Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology
Thiruvananthapuram

02 June 2020

Circular

The following decisions have been taken in the 10th Academic Council meeting held on 29 May 2020 for all the students except for the graduating students

End Semester Examinations for the current semester

Quiz – II examinations could not be held during March, 2020. Hence the distribution of Quiz-II (15 marks), has to be re-appropriated which will be notified later.

Institute will reopen for this semester by 15 July 2020 after completing quarantine requirements, if any, (maximum 25 July 2020). The End Semester Exam will commence from 01 August 2020 and be completed by 15 August 2020.

Institute will provide a two-week period of contact classes where students can interact with the faculty regarding any doubts in the topics that were taken during the lockdown period. The above two-week period can also be utilized to complete, if any, incomplete lab experiments and the lab examinations can also be completed by 31 July 2020. Third year B.Tech (Engineering Physics) students can also get their Comprehensive viva-voce examinations done in person after the students rejoin the institute.

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In the event of the Institute not able to reopen by 15 July 2020, the current semester will be declared as closed by considering marks of Quiz- I (15 marks) and CA/TA (25 marks) to arrive at a grade. Students who are not satisfied with the above grade will be given an option to write the End Semester exams (50 marks weightage) during the winter break (Dec – 2020 / Jan 2021) and the final grade in such cases will be decided based on 90 marks weightage.

With respect to Laboratory courses, the faculty will decide on Laboratory grades based on the continuous internal assessments and a viva voce examination through video mode. For third year B.Tech Engineering Physics students Comprehensive Viva-voce examination will be undertaken through video mode.

Department of Space Assistanceship

If a student from 2018 batch and later were to opt for the exam of 50 marks weightage, the above student will be eligible for the DoS Assistanceship for the current semester, only if he/she meets the academic performance requirement after declaration of the results of the exam of 90 marks weightage.

If a student from 2017 batch were to opt for the exam of 50 marks weightage, the above student will be eligible for the benefit of DoS Assistanceship for the next odd semester, after the declaration of the results of the exam of 90 marks weightage.

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Credited internship for third year B.Tech students (2017 batch):
As per the AICTE guidelines, the credited internship for this year, is to be undertaken within once own institution. The following internship options are provided to the students: -

- Students are encouraged to undertake internship in multidisciplinary areas after rejoining the Institute and continuing till end of next (odd) semester (December 2020).
- Undertake simulation / theoretical projects that can commence from 25 May 2020 and end by 31 August 2020.
- Undertake experimental projects that can commence after the institute reopens and continue till end of next (odd) semester (December 2020).

In case, none of the above options are feasible, the students after approval from Head/Project Supervisor could undertake a literature review of a topic and submit a report of the same together with a presentation of the same that shall be evaluated during the summer vacation period.

The grades for the above internship will be reflected in the seventh semester grade sheet for all the above mentioned options.

Backlog examinations
Students having backlog courses are promoted to the next academic year 2020-21 and are required to clear all the backlog courses at the end of next odd semester.

Students wishing to augment textbook/learning materials may after consultation with faculty use online resources such as (https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/) or request faculty for material or approach Shri Abdunnasar, Library Officer, if IIST library subscribes to specific digital content.

Schedule of the academic activities:

Semester	Completion	Commencement
Current(Even) 2019-20	31 August 2020	
Next(Odd) 2020-21		01 September 2020
	31 December 2020	
Vacation for Odd Semester	01 January 2021 to 17 January 2021	
		18 January 2021
Next(Even) 2020-21	31 May 2021	
Summer Vacation and Internship	01 June 2021 to 31 July 2021	

(Dates indicated above are subject to change as per current assessment and could be changed under unforeseen circumstances.)

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Director

Date: 2 June, 2020