major Core
- PART IV General Elective

Value Education
(Catholic Doctrine / Ethics / Scripture)

Soft Skills

General Core

Extra Credits from value-added courses (Optional)
(Independent Electives, Certificate Courses, Research Projects)
- Part – V Student Training Programme - Games

Extra Credits from Student Training Programme

STRUCTURE OF B.Voc. DEGREE PROGRAMMES

PART I Foundation Course in Language
– Tamil / French

PART II Foundation Course in English

PART III (A) Non - Major Elective (General Elective)
(B) Environmental Studies
(C) Value Education
(D) Extension Activity
(E) Soft Skills
(F) Extra credits from Value-added courses (Optional)

PART IV

Skilled Component

Core Subjects

(Theory & Practical, Allied subjects and Projects)

LATERAL ENTRY STUDENTS

Lateral entry students should undergo additional Core/ Electives of the College to acquire required credits to qualify the degree of the relevant programme as per the existing regulations. The candidates are eligible for classification and not for ranking, prizes and medals.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE (IC)

The total credit requirement for interdisciplinary core courses is five credits. Students are given the opportunity to explore the links between two different disciplines through a course designed and offered jointly by two departments.

ELECTIVE COURSES

MAJOR ELECTIVES (ME)

Undergraduate Students have the option of choosing between subject related elective courses and subject related skill developmental courses. Students must choose two such elective courses of five credits each and earn a total of 10 credits.

GENERAL ELECTIVES (GE)

The total credit requirement for General Elective courses is eight credits. The student can choose any four courses of two credits each across disciplines but not from the parent department subject to the following regulations:

A Science student should take a minimum of one GE course from the Arts or Commerce stream.

An Arts student should take a minimum of one GE course from the Science or Commerce stream.

A Commerce student should take a minimum of one GE course from the Arts or Science stream.

A student cannot opt for more than 2 GEs from any one department.

Students who have taken Tamil in Part I have to take any four GE courses across disciplines.

Students who have studied Tamil upto X / XII std and have not taken Tamil in Part I have to take two courses in Advanced Tamil over two semesters and two from other disciplines.

Students who have not studied Tamil upto Std. X have to take two courses in Basic Tamil over two semesters and two from other disciplines.

VALUE EDUCATION (VE)

Catholic Doctrine / Ethics / Scripture
Students are expected to earn 4 credits.

Value Added Courses - Extra Credits (optional)

Independent Elective (UI) // Internship (UN) / Certificate Course (CT) /
Research Project (RP)

Independent Elective Course (UI)

- Students may opt to do an "Independent Elective Course" where the student will study the entire course on her own.
- Students can take a maximum of one Independent Elective Course per semester.
- UI courses may be taken either from the parent department or from other departments.
- A three hour End Semester Examination will be held for all Independent Elective Courses. The marks and extra credits for these courses will be included in the Mark Sheet. However these marks will not be considered for the final classification.
- A student who fails a UI course is not eligible for course completion for the same.
- A student who fails a UI course cannot re-register for the same course.
- UI will not be offered in the 1st semester.

Certificate Course (CT)

Students may opt to do a certificate course offered by the parent department / other departments.

Students cannot enroll for a CT course in their first semester.

Students can earn a maximum of one credit per semester (from 2nd to 6th semester).

A student is expected to have a minimum of 75% attendance

It is mandatory to pass the exam to obtain the certificate and the credit

Internship (UN)

Students can earn a maximum of 2 credits (3rd, 5th semesters)

The internship can be interdisciplinary/ multi-disciplinary/ from parent discipline.

The student is expected to undergo training in a reputed organisation / lab / institution / any other for a minimum period of 21 days and submit the final consolidated report along with the completion certificate from the organization at the end.

The student will be evaluated based on the report submitted followed by viva/discussion/ presentation.

STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAMME (ST)

Students opting for Games will earn 2 credits in one year (1 credit per semester).

Students opting for NSS / Youth Red Cross will have to be involved in these activities for a minimum of two years. They will earn a total of 2 credits. (1 credit per year)

Students opting for NCC will have to compulsorily continue in the third year. They will earn one credit each in the first and second years and two credits in the third year.

Students can earn 2 extra credits by continuing in NSS, YRC or being a part of the College games team in the third year.

SOCIAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME (SA) OR SERVICE LEARNING (SL)

Students are expected to earn 2 credits.

STRUCTURE OF PG DEGREE PROGRAMMES

STRUCTURE OF M.A. / M.Sc. / M.S.W. / M.Com. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Part A	Core Electives
Part B	Value Education Soft Skills Social Awareness Programme/ Service Learning Internship Extra credits from value-added courses(optional) (Independent Elective, Certificate course)

Electives(PE): The total credit requirement for the postgraduate elective for each student is 21 credits. A student should choose two PEs from other departments and three PEs from the parent department.

VALUE EDUCATION (PV)

Catholic Doctrine / Ethics

Students are expected to earn 4 credits.

SOCIAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME (PA) OR SERVICE LEARNING (PL)

Students are expected to earn 2 credits.

Value Added Courses - Extra Credits (optional)

Independent Elective (PI), Certificate Course (PT)

Independent Elective Course (PI)

- Students may opt to do an "Independent Elective Course" where the student will study the entire course on her own.
- Students can take a maximum of one Independent Elective Course per semester.
- PI courses may be taken either from the parent department or from other departments.
- A three hour End Semester Examination will be held for all Independent Elective Courses. The marks and extra credits for these courses will be included in the Mark Sheet. However these marks will not be considered for the final classification.
- A student who fails a PI course is not eligible for course completion for the same.
- A student who fails a PI course cannot re-register for the same course.
- PI will not be offered in the 1st semester

Certificate Course (PT)

Students may opt to do a certificate course offered by the parent department / other departments.

- Students cannot enroll for a PT course in their first semester.
- Students can earn a maximum of one credit per semester (from 2nd to 4th semester).
- A student is expected to have a minimum of 75% attendance
- It is mandatory to pass the exam to obtain the certificate and the credit
- If the PG students enrol in the certificate courses offered for UG students, they are eligible to get the certificate but not the credit

STRUCTURE OF M.Phil. DEGREE PROGRAMME

Core
Elective

Allotment of credits for Undergraduate Degree Programmes

Dept	PART - I		PART - II		PART - III				PART - IV					PART - V		Total Credits
	Language	English	MC	AC	ME	IC	GE	GE/TM	GC	SS	VE	SA/SL	ST			
HS	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2	149		
SC	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
EC	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
EL	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
CE	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
BVA	9	9	82	20	34	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2	189		
SW	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
CM	6	6	72	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
CM(CS)	6	6	72	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
CM(A&F)	6	6	72	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
CM(Honours)	6	6	136	10	-	-	-	4	2	3	4	-	1	149		
BBA	6	6	72	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
BCA	6	6	72	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
MT	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
PH	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
CH	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
BT	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
ZL	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			
PY	12	12	60	20	10	5	4	4	2	12	4	2	2			

Allotment of credits for B.Voc. Degree Programmes

Dept	PART - I	PART - II	PART - III						PART - IV			Total Credits
	Language	English	UE	UC	UV	EA	US	SA	VM	VA	VE	
VB	8	8	4	2	4	1	12	-	121	10	10	180
VF	16	16	4	2	4	1	10	2	105	15	5	180
VS	16	16	4	2	4	1	10	2	105	15	5	180
VT	16	16	4	2	4	1	12	-	105	15	5	180

Allotment of credits for Postgraduate Degree Programmes

DEPT	PC	PE	PV	PK	PA / PL	PN	TOTAL
EC	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
EL	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
FA	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
IS	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
PR	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
SW	67	21	4	2	2	2	98
MT	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
CS	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
CH	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
BY	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
BI	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
PH	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
CM	63	21	4	2	2	2	94
HR	63	21	4	2	2	2	94

Allotment of credits for M.Phil Degree Programmes

Courses	EC	EL	FA	MT	SW
RC	31	31	31	31	31
RE	5	5	5	5	5
Total	36	36	36	36	36

ALLOTMENT OF CREDITS FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (PGDCS)

Courses	PGDCS
Core	44
Total	44

IV ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

- All students must put in a minimum of 85% attendance in every course to qualify to write the End Semester Examination in addition to completing all other academic requirements such as Continuous Assessment tests, Seminars, Assignments, etc.
- Students whose attendance falls between 75% and 85% due to participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities may be permitted to take the examinations on the recommendation of the respective faculty-in-charge / Head of the Department.
- Students whose attendance falls between 75% and 85% due to participation in NCC / NSS / Sports may be permitted to take the examinations on the recommendation of the faculty-in-charge.
- Students whose attendance falls between 75% and 85% due to medical reasons may be permitted to take the examinations provided she produces a medical certificate and her illness has been notified to the Head within three days by the parent / guardian. She is permitted to take the examinations after payment of the condonation fee.
- Students whose attendance falls below 50% in any course in the semester will have to re-register and repeat the course requirements after their final semester.

V. DURATION OF PROGRAMME

UG/PG PROGRAMMES :

A student is expected to complete the B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.Com.(Hons.) / B.Com.(CS) / B.Com.(A&F) / BBA / B.S.W. / B.C.A / B.Voc. programme in three years and B.V.A in four years. However, a student may complete the programme at a slower pace.

If a student fails to complete the undergraduate degree programme in five years, she will have to repeat the programme under the regulations prevalent at the time.

If a student of B.V.A. fails to complete the degree programme in six years she will have to repeat the programme under the regulations prevalent at that time.

A student is expected to complete the M.A. / M.Sc. / M.S.W. / M.Com. programme in two years. If a student fails to complete the Master's programme within four years she will have to repeat the programme under the regulations prevalent at that time.

In exceptional cases like major accidents or child birth, one year beyond the maximum time span will be considered.

M.Phil. PROGRAMME:

The duration of the M.Phil. Degree Programme is one year, comprising two semesters from August - July. Admission for the M.Phil. Programme is conducted after the results of the postgraduate programmes are declared by the University of Madras. The last date for submission of Dissertation is 15th July. An extension of one week may be given on payment of a penalty prescribed by the College. There will be no further extension of time beyond this period. Any student failing to submit the dissertation within this period will be permitted to submit the dissertation only in the next academic year along with the next batch of students.

VI REGISTRATION PROCEDURE FOR COURSES

- * Registration for Elective Courses is on-line.
- * Students are expected to register, on the specified dates during the current semester, for courses to be taken in the following semester.

VII TESTING AND EVALUATION

Assessment of students' work is based on both continuous assessment and the semester examination held at the end of each semester.

The weightage of marks is indicated below:

Course	Cont. Assessment	End Semester Exam
BA / BVA/ BSc. / BCom / BCom(Hons.) / BCom (CS) / BCom (A & F) / BCA / BBA / BSW (Theory and Practicals)	50%	50%
B.Voc. Degree Programmes	25%	75%
MA/MSc/MSW/MCom (Theory and Practicals)	50%	50%

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

Continuous Assessment will be carried out by the course teachers. Students are expected to take all assessment units that are administered to them. i.e., 2 CA tests and a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 other components which may include seminar / assignment / project work / any other.

The assessment units carry equal weightage.

Students should write at least 1 CA test in order to qualify to write the End Semester Examination.

There is no minimum pass mark for Continuous Assessment.

Retest will be given to those students who have missed the test because of participation in College sponsored activities. These tests will be held before the commencement of End Semester Examination. Students must apply for the retest by filling in the prescribed forms available at Vice-Principals' Office.

END SEMESTER EXAMINATION

A comprehensive examination for each course, irrespective of the number of credits allotted to it, will be held at the end of each semester (unless an alternative method of evaluation is specified).

A student will be permitted to take the End Semester Examination provided she has :

1. A minimum attendance requirement of 85% in the course
2. Completed CA requirement
3. Paid the prescribed examination fee, for courses for which she has registered.

The minimum marks required for passing in each course is as follows:

Course	End Semester Exam	Aggregation of Continuous Assessment and End Semester Exam
BA / BVA./ BSc. / BCom / BCom (CS) / BCom (A & F) / BCA / BBA / BSW/ BVoc (Theory and Practicals)	40%	40%
B.Com (Honours)	50% (Major and Allied) 40% (All other Courses)	50% (Major and Allied) 40% (All other Courses)
MA / M.Sc / MSW / M.Com (Theory and Practicals)	50%	50%

**MARKS AND GRADES :
FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
EXCEPT B.Com(Hons.) :**

FOR A SEMESTER

The following table gives the conversion of marks, grade points, letter grades and classification to indicate the performance of the candidate at the UG level:

RANGE OF MARKS	GRADE POINTS	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
90 - 100	9.0 - 10.0	O	Outstanding
80 - 89	8.0 - 8.9	D+	Excellent
75 - 79	7.5 - 7.9	D	Distinction
70 - 74	7.0 - 7.4	A+	Very Good
60 - 69	6.0 - 6.9	A	Good
50 - 59	5.0 - 5.9	B	Average
40 - 49	4.0 - 4.9	C	Satisfactory
0 - 39	0.0	U	Reappear
ABSENT	0.0	AAA	ABSENT

FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME:

The Degree is awarded according to the following Classification:

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 - 10.0	O+	First Class - Exemplary*
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	First Class with Distinction*
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	First Class
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	
5.0 and above but below 5.5	B	Second Class
4.5 and above but below 5.0	C+	
4.0 and above but below 4.5	C	
0.0 and above but below 4.0	U	Re-appear

*Only those students who have passed at the first appearance and within the prescribed semester of the UG Programme are eligible for these classifications.

FOR B.Com (HONOURS) PROGRAMME

FOR A SEMESTER

The following table gives the conversion of marks, grade points, letter grades and classification to indicate the performance of the candidate at the UG level :

RANGE OF MARKS	GRADE POINTS	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
90 - 100	9.0 - 10.0	O	Outstanding
80 - 89	8.0 - 8.9	D+	Excellent
75 - 79	7.5 - 7.9	D	Distinction
70 - 74	7.0 - 7.4	A+	Very Good
60 - 69	6.0 - 6.9	A	Good
50 - 59	5.0 - 5.9	B	Average
40 - 49	4.0 - 4.9	C	Satisfactory (All other courses except Major & Allied)
0 - 49	0.0	U	Reappear (Major & Allied)
0 - 39	0.0	U	Reappear (All other courses except Major & Allied)
ABSENT	0.0	AAA	ABSENT

FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME

The Degree is awarded according to the following Classification:

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 - 10.0	O+	First Class - Exemplary*
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	First Class with Distinction*
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	First Class
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	
5.0 and above but below 5.5	B	Second Class
4.5 and above but below 5.0	C+	
4.0 and above but below 4.5	C	
0.0 and above but below 5.0	U	Re-appear

*The Candidates who have passed at the first appearance and within the prescribed semester of the UG Programme are eligible for these classifications.

FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES:**FOR A SEMESTER**

The following table gives the conversion of marks, grade points, letter grades and classification to indicate the performance of the candidate at the PG level :

RANGE OF MARKS	GRADE POINTS	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
90 – 100	9.0 – 10.0	O	Outstanding
80 – 89	8.0 – 8.9	D+	Excellent
75 – 79	7.5 – 7.9	D	Distinction
70 – 74	7.0 – 7.4	A+	Very Good
60 – 69	6.0 – 6.9	A	Good
50 – 59	5.0 – 5.9	B	Average
0 – 49	0.0	U	Re-appear
Absent	0.0	AAA	Absent

FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME

The Degree is awarded according to the following Classification:

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 – 10.0	O+	First Class – Exemplary*
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	First Class with Distinction*
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	First Class
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	
5.0 and above but below 5.5	B	Second Class
0.0 and above but below 5.0	U	
		Re-appear

*The Candidates who have passed at the first appearance and within the prescribed semester of the PG Programme are eligible for these classifications.

FOR M.Phil PROGRAMMES:

Classes will be awarded separately in the following:

Core, Elective (For Classification)

FOR A SEMESTER

The class obtained by a student will be indicated in the Cumulative Marks Statement issued to her on successful completion of the Degree as follows:-

RANGE OF MARKS	GRADE POINTS	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
90 – 100	9.0 – 10.0	O	Outstanding
80 – 89	8.0 – 8.9	D+	Excellent
75 – 79	7.5 – 7.9	D	Distinction
70 – 74	7.0 – 7.4	A+	Very Good
60 – 69	6.0 – 6.9	A	Good
50 – 59	5.0 – 5.9	B	Average
0 – 49	0.0	U	Re-appear
Absent	0.0	AAA	Absent

FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME :

The Degree is awarded according to the following Classification:

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 – 10.0	O+	First Class – Exemplary*
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	First Class with Distinction*
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	First Class
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	
5.0 and above but below 5.5	B	Second Class
0.0 and above but below 5.0	U	
		Re-appear

*The Candidates who have passed in the first appearance and within the prescribed semester of the M.Phil. Programme are eligible.

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For a Semester :

$$\text{GRADE POINT AVERAGE [GPA]} = \sum_i C_i G_i / \sum_i C_i$$

GPA = $\frac{\text{sum of the multiplication of grade points by the credits of the course}}{\text{Sum of the credits of the courses in a semester}}$

For the entire Programme :

$$\text{CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE [CGPA]} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni} G_{ni}}{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni}}$$

CGPA = $\frac{\text{sum of the multiplication of grade points by the credits of the entire programme}}{\text{Sum of the credits of the courses in a Programme}}$

C_i = Credits earned for course i in any semester.

G_i = Grade Point obtained for course i in any semester.

n = refers to the semester in which such courses are credited.

Classification For Postgraduate Students Will Be Based On Marks Obtained In Postgraduate Core (PC) And Postgraduate Elective (PE) Courses.

VIII Student Feedback (Mid-semester Course Evaluation and Online Course Evaluation)

The Deans of Academic Affairs organizes course evaluation at the middle of the semester and an online course evaluation at the end of the semester. Based on the feedback given by the students, appropriate action is taken in order to continuously improve the course and ensure that the students get the best out of the courses.

IX SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

- For students who fail to secure the minimum for a pass in the End Semester Examination, Supplementary Examinations will be conducted along with the regular exams in November and April.
- Supplementary Exams are also conducted every year in June. An instant Examination will be conducted for those outgoing students of the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes who have failed in one course in the final year and therefore were not able to complete the degree.

X ANNUAL GRADUATION

Graduation Day is held approximately four weeks after the Convocation at the University of Madras. Graduands receive their degree certificates at the College on this day.