

**Extract of the write-up given in the Common Prospectus
under ‘Associate Studentship Scheme’**

1.11 Associate Studentship

The University has a scheme of ‘Associate Studentship’ which provides for a candidate who fulfils the minimum eligibility requirements for the programme under which the course(s) is/are offered, to register for only one course or a limited number of courses, subject to a minimum of 8 credits and maximum of 32 credits. An Associate Student is attached to a Study Centre for counselling, assignment evaluation, library facility, etc. The application form provided at the end of the Prospectus (please see page no.....) can be used for registration. A fee of **Rs.700/- per 8 credit course, or part thereof**, is charged for admission to course(s) under B.A, B.Com, B.Sc., BSW and BTS programmes. **The fee is irrespective of whether the course is of 2 credits, 4 credits, 6 credits or 8 credits.** For rest of the programmes, the fee will be charged on *pro-rata basis*, i.e. by dividing the programme fee by the number of credits of the programme = **fee for 1 credit, multiplied by the credit assigned to the specific course (rounded off to the next Fifty Rs.)**. Associate students choosing courses of B.A. can exercise their option for ‘one course’ only from a Group. If a student wants to opt four courses of 8 credits each, he/she can opt one each from Group-1 to 6 as per his/her choice. Grouping of courses are given in the Prospectus under B.A. (General).

The minimum and maximum period allowed to Associate students for completion of their course(s) would be **six months** and **two years**, respectively. There will be no separate counselling or lab work schedule for the associate students. They will have to be in touch with the Study Centre concerned in order to know the schedule and participate in the sessions accordingly. **Minimum period of six months would be allowed, if the courses opted by the students are up to 16 credits. If the option exceeds 16 credits, the minimum period should be one year.**

Associate students would be permitted to seek admission in any of the admission cycles and to opt the courses that are on offer either in January or July cycles. However, no counselling and/or lab/practicals would be conducted separately for the Associate students. In such a case the students would be allowed to avail the counselling/practical session in the next semester and accordingly the minimum duration would be extended to another six months. However, the maximum duration of two years would remain unchanged.

If an Associate student opts for more than 16 credits worth of courses in either of the admission cycles, he/she is **not entitled to seek admission in the next consecutive cycle** unless the prescribed minimum duration is completed.

Associate Students are not eligible to seek admission to the courses under the Programmes where the number of seats are limited and/or the admission is done through Entrance Test .

Associate Students are **not eligible for the award of any kind of ‘Certificate/Diploma/Degree’**. They are also not eligible for continuation of study by way of re-registration for 2nd and/or 3rd year, as the case may be. **‘COURSE COMPLETION STATUS’ Card** only will be issued to Associate Students.

Change of course is not permitted under this scheme. Similarly, re-admission facility is not extended to Associate Students. Separate Enrolment No., i.e. ‘AS - - - - -’ would be allotted to such students. **The filled-in forms of ‘Associate Studentship’ are to be sent to the Regional Director concerned.** Forms received by any other Office than the Regional Centre concerned would be summarily rejected.