

FAQs (NEP – 2020)

1. [What is 4 years degree \(Hons. /Research\) as per National Education Policy 2020?](#)

Answer: The structure and duration of 4 years Bachelor's degree programmes proposed by the NEP 2020 comprise undergraduate degree programmes of either 3 or 4-year duration, with multiple entry and exit points and re-entry options within this period, with appropriate certifications such as:

a certificate after completing 1 year (2 semesters) of study in the chosen fields of study.

a diploma after 2 years (4 semesters) of study,

a bachelor's degree after a 3-year (6 semesters) programme of study,

a bachelor's degree with honours/Research after a 4-year (eight semesters) programme of study (After completing requirements of a 3-year bachelor's degree, candidates who meet a minimum CGPA of 7.5 will be allowed to continue studies in the fourth year of the undergraduate programme leading to the bachelor's degree (Honours /Research)).

2. [Why AUUP is offering 4 years undergraduate degree program when other universities are offering 3 years degree program?](#)

Answer: AUUP has been a pioneer in implementing progressive initiatives by the government. Therefore, in year 2021 itself, AUUP had introduced 4 years undergraduate degree programs as per New Education Policy -NEP 2020. All the same, AUUP is also continuing this year with 3 years degree program, which may be discontinued next year.

3. [What is the difference between 3 years degree and 4 years degree with Research programs?](#)

Answer: There is no difference except that of duration. The four years degree programs have been introduced as per NEP – 2020. At the end of three years, based on the CGPA of candidates, they will have the options to choose Research/Honours. Under this also, a candidate has an option to exit after completion of 3 years and take a degree.

4. [What will be the structure and duration of master's programme after 3- or 4-years undergraduate degree programme as per NEP- 2020?](#)

Answer: The NEP 2020 envisages flexibility in the designs and duration of master's degree programme. The structure and duration of master's programmes of study proposed by the NEP 2020 include:

- a 2-year Master's programme with the second year devoted entirely to research for those who have completed the 3-year Bachelor's programme.
- a 1-year Master's programme for students who have completed a 4-year Bachelor's degree (Honours/Research) programme with research.

5. [What will be the structure and duration of the Doctoral Degree as per NEP – 2020?](#)

Answer: To Undertake a Ph.D., it requires either a master's degree or a 4-year Bachelor's degree with research.

6. [What if a student is not able to obtain minimum requirement of 7.5 CGPA for entry in 4th year of Bachelor's degree \(Honours/Research\)?](#)

Answer: A student has an option to go for 2 years master's degree.

7. [Is there any minimum eligibility criteria required to opt Honours/Research degree after completion of 3 years?](#)

Answer: After completion of a 3-years, a candidate must obtain a minimum CGPA of 7.5 to be allowed to continue studies in the fourth year of the undergraduate programme leading to the bachelor's degree with Honours/Research.

8. [As per NEP – 2020, will there be any change in structure and duration of an Integrated Bachelors/ Masters programme?](#)

Answer: There will be no change.

9. [What is Academic Bank of Credit \(ABC\)?](#)

Answer: An Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) has been established which would digitally store the academic credits earned from various recognized HEIs (Higher Education Institutions) so that the degrees from an HEI can be awarded taking into account credits earned. The ABC allows for credit redemption through the process of commuting the acquired credit in the bank accounts maintained in the ABC for the purpose of fulfilling the credit requirement for the award of certificate/Diploma/Degree by the authorized Universities/Autonomous colleges.

10. [What is the validity period of credit earned in ABC?](#)

Answer: The validity of credits earned and kept in the Academic Credit Account will be to a maximum period of seven years or as specified by the ABC for different disciplinary or fields of learning to allow the redemption of credits after the date of earning such credits. After seven years, re-entry into a programme of study will be based on the validation of prior learning outcomes. Lateral entry into the programme of study at a particular National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF) level will be based on the validation of prior learning outcomes, including those achieved outside of formal learning or through learning and training in the workplace or in the community, through continuing professional development activities, or through independent/self-directed/self-managed learning activities.

11. [What is maximum duration to re-enter into a program after an exit to complete the degree?](#)

Answer: After seven-years, re-entry at various levels as lateral entrants in academic programmes should be based on the earned credits and proficiency test records.

Normally, students are expected to complete the four-year undergraduate programme in eight semesters. However, in special circumstances, a student will be permitted an extension, so as to enable her/him to complete all requirements for the degree. The four- year undergraduate programme allows exit and re-entry options for students. It would allow credit accumulation through the facility created by the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) scheme. The validity of credits earned and kept in the Academic Credit Account would be seven years. After seven years, reentry into a programme of study will be based on the validation of prior learning outcomes.

12. [What are the advantages of 4-year Bachelors \(Honours/ Research\) program?](#)

Answer:

- The National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF) facilitates multiple entry and multiple exit and re-entry options at the Undergraduate and Masters level.
- It would facilitate credit accumulation through the facility created by the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) scheme in the “Academic Bank Account” opened by students across the country to transfer and consolidate the credits earned by them by undergoing courses in any of the eligible (HEIs).
- Four-year multidisciplinary bachelor’s degree program would allow the opportunity to experience the full range of holistic and multidisciplinary education in addition to a focus on the chosen major and minor as per the choices of the student.