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**II. Operationalisation**

1. A 'twinning degree programme' with FHEI is a degree programme where students enrolled in any degree programme in the University of Delhi or its Colleges shall be allowed to pursue study for a semester in a FHEI and earn credits from the host institution which shall be accounted for the purpose of securing the requisite credits for grant of such degree to which he/she has been enrolled in the parent University.

2. Rationale – to provide wider exposure, range of multidisciplinary approaches, pedagogy, research, internships, projects and global connect.
3. The University may initiate the collaborative arrangements whereby students enrolled in any programme run in the university departments or colleges may undertake their programme of study partly in India and partly in the Foreign Higher Educational Institution, complying with relevant UGC Regulations, 2022.
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5. The International Relations office may identify the FHEIs with whom the University has active MoUs which satisfies the above eligibility and include the clause for collaborating for twinning degree programmes in their MoUs.
6. With respect to other FHEIs where there is no active MoU, the International Relations office may approach such FHEI for their intent/interest for such collaboration.
7. The College/Department which already has MoU(s) with FHEI(s) may be requested to submit existing signed MoUs to the International Relations Office so that the University can endorse those MoUs for the purpose of initiating the twinning degree programmes with those FHEIs that fulfil the eligibility mentioned at point no. II (4). The College/Department shall act as the facilitator of the Twinning Degree Programmes.
8. The International Relations Office shall publish prominently on the main website of the University as well as that of International Relations office, the list of FHEIs along with their collaborating departments with whom the students may explore the possibility of pursuing twinning programmes.
9. Mapping of courses of the degree program of the University with that of the FHEI with which twinning degree is to be established shall be done prior to initiating exchange of students.

10. Learning agreements shall be signed for each student between the University of Delhi and the FHEI. Similar steps shall be followed for projects and internships engagement in FHEI.
  
11. An Academic Expert Committee shall be constituted which shall examine the applications for signing of Learning Agreement. The Academic Expert Committee shall comprise of the following:
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12. A student may be allowed to pursue one semester in FHEIs with a minimum of 18 credits and maximum of 26 credits.
  
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16. The twinning degree programme between the two universities shall be implemented through an MoU and benefits /facilities to the students shall be extended based on bilateral basis as per MoU. These MoUs have to be signed

prior to the start of academic session so that courses can be mapped and announced to benefit interested students for such twinning degrees.

17. The International Relations office shall propose the process for initiation and establishment of collaborations for the purpose of twinning degree programmes and any other attendant matter pertaining to exchange of students through such programme including course content, fee structures, medical insurance, liability insurance and other relevant insurances, accommodation and other logistics.
18. The Committee shall deliberate and recommend the approval process for the collaboration as well as that of credit transfer from the FHEI.

### **B) Modalities for pursuing two academic programs simultaneously**

1. The University may allow the students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously in two phases. In the first phase, students of the University may be allowed to pursue two Academic Programmes, one in full time physical mode and the other in Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online mode only.
2. A student enrolled or in the process of enrolling in a degree programme of the University, who desires to pursue two academic degree programmes simultaneous (one in regular mode and the other in ODL/Online mode only) shall inform the University through the Head of the Department or Principal of the College, as the case may be. However, students cannot pursue two similar academic programmes simultaneously, such as B.Com (H) and B.Com (P) even though one of them is intended to be pursued in ODL/Online mode.
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5. A student who is permitted to pursue simultaneous degree programmes shall study the requisite set of AEC courses (i.e. AEC language and EVS) as part of the regular UG programme. In the case of the other degree programme pursued in ODL/Online mode, such student can either opt to study another AEC language or choose a Skill Enhancement course/Value Addition Course. Similarly, in the case of four credit courses, courses from the open GE pool may be offered to avoid duplication, particularly in the case of B.A. Programs.
6. Students who are permitted to pursue two academic degrees simultaneously has to take one Skill Enhancement Course or Value Addition Course and to opt for Generic Elective excluding the core of two simultaneous degree programmes.
7. Mapping of the courses have to be done in such a way that students should not be permitted to pick same or similar courses ('similar courses' mean courses whose contents of syllabi have similarity of 70% or more) to earn two degrees from the University or one from the University and the other from elsewhere. Sub-Committees for different streams of programmes should be constituted for the purpose of mapping the courses. Based on the result of the mapping of courses which is thereafter approved by the competent authority, it shall be ensured that online dashboard of the candidate applying for such dual degree programmes automatically deactivates similar courses from being opted.
8. Research theme/topic for dissertations/academic projects/entrepreneurship to be written/done in the fourth year of the UG programme should be different for the two different degrees.
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## MINUTES

The second, third and fourth meeting of the committee constituted by the competent authority to formulate guidelines regarding Twinning, Joint and Dual Degree programmes as well as simultaneous degree programmes and credit transfer were held on 23.02.2023, 12.05.2023 and 21.11.2023. The following are members of the Committee.

1. Dean, Academic Affairs - Chairperson
2. Chairperson, International Relations
3. Dean, Faculty of Technology
4. Dean Examination/OSD Examination
5. Prof Sanjeev Singh, Director DUCC
6. Principal, SGTB Khalsa College
7. Principal, Miranda House
8. Joint Registrar (Academic)

Assistant Registrar (Academic) assisted the committee in its deliberations.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 02.01.2023 (Appendix-1) were confirmed on 23.02.2023.

Agenda of the meeting were :

- A. Modalities for initiating Twinning with reputed Foreign Higher Educational Institutes (FHEIs).
- B. Modalities for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously.

The Chairperson apprised the Committee about the relevant UGC Regulations/ Guidelines for offering Twinning, Joint and Dual Degree Programmes in collaboration with FHEIs as well as pursuance of simultaneous degree programmes viz.

- i. University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 (referred to as UGC Regulation 2022)
- ii. UGC Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously

The Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously recommended that in the first phase, the University may start offering 'Twinning Degree' with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions and joint Ph.D degree programmes. In later phases, the dual and joint degrees at UG and PG levels with FHEIs may be taken up.

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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

*K. Retneshi*

Dean Academic Affairs  
Chairperson