

RAJGANJ COLLEGE, RAJGANJ, JALPAIGURI

4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2023-24

The College is offering BA undergraduate program with following Major subjects:

Bengali, English, Education, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Geography, Sociology and Physical Education.

At the time of admission, a student will identify a Major Course in which he/she/transgender will concentrate. Apart from the Major Course he/she/transgender will have to select two (A & B) Minor courses. He/she/transgender will also have to select Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC) courses, Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), Value Added Courses (VAC), and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) at the time of admission.

General eligibility criteria

A student will be allowed to take admission in the Major Course of B.A. if he/she/transgender has passed in at least four (04) subjects with English as compulsory subject in the Higher Secondary [10+2] Examination held by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education or any other Examination which is recognized by the University as equivalent thereto.

Admission will be on merit and availability of seats, provided that for SC/ST Candidates, the minimum marks for eligibility will be as per rules of the State Government.

COURSE STRUCTURE

- a) Two semesters, with 40 credits, for exit option with a Certificate.
- b) Four semesters, with 82 credits, for exit option with a Diploma.
- c) Six semesters, with 124 credits, for exit option with a Degree.
- d) Eight semesters, with 160 credits, culminating in a Degree in Honours.
- e) Eight semesters, with 160 credits, culminating in a Degree in Honours with Research.

Each Course will be of 2/3/4 credits (wherever applicable), and the marks distribution will be as follows:

- i. Major course (MAJ) - 75 marks each – 4 credits
- ii. Minor courses (MIN) - 75 marks each – 4 credits
- iii. Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) - 50 marks each – 2 credits
- iv. Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC) - 75 marks each – 3 credits
- v. Value Added Courses (VAC) - 75 marks each – 4 credits
- vi. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) - 75 marks each – 3 credits
- vii. Internship/Apprenticeship (IARD) - 50 marks each – 2 credits

viii. Research Project/Dissertation (I A R D) - 225 marks each (applicable only if the student chooses to pursue Honours with Research) – 12 credits

OUTLINES OF 4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

a) Major Course (MAJ)

The course designed for papers under this category aim to cover the basics that a student is expected to imbibe in that particular discipline. A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core requirement is termed as a Core course.

b) Elective Courses

Generally, 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/skill is called an Elective Course.

i. **Minor Course (MIN) (4 credits each):** Two Elective courses, to be chosen from a pool of subjects, (one each to be chosen from two pools of subjects, in case of BA course), with an intention to seek exposure beyond discipline/s of choice is called a Minor Course. The purpose of this category of these courses is to offer the students the option to explore disciplines of interest beyond the choices they make in Major (Core).

ii. **Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC) Course (3 credits each):** All UG students are required to undergo 3- introductory - level courses relating to any of the BROAD DISCIPLINES (as given in the pool) and whose difficulty level, should not be higher than the +2 level. Students are not allowed to choose or repeat courses already undergone at the Higher Secondary Level (12th) class in the proposed major and minor stream under this category.

iii. **Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (3 credits each):** These courses (three in number) may be chosen from Major courses designed to provide value-based and/or skill-based knowledge and should contain both theory and laboratory/hands on training/field work. The prime purpose of these courses is to provide students life-skills in hands-on mode so as to increase their employability. Apart from the above, a student will also have to undergo Internship or Apprenticeship once in the fifth semester.

iv. **Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) (2 credits each):** Two papers of each of the Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) may be of two kinds, both pertaining to enhancement in ability in language subjects:

• **1st Semester & 3rd Semester:** Compulsory English for BA Major, and one from MIL Bengali or Alternative English, for Other Majors.

• **2nd Semester & 4th Semester:** One from MIL Bengali or Alternative English for BA Major.

v. **Value Added Courses (VAC) (4 credits each):** These courses include courses based on Environmental Education, Community engagement and service and Value based education:

• 1st Semester: Environmental Education for BA Major.

• 2nd Semester: Understanding India for BA Major.

vi. Vocational Courses (VOC) (OPTIONAL - 4 credits): **If anyone is willing to exit at Certificate/ Diploma level, the student has to contact college Admission committee/Principal immediately after admission for selection of Vocational Course subject.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- i. A student pursuing a subject as a Major Course, will have to opt for SEC in the Major subject.
- ii. Two Minor Courses must be different from the Major Course.
- iii. Three Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC) Courses to be chosen from a pool of courses.
- iv. Practical/Tutorial: Every Major and Minor Course will have one Practical/Tutorial. Wherever there is a Practical, there will be no Tutorial and vice-versa.
- v. A student will have to study two papers each from two Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), and two papers of Value Added Courses (VAC).

Guidelines for Four Year Under-Graduate Program with Honours with Research

Students who secure 75% marks and above in the first six semesters and wish to undertake research at the undergraduate level can choose a research stream in the fourth year. They should do a research project or dissertation in the major discipline under the guidance of a faculty member of the University/College in the eighth semester. The research outcomes of their project work may be published in peer-reviewed journals or may be presented in conferences /seminars or may be patented.