

FAQs : NCC ELECTIVE COURSE/SUBJECT

Query 1

1. Presently, Cadets after completing B certificate from Pre University Board/CBSE/ cl 12th, join NCC in universities only for C certificate i.e. only in first year of the University. How to adjust credit points of such cadets?
2. In a couple of years schools will be only till 11th. So we may need to cancel NCC from schools. Presently, transfer of credit from school to University only possible if both have above credit system.

Response 1

1. Students who obtain B Cert from school can directly join 5th semester NCC Credit Course or 3rd year of NCC Elective Subject, as the case may be, in their 1st or 2nd or 3rd year of college.
2. Schools are also likely to adopt credit and semester system under NEP 2020, then it would be possible to introduce NCC as a credit course in schools also. CBSE already offers it as elective subject. But that needs alignment to credit course model now designed. In the interim students with B Cert may be considered for Credit score eligibility in college once accepted by UGC/ Edn ministry under credit bank transfer model.

Query 2

1. What would happen to the credit points and the Elective as a whole if NCC is withdrawn?
2. Since UGC is offering NCC as an elective subject, can they deny NCC to someone based on non-availability of vacancy?

Response 2

1. Once NCC is introduced as Credit Course, unsatisfactory performance by the college would be a rarity since it will directly affect student's academic performance. If in an extreme case, NCC is removed from any institute due to unsatisfactory performance, the existing cadets may be allowed to join a nearby institute with NCC subunit, under open quota as is currently the practice.
2. As per existing rules & regulations, NCC Credit Course or elective will be offered to all enrolled NCC cadets only and a university cannot deny it to an enrolled cadet. Hence vacancy equivalent to size of NCC sub unit allotted to the college/university, will have to be catered for in the credit course in respective college/university.

Query 3

1. Do we have some analysis on the likely financial impacts in a typical University you have studied, on implementation of the proposal? Will they need additional ANOs? If yes, then who will provide them?

Response 3

1. No additional financial implication is envisaged.

Query 4

1. In the credit system, grades system is dovetailed. Based on performance and assessment, an indl scores grade points. Since, we have now added credit points for camps, how will performance in camps be graded?

2. Our NCC specific Cert does not need any camp assessment, just attendance. Now because the Educational Institutions will also assess and grade separately it forces us to introduce a system of assessment in camps. How will we do this? Connect to this our quest to add more skill development content by calling various Subject Matter Experts from outside in Camps. Will that also be incl in assessment?

3. Presently, only selected ANOs attend camps @ one ANO per 100 cdt. With Assessment being intro in camps, all Colleges will want that that their ANO attend and assess.

4. All of above aspects will need Policy changes at our end -- ideally before we coax implementation.

Response 4

1 In this connection Camp Manual may be referred issued by this HQ vide 4180/COC/DGNCC/TRG A dt 01 Jan 2021. The same is also available on the NCC website.

Query 5

1. With NCC as an elective subject a large number of students would opt for the same as NCC, especially in AP&T, because of reservation, it has got a lot of value both after school (B certificate) and after graduation (C certificate). We need to have some common selection criteria for intake of a limited str in NCC. Presently there are no fixed parameters for selection in terms of written exam or physicals.

Response 5

1. State Dtes and Gp HQs are empowered to create a merit list of all the applicants. The NCC Act or Rules does not debar conduct of any test over and above the laid down

minimal criteria. State Directorates should formulate SOP for creating merit lists per characteristics and local conditions of the respective States/ UTs.

Query 6

1. Most of the college going cdt's are pursuing a three year degree course and not an honors course. As per UGC guidelines, there is no Generic Elective for three year undergraduate courses.

Response 6

1. The UGC guidelines on CBCS states: "Institutes should evolve a system/policy about ECA/General Interest/ Hobby/NCC/NSS/ related courses own its own". This gives necessary freedom to universities/colleges to offer NCC as a credit course.

2. The student has the option of opting for more courses over and above the minimum General Elective or any other category provided the student does not exceed the laid down maximum credit score.

Query 7

1. Since CBCS has two semesters per Year and enrolls students twice a year will NCC Enrolment also happen twice a year?

Response 7

1. Admission will be carried out as per enrolment policy of NCC cadets between 1st April to 30th September every year. In colleges also the semester system is existing, however admissions are done annually.

Query 8

1. In addition to the periods earmarked within the curriculum as suggested in the Study Report, how do we allocate credits for additional but very important activities carried out by selected cadets, namely RDC camps, TSC & equivalent camps, SNICs etc? Or will these remain as extracurricular, in which case, NCC will become a combination of curricular and extracurricular.

Response 8

1. These competitions are outside the NCC Credit Course, hence these will continue to be conducted under own arrangements.

Query 9

1. Cdt's who are already having B Cert are permitted to join Course 5 of NCC in first semester of college. Will this exemption adversely affect the overall min credit reqmt of

degree course which is 120 or 140, (depending on regular/honors course) since they miss on the credit allotted for the first 4 courses?

2. Do the universities have the freedom to accommodate NCC elective course partially, say for example for 10 or 12 credits spread over 3-4 semesters? If so, can the balance syllabus be conducted the way it is being done now?

3. It has been mentioned that cadets will be given B and C Certs after passing exams conducted by DGNCC. Does this mean that the performance of cadets in the elective course and the cert exams are totally de-linked?

Response 9

1. A cadet who has earned B Cert in 11&12 std can directly join NCC Course No 5 in first year or any year of college. The cadet can also attempt C Cert during NCC Course No 6 and after completing the mandatory second Camp. The cadet will earn a total Credit Score of 10 instead of 24. However, the policy to carry forward balance of 14 Credits on the basis of his B Cert in 11&12 th std will depend on the university's credit bank and credit mobility policy.

2. Performance in NCC B and C Cert exams is delinked from Elective Credit Course grading.

Query 10

1. Suppose 350 students opt for NCC as elective, however the unit affiliated to the institution has only 200 vac.

- (a) What is the status of bal 150 students?
- (b) Will they be allowed to take ncc as elective.
- (c) Or the institution will only give 200 students NCC as elective.
- (d) Or will 200 students undergo proper NCC institutional trg with camps and get B/ C Cert and credit pts for University exam, while bal 150 will only get credit pts as part of their University test with no NCC cert.

Response 10

1. Only enrolled NCC cadets will be eligible for NCC Credit Course. Balance students will not be offered as they are not enrolled as NCC cadets.

Query 11

1. There are suggestions from certain involved ANOs that all interested students can be part of NCC Theory classes. This would help them learn about Armed Forces and other related aspects. They could earn credits for just these periods.

2. The solution although is workable, but difficult to implement as a universal model across all states. Plus the Dte/ Unit will face shortage of PI staff, ANOs and work load on units will shoot up. Once implemented fully for enrolled Cadets, the proposal can be reviewed.

3. Another option: The additional students are not NCC's responsibility. The Unit need not be bothered about them. They attend classes just as any college student attends an Elective course. The ANO just keeps a track of their attendance for the sake of Credits.

Response 11

1. This scheme is only for enrolled NCC cadets.

Query 12

1. Most universities are still following old procedure and the NEP and credit based system is yet to be fully implemented. In other institutions the present credit system is not in line with the NEP.

Response 12

1. All universities and colleges have to migrate to CBCS as per NEP 2020 by 2025. Hence this scheme is likely to be implemented Pan India accordingly.

Query 13

1. Mismatch of credit pts prevalent in Elective Subject in institutions vis a vis credit pts in NCC as Elective as proposed. Generally Elective subjects are for max two years. In order to fit NCC as Elective Subject we may have to consider covering balance NCC period as extracurricular activity.

Response 13

1. UG Bachelor Degree Students have to earn credits between 120 to 140 and Bachelor Honours between 140 to 160. 24 credits of NCC fits well in these brackets, implying students can obtain additional credits for NCC within the upper limit. Acceptance of UGC and AICTE as 3 Yr credit courses supersedes the limit of two years for elective course. It is now for the universities to work out modalities to accommodate the credits.

Query 14

1. NCC as a subject has to be allotted to one of the faculties. It was suggested that NCC course it can be clubbed under Defence Studies as Elective subject if already existing.

Response 14

1. NCC General Elective can be clubbed under Defence Studies in autonomous universities which do not have affiliated colleges and function as departments. However, there will be no tinkering or changes done to the NCC general elective course design of 24 credit points and the arrangement so made should not interfere with responsibilities of CO NCC unit.

Query 15

1. Some universities are complaining that credit loading of 24 for NCC GE is high for a non-academic subject like NCC.
2. Can NCC be taught over two years (4 semesters) instead of three years (6 semesters)
3. Flexibility in Credit Loading of Camps needs to be made as some universities may not agree.

Response 15

1. The scheme has been launched in 2021 and needs time to stabilize. Changes if any required in future will be deliberated upon based on expectations and discussion with all NCC Dte. The case will be accordingly taken up with UGC and other stake holders.

Query 16

1. The Odisha Dte has been requested by Odisha SHEC to reduce teaching periods of ANOs because of too much load. Typically master syllabus of History in one semester has 6 credits with 100 marks and 50 hrs. Hence a mark to hrs ratio is 2:1. NCC as GE cannot change this ratio. Also, all 24 credit points will have to be finished in 2 years. Besides, camp semesters might have to be shifted to the 2nd and 4th semester. These dynamics are still under deliberation though.
2. Given these variables, balance hrs of NCC syllabus would have to be split between extra-curricular each semester and the third year to conform to our overarching rubric. Hence, heterogeneity of NCC curriculum between states could become the new normal.

Response 16

1. As per UGC model for CBCS, 15 hours of theory or 30 hours of practical per semester equals 1 credit score. NCC Credit Course is designed on this model. If any university is following any other model then a proposal may be fwd by concerned NCC Dte for examination at HQ DG NCC.

Query 17

1. There are approx 15000 ITIs in the country which come under NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING (NCVT) and not under AICTE. In Delhi, there are two ITIs with NCC viz. ITI Pusa and ITI Nizammuddin. NCC Units are located in premises of these ITIs since raising.
2. These ITIs run specific vocational courses ranging from one semester (6 months) to MAXIMUM four semesters (2 years) where the student undergoes only one course and not a mix of subjects / courses as in any credit point system of courses.
3. In such institutes the concept of mainstreaming NCC by making it a general elective course does not apply and perforce NCC TRAINING (NOT EDUCATION) will have to remain as it is presently happening everywhere.
4. Since, max 2 yr vocational course is possible in such GOI ITIs, the children opting for NCC get only B Cert presently. To get a C Cert, he has to do another one yr vocational course in same or another ITI. Bulk of the cdt's from these ITIs take a B Cert and hardly 5% take a C Cert. Similar must be the case with ITIs affiliated to NCC in other dtes also.
5. Will these ITIs have to remain out of the envisaged NCC elective scheme? Or a separate unique system has to be evolved for them as there is no concept of Credits in such vocational courses.

Response 17

1. Since ITIs are not colleges / Universities, they cannot have NCC as an elective subject.

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