

OAC-8 Ordinance Relating to the SWAYAM Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses

OAC-8.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance:

(a) **Academic Council** refers to the Academic Council of Government College of Commerce & Economics, Borda-Margao (Autonomous) (GCCCEM).

(b) **Academic Session** denotes a period of twelve months as specified in the Academic Calendar of Goa University/the College.

(c) **Course-Coordinator** means a Faculty Member and Subject Expert associated with a Higher Education Institution, who is designated by a National Coordinator to develop and deliver SWAYAM courses in a specific subject.

(d) **Credit** shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Ordinances governing the relevant Academic Programme of the College.

(e) **Four Quadrant Approach** refers to an e-learning system comprising:

- Quadrant I: e-Tutorials, including video and audio content, animations, simulations, and virtual labs.
- Quadrant II: e-Content, including e-Books, glossaries, case studies, FAQs, and video lecture transcripts.
- Quadrant III: Discussion Forums for clarifications, exchange of ideas, and interaction with Course-Coordinators and peers.
- Quadrant IV: Self-Assessment tools, including multiple choice questions, problems, quizzes, assignments, and solutions.

(f) **Host Institution** means the Higher Education Institution to which the Course-Coordinator is affiliated, recognized by SWAYAM.

(g) **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)** refer to Online Courses developed according to the Four Quadrant Approach pedagogy.

(h) **National Coordinator** means a national-level agency or institution designated by the Central Government to coordinate the production and delivery of Online Courses on the SWAYAM Platform.

(i) **Parent Institution** refers to Government College of Commerce & Economics, Borda-Margao (Autonomous).

(j) **Proctored Examination** denotes an examination conducted under human or technology-enabled supervision, ensuring the authenticity of the test taker and the integrity of the test environment, through pen-paper, computer-based, or fully online modes.

(k) **SWAYAM Board** is the body constituted by the Government of India under the Ministry of Education to oversee MOOCs, the SWAYAM platform, and SWAYAM Prabha initiatives.

(l) **SWAYAM Guidelines** mean the official guidelines issued by the Government of India for the development and delivery of SWAYAM Courses, subject to revisions from time to time.

(m) **SWAYAM Platform** refers to the Information Technology platform developed and operated by the Government of India for hosting SWAYAM Online Courses.

OA-8.2 Modalities of Implementing Online Credit Courses

(a) The schedule for offering SWAYAM Credit Courses shall be synchronized with the Academic Calendar of the College.

(b) Only the approved Course-Coordinator shall develop, deliver, and assess the SWAYAM Credit Courses.

(c) The identification of Courses and Course-Coordinators shall be conducted solely by the National Coordinator, in accordance with SWAYAM Guidelines and with the approval of the SWAYAM Board.

(d) The Certificate bearing the grades obtained by the student shall be issued exclusively by the Host Institution upon successful completion of the End-Term Proctored Examination, for the purpose of credit transfer.

(e) The respective Board of Studies of the College shall recommend SWAYAM courses, as notified on the SWAYAM platform, for inclusion in the relevant Semester, within four weeks from the date of such notification.

(f) Students shall be permitted to enroll in SWAYAM Online Courses only in substitution of Elective Courses, and such enrolment shall not exceed forty percent of the total credits required for the Programme.

(g) The College shall ensure the provision of adequate physical infrastructure, such as computer laboratories and library facilities, to facilitate students' pursuit of SWAYAM Online Credit Courses without any additional financial burden.

(h) The College shall appoint a designated Faculty Member as a Mentor, responsible for guiding students through the entire process, from registration to completion of the SWAYAM Online Credit Course.

OA-8.3 Evaluation and Certification of Credit-Based MOOCs

(a) The Host Institution and the designated Course-Coordinator shall jointly bear the responsibility of evaluating the students registered for SWAYAM Credit Courses.

(b) The marks or grades awarded by the Course-Coordinator shall be deemed final for the concerned Course.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the student to submit the marks or grades obtained upon completion of the SWAYAM Online Credit Course within the prescribed timeline.

(d) The College shall incorporate the marks or grades secured by the student into the official Mark Sheet or Grade Sheet issued at the time of the final award of the Degree or Diploma.