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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Introduction of Independent Study Course Based on Research Publication in the Ph.D. Programme.

The 51st Academic Council has discussed and approved the introduction of an **Independent Study Course Based on Research Publication** in the Ph.D. programme based on the recommendation of Dean, Postgraduate Programmes.

Independent Study Course in the Ph.D. programme, wherein the course evaluation shall be based on the publication of a research manuscript.

The grade for the course shall be awarded only upon submission of an acceptance letter from the journal/publisher confirming the acceptance of the manuscript.

The credit allocation shall be as follows:

Scopus Percentile of the Journal while submitting the acceptance letter	Credits Awarded
≥ 90	4 Credits (4-0-0)
≥ 75 and < 90	3 Credits (3-0-0)
≥ 50 and < 75	2 Credits (2-0-0)

The approval process for the Independent Study Course shall be governed by the same policies and procedures applicable to other Ph.D. coursework courses.

The maximum credit that may be earned through the Independent Study Course shall be limited to 4 credits during the Ph.D. programme.

Any manuscript(s) used for the award of credits under this course shall not be counted towards the minimum research publication requirements prescribed for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

This order shall come into effect from **1 January 2027**.



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