

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.Sc.)

(5-Years Integrated Programme)



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REGULATIONS FOR M.Sc. PROGRAMME (5-Years Integrated)

The postgraduate degree in Science shall be called Master of Science (M.Sc.) in appropriate discipline. This is 5-Years Integrated M.Sc. programme in the discipline of science. The degree shall be awarded by VSSUT, Burla.

1. Introduction

1.1. The provisions contained in these regulations govern the conditions for imparting courses of instruction, conducting examinations and evaluation of student's performance leading to the Degree of Master of Science (M. Sc.- the 5 year integrated course). These regulations are effective for the batches of students admitted in the Academic Session 2018 –19 and onwards.

1.2. Disciplines:

The disciplines in which the courses of study are available and degrees will be offered are:

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| (a) Chemistry | (CH) |
| (b) Mathematics | (MATH) |
| (c) Physics | (PH) |

New disciplines may be added in future with approval of the Academic Council and Board of Management of VSSUT, Burla. The medium of instruction for the Integrated M.Sc. programme is English.

1.3. The provisions of these regulations shall also be applicable to any new discipline(s) that is (are) introduced from time to time and added to the list in Section 1.2.

1.4. Duration: The five year integrated M.Sc programme shall be of 5 years (10 semesters) duration. At the end of the programme a student shall be awarded two degrees - B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc., with two grade sheets and two degree certificates, one for the 3 year B.Sc. (Hons) and one for M.Sc. Programme. The B.Sc. grade sheet shall have mentions that the B.Sc. programme is a portion of the integrated M.Sc. Programme for which a complete grade sheet will be issued separately. There is no exit after three years of course.

2. Admission Requirement

2.1 Eligibility: To be eligible for admission to the 5 year Integrated M.Sc. course, a student must have passed +2 science or equivalent with concerned subject.

2.2 Admission to all courses of 5 year integrated M.Sc. Programme will be made in the Odd Semester of each session at the First Year level through an open selection process through entrance test. The evaluation of candidates for the purpose of admission will be based on VSSUT Test/similar National level test.

Advertisement for 5-Year Integrated M.Sc. course shall be done separately during the month of May/June every year.

2.3 At the time of admission, the student is required to Provide the following documents:

- (a) A certificate for proof of age (Birth certificate or Board certificate).
- (b) Pass certificates and grade cards (or mark sheets) of all the examination passed.
- (c) College/school leaving certificate and conduct certificate.
- (d) University Migration certificate (If applicable)
- (e) 2 recent passport size colour photographs

3. Academic Calendar

The academic session is divided into two semesters: An Autumn/Odd semester (July – December) and Spring/Even semester (January – June). The autumn semester shall ordinarily begin in July for students already on role and spring semester shall ordinarily begin in January. However, the first (autumn) semester for newly admitted students may start little later depending on the completion of admission formalities. The number of teaching days in each semester shall be ordinarily minimum of 80 working days.

The university shall draw out a calendar of academic and associated activities (Academic and activity calendar) before each semester, which is approved by the academic council. The academic and activity calendar is non-negotiable.

4. Course Structure

- 4.1 The duration of the integrated M.Sc. course is 5 years, the maximum duration allowed being ten years.
- 4.2 All subjects will have Lecture – Tutorial – Laboratory / Design components (L–T–P) to indicate the contact hours. Theory courses will have 3-0-0 (3 credits) structure. Design or laboratory courses will be offered as distinct (0 – 0 – P) courses without being mixed with lecture components.
- 4.3 In each of the first two semesters of the 5 year integrated programme, there shall be two credits for Extra Academic Activity (EAA) / Physical Education consisting of at least 3 hours activity per week. The EAA may be N.S.S., N.C.C., Sports or any other physical activity. The detail of EAA is as per the B.Tech regulation.
- 4.4 The curricula to be followed in the first two semesters by the students of the integrated programme of all disciplines shall be almost common.

5. Change of Discipline

Students pursuing 5-year integrated M.Sc programme, may be allowed a change of discipline in the University after completion of course requirements for the first (autumn) and second (spring) semesters of the first year programme, subject to availability of seats in the discipline (Physics/ Chemistry/ Mathematics). The selection shall be on the basis of merit, assessed through the combined results of the first and second semester examinations declared in the form of Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at the end of the first year. The minimum CGPA requirement for discipline change is 8.0. In case of tie, it will be resolved by comparing the mark secured in the subject of interest.

The change of discipline shall be accorded to only such students who have cleared all examination items of both the semesters in the first attempt, in examinations held during academic session of his / her first admission to the course. Change of discipline may be

accorded subject to the condition that the consequent total student strength in the 'gainer' programme shall not exceed by 10% of the approved seats and the net student strength in the loser programme shall not deplete by more than 10% of the sanctioned student strength.

To award benefit of discipline change the University will constitute a committee (Discipline Change Committee) with the Dean, PGS&R as its Chairman, Dean, Academic Affairs, Dean Students Welfare, HODs of the concerned disciplines of 5 year integrated programmes and Controller of Examinations as its members. The committee shall invite applications from the students through notification. The committee will prepare a merit list based on CGPA and allot change of discipline in order of their preferences. The students whose discipline will be changed are advised to apply in a prescribed format notified by Academic Section and must submit a no objection certificate from their parents/ guardian within the due date along with attested copy of the Grade Sheet of 1st and 2nd semester.

All changes of discipline will be final and binding on the applicants. No student will be permitted, under any circumstances, to refuse the change of discipline offered after notification.

6. Subject-wise Registration:

6.1 Eligibility to appear at Examinations and Attendance requirement.

All students of the University have to register personally after payment of prescribed fees for each semester of the subjects they are required to study before commencement of a semester in a prescribed format within the stipulated date, except in the first semester, where a student is automatically registered for all subjects of the semester. A student has to register for the subjects on the date specified by the University. However, in case of failure he/she has to pay Rs.500/- as fine if registered within 15 days, otherwise, beyond 15 days his/her name will be struck off from the roll sheet. Thereafter, he/she has to apply for readmission in the prescribed format available in the academic session within one month and to take re-admission by paying Rs 1000/- as re-admission fee and RS 500/- as fine, failing which he/she shall not be eligible to continue his studies and appear the examination of the semester

6.2 A student who has been promoted with backlog (XP) has to register first for the backlog (failed) subjects being offered in the semester by paying necessary dues. Preference being given to lower semester; in addition to the subjects of the present semester.

6.3 A student shall be eligible to appear in an examination in a subject provided he / she registers, pursues a course of study in respective department and attends at least 75% of classes in respective theory, practical and sessional subjects etc. scheduled during the semester. The attendance shall be considered from the date of admission of the student in the University. The schedule of classes shall be notified through a Time Table before the beginning of the classes in the Semester.

Attendance record shall be compiled twice in a semester (i) before the Mid-semester examination and (ii) before the End-semester Examination. The students with poor attendance shall be informed through notification. The concerned guardians should also enquire about the attendance to Dean, Academic Affairs,

concerned HOD and concerned subject teacher.

- 6.4 A student who has remained absent in classes for short periods due to death in the family, long period of hospitalization or participation in cultural, sports, other academic/ official assignments in the interest of the University / Government with prior written permission of the Dean, Academic Affairs, after due recommendation from Head of the Department shall be permitted a maximum of additional exemption of 10% in attendance and would be eligible for appearing in examination with a minimum of 65% of attendance in a semester. No student shall be allowed to appear at End semester Examination with attendance below 65% in the registered subjects.
- 6.5 A student who has remained absent in classes on medical ground may on recommendation by the Committee with Dean, Academic Affairs as the Chairman, concerned HOD, Dean, Students' Welfare, Controller of Examinations and Medical Officer of the University as members, be allowed to appear at the end semester examination provided he / she has attended at least 65% of classes.
- 6.6 A student shall be provisionally admitted to any examination in a subject only if he / she has registered for that subject, paid necessary registration and examination fees in the beginning of the semester and possesses a good conduct and has cleared the Hostel/ University dues up to date and satisfies the conditions 6.3 to 6.5 above.
- 6.7 A candidate shall be provisionally allowed in an examination only after he/she is issued with an Examination/Admit Card for the relevant examination by the University.
- 6.8 A student who is promoted to the next higher class / year with backlogs shall have to register for the backlog subjects and appear at an examination provided he/she fulfills conditions 6.3 to 6.7 above. Students with shortage of attendance in the registered subjects shall not be eligible to appear at End semester examination. He/she is allowed to appear Supplementary Examination with one Grade less except students mentioned in 6.5.

7. Examination

7.1 Each discipline consists of the following items:

1. Theory
2. Practical
3. Sessional
4. Project
5. Seminar
6. Comprehensive Viva Voce

The schedule for these items along with their credit points for each Semester shall be as per rules approved by Academic Council from time to time. The evaluated answer scripts (Theory Papers) of all semester examinations will be shown to the students in a class by the subject teacher within stipulated time and for item nos.2 to 6, marks awarded in each item will be shown to the students before sending the marks to the Controller of Examinations.

7.2 At the end of each Semester, there shall be an examination herein after called End Semester Examination as per the programme announced at the beginning of each academic semester / year. As a part of continuous evaluation process, Internal Assessment of the students shall be done (i) on the basis of Mid-Semester Examination (to be conducted ordinarily after 40-45 working days from the start of the semester as per the programme announced at the beginning of each academic year) and (ii) based on Attendance / Assignment.

7.3. Repeat Mid-Semester Examination:

A student remaining absent in mid-semester examination shall forfeits the marks allotted for the examination. However, a student may be allowed to appear repeat mid-semester examination to be conducted as per the academic calendar under the following cases.

- a) Death in family (to be supported by necessary documents)
- b) Illness leading to hospitalization (to be supported by the discharge certificate from the hospital).
- c) Participation in cultural/ Sports/ other officials/ academic assignment in the interest of university/ Government (to be supported by relevant documents and duly permitted by dean students` welfare).
- d) Appearing the interview/ written test for a job/ higher study (to be supported by suitable evidences and certified by professor-in-charge, Training and placement).

If such cases occur during the mid-semester examinations then the permission of the Dean, PGS&R needs to be obtained by the concerned students before remaining absent in the mid-semester Examination.

Under such circumstances the concerned student has to apply to the Dean, PGS&R through the concerned authorized officials with necessary documents before remaining absent in the mid-semester Examination. The application seeking permission for repeat mid-semester examination needs to be recommended by the following officials as specified below for different cases (a to d cases).

Sl No.	Cases	Authorized Recommending Officials
1	i) Case (a) and (b)	Warden (for boarders); DSW (for day scholars)
2	ii) Case (c)	DSW (for all students)
3	iii) Case (d)	Prof. Training and placement (For all students)

The applications without recommendation of the concerned authorized officials or received in the academic section after the mid-semester examination shall be rejected outright. All such applications, recommended by the concerned authorized officials shall be placed before a committee consisting of Dean, Academic affairs as chairman, and Dean students` welfare, Dean PGS&R, Controller of Examinations, Professor in charge examination, Professor Training and placement, medical officer of the university and all the Heads of the Departments as members. The committee may consider and recommended the deserving cases to the Vice-Chancellor for approval and the academic section shall

notify accordingly. The permitted student has to pay Rs. 300/- per subject for appearing the repeat mid-semester examination.

7.4 Back paper examinations, if any, shall be held along with the normal End Semester Examination.

7.5 Students promoted with backlogs shall clear their arrear subjects along with students of lower semester(s) in subsequent year or in the same year if a subject is offered in both terms. However, they shall not reappear in mid-semester Examination. Their internal assessment marks for the backlog subjects will be carried forward.

7.6 **Supplementary Examination:**

There shall be a Supplementary Examination for theory papers every year in June / July. Students who have failed in the theory subjects registered by them in odd and even semesters of the year, may avail this opportunity to clear these backlog subjects. The exact schedule for supplementary examination will be notified by the Controller of Examinations (COE). Students are allowed to appear the supplementary examination only after register in the backlog subjects by paying necessary dues during the notified period.

8. Results and Promotions:

(a) In order to pass a programme / course a candidate must secure at least Pass Grade in each of the Theory, Practical, Project, Seminar, Sessional and Viva Voce items and maintain a minimum level of overall performance as specified in the rules formulated by the Academic Council. The result shall be passed by the concerned Conducting Board and approved by the Examination Committee before its declaration.

(i) Pass in a Subject Item (Theory): A candidate shall pass (clear) a subject if in a Theory Paper he / she has secured minimum of 25 Percentage Points in End Semester examination and **35 percentage points in aggregate**.

(ii) Pass in a Subject Item (Practical / Sessional / Project / Seminar / Viva- Voce): In a Practical / Sessional / Seminar / Project/ Viva-Voce Paper a candidate shall pass (clear) a subject if he / she has secured minimum of 50 Percentage Points.

(iii) **If a candidate fails in a subject item (Practical / Sessional / Seminar / Project/ viva-voce) in a semester he/she has to take readmission in that semester in the next academic year.**

All such failure cases shall be reported to the HOD of the concerned subject by the concerned teacher (examiner) before submission of marks to the Controller of Examinations. The same is to be discussed in the departmental meeting of faculty members and the decision taken thereon with revised marks (if any) shall be forwarded to the concerned Conducting Board for consideration.

(b) Unless otherwise stated in the rules governing promotion, the promotional status

between two consecutive semesters and / or two consecutive levels / years shall be indicated on the semester Grade Sheet as per details given below:

(i) Passed and Promoted (denoted by P) indicating that

- The candidate has cleared every registered course item of both odd and even semester of the academic year.
- He / She has no backlog from lower levels.
- He / She has secured CGPA of 5.5 or 6 in cleared subjects.

(ii) Eligible for Promotion with backlogs (denoted by XP) indicating that The candidate is eligible for promotion with backlog (XP) in the following situation: For promotion to second year, he/she should have cleared registered course items at first year level with no more than 4 (four) backlogs with CGPA of not less than 5.5 in the cleared subjects and has cleared all Practical/ Sessional items. He/she has to register for all first year backlog theory course items in second year.

Table No. 1(A)
Admission to a semester other than first semester for 5 year integrated M.Sc Programme

1	2	3	4	5
For Admission into	Should have passed Sessional/ Practical/ Project/ Seminar/ Viva-Voce items of	Should not have failed in more than four theory papers of	Should have cleared all course items of all cleared of	Should have a minimum CGPA 5.5 in subjects of
2 nd Semester	1 st Semester	-	-	-
3 rd Semester	2 nd Semester	1 st & 2 nd Semesters taken together		1 st & 2 nd Semesters
4 th Semester	3 rd Semester			
5 th Semester	4 th Semester	1 st to 4 th Semesters taken together	-	3 rd & 4 th Semesters
6 th Semester	5 th Semester	-	-	-
7 th Semester	6 th Semester	1 st to 6 th Semesters taken together	-	5 th & 6 th Semesters
8 th Semester	7 th Semester	-	-	-
9 th Semester	8 th Semester	1 st to 8 th Semesters taken together	-	7 th & 8 th Semesters
10 th Semester	9 th Semester	-	-	-
For issue of Final Grade sheet	All Semesters	No backlogs in any semesters	All Semesters	6.0 or more

9. Grading System

9.1 A letter grading system shall be followed in the University. The uniform Grading System to be followed for all Academic Programme (except for Ph.D.) shall be as described below: A Seven Point grading system on base of 10 shall be followed. Categorization of these grades and their correlation shall be as under:

9.2 A student's level of competence shall be categorized by a GRADE POINT AVERAGE to be specified as:

SGPA - Semester Grade Point Average.

CGPA- Cumulative Grade Point Average.

9.3 Definition of Terms:

- a) POINT: Integer showing each letter grade.
- b) CREDIT: Integer signifying the relative emphasis of individual course item(s) in a semester as indicated by the Course structure and syllabus.
- c) CREDIT POINT: (b) x (a) for each course item.
- d) CREDIT INDEX: Σ CREDIT POINT of course items in a semester.

e) GRADE POINT AVERAGE = $\frac{\text{CREDIT INDEX}}{\Sigma \text{ CREDIT}}$

f) SEMESTER GRADE POINT AVERAGE (SGPA)

$$\text{SGPA} = \frac{\text{CREDIT INDEX for a semester}}{\Sigma \text{ CREDIT}}$$

g) CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (CGPA)

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\Sigma \text{ CREDIT INDEX of all previous semester}}{\Sigma \text{ CREDITS of all previous semesters upto a semester}}$$

9.4 The Grade secured in NCC / NSS / YOGA will be mentioned in the 8th Semester Grade Sheet along with the CGPA.

9.5 Conversion Formula to percentage:

The conversion from CGPA to percentage marks will be as per AICTE norm and shall be shown/ recorded in the grade sheet. Percentage of Marks = (CGPA - 0.5) x 10%

Qualification	Grade	Score on 100 Percentage Points	Points
Outstanding	'O'	90% & above up to 100%	10
Excellent	'A ⁺ '	80% & above but less than 90%	9

Very Good	'A'	70% & above but less than 80%	8
Good	'B+'	60% & above but less than 70%	7
Above Average	'B'	50% & above but less than 60%	6
Average	'C'	40% & above but less than 50%	5
Pass	'P'	35% & above but less than 40%	4
Failed	'F'	Below 35%	0

N.B: Grade 'P' shall be the Pass Grade in Theory Papers and Grade 'B' shall be the Pass Grade in Practical/Sessional/Project/Seminar/Viva-Voce.

9.6 A student having CGPA 6.5 or above up to 6th semester will get Honours degree.

10. Degree Requirements:

10.1 A candidate will be eligible for award of M.Sc degree if he satisfies the following:

- a) Obtains at least satisfactory grade C in NCC / NSS / YOGA/ Music/Games/ Sports/ Drama/ Debate/ Quiz.
- b) Has not been convicted for any cognizable offence.
- c) Has secured CGPA 6.0 or more.
- d) Has cleared the credit requirements with pass grade or more in each subject.
- e) Has at least a satisfactory conduct.
- f) Has cleared all the theory, practical Sessional seminar, project, Viva-voce items etc. of all semesters.

10.2 There shall be no class / division awarded to a student either at semester or degree level.

10.3 A student's level of competence shall be categorized by the GRADE POINT AVERAGE. It shall be the basis of judging his / her overall competence in the course.

10.4 Credit requirements for the Degree shall be 188.

10.5 NCC / NSS / YOGA shall be compulsory for all FIRST and SECOND semester students. The performance of a student shall be assessed in NCC / NSS / YOGA.. In NCC / NSS / YOGA a student will qualify only when he / she attends at least 75% of the classes and obtains at least a grade C.

10.6 Names of all candidates who have passed in all the eight semester examinations and have qualified in the NSS / NCC / YOGA and have fulfilled the degree

requirements as in Regulation above shall be recommended to the University for awarding the degree.

11. Evaluation:

The University shall have continuous evaluation system for each theory, practical, Sessional, Seminar, Viva-Voce and project papers.

11.1 Theory papers:

(a) A theory paper will have 100 percentage points. The weightage for the Mid-Semester and the End Semester examinations will be as follows:

Mid-semester examination (of 1.5 hours duration)	= 30 Percentage Points
Quiz and/ Or Assignments	= 20 Percentage points
End-semester examination (of 2.5 hours duration)	= 50 Percentage Points
Total	= 100 Percentage points

(b) The syllabus for each theory paper will have 5 modules. The Mid-Semester Examination will be conducted ordinarily after 40-45 days of completion of class. The End Semester examination is comprehensive and will cover all modules. The academic calendar will specify the schedule for Mid-Semester and the End Semester examination.

11.2 Laboratory Courses

Day to Day work	=	70 Marks
End semester Examination (of 2 Hours duration)	=	30 Marks
Total	=	100 Marks

For laboratory subjects there shall be a continuous evaluation during a semester for day-to-day work in the laboratory including record writing 70 marks and 30 marks for end semester examination marks. The end semester examination shall be conducted with an external examiner (Teacher other than the concerned laboratory Teacher) and the laboratory teacher. Student has to secure minimum of 35 marks from day to day work and 15 marks in end semester examination for securing pass mark that is B grade. Each student has to do independently one experiment during the end semester examination. The teacher in charge of the subject has to formulate the modalities of assigning the experiment to the students in the end semester examination.

11.3 Comprehensive Viva-Voce

There shall be a Comprehensive Viva-Voce at the end of 4th semester. The Comprehensive Viva-Voce will be conducted by a Committee consisting of Head of the Department and three Senior Faculty members of the Department covering different specializations and two External Examiners from academic institutes. The Comprehensive Viva-Voce is intended to assess the student's understanding of the subjects he studied during the MSc. course of study. The Comprehensive Viva-Voce is evaluated for 100 marks by the Committee. There are no internal marks for the Comprehensive Viva-Voce.

11.4 Seminar

There shall be a seminar in M.Sc. courses. For seminar the student shall collect the information on a specialized topic and prepare a technical report, showing his understanding on the topic, and submit it to the department. Further, student has to give a presentation on the seminar report before departmental committee. The marks for seminar are awarded as follows:

1) Day to work	-	20 Marks
2) Report preparation	-	20 Marks
3) Seminar Presentation	-	40 Marks
4) Viva-Voce on the Seminar topic	-	20 Marks

Total - 100 Marks

11.5 Dissertation

There shall be an M.Sc. dissertation in the 4th semester. The student shall investigate or work on a topic in any subject related to the course. During the dissertation work student shall do experimental or review work or any other type of project approved by the Departmental committee consisting of three senior faculty members of different specialization and HoD. The committee should adopt a rational approach in assigning project supervisor to a student in 3rd semester with respect to the research interest of the students in different specializations. When a student chooses to do project work in an industries/reputed institutions/university then the internal faculty member should be the one of the supervisors for completion of the dissertation. Attendance of such students doing project shall be furnished by the internal supervisor based on his interaction with the student. At the end of the 4th Semester the student shall submit a project report and give a power point presentation before the Departmental committee with external Examiner(s) outside the University in the relevant fields.

The award of Marks for the dissertation

1) Day to day work (awarded by the Supervisor)	-	50 Marks
2) Dissertation (Awarded by the Committee)	-	10 Marks
3) Presentation of dissertation Seminar (Awarded by the Committee)	-	20 Marks
4) Viva Voce (Awarded by the Committee)	-	20 Marks

Total= 100 Marks

11.7 Grade sheet:

At the end of each even semester, grade sheet shall be made available to each student free of cost. However, if a student requires a duplicate grade sheet he / she should apply to the Controller of Examinations along with a money receipt of required fee. The grade sheet of a student may be withheld if he/she has not paid his dues or if there is a case of indiscipline pending against him for any other reason.

12. Transit Regulation in case of change in regulations or Course of Studies:

12.1 When a student seeks admission/ readmission to a semester other than 1st semester at a later academic year due to various reasons he/she has to prosecute study according to the new courses of study from that semester onwards. But he/she shall be governed by regulation prevalent at the time of his/her admission to first semester and shall have to appear back papers of the previous semesters according to the old course of studies.

12.2 The degrees shall be awarded to such students by the University after the recommendations of the Academic Council of Veer Surendra Sai University of

Technology, Orissa, Burla as per the provision made in the regulations.

13. Residence:

- 13.1 Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Odisha, Burla is ordinarily a residential University However, upon non-availability of seat in hostels students can also make their own arrangement for boarding & lodging outside under intimation to the institution.
- 13.2 The boarders shall abide by the Hostel rules framed from time to time and follow the code of conduct mentioned in Regulation-14 and shall clear all dues up to date.
- 13.3 The University will provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities as per availability in order to promote academic success.

14. Conduct and Discipline:

- 14.1 Students shall conduct themselves within and outside the premises of the University in a manner befitting the students of a premier University.
- 14.2 Students shall show due respect to the teachers of the University / Wardens / Asst. Wardens of Hostels, the Physical Training Officer, and Instructors of the NCC/Professor in-charge of Yoga/NSS. Proper courtesy and consideration should be extended to the employees of the University and of the hostels. They shall also pay due attention and courtesy to the visitors.
- 14.3 Students are required to develop a friendly, camaraderie with fellow students. In particular, they are expected to show kindness and consideration to the new students admitted to the University every year. **Ragging in any form inside and outside in campus is banned by law.** Acts of ragging will be considered as gross indiscipline and will be severely dealt with.
- 14.4 The following acts of omission and/or commission shall constitute gross violation of the code of conduct and are liable to involve disciplinary measures:
- Ragging
 - Lack of courtesy and decorum, indecent behavior anywhere within or outside the campus.
 - Willful damage or stealthy removal of any property/ belongings of the University /Hostels or fellow students.
 - Possession, consumption or distribution of alcoholic drinks or any kind of hallucinogenic drugs.
 - Adoption of unfair means in the examinations.
 - Mutilation or unauthorized possession of Library books.
 - Noisy and unseemly behavior, disturbing studies of fellow students. Commensurate with the gravity of offence, the punishment may be reprimand, fine/ expulsion from the hostel, debarment from examination, rustication for a specified period or even outright expulsion from the University. The Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee may take any disciplinary action as deemed necessary.

15. Readmission to a Semester:

The following categories of students may seek readmission to a semester:

- Those who have discontinued study in a semester of previous academic year on valid grounds and have obtained prior permission from the Vice-Chancellor.
- Those who have been rusticated for some definite period in a semester of previous academic year provided the period of punishment is over by the time of admission. The concerned student has to submit a conduct certificate from Gazetted Officer at the time of re-admission.

- Those who have been detained due to shortage of attendance in a semester of previous academic year.
 - Those who have failed in practical/Sessional /project/viva examination in a semester of previous academic year.
 - Those who have failed to satisfy the requirements under regulation for promotion to the next year / semester.
- 16.** Anomaly (if any): All differences and disputes arising in the interpretation and implementation of these regulations as above in this prospectus will be referred to the Vice-Chancellor and his decision shall be final and binding.
- 18.** Jurisdiction for all disputes, if any relating to VSSUT is Sambalpur, Odisha, only.
- 19. Withdrawal of degree**
Under extremely exceptional circumstances where gross violation of the post-graduation requirements is detected at a later stage, the academic council may recommend for withdrawal of the degree already awarded.
- 20. General**
- Wherever the words he/him/his occurs in the regulations, they include she/her/hers.
 - The academic regulation should be read as a whole for the purpose of any interpretation.
 - The University may change or amend the academic regulations of syllabi at any time and the changes or amendments made shall be applicable to all the students with effect from the dates notified by the University.