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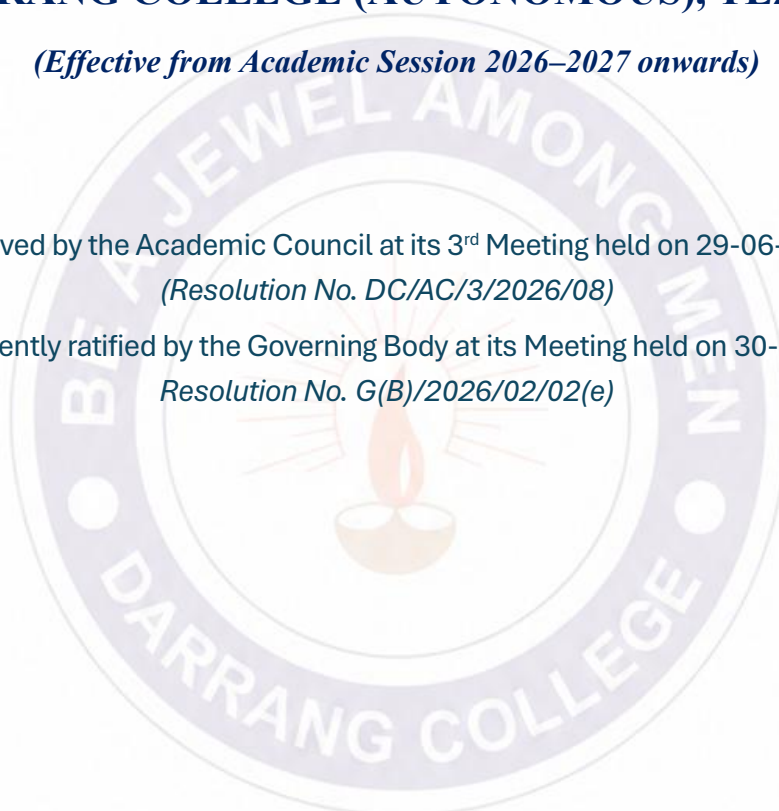
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Overview

These Regulations governing postgraduate programmes of **Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur** have been framed in conformity with the provisions of the:

- **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020;**
- **UGC Regulations for Autonomous Colleges;**
- **UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes (2024);**
- **National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF);**
- **National Credit Framework (NCrF); and**
- **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) framework.**

The Regulations establish a **comprehensive, flexible, student-centric, multidisciplinary, research-oriented, and academically rigorous postgraduate system** aligned with national educational priorities, institutional autonomy, and emerging requirements of higher education.

The provisions contained herein are intended to govern admission, curriculum, credit framework, research, assessment, academic progression, multiple entry–exit, student support, academic integrity, and award of postgraduate qualifications under the academic autonomy of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur.

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APPROVAL AND NOTIFICATION

These Regulations Governing the Postgraduate Programmes under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur, **approved by the Academic Council at its 3rd Meeting held on 29th June 2026 (Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/08) and subsequently ratified by the Governing Body at its Meeting held on 30th June 2026 vide Resolution No. G(B)/2026/02/02(e), shall come into force with effect from the Academic Session 2026–2027.**

These Regulations shall supersede all previous rules, regulations, notifications, ordinances, and guidelines governing postgraduate programmes of the College to the extent they are inconsistent with the provisions contained herein.

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PREAMBLE

In pursuance of the provisions of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, the **Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 2024**, the **National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF)**, the **National Credit Framework (NCrF)**, the **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)**, and the academic autonomy conferred upon Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur by the University Grants Commission, these Regulations are hereby framed to govern postgraduate education in the College.

The postgraduate programmes of Darrang College (Autonomous) shall be flexible, multidisciplinary, student-centric, research-oriented, skill-based, and aligned with national academic standards with due emphasis on academic excellence, employability, research competence, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), innovation, entrepreneurship, multidisciplinary learning, and progression to higher education and doctoral studies.

The provisions contained herein shall regulate admission, curriculum, credit framework, coursework, research, evaluation, promotion, academic progression, multiple entry and exit, lateral entry, award of degree, academic discipline, and all matters related to postgraduate programmes of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur.

1. SHORT TITLE, EXTENT, COMMENCEMENT AND TRANSITION

1.1 Short Title

These Regulations shall be called:

“Regulations Governing Postgraduate Programmes under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur.”

1.2 Extent

These Regulations shall apply to all postgraduate programmes offered by Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur.

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1.3 Commencement

These Regulations shall come into force from the **Academic Session 2026–2027 onwards**, unless otherwise amended by the competent authority.

1.4 Applicability

These Regulations shall apply to all students admitted to postgraduate programmes under the academic autonomy of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur.

1.5 Transition Provision

Students admitted to postgraduate programmes prior to implementation of these Regulations shall continue to be governed by the regulations under which they were admitted unless otherwise notified by the College.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The postgraduate programmes of Darrang College (Autonomous) shall aim to:

- a. impart advanced disciplinary knowledge and specialized competence;
- b. strengthen analytical ability, scientific temper, research aptitude, innovation, and critical thinking;
- c. develop employability, entrepreneurship, leadership, communication skills, professional competence, and problem-solving ability;
- d. facilitate multidisciplinary learning, academic flexibility, blended learning, and credit mobility in accordance with NEP 2020;
- e. prepare students for doctoral studies, academic careers, public service, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning;
- f. integrate research, fieldwork, laboratory training, internships, experiential learning, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), and 21st century skills into postgraduate education.

3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Term	Meaning
Academic Council	Academic Council of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur
ABC	Academic Bank of Credits
Board of Studies (BoS)	Academic body for curriculum and syllabus
Credit	Unit assigned to a course under NCrF
DSC	Discipline Specific Core Course
DSE	Discipline Specific Elective

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FSC	Foundational Skill Course
Coursework	Structured teaching-learning component
Dissertation	Research-based project/thesis
Lateral Entry	Direct admission into Semester III for Four-Year UG Hons./Hons. with Research students
Regular Entry	Admission into Semester I after Three-Year UG
Research Supervisor	Approved faculty guide for dissertation
Semester	Academic term of approximately six months

4. NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

4.1 Programme Model

The College shall offer:

Two-Year Postgraduate Programme with Lateral Entry (Coursework + Research Pathway)

4.2 Medium of Instruction

Unless otherwise approved by the competent authority, the medium of instruction and examination shall ordinarily be **English**, except in discipline-specific programmes where another language may be permitted.

4.3 Programme Route Structure

Route	Entry Semester	Eligibility	Duration	Credits	Award
Regular Entry	Semester I	3-Year Bachelor's Degree	2 Years	80	Master's Degree
Lateral Entry	Semester III	4-Year UG Honours/Honours with Research	1 Year	40	Master's Degree

Students admitted through lateral entry shall ordinarily complete Semester III and Semester IV for award of the Master's Degree.

4.4 Academic Pathways

The postgraduate programme shall follow:

Coursework + Research Pathway

where:

- Semester I and II emphasize advanced coursework, interdisciplinary learning, skill development, and foundational research competence;
- Semester III emphasizes advanced specialization and research orientation;

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- Semester IV emphasizes dissertation/research project, internship, fieldwork, or experiential learning.

5. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

Table: Eligibility Matrix

Category	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Credits	Entry Point
Regular Entry	Three-Year Bachelor's Degree	120	Semester I
Lateral Entry	Four-Year UG Honours/Honours with Research	160	Semester III

5.1 Regular Entry

Candidates possessing a **Three-Year Bachelor's Degree** with minimum **120 credits** shall be eligible for admission into Semester I.

5.2 Lateral Entry

Candidates possessing a **Four-Year Bachelor's Degree with Honours/Honours with Research** and minimum **160 credits** shall be eligible for **direct admission into Semester III**.

5.3 Interdisciplinary Admission

Candidates from allied disciplines may be considered for admission subject to departmental suitability and prescribed bridge/orientation requirements.

5.4 Reservation Policy

Admission shall follow the reservation policy of the Government of Assam, UGC norms, and institutional policies adopted from time to time.

6. ADMISSION PROCEDURE (STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE – SOP)

(Final High-Quality Version — Revised and Strengthened)

6.1 Admission Authority

Admission to postgraduate programmes shall be conducted by **Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur** under the academic autonomy conferred by the University Grants Commission and in accordance with:

- the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**;
- the **UGC Regulations for Autonomous Colleges**;
- the **UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes (2024)**;

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- the **National Credit Framework (NCrF)**;
- the **National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF)**;
- the **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)**;
- Government of Assam notifications; and
- institutional rules and regulations adopted by the College from time to time.

6.1A Postgraduate Admission Committee

Admission to postgraduate programmes shall ordinarily be supervised and coordinated by a duly constituted:

Postgraduate Admission Committee / Central Admission Committee

constituted by the principal for the concerned academic session.

The Committee may ordinarily consist of:

- Principal / Chairperson;
- Coordinator / Convenor of Admissions;
- Heads of Postgraduate Departments;
- IQAC Representative;
- Admission Nodal Officer;
- Technical/Portal Support Personnel (SAMARTH), wherever necessary.

The Committee shall oversee admission notification, merit preparation, verification, counselling, grievance handling, and admission-related procedural matters.

6.2 Mode of Admission

Admission to postgraduate programmes shall ordinarily be conducted through the:

Assam State Higher Education Admission Portal (SAMARTH)

or any other admission portal/system approved by the Government of Assam or the College from time to time.

Candidates seeking admission into postgraduate programmes shall submit applications online within the timeline notified by the College.

6.3 Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Requirement

All applicants seeking admission into postgraduate programmes shall ordinarily register under the:

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Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

and obtain a valid **ABC ID**, wherever applicable, in accordance with institutional and Government of India norms.

The ABC mechanism shall facilitate:

- academic flexibility,
- credit accumulation,
- credit transfer,
- credit redemption, and
- multiple entry–exit provisions under NEP 2020.

6.4 Admission Workflow

Table 6.1: PG Admission Process

Step	Activity	Mode
Step 1	Publication of Admission Notification	College Website / Notice
Step 2	Registration in ABC (where applicable)	Online
Step 3	Online Application through SAMARTH Portal	Online
Step 4	Uploading of Documents	Online
Step 5	Selection through Merit of FYUGP Marks up to Sixth Semester OR PGET (as notified by the College from time to time)	As notified by College
Step 6	Preparation of Merit List	Department / College
Step 7	Publication of Merit List	College Website
Step 8	Document Verification	Offline
Step 9	Payment of Admission Fees	Online / Offline
Step 10	Final Admission and Registration	College

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6.5 Admission Criteria

Admission to postgraduate programmes shall ordinarily be based on either of the following modes, as notified by the College from time to time:

(a) Admission is primarily through Merit of FYUGP Performance

Admission may be granted on the basis of the **Overall CGPA/aggregate marks obtained in the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) up to the Sixth Semester Examination** or equivalent qualifying examination, subject to fulfilment of the eligibility requirements prescribed under these Regulations.

Merit lists shall ordinarily be prepared on the basis of the **Overall CGPA** or such discipline-specific criteria as may be approved by the College from time to time

OR

(b) Future provisions (to be notified): Admission through Post Graduate Entrance Test (PGET)

Admission may be based on performance in the:

Post Graduate Entrance Test (PGET)

conducted by Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur in accordance with institutional norms and departmental requirements.

The College may prescribe programme-specific entrance criteria, syllabus, qualifying marks, or merit preparation procedures, wherever necessary.

(c) Admission for Lateral Entry Candidates

Candidates seeking **direct admission into Semester III** under the lateral entry pathway shall ordinarily be selected on the basis of:

- performance in the **Four-Year Undergraduate Honours/Honours with Research Programme**;
- fulfillment of minimum prescribed credit requirements; and
- departmental suitability, wherever applicable.

6.5A Provisional Admission

Candidates awaiting:

- final consolidated marksheets,
- provisional certificates,
- migration certificates, or

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- any mandatory supporting document

may be granted:

Provisional Admission

subject to submission of required documents within the timeline prescribed by the College.

Failure to submit required documents within the stipulated period may result in cancellation of admission.

6.6 Institutional Flexibility in Admission Mode

The College may determine, from time to time, whether admission to any postgraduate programme shall be based on:

- **Post Graduate Entrance Test (PGET);**
- **Merit of FYUGP marks up to the Sixth Semester; or**
- **a combination of both,**

subject to approval of the competent academic authority and institutional admission policy.

The mode of admission applicable for a particular academic session shall be clearly notified through the Prospectus, admission notification, or College website.

6.7 Preparation of Merit List

Merit lists shall ordinarily be prepared:

(a) For PGET-Based Admission

on the basis of performance in the: **Post Graduate Entrance Test (PGET)**

(b) For Merit-Based Admission

on the basis of: **marks/CGPA secured in the FYUGP examination up to Sixth Semester**
or equivalent recognized examination.

(c) Tie-Breaking Principle

In case two or more candidates secure the same Overall CGPA/aggregate marks, inter se merit shall ordinarily be determined in the following order:

- 1. Higher marks/CGPA in the Major/Core discipline;**
- 2. Higher aggregate marks/CGPA in the qualifying examination and**
- 3. Any other criterion approved by the College.**

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6.8 Reservation of Seats

Reservation of seats will be as per Govt Guidelines and College Admission Policy. However, 80% of the seats are reserved for students from GU affiliated colleges and 20% seats for other universities.

Reservation of seats for admission (FROM THE TOTAL OF THE 80% SEATS) into postgraduate programmes shall be governed by:

- Government of Assam rules;
- UGC norms; and
- institutional policies adopted by the College from time to time.

Reservation for **SC, ST(P), ST(H), OBC/MOBC, EWS, PwD, and other eligible categories**, wherever applicable, shall be followed as per prevailing Government guidelines.

6.9 Verification of Documents

Candidates selected for admission shall be required to produce original documents for verification at the time of admission.

Table 6.2: Documents Required for Admission

Sl. No.	Documents Required
1	Printed copy of the SAMARTH Application Form
2	ABC ID / Printed copy of ABC Registration Form (where applicable)
3	Original Marksheets and Certificates of the Qualifying Examination
4	Aadhaar Card or any valid Government Identity Proof
5	Passport-size Photographs
6	Caste Certificate (SC/ST/OBC/MOBC/EWS), wherever applicable
7	Valid Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) Certificate for OBC/MOBC candidates, wherever applicable
8	PwD Certificate, wherever applicable
9	Migration/Transfer Certificate, wherever applicable
10	Gap Certificate/Police Verification/Court Affidavit, wherever applicable
11	Self-attested photocopies of all supporting documents
12	Any other document as may be prescribed by the College from time to time.

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The College may require any additional document deemed necessary for verification of eligibility or authenticity.

6.9A Anti-Ragging Compliance

All admitted students shall strictly comply with the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, as amended from time to time.

Every admitted student shall submit the prescribed Online Anti-Ragging Undertaking before completion of admission, in the manner notified by the College.

Any act of ragging shall attract disciplinary action in accordance with the UGC Regulations and the institutional Anti-Ragging Policy

6.10 Intake Capacity

Admission shall ordinarily be restricted to the approved intake capacity of each postgraduate programme as notified by the College from time to time.

Table 6.3: Approved Intake Capacity

Programme	Intake Capacity
Assamese	30
Botany	20
Geography	20
Zoology	20
Chemistry	20
M.Com	20
Total	130

The intake capacity of postgraduate programmes may be revised from time to time subject to approval of competent statutory authority.

6.11 Admission Timeline

The College shall notify:

- admission schedule,
- SAMARTH registration dates,
- PGET schedule (where applicable),
- merit list publication,
- counselling/document verification schedule,

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- waiting list publication (if any),
- spot admission (if any), and
- commencement of classes

through the College website and official notifications.

The admission notification shall ordinarily specify the schedule for online registration and application, scrutiny of applications, publication of merit lists, counselling/document verification, admission, waiting list, spot admission (if any), and commencement of classes. The admission schedule shall be notified separately for each academic session.

6.12 Waiting List

The College may prepare:

Waiting Lists

for postgraduate admission, which may be operated against vacant seats arising due to:

- cancellation of admission,
- withdrawal, or
- non-reporting of selected candidates.

6.13 Spot Admission

Where seats remain vacant after completion of regular admission rounds, the College may conduct:

Spot Admission

subject to availability of seats, eligibility requirements, and institutional norms.

6.14 Cancellation of Admission

Admission may be cancelled if:

- a. information furnished by the candidate is found false or misleading;
- b. eligibility requirements are not fulfilled;
- c. documents are found invalid or forged;
- d. admission fee is not paid within prescribed timeline;
- e. the candidate fails to complete admission formalities within stipulated time.

The decision of the College in matters relating to cancellation of admission shall ordinarily be final.

6.15 Withdrawal and Refund Policy

Withdrawal of admission and refund of fees, if any, shall be governed by: **UGC Fee Refund Policy and institutional rules adopted by Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur from time to time.**

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6.16 Admission Fees

Admission fees and other prescribed charges shall be as approved by the competent authority of the College and notified through the Admission Notification, Prospectus, or College website from time to time. Payment of fees shall be made in the mode prescribed by the College for the concerned academic session.

7. Salient Features of the Postgraduate Programme

Table 7.1: Key Features of the Postgraduate Programme

Component	Provision
Programme Structure	Two-Year Postgraduate Programme
Entry Pathway	Regular Entry and Lateral Entry
Regular Entry	Admission into Semester I after completion of Three-Year Bachelor's Degree
Lateral Entry	Direct admission into Semester III after Four-Year UG Honours / Honours with Research
Programme Duration	Two Years (Regular Entry) / One Year (Lateral Entry)
Maximum Duration	Four Years (Regular Entry) / Two Years (Lateral Entry)
Credit Requirement	80 Credits (Regular Entry) / 40 Credits (Lateral Entry)
Academic Model	Coursework + Research Pathway
Exit Option	Postgraduate Diploma after successful completion of Semester II
Research Component	Dissertation / Research Project
Admission Mode	PGET and/or Merit of FYUGP Marks up to Sixth Semester
Admission Platform	SAMARTH Portal
Academic Flexibility	ABC-enabled Credit Accumulation, Transfer and Redemption
Learning Components	Coursework, Research, Fieldwork, Internship, Laboratory Training and Experiential Learning
Evaluation Pattern	Continuous Assessment and End Semester Assessment
Academic Governance	Board of Studies, Academic Council and Governing Body

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7.1 Institutional Objectives of Postgraduate Education

The postgraduate programmes of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur shall aim to:

- a. impart advanced disciplinary knowledge and specialized competence in respective fields of study;
- b. strengthen research aptitude, innovation, analytical ability, scientific temper, and critical thinking;
- c. promote employability, entrepreneurship, leadership, communication skills, and professional competence;
- d. facilitate multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary learning in accordance with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020;
- e. prepare students for doctoral studies, advanced research, academic careers, public service, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning; and
- f. integrate research, internship, laboratory work, field-based learning, experiential learning, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), and twenty-first century skills into postgraduate education.

7.2 Academic Flexibility and Student Mobility

The postgraduate regulatory framework provides for:

- ✓ **Multiple Entry–Exit Provisions;**
- ✓ **Lateral Entry into Semester III;**
- ✓ **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC);**
- ✓ **Credit Accumulation, Transfer and Redemption;**
- ✓ **Interdisciplinary and Allied Discipline Admission;**
- ✓ **Blended and Online Learning Opportunities;**
- ✓ **SWAYAM, NPTEL and MOOC-based Credit Enrichment;**
- ✓ **Research and Dissertation Pathway; and**
- ✓ **Flexible and Outcome-Based Curriculum Design.**

Such provisions are intended to ensure flexibility, academic mobility, learner autonomy, and seamless progression within the higher education ecosystem.

7.3 Quality Assurance, Governance and Academic Oversight

Implementation, monitoring, and quality assurance of postgraduate programmes shall ordinarily be ensured through the institutional academic governance framework comprising:

- the **Board of Studies (BoS);**
- the **Academic Council;**
- the **Governing Body;**

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- the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**;
- the **Controller of Examinations**; and
- the **Postgraduate Departments and Academic Committees**.

Curriculum review, restructuring, academic audit, programme evaluation, and quality enhancement measures shall be undertaken periodically in accordance with UGC norms, institutional requirements, and emerging academic needs.

7.4 Concluding Provision

These Regulations shall function as a:

comprehensive, self-explanatory, implementation-ready, academically rigorous, and future-oriented regulatory framework for postgraduate education under the academic autonomy of **Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur**.

The Regulations are intended to ensure:

academic excellence, transparency, flexibility, accountability, institutional quality, student progression, and full compliance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the UGC framework governing postgraduate education in India.
