

NORTH LAKHIMPUR UNIVERSITY RULES
FOR ONE-YEAR AND TWO-YEAR
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES, 2026

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1. Introduction

The NEP 2020 document mentions that “Higher education plays an extremely important role in promoting human as well as societal wellbeing and in developing India as envisioned in its Constitution - a democratic, just, socially conscious, cultured, and humane nation upholding liberty, equality, fraternity, and justice for all”. It is the duty of HEIs strive for providing quality higher education with the goal of developing “good, thoughtful, well-rounded and creative individuals”. Moreover, the policy “envision a complete overhaul and re-energising of the higher education system to overcome these challenges and thereby deliver high-quality higher education, with equity and inclusion”.

North Lakhimpur University, upgraded from North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous), introduced the Four Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGPs) in Arts and Science from the academic session 2023-24, where the students are offered suitable certifications as per NEP 2020 guidelines.

In compliance with the restructured FYUGPs, UGC has published its PG Curriculum and Credit Framework, June 2024 incorporating a number of flexibilities in choosing subjects at the Post-Graduate level like different exit levels and student movement across platforms like online, offline and ODL.

2. Title & Commencement

- 2.1.** These regulations shall be known as the "North Lakhimpur University Regulations for One-Year and Two-Year Postgraduate Programmes, 2026".
- 2.2.** These Regulations are framed following the provisions of the UGC's "Curriculum & Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes, June 2024", the UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree) 2025 and the “NEP 2020 Implementation Strategies (Revised Model Framework) for UG and PG programmes, 2023 of the Government of Assam”.
- 2.3.** These regulations shall come into force with effect from the academic year 2026-27 and shall apply to all Postgraduate Programmes offered by the University and its constituent/ affiliated institutions, if any.

3. Main Features of the Postgraduate Programmes in North Lakhimpur University

- 3.1** Flexibility to move from one discipline of study to another
- 3.2** Flexibility for students who possess a Bachelor’s degree with a major and minor to opt for either major or minor subject or any other subject if the student qualifies the prescribed entrance examination in the discipline of PG programme
- 3.3** Opportunity for learners to choose the courses of their interest; Flexibility to switch to alternative modes of learning (offline, ODL, Online learning, and hybrid modes of learning)
- 3.4** Multiple Exit option in 2-year Postgraduate Programmes offered in North Lakhimpur

University

3.5 Research and innovation

3.6 Integration with MOOCs and digital platforms

4. Credit Requirement and Eligibility for the Post-Graduate programmes

4.1 A bachelor's degree with Honours/ Honours with Research with a minimum of 160 credits for a 1 year/ 2 semester PG Programme at level 6.5 on the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF)

4.2 A 3 year/ 6 semester bachelor's degree with a minimum of 120 credits for a 2 year/ 4 semester PG Programme at level 6.5 on the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF)

4.3 A student is eligible for a PG programme in a discipline corresponding to either major or minor discipline in UG programme or any other criteria as fixed by a department. The University shall admit students in the PG programmes based on the students' performance in the entrance examination.

Note: Each semester shall comprise a minimum of 15 weeks of academic work inclusive of lectures, tutorials, seminars, project work, fieldwork, and assessments.

5. Levels for the PG Programmes

In accordance with the NHEQF guidelines, the levels for the PG Programmes have been given in the following table:

Sl. No.	Qualifications	Level	Credits
I	PG Diploma	6	40
2	1 Year PG after a 4 year UG degree	6.5	40
3	2 Year PG after a 3 year UG degree	6.5	80

6. Designs of Postgraduate Programmes

There are 2 separate designs of PG programmes offered by North Lakhimpur University:

6.1 1-Year PG (after 4 year UG),

Students entering 1 year PG programme after a 4 year UG Programme can opt for:

- (i) only coursework
- (ii) coursework and research (Dissertation submission)

6.2 2-year PG (after 3 year UG) with multiple exit

Students entering 2-Year PG after a 3 Year UG programme can opt for:

- (i) only coursework; or
- (ii) coursework and dissertation (Dissertation submission)

6.3 Integrated 5-Year PG programme with multiple exit

The curricular content shall be same as the first 3 years of the UG programme followed by the curriculum of the 2-Year PG programme. Certifications at different exit levels shall be the same as the certifications in the exit levels of UG and Pg programmes conducted by the university.

7. Exit Levels

There shall be no exit point for students joining the 1-Year PG programme. For students of the 2-Year PG programme there shall be an exit point: students who exit at the end of the 1st Year shall be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma.

8. Curricular Components and Credit Distribution

8.1 2-Year PG programme

Curriculum Components		Credit Distribution		Total Credit
		Credit allocation in Discipline Specific Core/ Discipline Specific Elective	Credit allocation in Research	
1	Only DSC & DSE courses	80	NIL	80
2	DSC & DSE courses along with Research	70	10	80

8.2 1-Year PG programme

Curriculum Components		Credit Distribution		Total Credit
		Credit allocation in Discipline Specific Core/ Discipline Specific Elective	Credit allocation in Research	
1	Only DSC & DSE courses	40	NIL	40

2	DSC & DSE courses along with Research	30	10	40
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9. Course Framework for 1-Year/ 2-Year PG programme

9.1 2-Year PG programme

Year (Sem) & NHEQF level	Mandatory/ Core course (Credit)	Elective Course (Credit)	Other Courses (Credit)	RP/ Internship/ Community Engagement etc. (Credit)	Total Credit
Year – 1 Sem. – 1 Level – 6	DSC – 1 (4)	Elective – 1 (4)	Research Methodology (4)		20
	DSC – 2 (4)	Minimum of 2 options to be provided			
	DSC – 3 (4)				
Year – 1 Sem. – 2 Level – 6	DSC – 4 (4)	Elective – 2 (4)		Internship/ Apprenticeship/ Community Engagement (4)	20
	DSC – 5 (4)	Minimum of 2 options to be provided			
	DSC – 6 (4)				
CUMULATIVE CREDIT FOR PG DIPLOMA (Core Course: 24 credits; Elective Course: 8 credits; Research Methodology: 4 credits; Internship/ Apprenticeship/ Community Engagement: 4 credits)					40
Year – 2 Sem. – 3 Level – 6.5	DSC – 7 (4)	Elective – 3 (4)		Research Project & Dissertation / DSC – 10 (4)	20
	DSC – 8 (4)	Minimum of 2 options to be provided			
	DSC – 9 (4)				
Year – 2 Sem. – 4 Level – 6.5	DSC – 11 (4)	Elective – 4 (4)		Research Project/ Dissertation / DSC – 14	20
	DSC – 12 (4)	Minimum of 2			

		options to be provided		(6)	
	DSC – 13 (2)				
CUMULATIVE CREDIT FOR 2-YEAR PG DEGREE (Core Course: 56 credits for students opting for DSC only & 46 for students opting for Research; Elective Course: 16 credits; Research Methodology: 4 credits; Internship/ Apprenticeship/ Community Engagement: 4 credits; Research Project & Dissertation: 10 credits for students opting for Research along with DSC)					80

A student opting for Research Project & Dissertation shall initiate a Research project (4 credits) in the PG 3rd Semester class and the Progress Report for the same is to be presented at the end of the semester. A Dissertation (6 credits) shall have to be submitted in the PG 4th Semester in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of M.A./ M.Sc.

9.2 1-Year PG programme

- i) The course framework of the 2nd Year of a 2-Year PG programme shall be considered as the course framework of the 1-Year PG programme.
- ii) A student opting for Research Project & Dissertation shall initiate a Research project (4 credits) in the PG 1st Semester class and the Progress Report for the same is to be presented at the end of the semester. A Dissertation (6 credits) shall have to be submitted in the PG 2nd Semester in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of M.A./ M.Sc.

10. Admission

- 10.1 Admissions to the PG programmes shall be made on the basis of an entrance test to be conducted by the university. However, the university shall follow guidelines/ orders issued by the competent authority issued from time to time regarding admissions into the PG programmes.
- 10.2 The eligibility criteria shall be determined by the university and notified.
- 10.3 The minimum CGPA/ Grade required for admission into the PG programmes of the university shall be by competent authority and the same shall be notified.

11. Eligibility for admission into the PG programmes at North Lakhimpur University

- 11.1 For 2-Year PG programme: A 3-Year Undergraduate degree from a recognized institution.
- 11.2 For 1-Year PG programme: A 4-Year Undergraduate degree

(Honours/ Honours with Research) from a recognized institution.

12. Reservation Policy

The university shall abide by the Reservation Policy framed by the Government of Assam with regards to admission of students in the PG programmes.

13. Completion of Programme and Progression

13.1 A student shall have to successfully complete all prescribed courses and earn required credits to be eligible for award of certificate/ degree/diploma.

13.2 Progression from one semester to the next shall be allowed with backlog courses but degree shall be awarded only after fulfilling requisite conditions.

14. Credit System and ABC

14.1 All students are to mandatorily register with the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) platform in accordance with UGC/ Government guidelines.

14.2 Credits can be accumulated, redeemed, transferred from one institution to another through ABC, thereby allowing students to have greater academic mobility and flexibility.

14.3 Up to 40% of total programme credits may be earned through UGC approved platforms like SWAYAM, NPTEL etc.

14.4 Integration of online credits shall be subject to: prior approval of the courses by the university and proper documentation in the ABC credit ledger of the student.

15. Assessment Strategy

In line with the guidelines of NEP 2020, the university shall emphasize upon Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation. The two components of the evaluation process are: formative assessment (in-semester comprising of elements like sessional tests, seminar presentations, home assignments, sudden tests, group discussions) and summative assessment (end-semester). 70% of weightage of a course shall be from summative assessment and 30% from formative assessment.

16. Plagiarism Check

It is mandatory to check the authenticity and genuineness of research work at any level. North Lakhimpur University has appropriate mechanism using well-developed software applications to detect plagiarism in research work and also it has commitment towards the research integrity in all the research activities of the University.

17. Grading System

17.1 The absolute grading system shall be applied in evaluating performance of the students.

17.2 The scale of grading system shall be governed by the North Lakhimpur University Examination Rules/ Regulations and the Letter Grades and Grade Points shall be followed as per UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes, 2022.

Letter Grade	Grade Point
O (Outstanding)	10
A+ (Excellent)	9
A (Very good)	8
B+ (Good)	7
B (Above average)	6
C (Average)	5
P (Pass)	4
F (Fail)	0
Ab (Absent)	0

17.3 The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is computed from the grades as a measure of the student's performance in a given semester. The SGPA is based on the grades of the current term, while the Cumulative GPA (CGPA) is based on the grades in all courses taken after joining the programme of study.

- SGPA: The ratio of the sum of the product of the number of credits with the grade points scored by a student in all the courses taken by a student and the sum of the number of credits of all the courses undergone by a student, i.e. $SGPA (S_i) = \sum(C_i \times G_i) / \sum C_i$ Where C_i is the number of credits of the course and G_i is the grade point scored by the student in the course.
- CGPA: The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is also calculated in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a programme, i.e. $CGPA = \sum(C_i \times S_i) / \sum C_i$ where S_i is the SGPA of the semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester.

18. Transcript:

The University may issue consolidated Transcript on request to the Controller of Examinations which shall contain Letter grades, grade points and SGPA and CCPA mentioning the Course Titles in details, medium of instruction and programme duration.

19. Graduate Attributes of the Students successfully completing their PG programme in North Lakhimpur University

Upon successful completion of a PG programme of study under the NHEQF guidelines are expected to possess and demonstrate the graduate attributes defined in terms of the expected learning outcomes. The students complete a PG programme at North Lakhimpur University shall:

- 17.1 demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding that builds upon and extends the competencies typically acquired at the undergraduate level, providing a foundation for originality in the development and application of ideas, particularly within research-oriented contexts
- 17.2 be able to apply their knowledge and understanding, and problem solving abilities in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their field of study
- 17.3 be able to integrate knowledge and handle complex circumstances by reflecting on social and ethical responsibilities
- 17.4 be able to effectively communicate any content on which they have adequate knowledge and exposure to all audience irrespective of their learning levels
- 17.5 be life-long and self-directed learners
- 17.6 be focused on equipping themselves with necessary professional/ life skills to remain contemporary with focus on upskilling and reskilling as per circumstances

