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Guidelines for 4th year of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP)

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1. Understanding the *Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP)*

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has introduced a transformative vision for higher education in India by promoting flexibility, multidisciplinary learning, skill development, research orientation, and multiple pathways for academic progression.

In pursuance of the NEP 2020 and the regulations of Bodoland University, the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) has been designed to provide students with a holistic and multidisciplinary educational experience. The programme offers multiple entry and exit options, academic flexibility through the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), opportunities for internships and skill development, and pathways to advanced studies and research.

These Guidelines have been prepared to help students, teachers, affiliated colleges, parents, and other stakeholders clearly understand the structure, requirements, opportunities, and progression pathways of the Fourth Year of the FYUGP.

The Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) is an undergraduate degree programme consisting of eight semesters spread over four academic years.

The programme allows students to:

a) Study a Major discipline and a Minor discipline
b) Choose interdisciplinary courses
c) Develop language and communication skills
d) Acquire employability and life skills
e) Undertake internships and field-based learning
f) Participate in research and innovation activities
g) Exit and re-enter the programme at different stages
h) Earn credits through the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

2. Programme Structure at a Glance

FYUGP Structure and Exit Options

Year	Semester	Credits	Qualification on Exit
First Year	Semester I & II	40 + Internship (4 Credits)	Undergraduate Certificate
Second Year	Semester III & IV	80 + Internship (4 Credits)	Undergraduate Diploma
Third Year	Semester V & VI	120 Credits	Bachelor's Degree
Fourth Year	Semester VII & VIII	160 Credits	Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline / Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline

3. Credit Distribution of FYUGP

Component	Total Credits
Major Courses	80
Minor Courses	32
Interdisciplinary Courses (IDC)	9
Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)	8
Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	9
Value Added Courses (VAC)	8
Internship	4
Dissertation / Research Project / Advanced Learning Courses	12
Total	160

4. Semester-wise Programme Structure (First Three Years)

Semester	Major Academic Components	Credits	Academic Focus / Qualification
Semester I	Major/Minor A, Minor/Minor B, IDC, AEC, SEC, VAC	**20**	Introduces foundational knowledge in the Major and Minor Disciplines while developing language proficiency, interdisciplinary understanding, and employability skills.

Semester II	Major/Minor A, Minor/Minor B, IDC, AEC, SEC, VAC	**20**	**Exit Qualification:** Undergraduate Certificate upon successful completion of **40 credits** and the prescribed **4-credit Summer Internship**.
Semester III	Major/Minor A (Two Courses), Minor/Minor B, IDC, AEC, SEC	**20**	Strengthens disciplinary knowledge and develops analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities.
Semester IV	Major/Minor A (Three Courses), Minor/Minor B, AEC, Internship	**20**	**Exit Qualification:** Undergraduate Diploma upon successful completion of **80 credits** and the prescribed **4-credit Summer Internship**.
Semester V	Major (Four Courses), Minor (One Course)	**20**	Advanced disciplinary study with emphasis on academic specialization and higher-order learning.
Semester VI	Major (Four Courses), Minor (One Course)	**20**	**Exit Qualification:** Bachelor's Degree in the Discipline upon successful completion of **120 credits**. Eligible students may continue to the Fourth Year to pursue the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline** or the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline**

Semester I

Component	Course Code Pattern
Major / Minor A	MAJ/MINA1014
Minor / Minor B	MIN/MINB1014
Interdisciplinary Course (IDC)	IDC1013
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)	AEC1012
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)	SEC1013
Value Added Course (VAC)	VAC1014
Total Credits	20

Academic Focus: Students begin their academic journey by studying introductory courses in the Major and Minor Disciplines while simultaneously developing language proficiency, interdisciplinary understanding, and employability skills.

Semester II

Component	Course Code Pattern
Major / Minor A	MAJ/MINA1024
Minor / Minor B	MIN/MINB1024
Interdisciplinary Course (IDC)	IDC1023
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)	AEC1022
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)	SEC1023
Value Added Course (VAC)	VAC1024
Total Credits	20

Exit Qualification: Upon successful completion of Semesters I and II (40 credits) together with the prescribed 4-credit Summer Internship, students shall be awarded the Undergraduate Certificate.

Semester III

Component	Course Code Pattern
Major / Minor A	MAJ/MINA2014
Major / Minor A	MAJ/MINA2024
Minor / Minor B	MIN/MINB2014
Interdisciplinary Course (IDC)	IDC2013
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)	AEC2012
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)	SEC2013
Total Credits	20

Academic Focus: The second year strengthens students' disciplinary knowledge while developing analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities.

Semester IV

Component	Course Code Pattern
Major / Minor A	MAJ/MINA2034
Major / Minor A	MAJ/MINA2044
Major / Minor A	MAJ/MINA2054
Minor / Minor B	MIN/MINB2024
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)	AEC2022
Internship	INT2012
Total Credits	20

Exit Qualification: Upon successful completion of Semesters III and IV (80 credits) together with the prescribed 4-credit Summer Internship, students shall be awarded the Undergraduate Diploma.

Semester V

Component	Course Code Pattern
Major	MAJ/MINA3014
Major	MAJ/MINA3024
Major	MAJ/MINA3034
Major	MAJ/MINA3044
Minor	MIN/MINB3014
Total Credits	20

Academic Focus: Students undertake advanced study in the Major and Minor Disciplines, with emphasis on higher-order disciplinary knowledge and academic specialization.

Semester VI

Component	Course Code Pattern
Major	MAJ/MINA3054
Major	MAJ/MINA3064
Major	MAJ/MINA3074
Major	MAJ/MINA3084
Minor	MIN/MINB3024
Total Credits	20

Exit Qualification: Upon successful completion of Semesters V and VI (120 credits), students shall be awarded the Bachelor's Degree in the Discipline. Eligible students may continue to the Fourth Year to pursue the Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline or the Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline, subject to the applicable Bodoland University Regulations.

5. Understanding the Fourth Year

The Fourth Year is the most advanced stage of FYUGP and provides students with opportunities to pursue specialized learning, research, innovation, and academic excellence.

The Fourth Year comprises Semester VII and Semester VIII.

Semester VII

Component	**Course Code Pattern**
Major Paper	MAJ4014
Major Paper	MAJ4024
Major Paper	MAJ4034
Major Paper (For Students opting for Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline)	MAJ4044
Or	
Research Methodology (For Students opting for Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline)	REM4044
Minor Paper	MIN4014
Total Credits	20

Purpose of Semester VII

Students acquire:

a) Advanced disciplinary knowledge

b) Research methodology skills

c) Critical analysis capabilities

d) Academic writing skills

e) Research design competencies

The Research Methodology course is compulsory only for students opting for the Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline.

Semester VIII

Component	**Credits**
Major Paper	4
Minor Paper	4
Dissertation / Research Project OR Advanced Learning Courses	12
Total Credits	20

Two Pathways Available:

After completing the first six semesters, eligible students may continue to the Fourth Year (Semester VII and Semester VIII) of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP).

The Fourth Year offers two academic pathways, enabling students to choose an option aligned with their academic performance, career aspirations, and future plans:

Pathway I – Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline

a) Open to students who have completed **6 semesters with or without backlogs** and are eligible to continue to the Fourth Year under the applicable Bodoland University Regulations.

b) **No minimum CGPA of 7.5 is required** for admission to this pathway.

c) Students complete Advanced Learning Courses (ADL) in Semester VIII.

d) On successful completion of **160 credits**, students are awarded the Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline.

Pathway II – Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline

a) Intended for academically eligible students who aspire to pursue research, higher studies, or research-oriented careers.

b) Students must satisfy the eligibility criteria prescribed by the University, including a minimum CGPA of 7.5 at the end of Semester VI and no backlog.

c) Students undertake a 12-credit Dissertation/Research Project under the guidance of an approved faculty supervisor in the Major Discipline.

d) On successful completion of the prescribed requirements and 160 credits, students are awarded the Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline.

Students admitted under the Double Minor System (applicable only to students admitted up to the 2025–2026 batch) who secure a minimum CGPA of 7.5 at the end of Semester VI may convert MIN-A into the Major Discipline from Semester VII without any backlogs.

Thus, entry into the Fourth Year leads to one of the following qualifications, depending on the student's eligibility and academic choice:

i. Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline, or

ii. Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline.

The research process may involve:

a) Identification of a research problem/topic

b) Review of relevant literature

c) Research design and methodology

d) Data collection, laboratory work, field visits, or other research-related activities as applicable

e) Data analysis and interpretation

f) Preparation and submission of a Dissertation/ Research Project

g) Viva Voce Examination, as prescribed by the University.

Students may be encouraged to present their research findings in seminars, conferences, or other academic forums, wherever feasible.

6. Eligibility for Admission to the Honours with Research Pathway

Students who have completed Semester VI with or without backlogs are eligible to continue to the Fourth Year of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP). Students seeking admission to the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline** pathway shall, in addition, satisfy the following conditions:

Requirement	Condition
Minimum Academic Performance	Minimum CGPA of **7.5** at the end of Semester VI, or such other criterion as may be prescribed by the University from time to time
Academic Standing	No backlog
Credits Earned	Successful completion of **120 credits** at the end of Semester VI
Institutional Requirements	Fulfil the requirements prescribed by the Department, College, and the University

Students satisfying the above eligibility conditions may opt for the **Honours with Research** pathway in the Fourth Year and shall undertake a **12-credit Dissertation/Research Project** under the guidance of an approved faculty supervisor.

Students who are not eligible for, or who do not opt for, the **Honours with Research** pathway may pursue the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours** in the Major Discipline by completing the prescribed **Advanced Learning Courses (ADL)** and fulfilling the remaining programme requirements for the award of the degree.

Students having backlog(s) shall not be eligible for admission to the Honours with Research pathway. Such students may, however, continue in the Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline pathway subject to the applicable University Regulations.

7. Choice of Major and Minor

Option A: One Major and One Minor

Students select:

a) One Major Discipline

b) One Minor Discipline

A minimum of 50% of total credits must come from the Major Discipline.

Option B: Double Minor System (applicable only to students admitted up to the 2025–2026 batch)

Students may select:

a) MIN-A

b) MIN-B

from Semester I.

Students admitted under the Double Minor System (applicable only to students admitted up to the 2025–2026 batch) may convert MIN-A into the Major discipline from Semester VII, provided they have secured a minimum CGPA of 7.5 at the end of Semester VI without any backlogs.

This provides flexibility for students to change their academic trajectory based on performance and interests.

8. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

The Academic Bank of Credits is a digital repository where student credits are stored securely.

Benefits include:

i. Credit accumulation
ii. Credit transfer
iii. Multiple entry and exit
iv. Academic mobility
v. Re-entry into programmes

Students should ensure that their ABC ID is activated and linked with the institution.

9. Multiple Entry and Exit System

The FYUGP follows the NEP 2020 principle of flexibility.

Stage	Credits	Award
After Year 1	40 + Internship	Certificate
After Year 2	80 + Internship	Diploma
After Year 3	120	Bachelor's Degree
After Year 4	160	Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline / Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline

Students may re-enter the programme through the Academic Bank of Credits subject to University regulations.

10. Dissertation / Research Project

Students opting for Honours with Research shall undertake a Dissertation/Research Project worth 12 Credits.

10.1. Eligibility of Research Supervisors

A supervisor must:

i. Hold a PhD Degree

ii. Be recognised by Bodoland University as eligible to supervise Ph.D scholars.

iii. Possess expertise relevant to the research topic

10.2. Departmental Eligibility to Offer Honours with Research

A department must have at least two permanent faculty members recognised by Bodoland University as eligible to supervise Ph.D scholars as per UGC guidelines (Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes- December ,2022).

A Department intending to offer the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research** in the Major Discipline shall possess adequate academic and research infrastructure to support undergraduate research. The Department should have well-equipped library facilities with access to relevant books, journals, e-resources, and databases; appropriate laboratory facilities, workshops, studios, or field-based research facilities, wherever applicable; adequate computing and internet facilities; and other academic resources necessary for conducting research. The Department shall also satisfy the faculty eligibility requirements prescribed by the University for supervising undergraduate research projects /dissertations.

Responsibilities of Students

i. Select a suitable topic
ii. Follow research ethics
iii. Meet the supervisor regularly
iv. Submit Dissertation / Research Project within schedule
v. Appear in viva voce examination

Students may be encouraged to present their research findings in seminars, conferences, or other academic forums, wherever feasible.

11. If the Fourth Year is Not Available in a College

Where an affiliated college is unable to offer the Fourth-Year programme because of faculty or infrastructure constraints, eligible students may seek admission to another affiliated college of Bodoland University, or the University Department, wherever the programme is offered.

This provision ensures continuity of studies under NEP 2020.

12. Faculty Requirements for Honours with Research

A department must have at least two permanent faculty members recognised by Bodoland University as eligible to supervise Ph.D scholars as per UGC guidelines (Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes- December ,2022).

13. Duration of the Programme

Particulars	**Duration**
Normal Duration	4 Years
Maximum Duration without Break	6 Years
Maximum Duration with Permissible Breaks	7 Years

14. University Rank and Gold Medal Eligibility

Students shall be eligible for University Rank and Gold Medal only if they:

i. Complete the Four-Year FYUGP leading to the award of the Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline or Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline in one continuous stretch.
ii. Have no backlog papers
iii. Have no betterment attempts
iv. Fulfil all University regulations

Students re-entering after an exit, students admitted through migration or lateral entry, Certificate holders, and Diploma holders shall not be eligible for Rank or Gold Medal consideration.

15. Guidance for Colleges

Colleges should:

i. Create awareness among students regarding NEP provisions.
ii. Facilitate ABC registration.
iii. Ensure availability of qualified faculty.
iv. Strengthen internship and industry linkages.
v. Encourage research and innovation activities.
vi. Maintain proper records for multiple entry and exit.
vii. Offer Fourth Year programmes based on institutional feasibility and departmental capability.

16. Key Takeaways for Students

i. Students who have successfully completed the first six semesters and earned 120 credits are eligible to enter the Fourth Year. Students seeking admission to the **Honours with Research** pathway must additionally secure a minimum CGPA of 7.5 and satisfy the prescribed eligibility conditions.
ii. Avoid backlogs
iii. Keep your ABC account active.
iv. Develop research and analytical skills.
v. Consult teachers regularly regarding Honours and Honours with Research options.
vi. Plan your career pathway early.

Programme	**Eligibility**
Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline	Completion of Semester VI with or without backlogs
Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline	Minimum CGPA of 7.5 at the end of Semester VI with no backlog.

Students admitted under the Double Minor System (applicable only to students admitted up to the 2025–2026 batch) may convert MIN-A into the Major Discipline from Semester VII and pursue Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline, provided they have secured a

minimum CGPA of 7.5 at the end of Semester VI and satisfy the applicable Bodoland University Regulations.

17. Permission and Affiliation for the Fourth Year FYUGP in Affiliated Colleges

To ensure quality, uniformity, and effective implementation of the Fourth Year of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP), the following provisions shall apply to all affiliated colleges of Bodoland University, other than autonomous colleges.

Any affiliated college with existing Major programme(s) may introduce the fourth year of the Honours and Honours with Research Programme irrespective of an approved PG Programme.

The Colleges having permission from Bodoland University to run a PG Programme in a particular subject, will not have to apply for permission for the 4th year of FYUGP again. However, details of the departments may be communicated to the university well in advance by the concerned principal of the College.

If the 4th year is proposed to be introduced in another subject other than the approved PG Programme, in such cases, separate permission for the respective subject will be required.

Permission and affiliation requirements are mandatory statutory procedures for maintaining quality and credibility of the academic programmes, they will be strictly adhered to as per norms. However, the applications received within stipulated time, i.e., by July 15 , 2026 will be expeditiously processed and will be resolved within one week of the receipt of application.

Affiliated colleges intending to offer the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research** in the Major Discipline shall fulfil the additional requirements prescribed under the Bodoland University FYUGP Regulations, including the availability of eligible PhD-qualified faculty members to supervise the Dissertation/Research Project and the necessary research facilities. Principal of the institution is responsible for submitting all relevant documents of PhD-holding faculty members to the University for necessary approvals. The Principal will allot approved Guides for students, ensuring adherence to Bodoland University guidelines. Allotment must be completed well in advance to facilitate proper planning and execution of the Dissertation/Research Project.

Permission to introduce the Fourth Year and continuation of affiliation shall be subject to compliance with the provisions of the **Bodoland University Act**, the relevant Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, and such directions as may be issued by the University from time to time.

18.Pathways to Postgraduate Programmes

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 provides multiple academic pathways for students completing the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP). Students of Bodoland University may pursue postgraduate education through any of the following pathways, subject to the eligibility requirements and admission regulations of the UGC and the Bodoland University.

Option I: Three-Year UG Degree followed by a Two-Year Postgraduate Programme (3+2)

Students who successfully complete the Three-Year Undergraduate Degree (120 credits) may:

1. Obtain the Three-Year UG Degree upon fulfilling all programme requirements.
2. Seek admission to a Two-Year Postgraduate Programme offered by Bodoland University, subject to the applicable eligibility criteria and admission procedures.
3. Apply for admission to postgraduate programmes offered by any other recognised Higher Education Institution in accordance with the admission regulations of the respective institution.

Option II: Four-Year Undergraduate Degree followed by a One-Year Postgraduate Programme (4+1)

Students completing the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (160 credits) with either **Bachelor's Degree with Honours** or **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research** may seek admission to a **One-Year Postgraduate Programme**, wherever such programmes are offered in accordance with the UGC Regulations and the policies of the Bodoland University and Government of Assam.

Students may:

1. Continue their postgraduate studies at Bodoland University, where such programmes are available; or
2. Seek admission to any recognised Higher Education Institution offering One-Year Postgraduate Programmes under the NEP framework, subject to the eligibility and admission requirements of that institution.

Option III: Five-Year Integrated Master's Programme

Students may also seek admission to a **Five-Year Integrated Master's Programme**, where lateral entry is permitted by the admitting institution after completion of the third or fourth year of the undergraduate programme.

Admission shall be governed by the regulations, eligibility criteria, seat availability, and admission procedures prescribed by the respective institution.

19. Amendments

These Guidelines shall be subject to amendments, modifications, or revisions issued from time to time by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Government of Assam.

A. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Students

1. What is the Fourth Year of the FYUGP?

Answer : The Fourth Year is the seventh and eighth semesters of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP). It enables students to pursue advanced disciplinary studies leading to either the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline** or the **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline**.

2. Who can enter the Fourth Year?

Answer : Students who have completed the first six semesters with and without backlogs may enter the Fourth Year, subject to the applicable Bodoland University Regulations (Section 5).

3. What qualifications are awarded after completion of the Fourth Year?

Answer : Depending on the pathway chosen and eligibility fulfilled, students will be awarded either:

i. Bachelor's Degree with Honours in the Major Discipline, or

ii. Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research in the Major Discipline.

4. What is the difference between Honours and Honours with Research?

Answer : The **Honours pathway** includes Advanced Learning Courses (ADL) during Semester VIII.

The **Honours with Research pathway** includes a 12-credit Dissertation/Research Project under the guidance of an approved faculty supervisor.

5. Is there any CGPA requirement for admission to the Honours pathway?

Answer : No.

6. What are the eligibility requirements for Honours with Research?

Students must:

i. complete Semester VI,

ii. secure a minimum CGPA of 7.5

iii. have no backlog, and

7. Can students having backlog(s) join the Fourth Year?

Students with backlog(s) may continue in the Fourth Year under the Honours pathway .

Students with backlog(s) are not eligible for admission to the Honours with Research pathway.

8. What are Advanced Learning Courses (ADL)?

Advanced Learning Courses are specialized courses offered during Semester VIII for students pursuing the Honours pathway. These courses provide advanced disciplinary knowledge and prepare students for higher studies and professional careers.

9. What is a Dissertation/Research Project?

The Dissertation/Research Project is an original research work worth 12 credits undertaken by students enrolled in the Honours with Research pathway under the supervision of an approved faculty member.

10. Who will supervise the Dissertation/Research Project?

The Dissertation/Research Project shall be supervised by a faculty member approved by Bodoland University in accordance with the prescribed eligibility criteria.

11. What are the responsibilities of a research student?

Students should:

i. select an appropriate research topic;
ii. follow research ethics;
iii. meet the supervisor regularly;
iv. complete the research work within the prescribed schedule;
v. submit the Dissertation/Research Project on time;
vi. appear in the viva voce examination; and
vii. wherever feasible, present their research findings in seminars or conferences.

12. What happens if my college does not offer the Fourth Year?

Eligible students may seek admission to another affiliated college of Bodoland University or the concerned Department of any University where the Fourth Year is offered, subject to applicable University Regulations.

13. Is the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) compulsory?

Yes.

Students should activate and maintain their ABC ID since credits earned under the FYUGP are accumulated through the Academic Bank of Credits.

14. Can students exit and re-enter the programme?

Yes.

The FYUGP follows the Multiple Entry and Exit framework of NEP 2020. Re-entry shall be governed by the applicable University Regulations and the Academic Bank of Credits.

15. Will students receive a Bachelor's Degree after three years?

Yes.

Students successfully completing 120 credits after Semester VI shall be awarded the Bachelor's Degree in the Discipline. Eligible students may continue to the Fourth Year for Honours or Honours with Research.

16. Are students eligible for University Rank or Gold Medal after re-entry?

No.

Students who exit and subsequently re-enter the programme are not eligible for University Rank or Gold Medal consideration.

17. How long can a student take to complete the programme?

The normal duration is four years. The maximum permissible duration shall be 7 years.

18. Whom should students contact for academic guidance?

Students may contact:

i. the Head of the Department,
ii. Principal of the College, or

iii. the Academic Branch of Bodoland University.

B. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Colleges

1. Is separate permission required?

If the Fourth Year is proposed in a subject for which the college does not already have the required approval, separate permission shall be obtained from Bodoland University.

2. Can colleges offer only the Honours pathway?

Yes.

A college may offer the Honours pathway even if it is not eligible to offer the Honours with Research pathway.

3. What additional requirements apply for offering Honours with Research?

The institution shall satisfy the requirements prescribed by Bodoland University regarding:

i. eligible faculty,

ii. approved research supervisors,

iii. library resources,

iv. laboratories or research facilities (where applicable),

v. computing facilities, and

vi. other academic infrastructure.

4. What are the responsibilities of the Principal?

The Principal shall:

i. ensure compliance with University Regulations;

ii. submit required documents for approval of research supervisors;

iii. allot approved supervisors;

iv. ensure timely commencement of Dissertation/Research Projects;

v. maintain academic records; and

vi. facilitate implementation of the Fourth Year.

5. Who allots Dissertation/Research Project supervisors?

The Principal, in consultation with the concerned Department and in accordance with University approval, shall allot supervisors.

6. Can one supervisor guide students from different disciplines?

Normally, supervisors should guide students in areas related to their academic expertise and approved discipline.

7. What facilities should be available before offering Honours with Research?

The Department should possess:

i. adequate library resources;

ii. journals and e-resources;

iii. laboratory or field facilities where applicable;

iv. computing and internet facilities; and

v. other research infrastructure required for undergraduate research.

8. Can students from another college be admitted to the Fourth Year?

Yes.

Eligible students may be admitted based on seat availability.

9. What records should colleges maintain?

Colleges should maintain records relating to:

i. student admissions,
ii. ABC registration,
iii. Dissertation/Research Projects,
iv. supervisor allocation,
v. progression,
vi. examination,
vii. Multiple Entry and Exit, and
viii. credit accumulation.

10. What is the role of Departments?

Departments should:

i. guide students regarding pathway selection;

ii. monitor academic progression;

iii. ensure quality research supervision;

iv. recommend Dissertation topics;

v. facilitate academic mentoring; and

vi. promote research and innovation.

11. Can a college deny admission to eligible students for the Fourth Year?

Admission shall be governed by the approved intake, availability of facilities, and the applicable University Regulations.

12. Is the Fourth Year compulsory for all students?

No.

Students may complete the three-year Bachelor's Degree or continue to the Fourth Year depending on their academic goals and eligibility.

13. Is there any limit on the number of students that may be assigned to an eligible research supervisor under the FYUGP Honours with Research Programme?

Answer: The UGC *Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes (CCFUP), 2022* does not prescribe any supervisor-wise limit on the number of students that may be assigned to an eligible research supervisor under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme. Accordingly, the concerned affiliated college or academic department of Bodoland University shall judiciously determine the number of students to be allotted to each eligible research supervisor, taking into account the availability of research infrastructure and facilities, the faculty member's academic workload and research commitments, and the need to ensure effective supervision and the quality of undergraduate research.

14. Where should colleges seek clarification?

Colleges may approach:

i. the Registrar,

ii. the Academic Branch and the Academic Registrar,

iii. the Controller of Examinations, or

iv. the Vice-Chancellor of Bodoland University.