NON-EVALUATIVE CREDITS (NEC) POLICY

The following categories of Non-Evaluative Credits (NEC) shall be available to students under the undergraduate curriculum of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous)

These are:

1. Traineeship Programme
2. Sports Programme
3. NCC Programme
4. NSS Programme
5. Life-skills Programmes
6. Outreach Programme
7. Student Club activities
8. Research and Innovation Programme
9. Student Exchange Programme

The policy pertaining to credits for the above activities shall be as follows:

1. Non-Evaluative Credits activities carry a total of six credits, involving 180 hours of contact training / practice.

2. Students can choose any activity listed above and specialize in the activity fully to earn six credits. In such a case, he/ she shall have to complete 180 hours of contact training in that chosen activity over the six-semester period, but preferably in the first four semesters.

3. Students can also choose multiple activities from those listed above. In such a case, a student must complete at least a minimum of 60 hours of contact training / practice in the activity to earn a minimum admissible two credits in any activity. Three such activities can be pursued by a student to earn the total of six credits. Students can schedule the training in these activities to complete it at one's own pace.

4. A student should schedule the training, preferably, in such a way as to complete it within the first four semesters. A student may complete this training in two semesters or may schedule it evenly over a four semesters' period to complete it at her/his own pace.

5. It is important that records of such training sessions are maintained accurately and in a transparent manner by a supervising authority responsible for it. These records must be vetted every semester by the faculty member overseeing the activity. It is important that College Clubs as well as outside institutes/trainers provide transparent records of the duration of contact training.

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6. Every student should submit, every semester, authentic report about their training/participation in the extracurricular activity, and the number of contact hours maintained in it, to the College through the faculty in charge of the activity.

7. To impart training it is important that the Clubs have a structured training regime and the training programme is well scheduled with increasing level of difficulty as the training sequence progresses.

1.Enrolling for Traineeship Programme

A student can enrol in internship NEC activity as per the Internship Policy of the College. A student is required to enrol with a department internship mentor and attend the required number of sessions with the internship providing institution/organisation. Sixty hours of contact training is the minimum required to obtain two credits. Students can choose to pursue only internship as an NEC activity to earn the maximum of six credits by putting in 180 hours of contact training over a period of six semesters, preferably the first four semesters.

2. Enrolling for Sports Programme

A student can enrol in sports activities as per the Sports Policy of the College. A student is required to enrol with a specific sports club of the College and attend the required number of practice and training sessions. Sixty hours of contact practice or training is the minimum required to obtain two credits. Students can choose to pursue only sports as an NEC activity to earn the maximum of six credits by putting in 180 hours of contact practice or training over a period of six semesters, preferably the first four semesters.

3. Enrolling for the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Programme

A student can enrol in the NCC as per the NCC charter. Students need to complete a minimum of 60 contact hours of NCC training to be eligible for two credits. Minimum number of hours permitted to be completed in a semester is 30 hours. If a student wants to obtain all six credits of NEC activities by opting for NCC, he/she must continue with NCC in all the semesters to complete the 180 hours of contact sessions.

4. Enrolling for the National Service Scheme (NSS) Programme

A student can enrol in the NSS as per the NSS policy. Students need to complete a minimum of 60 contact hours of NSS work to be eligible for two credits. Minimum number of hours required to be completed in a semester is 30 hours. If a student wants to obtain all six credits of NEC activities by opting for NSS, he/she may have to continue with NSS and participate/undertake the activities offered to complete the 180 hours of contact sessions.

5. Enrolling for the Life-Skills Programme

Students may choose to pursue life-skills programme as one of the extracurricular subjects. In such cases, students could pursue activities/training like public-speaking, leadership training, and other similar life-skill programmes accepted by the College. Students may enrol with clubs sponsored by the College for imparting such skills as the Toastmasters' Club for public speaking. Student Support services of the College conducts two life-skills courses: (1) Communication Skills and Self-Management, and (2) Interpersonal Relationships and Conflict Resolution.

6. Enrolling for the Outreach Programme

Students may choose to get involved in the outreach programme initiated by the College or by the academic departments of the College. Outreach programmes will be notified by the College and by the academic department of the College from time to time. Conditions required to be fulfilled to obtain two credits are sixty hours of contact time. The students need to meet the other conditions specified above in this policy, to obtain credits for the outreach programme.

7. Enrolling for Student Club Activities:

A student opting for an activity under this head should enrol with the designated club/s of the College. The minimum duration of contact training will be 60 hours. Successful completion of 60 hours of training will entitle a student for the award of two credits. If a student wants to obtain all six credits of NEC activities by opting for club activities, he/she must continue with it in all the semesters to complete the 180 hours of contact sessions.

It is important that records of such training sessions are maintained accurately and in a transparent manner by a supervising authority responsible for it. These records must be vetted every semester by the faculty member overseeing the activity. It is important that College Clubs as well as external institutes/trainers provide transparent records of the duration of contact training.

A student must enrol in student club activities as per the Student Club Policy of the College. A student is required to enrol with a specific club of the College and attend the required number of practice and training sessions. Sixty hours of contact practice or training is the minimum required to obtain two credits. Students can choose to pursue only club activity to earn the maximum of six credits by putting in 180 hours of contact practice or training over a period of six semesters, preferably the first four semesters.

8.Enrolling for Research and Innovation Programme

Students may choose to get involved in the research and innovation programme initiated by the College or by the academic departments of the College. Students need to complete a minimum of 60 contact hours involving research and innovation programmes to be eligible for two credits. Minimum number of hours permitted to be completed in a semester is 30 hours. If a student wants to obtain all six credits of NEC activities by opting for research and innovation programme, he/she must continue with research and innovation programme in all the semesters to complete the 180 hours of contact sessions.

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9.Enrolling for Student Exchange Programme

Students may choose to get involved in the student exchange programme initiated by the College or by the academic departments of the College. Students need to complete a minimum of 60 contact hours involving the student exchange programmes to be eligible for two credits. Minimum number of hours permitted to be completed in a semester is 30 hours. If a student wants to obtain all six credits of NEC activities by opting for the student exchange programme, he/she must continue with the programme in all the semesters to complete the 180 hours of contact sessions.

Table: Requirements for Earning Credits under Non-Evaluative Credits

Sr. No.	Category	Minimum Credits	Minimum Contact Hours	Maximum Credits	Maximum Contact Hours	Confirmation Required
1	Traineeship	2	60 Hours	6	180 Hours	Authentic Records
2	Sports	2	60 Hours	6	180 Hours	Authentic Records
3	National Cadet Corps	2	60 Hours	6	180 Hours	Authentic Records
4	National Service Scheme	2	60 Hours	6	180 Hours	Authentic Records
5	Life Skills Programme	2	60 Hours	6	180 Hours	Authentic Records
6	Outreach Programme	2	60 Hours	6	180 Hours	Authentic Records
7	Student Clubs	2	60 Hours	6	180 hours	Authentic Records
8	Research and Innovation	2	60 Hours	6	180 hours	Authentic Records
9	Student Exchange	2	60 Hours	6	180 hours	Authentic Records

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