





POST GRADUATE TEACHING DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS (AUTONOMOUS) RASHTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY

CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR ONE/ TWO YEAR POST GRADUATE PROGRAM(AUTONOMOUS) AND PH.D. PRPGRAM IN ECONOMICS

(As per NEP 2020)

WITH EFFECT FROM ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 ONWARDS

Board of Studies in Economics (Autonomous) PGTD of Economics, RTMNU, Nagpur

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Title of Programme

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Title of the Course	M.A. (Economics)
2	Eligibility for admission	As per University Rule
3	Passing Percentage	50 percent in each course (Continuous assessment + End Semester Examination)
4	Ordinances / Regulations (if any)	As per Direction No 15 of 2023
5	No. of Years / Semesters	Two Years / Four Semesters and One Year/ Two semester
6	Level	P.G. Diploma and P.G. Degree
7	Pattern	Semester 60 % weightage to theory and 40 % Internal assessment
8	Status	Revised
9	To be implemented from Academic Year	From Academic Year 2023-24

Guidelines for M.A. (Economics) and Ph.D. Program

PREAMBLE:

The structure and Credit distribution of M.A. and Ph.D. Program and the syllabus of M.A. has been revised by the Board of Studies in Economics (Autonomous) by keeping in view of the vide G.R. No. NEP-2020 /CR No. 09 VISHI-3 SHIKANA, dated May 16, 2023 and the recent trends in the subject of Economics. The revised structure and syllabi of M.A. Economics will be made effective **from the Academic Year 2023-24**. A broad overview of the structure and other details of the course is given below.

DURATION:

The M.A. Economics shall be a full time Two Year (across Four Semester) PG Programme with an Exit Option after successfully completing of one year /two semesters and One Year P.G. Programme for four year/ eight semesters U.G. students.

M.A. Part I: SEMESTER – I, comprising of Four mandatory, one RM (compulsory) and one elective course.

M.A. Part I: SEMESTER –II, comprising of Four mandatory, one OJT/FP (Compulsory) and one elective course.

M.A. Part II: SEMESTER – III, comprising of Four mandatory, one Research Project (Compulsory) and one elective course.

M.A. Part II: SEMESTER –IV comprising of Three mandatory, one Research Project (compulsory) and one elective course.

TOTAL CREDITS & COURSE DISTRIBUTION STRUCTURE:

A student enrolled for Two Year M.A. Degree Program should acquire a total of 80 credits after the completion of four semesters. And, One Year M.A. Degree Program should acquire a total of 40 credits after completion of Two semesters for four year U.G. Students. Also one exit option with one year/two-semester P.G. Diploma Program should acquire a total of 40 credits.

TYPE OF COURSE	SEM-1	SEM-2	SEM-3	SEM-4
1	3 Courses x 4 credit = 12	3 Courses x 4 credit = 12	3 Courses x 4 credit = 12	3 Courses x 4 credit = 12
Mandatory	1 Course x 2 credit = 2	1 Course x 2 credit = 2	1 Course x 2 credit = 2	-
Elective	1 Course x 4 credit = 4	1 Course x 4 credit = 4	1 Course x 4 credit = 4	1 Course x 4 credit = 4
RM	1 Course x 4 credit = 4	-	-	-
OJT/FP	-	1 course = 4 credit = 4		
Research Project (RP)	-	-	RP -1 x 4 credit = 4	RP-1x 6 credit = 6
Total credit	22	22	22	22
Exit option: PG Diploma (44 Credits) after Three Year UG Degree For One Year P.G. Degree (after Year UG Degree) Total of 44 credits Year UG Degree)				
For Two year P.G. Degree Total 88 credits				

Incentive credits: The students can earn extra incentive credits participating in conferences/ NCC/NSS/Games & Sports/Cultural Activities/ Technical competitions/ innovation competitions at University/ State/ National/ International level and other activities prescribed in the following table-

a. Various components for calculating the marks out of 100 are as below:

SN	Components of marks	Marks
1	Online certificate course of min 3 credits offered by MOOCs /SWAYAM-NPTEL/ other platforms approved by Academic council (Scored >= 60% / Successfully Passed)	100/50
2	Research/innovation competitions organized by institute of repute /Govt. of India/Professional bodies. (Winner/Participated)	100/50
3	Patent granted/published/filed jointly with Department	100/70/40
4	Research paper accepted for publication in indexed journal/UGC approved journals (Marks will be distributed amongst authors)	100/50
5	Inter Collegiate University Level Competitions (Winner/Participation)	100/50
6	All office bearers of College Clubs/ Departmental Association	40
7	Participation in Inter-University / National level competitions	100
8	Participation in NSS/NCC Activities	50
9	Organization of Co-curricular & extra-curricular activities	40
10	Completion of Swachchha Bharat Abhiyan Internship	100
11	Working on Industry based final year Project	80

b. Award of marks and conversion to Grade points for incentive marks shall be done as below:

Grade Points	Range of Marks
10	Above 90 % to 100 %
9	Above 80 to 90 %
8	Above 70 to 80 %
7	Above 60 to 70 %
6	Above 55 to 60 %
5	Above 50 to 55%
0	Less than 50 %

(I) Distribution of Continuous Internal Assessment: 40 Marks

a) For 04 Credit Course -

Sr. No	Evaluation method	Marks
01	Mid Term Examination	20
02	Home assignment / open book test /seminar /presentation/ group discussion /quizzes (Any Two)	10
03	Active participation in all Departmental Activities like Viva voce, Seminar, workshops, university programmes, etc	05

04	articulation and leadership qualities in organizing related academic actives. Total Marks	05
	Overall conduct as a responsible student, mannerism &	

Note: (1) The teacher of the concerned subject shall decide the task to be assigned to the students for home assignment, viva-voce test, and seminar, presentation.

(2) or appearing Mid Term Examination, presentation / home assignments / open book tests /seminars /group discussions /quizzes minimum 50 percent attendance is compulsory.

b) For 02 Credit Course -

Sr. No	Evaluation method	Marks
01	Mid Term Examination	10
02	Home assignment / open book test /seminar /presentation/ group discussion /quizzes (Any One)	05
03	Active participation in all Departmental Activities like Viva voce, Seminar, workshops, university programmes, etc	03
04	Overall conduct as a responsible student, mannerism & articulation and leadership qualities in organizing related academic actives.	02
	Total Marks	20

(II) Distribution of End Semester Examination: 60 and 30 Marks

<u>a)</u> <u>For 60 marks</u>: The end semester examination shall carry 60 marks in case of a four (04) credit course. The Board of Studies of the PG Department of Economics (Autonomous) has suggested the following paper pattern for end semester examination of 60 marks:

a)

Section A	Four Very Short Answer Questions	2 marks each	(All compulsory)
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Section B	Four Short Answer	4 marks each	(All compulsory)
	Questions		
Section C	Six Long Answer	9 marks each	(Any Four to be
	Questions		attempted)

b) <u>For 30 marks</u>: The end semester examination shall carry 30 marks in case of a two (02) credit course.

Section A	Two Very Short	2 marks each	(All compulsory)
	Answer Questions		
Section B	Two Short Answer	4 marks each	(All compulsory)
	Questions		
Section C	Three Long Answer	6 marks each	(Any Four to be
	Questions		attempted)

Summer Internship / Apprenticeship (Minimum of one month duration -compulsory) or Filed Project

- 1. In its efforts to increase the exposure of the Master degree students of the department to social and Economic realities and to expose them to the realities of the market, the Department proposes an 'Academic Internship / Apprenticeship' or Filed Project as an integral part of the MA programme. The Internship / Apprenticeship Certificate will carry 04 (Four credits) for the successful completion of a mandatory one-month internship (120 Hours) in any organization engaged in the Market. Students are expected to complete the tenure of internship / Apprenticeship or Filed Project during the summer vacation after completing their 2nd Semester course.
- i) Students with approval from their mentors may start identifying suitable organizations/institutions and initiate communication with them during their second semester in the MA Programme.
- ii) Students can undertake an internship / Apprenticeship or Filed Project in any organization registered through the Companies Act, Societies Act, government agencies, educational institutions, professional associations of academic bodies, media houses, banking sector, PRIs and so on.
- iii) At the end of the internship / Apprenticeship, or Filed Project students need to submit a Report and completion certificate verified and acknowledged by the head of the institution/organization where the internship / Apprenticeship is carried out. After submission, of report presentation and viva-voce, shall be held.
- iv) Evaluation of OJT will be of 100 marks. 60% weightage will be on the certificate & report and 40% weightage on the presentation and viva-voce.
- 2. Field Project: Evaluation of the Field project will be of 100 marks on the basis of a survey carried out, submission of the report, presentation of the report, and viva-voce, The filed survey report submission will carry 60% weightage and presentation and viva-voce carry 40% weightage.
- 3. Evaluation of the Research Project will be made out of 100 marks in the third semester and 150 marks in the Fourth semester.

Third semester:

In the third Semester the candidate will be evaluated out of 100 Marks on the basis of the research proposal submitted to the Department, presentation of the proposal, and viva-voce. The research proposal will carry 60% weightage and presentation and viva-voce will carry 40% weightage. The research proposal will be based on the following criteria:

formulation of the problem, aim and objectives, and research questions

- a) Introduction of a topic, research problem and, research importance, literature survey of at least 25 books, Ph D thesis, magazines, or journal articles (secondary data).
- b) Pilot survey and formulation of the questionnaire, if field project.
- c) Collection of secondary data if the library-based project.
- d) Formulation of a methodology.
- e) Details of the research place area
- f) Tentative bibliography.

Fourth Semester:

In the fourth semester, the candidate will be evaluated out of **150** marks on the basis of a research project report submitted to the department, presentation and viva-voce. The Research Project Report will carry 60% weightage (90 Marks) and presentation and viva-voce will carry 40%

weightage(60 Marks). The research project report will be submitted taking into consideration the following criteria.

- a) Chapter outlining the introduction to the research problem, aim and objects of the research,
- b) Research questions, methodology, and literature survey of at least 25 books and journal articles. (a and b of the third-semester research proposal). Candidates can take the new research proposal topic in the fourth semester if so desired.
- c) Field survey findings and analysis of field survey.
- d) Secondary data analysis of library survey.
- e) Summary, Conclusion, and Recommendation if any
- f) Detailed list references and bibliography.
- g) Schedules including questionnaires and other reference documents related to the study.

STRUCTURE OF GRADING OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Academic Performance	Grades	Grade Points
Outstanding	О	10
Excellent	A+	9
Very Good	A	8
Good	B+	7
Above Average	В	6
Pass	С	5
Fail	FF	0
Incomplete	I	Subsequently to be changed into the grade earned.
Withdrawal	W	-
Non completion of course requirement	Z	-
Extension (in projects only)	X	-

Explanation:

'FF' Grade

- The 'FF' grade denotes poor performance amounting to failure.
- A student has to repeat all courses in which he/she obtains 'FF' grade, till a passing grade is obtained within the prescribed duration.
- For the elective courses in which 'FF' grade has been obtained, the student may take the same course or any other course from the same elective group. If the course is not offered/available in the current semester, he will have to take it whenever it is offered by the department and then appear for the examination.

'I' Grade

This grade indicates an 'Incomplete' course requirement due to absence in End Semester Examination. The grade is required to be converted in to a regular letter grade as per the regulations.

'W' Grade

This refers to withdrawal from the course as per the regulations.

'X' Grade

This grade is awarded for incomplete Project work and will be converted to a regular grade on the completion of the Project work and its evaluation.

'Z' Grade

This grade stands for non-completion of course requirement.

Year	Level			Se	emester - I	Т	eaching o	& Learni	ng Schen	ne	Exar	nination	Evaluation & Scheme	& Assessment							
			Teaching Hours per week						ek	Distribution of Marks											
		Sr No	Major	Course Code	Title of Paper	Theory	Practical/ Tutorial	Total	Credit per paper	Total Credits	Theory	Internal	Total Marks per paper	Minimum Passing grade Letter/ Points							
		1	Mandatory	MEC1M01	Micro-Economic Analysis - I	4	-	4	4		60	40	100	C (5)							
		2	Mandatory	MEC1M02	Macro-Economic Analysis - I	4	-	4	4	14	60	40	100	C (5)							
		3	Mandatory	MEC1M03	Economics for statistics - I	4	-	4	4	14	60	40	100	C (5)							
		4	Mandatory	MEC1M04	Demography	2	-	2	2		30	20	50	C (5)							
				MEC1E05	Public Economics																
				MEC1E06	Industrial Economics						60										
		4	Elective	MEC1E07	Mathematical Economics - I	4	_	4	4	4		40	100	C (5)							
		4 Elective MEC1E08 MEC1E09 MEC1E10 5 RM MEC1M11	Elective	MEC1E08	Indian Economic Policy - I] 4	_	4	4			40		C (3)							
										MEC1E09	Economics of Physical Infrastructure										23
				MEC1E10	Agricultural Economics										yea						
			Research Methodology	4	-	4	4	4	60	40	100	C (5)	r 03								
			Total		Total	22	0	22	22	22	330	220	550	C (5)	a afte						
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		1	Mandatory	MEC2M01	Micro-Economic Analysis - II	4	-	4	4		60	40	100	C (5)	G.						
		2	Mandatory	MEC2M02	Macro-Economic Analysis - II	4	-	4	4	14	60	40	100	C (5)							
		3	Mandatory	MEC2M03	Statistics for Economics - II	4	-	4	4	14	60	40	100	C (5)							
		4	Mandatory	MEC2M04	Computer Application in Economics	2	-	2	2		30	20	50	C (5)							
				MEC2E05	History of Economic Thought																
		4	Elective (Any One)	MEC2E06	Labour Economics																
				MEC2E07	Mathematical Economics - II	4	_	4	4	4	60	40	100	C (5)							
				MEC2E08	Indian Economic Policy - II	4	_	4	4	4	60		100	C (3)							
				MEC2E09	Economics of Social Infrastructure																
				MEC2E10	Rural Economy and Social Change																
		5	OJT/FP	MEC2M11	On Job Training: Internship/ Apprenticeship or FP: Field projects	0	4	4	4	4	60	40	100	C (5)							
					Total	18	4	22	22	22	330	220	550	C (5)							
		Cı	ımulative Cr Diplon		Grand Total	40	4	44	44	44	660	440	1100	C (5)	(5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5)						
					Exit option: PG Diploma (44 Cred	lits) after	Three Y	ear UG I	Degree												

			Sen	nester - III		eachin S ching	Scheme	e	Ü	Examination Evaluation & Assessment Scheme Distribution of Marks			
	Sr No	Major	Course Code	Title of Paper	Theory	Practical/ Tutorial		Credit per			Internal	Total Marks per	ш 56 /
	1	Mandatory	MEC3M01	Economics of Growth and Development - I	4	-	4	4		60	40	100	C (5)
	2	Mandatory	MEC3M02	International Trade and Finance - I	4	-	4	4	1.1	60	40	100	C (5)
	3	Mandatory	MEC3M03	Financial Institutions and Markets	4	-	4	4	14	60	40	100	C (5)
	4	Mandatory	MEC3M04	Economy of Maharashtra	2	-	2	2		30	20	50	C (5)
			MEC3M05	Econometrics - I								100	
			MEC3M06	Poverty and Income Distribution									C (5)
	4	Elective	MEC3M07	Rural Development	4	_	4	4	4	60	40		
	4	Elective	MEC3M08	Economics of Tourism	4	-	4	4	4		40		
			MEC3M09	Welfare Economics									
			MEC3M10	Economic History of India									
	5	RP	MEC3M11	Research Project	0	4	4	4	4	60	40	100	C (5)
				Total	18	4	22	22	22	330	220	550	C (5)
6.5			Sen	mester - IV		Teaching & Learning Scheme				Examination Evaluation & Assessment Scheme			
	1	Mandatory	MECTM401	Economics of Growth and Development - II	4	-	4	4		60	40	100	C (5)
	2	Mandatory	MECTM402	International Trade and Finance - II	4	-	4	4	12	60	40	100	C (5)
	3	Mandatory	MECTM403	Environmental Economics	4	-	4	4		60	40	100	
			MECTE404	Gender and Development									
			MECTE405	Econometrics - II									
			MECTE406	Entrepreneurship Development									C (5)
	4	Elective	MECTE407	Regional and Urban Economy	4	- 4	4	4	4	60	40	100	
			MPSTE408	Constitution of India and Development									
			MECPE409	Tribal Economy									
			MECTE410	Trade Cycle									
	5	RP	MECTO411	Research Project	0	6	6	6	6	90	60	150	C (5)
				Total	16	6	22	22	22	330	220	550	C (5)
	Cumulative Credit for 1 Year PG Degree Cumulative Credit for 2 Year PG Degree			Grand Total	34	10	44	44	44	660	440	1100	C (5)
				Cumulative Total	74	14	88	88	88	1320	880	2200	C (5)

Rules and Regulations:

- 1. These guidelines for M.A. (Economics) Program shall be governed by Direction No. 15 of 2023 (Norms for Administration of Academic Autonomy and Autonomous Status No: RTMNU/IIL/P/2021/67 dated 1st October 2021) to Post Graduate Teaching Departments of the University, Direction, 2023), Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.
- 2. Eligibility for Admission: A graduate from any recognized university is eligible for admission in M.A.(Economics) Program (Program Code: MEM) as per University rules. Candidates from other Universities seeking admission in the department from any other recognized University are required to obtain an Eligibility Certificate from Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, and Submit original documents along with Migration Certificate.
- **3.** Admission quota: 70 percent from RTMNU and 30% from other Universities. Reservation of seats is as per the Government of India and Government of Maharashtra rules.
- **4. Duration of the Program:** The M.A. Economics shall be a full-time Two Year (across Four Semester) PG Programme with one Exit Option after successfully completing one year /two semesters and One Year P.G. Programme for four year/ eight semesters U.G. students.
- **5.** The academic programs in the Post Graduate teaching department of Economics shall be based on a semester system; two semesters (July Dec and Jan-June) in a year with vacations as declared by the University in the academic calendar.
- **6. On-the-job training/internship/ FP:** Under the One-year PG Diploma program, and two-year master's Degree program, the students must complete on-the-job training/internship/ Field Project of 04 credits during summer break, after completion of the second semester of the first year in Economics.
- **7. Research project:** The students will have to undertake a research project of 4 credits in Semester III and a research project of 6 credits in Semester IV in the second year of the two-year master's degree program. This is also applicable to the students admitted to one-year PG program after completion of four year UG Program which will be applicable from 2027-28 or 2028-29.
- **8. Exit option:** The exit option at the end of one year of the Master's degree program will commence from Academic Year 2024-25. Students who have joined a two-year Master's degree program may opt for exit at the end of the first year and earn a PG Diploma.
- **9. Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction shall be English, Marathi & Hindi.
- 10. Seats distribution: The seat distribution shall be as per university guidelines from time to time.

11. Details of M.A. Economics Program:

The M.A. Economics shall be a full time Two Year (across Four Semester) PG Degree Programme with Exit Option of One Year Diploma after successfully completion of two semester and One Year P.G. Degree Programme for four year/ eight semesters U.G. students.

Program Outcomes (POs):

The Program outcomes of M.A (Economics) program have been classified into Domain specific and Domain independent outcomes as listed in 6(a) and 6(b):

(a). Domain Specific:

1. Students will be able to understand the basic and advanced knowledge of economics and develop their critical and analytical thinking.

- 2. Students will acquire comprehensive knowledge and understanding of concepts, theories, principles and laws of economics to apply these in real life situations.
- 3. Students will develop the ability to recognize and predict cause and effect relationship of economic events.
- 4. Students will instill in them problem solving skills and ability to use ICT with economic bend of mind for continuous development and skill needed for employment.
- 5. Students will acquire industry ready employment skills and career competencies in economics.
- 6. Students will get the opportunity to focus on applied and policy issues in Economics.

(b). Domain Independent:

- 7. Students will be able to analyze, interpret data using ICT and express their conclusions in clear and concise manner to different groups.
- 8. Students will develop the ability to work independently and also in a team to seek solutions related to economic issues at local, national and global level.
- 9. Students will inculcate the desire to acquire continuous personal and professional knowledge related to economics using both formal and informal learning opportunities.
- 10. Students will instill in them ethical and moral values and appreciate environment and sustainable issues in adherence to the Sustainable Development Goals.

1. Guidelines for Continuous Internal Evaluation and End Semester Examination:

Course: Every course offered will have two components associated with the teaching-learning process, namely (a) L - Lecture (b) T - Tutorial and (c) P- Practical, Where L - Stands for Lecture session & T - Stands for Tutorial session consisting of participatory discussion/self-study/desk work/ brief seminar presentations by students and such other novel methods that make a student to absorb and assimilate more effectively the contents delivered in the Lecture classes.

One Lecture/Tutorial hour per week shall be assigned one credit over a period of one semester of 16 weeks for teaching – learning process. The total duration of a semester is 20 weeks inclusive of end semester examination

A course shall have either one or all two components. That means a course may have only lecture component, or combination of both the components. The total credit earned by a student at the end of the semester upon successfully completing the course is equal to L+T of each paper.

- 2. In a semester a student shall be evaluated for his/her academic performance in a theory (Lecture/ Tutorial) course through Continuous Assessment, Mid Semester Examinations and End Semester Examination.
- **3.** Credit transfers for only those courses will be allowed which are not offered by the Department for MA Programme.
- **4.** Mid Semester Examinations will be conducted as per schedule in the Academic Calendar. MSE will be normally of at least of two-hour duration.
- **5.** End Semester Examination will be conducted as per schedule in academic calendar. End semester examinations will be of three-hour duration. The duration of examination may vary as per the need of the theory course.

- **6.** A student who skips continuous assessment or a part thereof shall be awarded zero marks under the respective head. However, the Academic Council may take decision on such issue whenever required.
- 7. A student who remains absent for End Semester Examination, shall be awarded zero marks in end semester examination.
- **8.** If a student gets 'FF' or 'I' grade shall be allowed to appear for the make-up examination. The make-up examination shall be conducted within fifteen days from the declaration of results of the end semester examination. Make up examination shall be for end semester examination of that academic year only. The Grade applicable to students in make-up examination will be one level below the actual grade obtained by the student in make-up exam.
- **9.** An examinee securing 'FF' or 'Z' grade in any course of an examination of the M.A (Economics) program shall have an option to forego his/her continuous assessment marks in a course or courses. In such cases he/she shall be examined for total marks comprising theory/practical end semester examination and continuous assessment together, at his/her successive attempt at the examination. Such an option can be availed by an examinee in case he/she is appearing for the successive attempts at the examination as ex-student for that particular course.
- **10.** The Option of forego cannot be availed by examinee in an examination in case he/she is appearing for the examination as regular student for that particular course. A student who is detained from appearing in an examination in a course(s) for lack of attendance can exercise the option of forego in successive attempts at the examination.
- 11. To avail this, the examinee would indicate the same in his or her 'Application for the examination' and the option once exercised, shall be 'Final and Binding' on the examinee concerned for all the subsequent examinations in that course. For the examinee opting for forego, his/her marks in continuous assessment shall be ascertained proportionately on the basis of his/her marks in the end semester theory examination of that course and in equal proportion on the basis of his/her marks in practical examination.
- 12. For the courses (compulsory/ elective/any other course) of M.A (Economics) program which are closed by the department from 2023-24 academic session and onwards, a number of attempts to pass these courses will be provided (as and when the examination is conducted) as per the prevailing norms of the university pattern. After that, the student will have to appear for the examination of an equivalent course as per the absorption and equivalence scheme of the autonomous PG Department of Economics of the University.
- **13. The Grading System:** For every course taken by a student he/she is assigned a grade based on his/her combined performance in all components of the evaluation scheme of a course Theory/Practical. The grade indicates a qualitative assessment of the student's performance and is associated with an equivalent number called a grade point
- **14.** The academic performance of a student shall be graded on a ten-point scale following guidelines given in Table-1which is as per the Direction No. 15 of 2023 (Norms for Administration of Academic Autonomy to Post Graduate Teaching Departments of the University, Direction, 2023):
- **15.** The letter Grades (up to 'C' grade in theory courses and up to 'B' grade in practical courses) awarded to a student in all the credit courses shall be converted into a SGPA and CGPA, to be calculated as given in R24 of the Direction No. 15 of 2023 (Norms for Administration of Academic Autonomy to Post Graduate Teaching Departments of the University, Direction, 2023)
- **16.** Award of Degree: The Degrees shall be awarded by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University along with the name of PGTD on the degree, on the recommendations of the

Academic Council/ Governing Body.

- **17. Grade Card:** The grade card shall be issued at the end of the semester to each student and will contain the following:
 - a) The credits for each course registered for that semester.
 - b) The grade points and letter grades obtained in each course.
 - c) The total number of credits earned by the student up to the end of that semester in each of the course.
 - d) The SGPA and the CGPA. Refer R.17 and R.24 of the Direction No. 15 of 2023 (Norms for Administration of Academic Autonomy to Post Graduate Teaching Departments of the University, Direction, 2022) for computation of grades from the marks and conversion to the SGPA & CGPA.
- **18.** Grade card will not indicate class or division or rank.
- **19.** Wherever required the conversion of CGPA to the percentage of marks will be done as per R19.3 of the Direction No. 15 of 2023 (Norms for Administration of Academic Autonomy to Post Graduate Teaching Departments of the University, Direction, 2023)
- **20.** Improvement of Grade/CGPA while undertaking M.A(Economics) Program and after the completion of the program will be as per R28. (a) and R28. (b) of Direction No. 15 of 2023 (Norms for Administration of Academic Autonomy to Post Graduate Teaching Departments of the University, Direction, 2023).
- 21. An examinee securing 'FF' or 'Z' grade in any course of an examination of the Post Graduate program shall have an option to forego his/her continuous assessment marks in a course or courses. In such cases he/she shall be examined for total marks comprising theory/practical end semester examination and continuous assessment together, at his/her successive attempt at the examination. Such an option can be availed by an examinee in case he/she is appearing for the successive attempts at the examination as ex-student for that particular course. The Option of forego cannot be availed by examinee in an examination in case he/she is appearing for the examination as regular student for that particular course. A student who is detained from appearing in an examination in a course(s) for lack of attendance can exercise the option of forego in successive attempts at the examination.

To avail this, the examinee would indicate the same in his or her 'Application for the examination' and the option once exercised, shall be 'Final and Binding' on the examinee concerned for all the subsequent examinations in that course.

For the examinee opting for forego, his/her marks in continuous assessment shall be ascertained proportionately on the basis of his/her marks in the end semester theory examination of that course and in equal proportion on the basis of his/her marks in practical examination.