

## **FAQs regarding M.Sc. Geology (CBCS) Two year course**

### **Q1. Is online registration compulsory for M.Sc. Geology admission? What courses at M.Sc. level in Geology are available in Delhi University?**

Ans: Yes, the admission is only through online application. University of Delhi offers a 2-year M.Sc. Geology Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) course as the only M.Sc. course in Geology.

### **Q2. What is CBCS (Choice Based Credit System)?**

Ans: The CBCS provides an opportunity to students to choose from the prescribed courses comprising Core and Elective (Open/ Discipline-centric) courses. The courses are evaluated following the grading system.

### **Q3. What are the total number of seats In M.Sc. Geology (CBCS) course and how many seats are available to the students of other universities?**

Ans: A total of 42 regular seats are available in this course for the academic session 2020-2021. A total of 50% of these are by Direct or Merit admission for the University of Delhi students and the rest 50% are by an all India entrance test. The entrance test is held online. Reservation policy of Government of India applies to both of these groups. The details are provided in the Delhi University information brochure.

### **Q4. Is there any age limit set for admission to PG courses?**

Ans: No, there is no minimum age bar set for admission to the postgraduate courses.

### **Q5. Is admission possible if there is a year gap?**

Ans: Admission is possible despite having a year gap but the candidate has to provide certificates of the course they pursued during the gap year. In case they appeared in an entrance exam earlier, the roll number of the examination must be provided.

### **Q6. Is it possible to pursue two courses at the same time from different colleges of Delhi University?**

Ans: No, only one degree can be pursued at a time. However, candidates can enrol in a Diploma course from another college simultaneously.

### **Q7. What are the combination of subjects allowed for the entrance examination? Or What are the essential requirement of subjects at the preceding degree for eligibility for the entrance mode of examination?**

Ans: There are two types of qualifying educational requirements to be eligible for the entrance examination. (1) With B.Sc. (Hons) Geology in the preceding degree examination- the student should have passed a combination of any of the two papers from the following subjects in the ancillary/subsidiary papers- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Environmental Science, Geography, Computer Science (2) For those students who have passed B.Sc. (General) with Geology, they should also have passed a combination of any two of the following subjects besides Geology.

Physics/Chemistry/Maths/Botany/Zoology/ Environmental Science /Geography / Computer Science.

**Q8. Where the administrative action regarding admission for M.Sc. Geology (CBCS) course is carried out?**

Ans: All the administrative actions regarding admission is to be done at the Hansraj College, University of Delhi. However, the list of successful candidates in all categories is finalized by the Faculty of Science and verified by the Department of Geology before the admission can be taken in the Hansraj College. Display of lists as well as verification is an online process only.

**Q9. What are the main components of the Academic Programme of M.Sc. Geology?**

Ans: The Academic Programme in MSc. Geology refers to the entire course of study comprising “Core Courses”, “Elective and “Open Elective” courses. The “Core Course” refers to course that a student admitted to a particular programme must successfully complete to receive the degree and which cannot be substituted by any other course. The “Elective Course” refers to an optional course to be selected by a student out of such courses offered in the same or any other Department/Centre. The Open Elective’ refers to an elective course which is available for students of all programmes, including students of same department. Students of other Department will opt these courses subject to fulfilling of eligibility criteria as laid down by the Department offering the course.

**Q10: How evaluation is made and how it is different than routine mark-based system?**

Ans: Grading system provides uniformity in the evaluation and computation of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) based on student’s performance through his/her study period and in examinations and thus enables the student to move across institutions of higher learning. ‘SGPA’ refers to Semester Grade Point Average calculated for individual semester. Finally, Grand CGPA’ is calculated in the last year of the course by clubbing together of CGPA of two years, i.e., four semesters. Grand CGPA is being given in Transcript form. To benefit the student a formula for conversion of Grand CGPA into %age marks is given in the Transcript.

**Q11. How “Credit” is calculated for any subject or the course?**

Ans: The ‘Credit’ value assigned to a course refers to the level of instruction for each course. For example, one-hour lecture per week equals 1 Credit, 2 hours practical class per week equals 1 credit. Credit for a practical could be proposed as part of a course or as a separate practical course

**Q12. What is the total credit system for the M.Sc. Geology programme?**

Ans: The M. Sc programme is a two-year course divided into four-semester. A student is required to complete 96 credits for the completion of course and the award of degree. Following is the breakup of the semester-wise credit system:

Semester I: Five core courses consisting of 24 credits.

Semester II: Four core courses consisting of 20 credits.

Semester III: Four core courses consisting of 18 credits + 1 Elective courses of 4 credits + 1 Open Elective Course of 4 credits (Total 26 credits for Semester III)

Semester IV: 4 core courses consisting of 22 credits + 1 Elective courses of 4 credits (Total of 26 credits for Semester IV). Total credits of the M.Sc. Geology programme = 4 semesters (24+ 20+ 26 + 26 = 96 credits)

**Q13: What is the component of field training in this academic Programme?**

Ans: There are 2 core courses that pertain to field training in Geology. In Semester I, it is the Core Course 5 and, in the semester III, it is the core course no 13 about the field training in geology.