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A Committee was constituted vide Notification No. 58/2020 dated 6th May 2020 for preparation of Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for Sikkim University in view of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. The Committee has recommended the following Academic Calendars for different batches of students and changes in academic operations in view of COVID-19 pandemic situation:

1. New Academic Calendar द्वारा for Fresh batch of UG and PG students admitted in the academic year 2020-21 (1st Semester)
2. Academic Calendar for Odd Semester students (3rd and 5th UG and 3rd PG; and Intermediate Semesters) for 2020-21
3. Academic Calendar for MPhil/PhD programme for the year 2020-21
4. Online or virtual Oral Presentation in Webinar National/International Seminar/Conference/Workshop for PhD students
5. 6-day week pattern (Monday to Saturday) to be followed by the Academic Departments while conducting classes for the remaining session of 2019-20 and the next session 2020-21. This shall be applicable even in the Academic Departments of all the affiliated Colleges of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the above recommendations for implementation with immediate effect, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

The details for Sl. No. 1 to 4 are given in Annexure to this Notification

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Annexure

1. New Academic Calendar for Fresh batch of UG and PG students admitted in the academic year 2020-21 (1st Semester)

Events	Dates	Operational Procedure
Commencement of Classes of Odd Semester: Fresh batch (First Semester-UG and PG)	16.11.2020 to 31.12.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class routine may be prepared for normal classes, maintaining the physical distancing (Monday to Saturday). <li style="text-align: center;">or • Class routine may be prepared for online classes in e-mode (Monday to Saturday). • Teaching-Learning through various modes such as Online Learning • 1st Sessional Test (pen and papers or Online), dates to be decided by concerned Department/College
Winter Break	01.01.2021 to 17.01.2021	
Continuation of semester classes**	18.01.2021 to 17.03.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **18.01.2021 to 31.01.2021: Due to severe winter, online classes will be permitted. Teachers are allowed to work from home. • 2nd and 3rd Sessional Test/Internal Practical (pen and papers or Online), dates to be decided by concerned Department/College • Submission of Questions papers for End-semester Examinations to COE.
Preparatory Break	18.03.2021 to 21.03.2021	
Conduct of Examinations	22.03.2021 to 03.04.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination schedules will be prepared by the Department of the University. • Examination schedules will be prepared by Office of CoE in consultation with Principals of Colleges. • Mode of examinations pen and papers with strict maintenance of physical distancing <li style="text-align: center;">or • Take Home Examinations (Online mode) • Practical or e-Practical to be decided by the Department/College. • Decentralized evaluation systems at Department-wise both in Colleges and University.

Semester Break	05.04.2021 to 11.04.2021	
Commencement of Classes of Even Semester (2 nd Semester UG and PG)	12.04.2021 to 24.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class routine may be prepared for normal classes, following the social distancing (Monday to Saturday). <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class routine may be prepared for online classes in e-mode (Monday to Saturday). • Teaching-Learning through various modes such as Online Learning • 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sessional Tests/Internal Practical (Pen and papers or Online), dates to be decided by concerned Department/College
Preparatory Break	25.07.2021 to 01.08.2021	
Conduct of Examinations	02.08.2021 to 14.08.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination schedules will be prepared by the Department of the University. • Examination schedules will be prepared by Office of CoE in consultation with Principals of Colleges. • Mode of examinations pen and papers with maintenance of physical distancing <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Home Examinations (Online mode) • Practical or e-Practical to be decided by the Department/College. • Decentralized evaluation systems at Department-wise both in Colleges and University.
Summer Break	15.08.2021 to 29.08.2021	
Commencement of Next Academic Session for this Batch	30.08.2021	Normal classes or online classes depending on COVID-19 cases

2. Academic Calendar for Odd Semester students (3rd and 5th UG and 3rd PG; and Intermediate Semesters) for 2020-21

Events	Dates	Operational Procedure
Commencement of Odd Semester (3 rd and 5 th UG Semesters and 3 rd PG Semester and Intermediate Semesters)	24.08.2020 to 12.12.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online classes going in e-mode (Monday to Saturday). • 1st and 2nd Sessional Tests/Internal Practical (pen and papers or Online), dates to be decided by concerned Department/College
Winter Break	14.12.2020 to 12.02.2021 (Only for students; winter break for teachers will start from 01.01.2021 to 17.01.2021)	
Continuation of semester classes	15.02.2021 to 17.03.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of normal classes or teaching-Learning through e-mode • 3rd Sessional Test/Internal Practical (pen and papers or Online), dates to be decided by concerned Department/College. • Submission of Questions papers for End-semester Examinations to COE.
Preparatory Break	18.03.2021 to 21.03.2021	
Conduct of Examinations	22.03.2021 to 03.04.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination schedules will be prepared by the Department of the University. • Examination schedules will be prepared by Office of CoE in consultation with Principals of Colleges. • Mode of examinations pen and papers with strict maintenance of physical distancing or • Take Home Examinations (Online mode) • Practical or e-Practical to be decided by the Department/College. • Decentralized evaluation systems at Department-wise both in Colleges and University.
Semester Break	05.04.2021 to 11.04.2021	
Commencement of Classes of Even Semester (4 th UG and PG and 6 th UG, Intermediate Semesters) Semester UG and PG)	12.04.2021 to 24.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class routine may be prepared for normal classes, following the social distancing (Monday to Saturday). or • Class routine may be prepared for online classes in e-mode (Monday to Saturday). • Teaching-Learning through various modes such as Online Learning

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sessional Tests/Internal Practical (pen and papers or Online), dates to be decided by concerned Department/College
Preparatory Break	25.07.2021 to 01.08.2021	
Conduct of Examinations	02.08.2021 to 14.08.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination schedules will be prepared by the Department of the University. Examination schedules will be prepared by Office of CoE in consultation with Principals of Colleges. Mode of examinations pen and papers with maintenance of physical distancing or Take Home Examinations (Online mode) Practical or e-Practical to be decided by the Department/College. Decentralized evaluation systems at Department-wise both in Colleges and University.
Declaration of results	15.08.2021 to 29.08.2021	

3. Academic Calendar for MPhil/PhD programme 2020-21

Events	Dates	Operational Procedure
Completion of Admission for MPhil/PhD	31.12.2020	
Commencement of Course Work	01.02.2021 to 05.06.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal or Online classes in e-mode (Monday to Saturday). 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sessional Tests/Internal Practical (pen and papers or Online), dates to be decided by concerned Department
Preparatory Break	06.06.2021 to 13.06.2021	
Conduct of Examinations	14.06.2021 to 30.06.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination schedules will be prepared by the Department of the University. Mode of examinations pen and papers with strict maintenance of physical distancing or Take Home Examinations (Online mode).

4. Online or virtual Oral Presentation in Webinar National/International Seminar/ Conference/Workshop for PhD students

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, no physical seminars/conferences/workshop at national and international levels are being held, and it may continue till uncertain period due to COVID 19. As per the University PhD Regulation vide Notification 15/2018 Clause No. 11 (c), during pre-submission presentation for PhD Thesis, students need to have one published research paper and 2 papers presentation/oral presentation at national/international seminars/conferences/workshops. Instead of physical oral presentation, virtual or online oral presentation in national/international seminars/conferences/workshops shall be accepted by the University for pre-submission presentation for PhD Thesis, provided the students shall produce e-certificates mentioning the title of Oral presentation, name of Organizers, e-mode of presentation, etc. However, this provision for virtual oral presentation is permitted only till the COVID-19 pandemic situation persists.