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GUIDELINES

for the External Student Program (ESP) at IIT Gandhinagar

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PREAMBLE

Gujarat Technological University in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, offers the **External Student Program (ESP)** for meritorious students of Government Engineering Colleges affiliated with GTU.

This program enables students to experience academic life at one of India's premier institutions — IIT Gandhinagar — for one full semester, thereby enriching their technical knowledge, research exposure, and overall professional development.

GTU has been successfully running this External Students Program (ESP) since 2021, with meritorious students from Government Engineering Colleges benefiting from world-class academic exposure at IIT Gandhinagar. Building on this successful legacy, these guidelines continue to strengthen the program's structure, transparency, and reach.

These guidelines are framed in accordance with applicable Government of Gujarat notifications Academic Council Resolutions and subsequent GTU circulars, and shall be binding upon all participating students, institutes, and stakeholders.

1. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Students of Government Engineering Colleges affiliated with Gujarat Technological University (GTU) are eligible to apply for the External Student Program at IIT Gandhinagar for the 5th or 6th Semester only.

1.2 Students enrolled in the following five branches of Bachelor of Engineering may apply:

- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Chemical Engineering

1.3 In each of the above branches, a maximum of two (2) students per branch shall be selected based on GTU merit (CPI), followed by any appropriate selection procedure conducted by IIT Gandhinagar. Thus, a maximum of 10 students per semester shall be selected for the program.

Branch	Seats per Semester	Semester Eligible
Civil Engineering	02 (Merit-based)	5th or 6th
Mechanical Engineering	02 (Merit-based)	5th or 6th





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Branch	Seats per Semester	Semester Eligible
Electrical Engineering	02 (Merit-based)	5th or 6th
Computer Engineering	02 (Merit-based)	5th or 6th
Chemical Engineering	02 (Merit-based)	5th or 6th
TOTAL	Maximum 10 students per semester	

- 1.4 Students who have already availed the benefit of this program at IIT Gandhinagar in any earlier semester shall not be eligible to apply again.
- 1.5 Students having any active backlog(s) at the time of application shall not be eligible.
- 1.6 Students found guilty by the Unfair Means (UFM) Committee of GTU, or their parent institute shall not be eligible to apply.
- 1.7 Selected students shall be required to reside on the campus of IIT Gandhinagar for the entire duration of the semester.
- 1.8 Interested students shall apply directly through the official website of IIT Gandhinagar for the External Students Program before the notified deadline.

2. INSTRUCTIONS for INSTITUTES

- 2.1 The parent institute shall verify the CPI of all applicant students and recommend only the top two students (based on CPI up to Semester 5; if Semester 5 result is not declared, CPI up to Semester 4 shall be considered) from each eligible branch — Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Computer, and Chemical Engineering.
- 2.2 The institute shall verify that the recommended students meet all eligibility criteria including no active backlogs and no adverse UFM findings.
- 2.3 The institute shall issue a duly signed Consent Letter (as per Annexure – A) for each recommended and eligible student.
- 2.4 The institute shall verify and formally intimate GTU regarding the names of students who have been selected for and who have joined IIT Gandhinagar, along with submission of the admission letter/consent letter to the University.

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2.5 The institute shall maintain records of all participating students for official correspondence and future reference.

3. SUBJECT MAPPING & CREDIT EQUIVALENCE

3.1 Students who join IIT Gandhinagar in the 5th Semester shall be:

- granted exemption from all elective subjects (Professional Elective Courses – PEC and Multidisciplinary Open Professional Elective Courses – MOPEC) of both the 5th and 6th semesters, including Societal Internship of semester 5.
- required to complete the all the Professional Core Courses (PCCs) subjects of the 5th semester as per GTU curriculum during the 6th semester upon returning to GTU.

3.2 Students who join IIT Gandhinagar in the 6th Semester shall:

- Be granted exemption from all elective subjects (PEC and MOPEC) of both the 6th and 7th semesters, including Skill Based Training (SBT) of semester 7.
- Be required to complete all the Professional Core Courses (PCCs) subjects of the 6th semester as per GTU curriculum during the 7th semester upon returning to GTU.

3.3 Students shall not be permitted to opt for subjects at IIT Gandhinagar that are identical or substantially similar to subjects already studied or scheduled to be studied under the GTU curriculum.

3.4 Credits earned at IIT Gandhinagar shall be transferred to GTU as per approved equivalence and mapping. The grades and credits shall be reflected in the GTU marksheet/transcript as per university norms.

3.5 In case of any discrepancy in subject mapping, the decision of GTU shall be final and binding.

4. MINIMUM CREDIT REQUIREMENT & BACKLOG POLICY

4.1 Students must secure a minimum of 18 credits of the semester by studying and passing various subjects at IIT Gandhinagar. The evaluation of these subjects shall be conducted by IIT Gandhinagar.

4.2 **If total credits obtained are 18 or more:** The student obtains more than 18 credits — best 18 credits shall be considered in the GTU marksheet. If a student appeared in subjects having more

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than 18 credits and fails in any subject but secures a minimum of 18 credits, then the best 18 credits shall be considered in the GTU marksheet, ignoring the failed subject.

4.3 If total credits obtained are less than 18: The student shall fulfil the minimum 18 credits requirement from IIT Gandhinagar by re-appearing in the failed subject(s) / other subject(s) with more or equivalent credits or any other possible means or academic arrangements suggested and provided by the IIT Gandhinagar. All expenses for re-appearing shall be borne by the student, including applicable tuition fees.

4.4 If the student fails to obtain the minimum 18 credits requirement at IIT Gandhinagar and does not wish to / can't able to re-appear at IIT Gandhinagar (as mentioned in clause 4.3), then the student must obtain the minimum 18 credits by re-enrolling in all the elective subjects (Professional Elective Courses – PEC and Multidisciplinary Open Professional Elective Courses – MOPEC) including Societal Internship / Skill Based Training (SBT) as mentioned in clause 3.1 or 3.2, whichever is applicable, by re-enrolling in the respective semester subjects. Re-enrolled subjects shall be treated as backlog.

4.5 Exceptional cases may be put before the appropriate committee for suitable actions.

5. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES & DOCUMENTATION

- 5.1 Students must obtain a Consent Letter from their respective parent institute before applying for the program.
- 5.2 Students shall apply directly on the IIT Gandhinagar Website before the notified deadline.
- 5.3 After joining, the student shall submit an e-copy of both the Consent Letter and the Admission Confirmation Letter from IIT Gandhinagar's External Student Program to GTU.
- 5.4 Students are required to abide by all academic and residential rules and regulations of IIT Gandhinagar throughout their stay on campus.

6. FEE STRUCTURE

- 6.1 Tuition Fees: Rs. 50,000/- per semester per student shall be paid by the Education Department, Government of Gujarat as per the approved scheme. The remaining tuition fees shall be borne by IIT Gandhinagar.

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6.2 Hostel, Mess & Other Fees: All accommodation, food, and incidental expenses during the stay at IIT Gandhinagar campus shall be entirely borne by the student.

7. WITHDRAWAL / DISCONTINUATION

- 7.1 In case a student withdraws or discontinues the program midway for any reason, the student shall rejoin GTU and complete the remaining semester requirements as per prevailing academic requirement of GTU. No exception shall be provided.
- 7.2 Credit transfer in such cases shall be subject to case-by-case approval by GTU based on the credits earned and subjects completed at IIT Gandhinagar up to the point of withdrawal.
- 7.3 Any financial implications arising from withdrawal shall be governed by the applicable rules of IIT Gandhinagar and GTU.
- 7.4 Any involvement in activities that violate the rules, regulations, code of conduct, or statutory provisions of IIT Gandhinagar or Gujarat Technological University shall result in immediate reporting to GTU and may lead to disciplinary action, including but not limited to termination of participation in the External Student Program, as per applicable rules and legal provisions.

8. FINAL AUTHORITY

- 8.1 Any matter not covered under these guidelines or any dispute arising thereto shall be decided jointly by GTU and IIT Gandhinagar, in accordance with the spirit of the collaboration and the applicable Government of Gujarat notifications.
- 8.2 The decision of Gujarat Technological University shall be final and binding in all academic matters pertaining to credit transfer, equivalence, and eligibility.
- 8.3 GTU reserves the right to modify, amend, or withdraw these guidelines with appropriate notice to all stakeholders.

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