

NOTIFICATION-02/2026

Subject: Guidelines for Admission to the Fourth Year (Semester VII & VIII) of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) (Honours/Honours with Research) under NEP-2020

In pursuance of Resolution No. 02 passed at the 16th Academic Council Meeting of Sankalchand Patel University held on 20th April, 2026, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the University Grants Commission (UGC) Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes (CCFUP), the Gujarat State Common Curriculum and Credit Framework (CCCF), the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Implementation of NEP-2020 issued by the Education Department, Government of Gujarat, the implementation framework and operational directions issued by the Government of Gujarat from time to time for the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) under NEP-2020, and the Sankalchand Patel University NEP-2020 Implementation Policy, the following Guidelines are hereby notified for implementation with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27.

1. Short Title, Commencement and Applicability

These Guidelines shall be called the "Guidelines for Admission to the Fourth Year (Semester VII & VIII) of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) (Honours/Honours with Research) under NEP-2020."

These Guidelines shall come into force with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27 and shall apply to all Constituent Colleges/Institutions, Faculties, Schools, Departments and other academic units of Sankalchand Patel University offering the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) under NEP-2020.

2. Objectives

The objectives of these Guidelines are to:

- provide a uniform procedure for admission to the Fourth Year
- facilitate implementation of Multiple Entry and Exit (MEE) provisions under NEP-2020
- define eligibility for Honours and Honours with Research pathways
- prescribe timelines and responsibilities of Colleges/Institutes
- ensure compliance with Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), National Credit Framework (NCrF), UGC and State Government guidelines.

3. Eligibility for Admission to Fourth Year

A student shall be eligible for continuation to/admission to Semester VII provided that he/she:

1. was admitted under the NEP-based Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP);
2. has successfully completed Semester I to Semester VI;
3. has earned the prescribed 132 credits as specified under the Gujarat State Common Curriculum and Credit Framework;
4. has successfully fulfilled all academic, examination and other requirements prescribed by the University;



5. has completed all mandatory internships, field work and other programme requirements, wherever applicable; and
6. possesses a valid Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) ID, wherever applicable under the UGC Regulations.

Eligible students who successfully complete Semester I to Semester VI and satisfy the above eligibility requirements shall ordinarily be promoted to the Fourth Year (Semester VII) of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme.

Students who wish to discontinue their studies after successful completion of the Third Year and obtain the Three-Year Bachelor's Degree shall exercise the Exit Option by submitting the prescribed Application Form for Exit under NEP-Based Programmes within the timeline notified by the University.

Students who do not submit the prescribed Application Form for Exit under NEP-Based Programmes within the notified timeline shall be deemed to have opted to continue to the Fourth Year (Semester VII) of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP).

4. Admission Categories

Eligible students shall be admitted under one of the following categories:

A. Bachelor's Degree (Honours)

- All students fulfilling the eligibility prescribed under Clause 3 shall be eligible for admission to the Fourth Year leading to the award of the Bachelor's Degree (Honours).
- Students shall complete the curriculum prescribed by the respective Board of Studies, including On-the-Job Training (OJT) or such other academic requirements approved by the University.

B. Bachelor's Degree (Honours with Research)

A student shall be eligible to opt for Honours with Research only if he/she:

- has secured a minimum of 75% aggregate marks in the first six semesters, or such higher percentage as may be prescribed by the University or the concerned Statutory Authority from time to time;
- satisfies any additional eligibility criteria prescribed by the concerned Faculty/Board of Studies;

Admission to the Honours with Research pathway shall be subject to the availability of research facilities and research supervisors in the concerned Department/Institute.

5. Choice of Pathway

Eligible students promoted to the Fourth Year shall ordinarily be admitted to the Bachelor's Degree (Honours) pathway. Students who fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria and wish to pursue the Bachelor's Degree (Honours with Research) shall submit the prescribed Option Form within the timeline notified by the University.

- Fourth Year – Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
- Fourth Year – Bachelor's Degree (Honours with Research) (subject to eligibility)



Admission to the Fourth Year shall be confirmed by the concerned College/Institution, subject to verification of eligibility, fulfilment of the prescribed academic requirements, payment of the prescribed fees (where applicable), and approval of the University.

The option exercised by the student for admission to the Fourth Year under the Bachelor's Degree (Honours) or Bachelor's Degree (Honours with Research) pathway shall become final upon confirmation of admission by the University. No request for change of pathway shall ordinarily be entertained thereafter. However, in exceptional circumstances, the University may permit a change of pathway, subject to the fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility criteria and within the time limit notified by the University.

6. Student Undertaking and Documents

The concerned College/Institute shall identify and verify the students eligible for continuation to the Fourth Year (Semester VII) in accordance with these Guidelines and the records maintained by the University.

Every eligible student shall complete the prescribed continuation formalities by submitting:

- the prescribed Student Undertaking;
- valid Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) ID details;
- Parent/Guardian Consent, wherever applicable; and
- any other documents prescribed by the University.

Students fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria and opting for the Bachelor's Degree (Honours with Research) pathway shall additionally submit the prescribed Option Form within the timeline notified by the University.

7. Cancellation of Admission

The University reserves the right to cancel the admission of a student to the Fourth Year if any information furnished by the student is found to be false, incorrect or suppressed, or if the student is subsequently found ineligible under the applicable Regulations.

8. Responsibilities of Colleges/Institutes

The Principal/Head of Institution shall:

- promote all eligible students to Semester VII in accordance with these Guidelines;
- verify the academic eligibility of every applicant;
- verify earned credits through the University ERP/Academic Records and Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), wherever applicable.
- verify eligibility for the Honours with Research pathway, wherever applicable.
- forward the approved list of students to the University;
- maintain complete records for audit and regulatory purposes.

9. Timeline

The University shall notify the admission schedule, timelines for submission of Exit Applications and Option Forms, and commencement of Semester VII from time to time.



The Colleges/Institutes shall:

- inform eligible students;
- obtain Exit Applications from students opting to exit after the Third Year and Option Forms from eligible students opting for the Honours with Research pathway;
- verify eligibility;
- submit the approved list within the prescribed timeline.

10. Migration / Re-entry

Students who exercise the Exit Option after completion of three years may subsequently seek re-entry to the Fourth Year subject to:

- provisions of NEP-2020;
- Gujarat State Guidelines;
- approval of the University, availability of seats, and fulfilment of the applicable regulations;
- validity of accumulated credits through Academic Bank of Credits (ABC);
- maximum duration prescribed by the University;
- regulations issued from time to time.

11. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

Every student continuing to Semester VII shall possess a valid Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) ID. Credit accumulation, transfer and redemption shall be governed by UGC and ABC Regulations.

12. Award of Degree

Upon successful completion of the prescribed 176 credits and fulfilment of all academic requirements, the student shall be awarded either:

- Bachelor's Degree (Honours); or
- Bachelor's Degree (Honours with Research), as applicable.

13. Interpretation and Removal of Difficulties

Any question relating to the interpretation of these Guidelines or any difficulty arising in their implementation shall be referred to the Provost of Sankalchand Patel University, whose decision shall be final, subject to the applicable UGC Regulations, Government of Gujarat Guidelines, Statutory Council Regulations, and the provisions of the University Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and other rules in force from time to time.

The Principals/Heads of Institutions of all concerned Colleges/Institutions are requested to bring the contents of this Notification to the notice of all eligible students, faculty members and administrative staff and ensure necessary compliance.

This Notification is issued for information and necessary action by all concerned.



Registrar

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