

CSE Department DUGC Rules

These rules are *in addition to* Institute UG rules. Always first check the Institute UG Rule book here:

<https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/ugrulebook.pdf>

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UG Curriculum can be found [here](#)

1. Curriculum - Core

- 19.07.2023: CS105 is a prerequisite for CS228 and CS310 for the batches from 2023 onwards.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2023-07-19-minutes>

- 14.01.2019: CSE core courses will be open only to CSE students by default.

Link:

https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2019-01-14_meeting_minutes

- 24.01.2018: Courses tagged in a foreign university can be neither mapped to core CS courses nor minors.
- For more rules about semester exchange, see below.

Link:

https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2018-01-24_meeting_minutes

- 14.03.2014: DUGC decided that wherever CS 213 is a pre-req (minor or non-minor), EE 717 can be taken as pre-req.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2014-03-14-minutes>

2. Curriculum - Electives

(PG Courses, Courses from other departments, Seminar, R&D projects (UG Rule book Rule - 6.4.4), BTP (UG Rule book Rule - 2.3.4.1, 4.5.1, 6.4.4))

- Clarification on Requirement of RnD/BTP for Honors

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2025-09-03-minutes>

- One 6-credit BTP or R&D course is a requirement for the Honors degree. The seminar courses do not count towards this requirement.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2025-09-03-minutes>

- Blacklisted courses cannot be taken as department electives. DUGC specified that blacklisted courses are allowed only as ALC.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=public:dugc:blacklist>

- 03.04.2024: DUGC decided that UG students cannot register for the PG Seminar and RnD as they are not allowed.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2024-04-03-minutes>

- 19.07.2023: The following policy applies to Department Electives for batch up to 2021.
 - Each student must complete 42 credits (~7 courses) under the “Department Electives.”
 - A minimum requirement of 18 credits of CS electives was imposed. “CS electives” here refer to courses from the CSXXX bucket.
 - Out of 18 credits of CS electives, 12 credits have to be lectured courses, i.e. non-research credits

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<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2023-07-19-minutes>

- 14.07.2015: UG students can only take 2 RnD projects. They should not take the PG courses corresponding to RnD projects.

Link:

https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2015-07-14_meeting_minutes

- 13.08.2014: R&D projects and guide requirements:
 - To register for a CS R&D project (CS490), a guide or co-guide from CS is required
 - Students can register for a non-CS R&D project, but this CANNOT be tagged as a CSE elective

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2014-08-13-minutes>

- 13.04.2011: As per the institute rules the evaluation scheme for BTPs is left to the department. The DUGC recommends that a guide and examiner constitute a panel for the conduct of the examination; both first and second stages. The guide may increase the size of the panel if he/she so desires. A report + a presentation with one examiner is required for a BTP.
- 13.04.2011: Regarding the R&D project. The evaluation of the R&D project is upto the guide. It is possible that part of same topic may be done as an R&D project and also as BTP. It is up to the guide to ensure that an adequate quantum of work is done to justify the credits. A separate report is required for the R&D project.

Link:

https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2011-04-13_15-minutes

3. Curriculum - Student Exchange Programme

- 27.04.2020: Policy for course mapping for exchange students
 - Students can do a maximum of 4 (2/3rd of total) courses as departmental or institute electives for credit from other universities.
 - The courses could be any relevant courses and will not need prior approval from DUGC. They need not be mapped to any departmental course.
 - Core courses should normally not be credited from other universities and must be done in the department.
 - In exceptional cases, DUGC may consider applications for crediting core courses from other universities.
 - A 6 credit course considered equivalent to a core course will only count for 6 credits for the theory course. If the course has an associated lab, it will have to be done separately.

- Students from departments other than CSE can mark any CS(E)(EE/CS) graded course in any exchange approved program as their 5th course counting towards the minor requirement. Other than prior approval for the exchange no other approval is needed from the CSE department.
- This policy will be applicable starting from the batch that joined in 2019. The current policy of getting approval for individual courses will continue for earlier batches.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2020-04-20-minutes>

4. Curriculum - Tagging rules

- 23.04.2025: The tagging rules by KC committee.

Course Type	Same dept student tag	Other dept student tag
Advanced	Dept. Elective	Cannot credit
Interdisciplinary STEM	Dept. Elective	STEM Elective
Interdisciplinary HASMED	HASMED elective	HASMED elective

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2025-03-26-minutes>

- 29.08.24: Department electives (and BTP equivalent courses) can only be taken from CSE courses. Other department courses can be tagged as STEM or HASMED electives. Of course, all electives will be subject to department blacklist that prevents students from taking electives that overlap with existing courses.

Updated blacklist (as of 2024) is here

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z9azsv0Z4leiewdfT86NRGihiP_kRxMT/view?usp=sharing

- R&D projects can be tagged as department electives. However, from 2022 batch onwards, minimum 12 out of 30 (or 36) credits should be from lecture-based courses.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2024-08-29-minutes>

- CSE courses can only be tagged as department electives and not as STEM electives, to keep up with the spirit of STEM electives (which are to build breadth).

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2025-03-26-minutes>

- 17.08.2016: Department Electives: A maximum of 36 credits can be tagged as department electives. Of these, a minimum of 18 credits should be CS electives (including the seminar) or outside department “white-listed” courses. A maximum of 18 credits may be earned from non-CS courses. Also, a maximum of 12 R&D or BTP credits may be used towards department elective requirements.
 - This rule applies only till the 2021 batch, after which curriculum has been revised.

Link:

https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2016-08-17_meeting_minutes

- 13.04.2018: Only one course can be tagged as a minor under the exchange program and that too as the fifth minor. The tags of the rest of the four minor courses must be CS Minor at IITB

Link:

https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2018-04-13_meeting_minutes

- 04.04.2019: A change in how minor courses are allocated to students - if a student has done 4 CS Minor courses (with the M course code) then any CS department elective can be considered the fifth minor.

A course tagged as additional learning cannot be re-tagged later, and also any another course cannot be tagged as additional learning later. Re-tagging may be permitted for other categories such as department elective, institute elective, honors etc.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2019-03-27-minutes>

5. Curriculum - Backlog

- 2020-04-20: The DUGC decided to recommend the following

- Only 12 week long courses from NPTEL/SWAYAM may be considered nptelfor credit transfer.
- Students in ARP may be permitted to credit any number of courses (including core courses) from NPTEL/SWAYAM. **Clarification: Institute caps it to 4 courses (24 credits) for students in ARP or extension years. UG rule book page 33, clause 7(a).**
- Students not in ARP, but who have an active backlog course, may be permitted to credit at most two courses from NPTEL/SWAYAM as departmental electives.
- For all other students, crediting NPTEL/SWAYAM courses may be permitted only as “Additional Learning”.
- In all cases, assigning grades should be based on the total marks obtained in the course. For students not in ARP and not having a backlog, these courses must be considered as “Additional Learning” and the grade should not be included in CPI calculations.
- Students may be permitted to take these courses any time, including in the final semester.
- At present, this may be restricted only to NPTEL/SWAYAM courses.

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NPTEL (UG Rule book Rule-7)

6. Mentorship and Tutors

- 18.10.2023: DUGC suggested hiring tutors (Ph.D. students) to help backloggers. Students can approach DUGC and ask for tutoring assistance. Tutors will be assigned subject to availability.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2023-10-18-minutes>

7. Financial - Fee Payment

- 16.08.2023: DUGC came up with the following policy for late fees payment claims:
 - For late fees payment requests from students, faculty advisors can forward the applications with a note “as per the rules”.
 - For fees waiver requests from students, faculty advisors can forward the applications again with a note “as per the rules”.
 - For requests coming from the Dean, the concerned dept. office staff should validate students' claims and inform the faculty advisor.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2023-08-16-minutes>

8. Dual Degree Programme

- 14.07.2015: BTech student to convert to DD (UG Rule book Rule - 13): The procedure is as follows.
 - Btech student can apply to convert to the DD program anytime from the beginning of semester 7 till the registration of semester 8.
 - The student must submit a plan to finish all BTech credits and the honours credit requirement by the end of the 4th year.
 - At the time of conversion, the student must choose a willing faculty member as the guide for the DDP.
 - The student must do a RnD project or a BTP with the chosen guide during the 8th semester.
 - The DDP can be exited by the student anytime if he or she so wishes.
- 23.09.2015: DD students can retag their courses in their 9th semester as well as after 10th semester, irrespective of what retagging they did as BTech students.
 - It was decided that 8 or 4 credit course could be tagged as a departmental elective. Also, one 8 credit and one 4 credit would count as equivalent of two 6 credit courses

9. TA ship

- 06.03.2024: DUGC decided to restrict one UG student to do at most 1 TA ship during a semester.

Link:

<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2024-03-06-minutes>

10. Branch Change

- 22.01.2022: EE112+EE113+EE114 == EE101: The committee reaffirmed that the branch change students, who are coming into the CS department from the EE department and have done EE112+113+114 in their first year, need not do EE101. However, ASC does not reflect this rule.

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<https://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/infoczar/doku.php?id=private:dugc:2014-10-09-minutes>

- 14.03.2014: DUGC approved that PH103 can be taken instead of PH105, as an institute core, by branch change students.

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