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To,

1. The Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Goa & Chancellor of Goa University, Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula, Goa.
2. The Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Goa, Goa Education Complex, Alto - Porvorim - Goa.
3. All the Deans of Schools of Studies.
4. All the Directors of recognized Institutions.
5. All the Vice Deans of Schools of Studies.
6. All the Deans/Principals of affiliated Colleges.
7. All the Divisional/Sectional Heads of University Offices.
8. The President, University College Teachers Association, Goa C/o Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, Goa - 403601.
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Sub: Ordinance OC-82 relating to the integrated five-year double Degree Programme in Law - Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A. LL.B.) and Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. LL.B.)

Sir/Madam,

I am to forward herewith a copy of the Ordinance OC-82 relating to the integrated five-year double Degree Programme in Law - Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A. LL.B) and Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. LL.B.). This Ordinance OC-82 has been approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor of Goa University on 20th September, 2024 under Statute SA-2(6) as amended. The Ordinance OC-82 is approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 9th February, 2024. The Executive Council approved the said proposal in its meeting held on 26th April, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

(Prof. V.S. Nadkarni)
REGISTRAR

Encl: As above.

ORDINANCE OC-82 RELATING TO THE INTEGRATED FIVE-YEAR DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME IN LAW - BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF LAWS (B.A. LL.B.) AND BACHELOR OF COMMERCE AND BACHELOR OF LAWS (B.Com. LL.B.)

OC-82.1. GENERAL

This ordinance shall come into effect for students admitted to the programme from the academic year 2024-25 onwards.

OC-82.2. PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

1. To establish an integrated programme that blends law with disciplines like History, Economics, and Political Science.
2. To offer diverse legal courses aimed at moulding prospective lawyers for the future.
3. To cultivate an interdisciplinary approach among students and promote an all-inclusive approach to the study of law.
4. To empower the students in legal practice in courtrooms and to produce socially relevant and professionally competent lawyers, thereby improving access to justice.

OC-82.3. PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

After completion of the programme, the students shall

1. Foster the expertise to comprehend, research and apply the law in real-life scenarios.
2. Comprehend the interrelation between law and other subjects through innovative interpretations of legal principles.
3. Employ the acquired legal knowledge to forge clients' interests and the potential impact of legal norms on clients.
4. Acquire diverse lawyering skills essential for effective legal practice and address ethical and moral challenges inherent in the legal profession.

OC-82.4. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME:

The duration of the programme shall be of 5 years comprising 10 Semesters.

OC-82.5. DEGREE TO BE AWARDED

The candidate who completes the Ten Semesters successfully shall be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A. LL.B) or Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. LL.B).

OC-82.6. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

OC-82.6.1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO FIRST-YEAR B.A. LL.B./ B.Com. LL.B.

Candidates who have passed the qualifying examination, i.e., Higher Secondary or 12th Standard examination of Goa Board of Higher Secondary Education or any other equivalent examination recognized by Goa University in any stream of knowledge with a minimum of 45% marks (40% marks in case of SC/ST applicants and 42% for OBC applicants) shall be eligible for admission to the First Year provided the candidate:

- i. Appear for the Goa University - Common Law Admission Test (GU-CLAT).
- ii. If the candidate is from any Board or University other than the Goa Board of Higher Secondary Education, the candidate obtains the eligibility certificate from Goa University.
- iii. Goa University shall conduct a GU-CLAT. The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a committee to conduct the GU-CLAT for a term not exceeding three years.
- iv. GU-CLAT shall consist of 100 Multiple Choice Questions of 1 mark each. Each question shall have four options from which the right answer is to be selected. The duration of the exam shall be 90 minutes.
- v. Scheme of the GU-CLAT:
 - a. General English 20 Questions
 - b. Current Affairs 10 Questions
 - c. Constitution of India 20 Questions
 - d. Legal aptitude and legal reasoning 30 Questions
 - e. Logic and Reasoning 20 Questions
- vi. Weightage for admission – 50 per cent for GU-CLAT and 50 per cent for qualifying exam. Goa University shall draw up a Merit List for admission based on the above weightages.

OC-82.6.2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO SECOND YEAR B.A. LL.B./ B.Com. LL.B.

Candidates who are eligible to appear for Semesters I and II examination shall be eligible for admission to Second Year irrespective of backlogs in Semesters I and II.

OC-82.6.3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO THIRD YEAR OF B.A. LL.B./ B.Com. LL.B.

Only those candidates who have passed Semesters I and II examination and fulfilled the requirements of Semesters III and IV examination, and have not more than five courses as backlog from Semesters III and IV taken together shall be considered eligible for admission to the Third Year.

OC-82.6.4. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO FOURTH YEAR OF B.A. LL.B./ B.Com. LL.B.

Only those candidates who have passed Semesters I, II, III and IV examination and fulfilled the requirements of Semesters V and VI examination, and have not more than five courses as backlog from Semesters V and VI taken together shall be considered eligible for admission to the Fourth Year.

OC-82.6.5. FOR ADMISSION TO THE FIFTH YEAR OF B.A. LL.B./ B.Com. LL.B.

Only those candidates who have passed Semesters I, II, III, IV, V and VI examination and fulfilled the requirements for Semesters VII and VIII examination, and have not more than five courses as backlog in Semesters VII and VIII taken together shall be considered eligible for admission to the Fifth Year.

OC-82.6.6. ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDATES FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES

A Candidate from another recognized University may be considered for direct admission to second to fifth year on a case-to-case basis subject to:

- i Availability of seats in the respective college.
- ii University granting eligibility depending upon the nature of the Programme.
- iii Equivalence of Courses passed by them and credits secured to a particular Year/Semester.

OC-82.7. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

1. The instructional scheme for B.A. LL.B./B.Com. LL.B. Programme is based on a system of time-integrated units called Credits. To be eligible for the award of a Degree under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), a student shall earn a minimum of 200 Credits.
2. These Credits shall comprise Core, Electives, and Practical Courses as recommended by the Bar Council of India and the Board of Studies (BoS) and approved by the Academic Council of Goa University.
3. One Credit Theory/Practical Course shall be equivalent to 15 contact hours of teaching and learning, such as lectures, group discussions, seminars, problem-solving, tutorials, assessments, and simulations. For example, A Four Credit Course shall have 60 contact hours of teaching and learning.

OC-82.8. COURSE REQUIREMENT AND AWARD OF DEGREE

1. A student shall be eligible for the award of B.A. LL.B. and/ or B.Com. LL.B. Degree on successful completion of 200 Credits. A student is also permitted to obtain a maximum of 8 additional elective Credits (200 + 8 = Total of 208 credits). However, the Degree/final grade shall be awarded /computed based on her/his performance

in Core Courses, Practical Courses and the best performance in the Electives Courses to fulfil the minimum number of Credits required for the award of the Degree. Additional Credits, if any, shall be depicted in the final transcript/mark sheet.

2. A student must obtain 188 Credits from the parent college for the specific Degree for which the student is registered. The student may earn the remaining 12 Credits by opting for Courses either from the parent college or from any other Institution. These Courses shall be referred to as elective courses and such courses shall be recommended by the BoS.
3. The minimum number of students for an Electives Course shall not be less than 15% of the total strength of the class.
4. A student is required to choose not less than 16 credits and not more than 24 credits in a Semester. However, a student may be permitted to leave out a Semester altogether.
5. Each Course may consist of 1 to 6 numbers of Credit(s). The Courses may cover only theory, theory and practical or only practical activity.
6. A one-credit course shall carry 25 marks. All other Courses shall carry marks proportionate to the number of Credits. For example, a four-credit course shall carry $4 \times 25 = 100$ marks.
7. Semester-wise flow chart of Credits

Semester	Core Law	Core Non-Law	Electives	Practical	Total Credits
Semester – I	4	16	----	----	20
Semester – II	8	12			20
Semester – III	8	12			20
Semester – IV	8	12			20
Semester – V	8	8	4		20
Semester – VI	12	4	4		20
Semester –VII	16		4		20
Semester –VIII	12		8		20
Semester –IX	4		8	8	20
Semester – X	4		8	8	20
Total	84	64	36	16	200

8. There shall be not less than 30 contact hours per week, including lectures, seminars, tutorials, assessments, workshops and other related classroom and practical activities.
9. The number of students per class/division shall be limited to 60.
10. Every student shall undergo a 20-week compulsory internship under NGOs, Advocates, Law Firms, Judiciary, Tribunals, Companies, and Law Enforcement Authorities/Offices, spanning the entire programme. However, such an internship shall not be more than four weeks in an academic year or at a time.

11. A student shall opt for one major and two minor disciplines other than law during the programme. A student shall not be allowed to opt for the same discipline as a major and minor. A major subject shall consist of 24 credits, and a minor shall be 12 credits each.
12. The college has to decide the choice of minor and major courses and shall notify major and minor courses at the commencement of the Programme.

OC-82.9. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

1. The assessment of all theory Courses shall comprise continuous Intra-Semester Assessment (ISA) and Semester-End Assessment (SEA).
2. Each theory Course shall constitute 40% of ISA and 60% of SEA.
3. Each Practical Course shall be fully assessed by the respective college. The Scheme of the Examination for each course shall be as recommended by the BoS.
4. For all theory Courses, a student is required to appear in both ISA and SEA. A student has to secure 40% marks in ISA and SEA combined to be declared pass in a course.
5. For all practical Courses, a student is required to secure 40% marks to pass a course.
6. Fractional marks shall be rounded off to the nearest integer.

OC-82.10. INTRA SEMESTER ASSESSMENT (ISA)

1. There shall be a continuous internal assessment (ISA) for 40 per cent marks in each theory course.
2. The college shall carry out the internal assessment by adopting suitable schemes and measures during the programme of the Semester. The college may adopt and devise suitable internal assessment systems such as seminars, workshops, reflective writings, projects, problem-solving, group assignments, simulations, role play, clinical methods, tests, and fieldwork presentations in the respective Semesters.
3. Three ISAs of equal weightage shall be conducted by the teacher as per above 2, and the total of best two out of the three shall be considered as the final marks of ISA.
4. The components of the assessment, along with the weightage and rules for assessment, shall be pre-decided and submitted to the Principal in writing by the Course Coordinator, and the same shall be notified to the students at the beginning of each Semester.
5. If a student appeared for less than three ISAs, total marks of all ISAs appeared by the student shall be considered as the final marks of ISA.
6. The teacher/instructor of the Course shall be the Course Coordinator and shall coordinate the teaching, examination and continuous evaluation of ISA of the Course and maintain records of all assessments. When more than one teacher is involved in teaching a Course, one teacher, preferably a senior regular teacher from

the college, shall be appointed as the Course coordinator by the respective college Principal.

7. The result of each assessment shall be notified to the student, and the assessed material shall be shown to the candidate(s) by the concerned teacher. The final marks shall be submitted to the Principal before the commencement of SEA.
8. Students having any grievances about the assessment may make a written complaint to the College Grievance Committee (CGC) within Seven days from the date of declaring the marks. CGC shall decide the grievance within two weeks from the date of receiving the complaint.

OC-82.11. SEMESTER END ASSESSMENT (SEA)

1. There shall be a Semester-end assessment in each theory course of every Semester for a maximum of 60% of the marks (SEA).
2. No student shall be allowed to take the SEA in a course if the student concerned has not attended a minimum of 70% of the classes in the concerned course. Provided that if a student for any exceptional reason fails to attend 70% of the classes held in any course. However, the respective college Principal may allow the student to appear in SEA if the student concerned attended at least 65% of the classes held in the course concerned and attended at least 70% of classes in all the courses taken together. Further, a list of such students allowed to appear for the SEA with reasons recorded will be forwarded to the Bar Council of India. A student who fails to appear for at least one ISA in the concerned course shall not be permitted to appear for SEA.
3. SEAs shall be conducted at the conclusion of every Semester and shall cover the entire syllabus prescribed for the respective Course.
4. If a student chooses any course from an Institute other than the parent institute, the assessment shall be according to the rules of that concerned Institute.
5. The examiner, setting the question paper shall ensure that the question paper reflects teaching/learning objectives and weightage assigned to the topic/unit/module as prescribed in the Course outline.
6. Each of the theory papers shall be evaluated separately by two examiners. The best of the two shall be considered as the marks secured by the candidate. There shall be no re-evaluation of the assessment.
7. The respective college shall conduct the practical examination in each of the practical courses as per the scheme approved by the Board of Studies.
8. For the practical papers, the respective college shall complete the assessment before the last instructional day of the Semester. Marks are to be submitted to the University in the Input Form received from the University.
9. In respect of the students who appear for more than one Semester, the result of the higher Semester(s) can be declared irrespective of the performance in the lower Semester(s). However, if there is a backlog in the preceding Semester(s), the

remark 'Not Cleared Lower Examinations' (NCLE) shall be shown in the remark column of the higher Semester in which the student is successful.

10. Repeat examinations shall be conducted as per the allotted time frame for SEA in the academic calendar. In such cases, the ISA score shall be carried forward. However, if the candidate is re-registering for a Course, neither the ISA nor the attendance of the previous attempt shall be carried forward.
11. In case a Student does not appear in any ISA in a Course within the respective Semester, shall have to re-register for the Course.

OC-82.12. COLLEGE UNFAIR MEANS INQUIRY COMMITTEE (CUMIC)

- (i) The College Unfair Means Inquiry Committee shall be constituted with the following members:
 - (a) Vice-Principal /Senior Teacher as Chairperson.
 - (b) Two regular teachers, preferably not members of the College Examination Committee or the College Grievance Committee.
- (ii) The Committee shall inquire into the cases of unfair means and malpractices reported and shall recommend to the Principal of the college a course of action as prescribed in OA-5.14.
- (iii) Procedures for CUMIC

The following procedure shall be followed for inquiring into the cases of students alleged to have used unfair means at the UG Examinations.

- (a) The student shall be served with a show cause notice and made aware of the charges/allegations reported against him/her so as to enable her/him to prepare the defense at the time of her/his appearance before the CUMIC and inform her/him thereby of the proposed action to be taken in the case, directing her/him to reply to the show cause notice as to why the action proposed should not be taken against her/him.
- (b) The reply received by the Committee from the student when the student appears before the Committee shall be considered and the final recommendation in the matter shall be taken and reported to the Principal for approval.
- (c) The broad category of malpractice and the quantum of punishment shall be as per OA-5.14.19.
- (d) The punishment finally awarded shall be equal to, or less than, what is mentioned in the show cause notice, but not more than what is mentioned therein.
- (e) The CUMIC shall act as a recommendatory body.
- (f) The Principal of the college under the provisions of Statute SB-13(iv) of the University shall issue the final order.

OC-82.13. COLLEGE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE(CGC)

- (i) The College Grievance Committee shall be constituted as under: -
 - (a) Vice-Principal/Senior member of teaching staff as Chairman, provided that s/he is not the Chairman of CUMIC.
 - (b) Two regular teachers, preferably not members of CUMIC or the College Examination Committee.
- (ii) In case the grievance concerns any member of the Committee, the Principal shall reconstitute the Committee for the concerned grievance, excluding the concerned member.
- (iii) This Committee shall investigate into written complaints from the students regarding the conduct of examinations referred by the Principal of the college, and recommend a course of action to the Principal of the college as per the relevant Ordinance.
- (iv) Investigation of Grievance by the College Grievance Committee
The Committee shall consider the written complaint by a student on the conduct of examination provided that:
 - (a) The complaint is submitted within 7 days after the declaration of results.
 - (b) The complaint is accompanied with a fee of Rs.200/- (refundable if the complaint is found genuine) and the matter is referred to the Committee by the Principal.
- (v) The Committee shall invite a reply to the allegations, if any, made by the student from the concerned teacher/examiner.
- (vi) After considering the reply of the concerned teacher/examiner, the Committee shall recommend a course of action in writing to the Principal.
- (vii) The Principal may inform the students of the findings of the Committee and shall take appropriate action including reassessment of the said answer book. However, if the marks are reduced after reassessment of the said answer book, the original marks shall be retained and the student informed that there is no change in her/his result.
- (viii) A fine (as notified by the University) may be imposed on the student complainant, if the said allegation(s) is (are) found to be a deliberate attempt of casting aspersions on the teacher(s) concerned. If the allegations are found to be genuine and the same is recorded giving reasons, the action shall be taken as provided under OA-5.2.6.

OC-82.14. GRADE POINTS

1. Marks awarded in each Course shall be represented in the form of Grades. The Final result shall be declared as Grade Points.
2. Every student shall have to secure a minimum of "P" Grade to pass the Course.
3. The provisions for the award of Entitlement marks under OA-26 shall be applicable.
4. Students who do not secure a minimum of 'P' Grade in Core Courses shall have the option of answering SEA, where applicable, in the following Semester(s) or to

repeat the Course by re-registering for the Course whenever it is offered in the regular Programme.

5. In the case of Electives Courses, a student shall have the option of answering SEA, where applicable, in the following Semester(s) or to repeat the Course by re-registering for the Course whenever it is offered in the regular Programme or registering for an alternative Electives Course to secure the requisite number of Credits.
6. Each Semester, the Grades earned by the students shall be shown as Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA).
7. The Final result shall be declared a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). CGPA shall be calculated on completion of 200 Credits considering all the Courses undergone by a student over all the Semesters of a Programme.
8. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be calculated by considering the Core Law Courses, Core Non Law Courses, Elective Courses and Practical Courses.
9. SGPA and CGPA shall be calculated as per the OA-16 of Goa University.
10. A candidate who has not earned the required Credits to be awarded the Degree shall be given a Final Grade of "F" and be declared as a "Fail"
11. Conversion from Grade to Percentage: The formula to convert from Grade (CGPA) to equivalent Percentage is as per OA-16 of Goa University.
12. A candidate shall be permitted to improve upon her/his grade, subject to the following conditions:
 - i. The candidate has to pass the B.A. LL.B. and/ or B.Com. LL.B Degree examination.
 - ii. The candidate shall have only one opportunity to appear for SEA of any core papers in any Semester of her/his choice in the immediate examination.
 - iii. However, the candidate/student is not allowed to reappear for any ISA.
 - iv. In case the reappeared grade is lesser than the grade scored at the earlier examination, the earlier grade shall be final.
 - v. Revised grades shall not be considered for any awards or medals except for awarding the SGPA/CGPA.

OC-82.15. RANKS/AWARDS

For the award of ranks/awards, the CGPA obtained by the student shall be considered, subject to other general conditions as per the relevant Ordinances of the University. If an award is instituted for a particular course, marks scored in such course on the first attempt shall be considered subjected to other general conditions as per the relevant Ordinances of the University.

OC-82.16. DURATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMME:

The total duration available for students to complete the course shall be twice the actual duration prescribed for the Programme, unless otherwise specified.

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