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INTRODUCTION



The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Thiruvananthapuram (IISER TVM) is an esteemed autonomous institution established in 2008 under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Dedicated to advancing scientific research and education, IISER TVM upholds international standards in these fields. The Institute offers a unique approach to learning by integrating research into undergraduate education, fostering a spirit of inquiry, and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration among students and faculty. With its commitment to excellence, IISER TVM aims to nurture the next generation of scientists and innovators.

The campus of IISER TVM is situated at Vithura, at the foothills of the Ponmudi Hills, about 40 km from Thiruvananthapuram. The campus is blessed with rich greenery, three streams, a river running through it and a spectacular mountain backdrop.

The fully residential institute provides hostel and dining facilities to all the students. Apart from the regular mess facilities available to the residents, the students have the option to explore various multi-cuisine eateries located inside the campus. The well-equipped computer laboratories and a resourceful central library with online access are available for all students. The Institute Health Center is staffed with doctors and nurses, providing round

the clock primary medical services. On campus, sports facilities like football, volleyball, basketball, tennis courts and an indoor stadium help to keep up the physical and mental well-being of the students. Various student clubs, like the Science Club, Cultural Club, and Music Club, host programs throughout the year, making campus life vibrant and jovial.

ACADEMICS

IISER TVM offers MSc (2 years) program in the Basic Sciences, namely Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences and Physical Sciences. In addition, the institute offers its five-year BS-MS dual degree program in the Basic Sciences, and in the Integrated and Interdisciplinary Sciences (¹Sciences) as ¹ Biological Sciences, ¹ Chemical Sciences, ¹ Mathematical Sciences, ¹ Physical Sciences, ¹ Data Sciences and ¹ Earth Environmental and Sustainability Sciences. The Institute also offers Integrated PhD (IPhD) and PhD programs in basic and applied sciences. These programs are offered at the six schools and two interdisciplinary research centers that form the academic core of the Institute.

IISER TVM follows a *Choice Based Credit System*, where the learner is central to her/his academic experience, offering flexibility in learning and a broader educational experience. It allows each student to tailor their learning experience according to their own interests, their strengths and future career goals. This guidebook is intended to allow each student to carve a successful academic path while satisfying the requirements of the MSc program.

MSC PROGRAM

Introduction

IISER Thiruvananthapuram was the first institute in the IISER system to introduce a two-year MSc program. Soon after its launch, the program was revised to align with the principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The curriculum features a flexible structure, allowing students to choose electives from the second semester onwards, including interdisciplinary courses with contemporary and up-to-date content. It also incorporates Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs), Ability Enhancement Courses (AECs), and short 1- and 2-credit modules that expose students to frontier areas of research. Students benefit from flexible project opportunities ranging from a semester-long study to a year-long research project, enabling deeper engagement with their chosen discipline. Together, these features foster holistic development, provide opportunities to tailor individual learning pathways, and create a challenging and diverse academic environment enriched by students from across India.

Academic Calendar

The academic year at IISER TVM commences towards the end of July, and is divided into 2 semesters of approximately 17 weeks each, interspersed by the winter and summer recesses.

- Varsha Semester: August – November
- Winter Recess: December
- Vasant Semester: January – April
- Summer Recess: May – July

Course Structures

Biological Sciences

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
MSB 401 Structural Biology [3003]	MSB 407 Advanced Genetics & Genome Biology [3003]	MSB 501 Developmental Biology [3003]	Project 18 credits OR MSB 504 Bioinformatics [3003] DSE IV [3003] Project Phase II 12 credits
MSB 402 Immunology [3003]	MSB 408 Physiology [3003]	MSB 502 Biostatistics [3003]	
MSB 403 Cell Biology [3003]	MSB 409 Biochemistry [3003]	MSB 503 Advanced Biology Lab III [0093]	
MSB 404 Ecology & Evolution [3003]	MSB 410 Molecular Biology [3003]	DSE III [3003]	
MSB 405 Advanced Biology Lab I [0093]	MSB 411 Advanced Biology Lab II [0093]	DSE IV [3003]	
DSE I [3003]	DSE II [3003]	DSE V [3003]	
18	18	18	18

Core and Electives = 72 Credits
SEC and AEC = 8 Credits
Min. requirement 80 Credits

1. DSE I and II – 300/400 levels and DSE III and IV – 400 or higher level
2. One of the DSE can be substituted with a GE or OE at a 400 or higher level
3. The 18-credit project, spread over the 3rd and 4th semesters, is the default option. The alternative option is subject to prior approval.

Chemical Sciences

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
MSC 401: Organometallic Chemistry [3003] [#]	MSC 406: Advanced Physical Chemistry [3003] [#]	MSC 505: Advanced Chemistry Lab III (Inorganic & Organic Lab) [0093] [#]	Project 18 credits OR 5XXX: DSE 5/GE⁵ (from list B courses) [3003] 5XXX: DSE 6/GE⁵ (from list B courses) [3003] Project Phase II 12 credits
MSC 402: Advanced Coordination Chemistry [3104]	MSC 407: Main Group Chemistry [3003]	5XXX: DSE 2/GE ⁵ (from list A courses) [3003]	
MSC 403: Concepts in Organic Synthesis [3104]	MSC 501: Instrumental Methods for Structure Determination [3003] [#]	5XXX: DSE 3/GE ⁵ (from list A courses) [3003]	
MSC 404: Quantum Chemistry [3003] [#]	MSC 502: Advanced Organic Chemistry-I [3003] [#]	5XXX: DSE 4/GE ⁵ (from list A courses) [3003]	
MSC 405: Advanced Chemistry Lab I (Inorganic & Physical Lab) [0093] [#]	MSC 503: Chemical and Statistical Thermodynamics [3003] [#]	5XXX: DSE 5/GE ⁵ (from list A courses) [3003]	
DSE 1 MSC 4101: Biosystems [2002] (or) MSC 4102: Mathematics for Chemistry [2002]	MSC 504: Advanced Chemistry Lab II (Organic & Physical Lab) [0093] [#]	5XXX: DSE 6/GE ⁵ (from list A courses) [3003]	
19	18	18	18

Core and Electives = 73 Credits
SEC and AEC = 8 Credits
Min. requirement 81 Credits

[#]Individual-centric reading projects/problem solving/quiz/assignments/literature analysis at the discretion of the course instructor.

⁵Maximum one GE (at a 400 or higher level) is allowed, while GE is not mandatory.

Mathematical Sciences

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
MSM 401 Metric Spaces [3 0 0 3]	MSM 501 Measure Theory [3 0 0 3]	MSM 511 Multivariable Analysis [3 0 0 3]	MSM 601 Curves and Surfaces [3 0 0 3]
MSM 402 Abstract Algebra [3 0 0 3]	MSM 502 Galois Theory [3 0 0 3]	MSM 512 Functional Analysis [3 1 0 4]	MSM 50XX/60XX DSE 3 List D Course
MSM 403 Complex Analysis [3 0 0 3]	MSM 503 Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations [3 0 0 3]	MSM 513 Partial Differential Equations [3 1 0 4]	MSM 50XX/60XX DSE 4/GE 2 List D Course
MSM 404 Linear Algebra [3 0 0 3]	MSM 504 Topology [3 0 0 3]	MSM 514 Commutative Algebra [3 1 0 4]	Project 18 credits OR Project Phase II 12 credits
MSM 405 Numerical Analysis [3 0 0 3]	MSM 505 Probability theory & Stochastic Processes [3 0 0 3]	MSM 50XX DSE 3 List C Course OR Project Phase I 6 credits	
MSM 40XX DSE 1/GE 1 [3 0 0 3]	MSM 50XX DSE 2 Mathematical Statistics/Data Structures [3 0 0 3]	MSM 50XX DSE 4 List C Course/GE 2	
18	18	21	21

Core and Electives = 78 Credits
SEC and AEC = 4 Credits
Min. requirement 82 Credits

Physical Sciences

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
MSP 412 [3003] Classical Mechanics	MSP 421 [3003] Statistical Mechanics	MSP 512 [3003] Condensed Matter Physics II	DSE-III (3 Credits, Level 5 or higher)
MSP 422 [3003] Condensed Matter Physics I	MSP 415 [0093] Advanced Physics Lab III	MSP 511 [3003] Nuclear and Particle Physics	DSE-IV (3 Credits, Level 5 or higher)
MSP 424 [3003] Numerical Methods	DSE 1 (3 credits, Level 4 or higher)	MSP 523 [1063] Modeling Materials	
MSP 427 [3003] Quantum Mechanics II	MSP 4001 [3003] Electrodynamics	DSE-II (3 Credits, Level 5 or higher)	Project 18 credits OR Project Phase II 12 credits
		MSP 517 [0001] MSc Viva	
MSP 428 [3003] Math. methods in Physics - I	MSP 4205 [3003] Elec. Devices & comp. interfacing	DSE III (3 Credits, Level 5 or higher)	
		OR Project Phase I 6 credits	
MSP 425 [0093] Adv. Physics Lab II	MSP 4011 [3003] Experimental Methods	DSE IV (3 Credits, Level 5 or higher)	
18	18	19	18

Core and Electives = 73 Credits
SEC and AEC = 8 Credits
Min. requirement 81 Credits

The overall course structure and related academic guidelines of the MSc program are subject to revision.

Course Catalog

The core courses in each stream are designed to provide a strong foundation in the discipline and prepare students for competitive examinations, as well as national and international eligibility tests for admission to doctoral programs in India and abroad. The complete list of courses offered by various schools is available on the Academic Office website and is published annually in the Course Catalogue. Updated information on elective, Skill Enhancement (SEC), and Ability Enhancement (AEC) courses is also provided through this catalogue.

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction, examinations, and project reports for all courses is English.

Semester Registration

- Every student must complete semester registration on the date notified by the Academic Office at the beginning of each semester.
- Registration includes payment of the prescribed semester fees and enrollment in the courses that the student intends to undertake during the semester.
- A late registration fee of ₹250 per day, subject to a maximum of ₹1,750, will be levied from the first day of commencement of classes.
- Registration beyond the first week of the semester may be permitted only with the approval of the Dean of Academic Affairs or the Director of the Institute.

- Each student is assigned a Faculty Adviser to provide guidance on academic matters.
- Students must register for all courses they intend to take during the semester, preferably in consultation with their Faculty Adviser.

School Committee on Undergraduate Program

All academic and student-related matters of the MSc program within each School are overseen by the School Committee on the Undergraduate Program (SCUP). The SCUP comprises four faculty members of the School along with student representatives. It is responsible for academic and associated student matters, including curriculum development and revision, course evaluation, undergraduate teaching, and research activities. The school-wise list of SCUP committee members' is available at: (<https://academics.iisertvm.ac.in/people/team>)

The School-wise list of SCUP members is available on the Academic Office website.

Students pursuing their MSc should report academic matters to the Convener of the respective SCUP. Cases requiring further consideration may be forwarded to the Academic Office with the recommendations of the SCUP.

Assessment and Grading

Each course is assigned a specified number of credits, and student performance is evaluated through a system of continuous assessment. Based on this assessment and the Institute's grading policy, a letter grade is awarded to each student. For advanced courses, the assigned credits also reflect the expected academic workload, including independent study outside scheduled class hours. Every course will have a faculty member as the Course Coordinator, who is responsible for the conduct of the course and the award of grades. Teaching responsibilities may be shared by one or more faculty members.

Continuous Assessment

Continuous assessment shall be adopted for all courses. Mid-semester and end-semester examinations will be conducted in accordance with the academic calendar for all core and elective courses. In addition to these examinations, other assessment components may be used as part of the continuous evaluation process.

The following tables provide the evaluation components and their respective weightages.

For Core Courses:

	Type of Exam	Weightage (%)
1	Internal (Assignment/Quiz)	10-20
2	Mid-semester examination	≥ 30
3	End-semester examination	≥ 50
4	Total	100

For Elective Courses:

	Type of Exam	Weightage (%)
1	Mid-semester examination	≥ 20
2	End-semester examination	≥ 40
3	Total	100

For Practical Courses:

Practical (laboratory based) courses will be evaluated using continuous evaluation for the experiments or programming assignments with equal weightage across all. Marks will be given on completion of each experiment/assignment which will also be recorded in the laboratory note books or report of students.

	Type of Exam	Weightage (%)
1	Continuous evaluation (Lab reports)	60 – 70
2	End-semester examination	30 – 40
3	Total	100

Grading

Relative grading will be adopted to award grades.

(a) The letter Grade and Grade Points are as follows:

A+	A	B+	B	C+	C	D	F
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	0

In addition, there shall be two other grading symbols which can be used to indicate a special status of a student in a course, as follows:

I - for “Incomplete”

W - for “Withdrawn”

(b) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is calculated as:

$$SGPA = \sum_i C_i G_i / \sum_i C_i$$

Where, C_i = Credit for i^{th} course; G_i = Grade point secured by the student in the i^{th} course. Summation is over all the courses credited by the student in the particular semester.

(c) Annual Grade Point Average (AGPA) is calculated as:

$$AGPA = \sum_j C_j G_j / \sum_j C_j$$

Where, C_j = Credit for j^{th} course; G_j = Grade point secured by the student in the j^{th} course. Summation is over all the courses credited by the student in the particular academic year.

(d) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is calculated as:

$$CGPA = \sum_k C_k G_k / \sum_k C_k$$

Where, C_k = credit for the k^{th} course; G_k = Grade point secured by the student in the k^{th} course. Summation is over all the courses credited by the student in all the completed semesters, no course counting twice. CGPA in the final transcript will be calculated based on all course credits completed with a Pass Grade.

Grade Card and Transcript

A grade transcript, with details of all the courses registered and grades obtained, will be available to the student once the results for that semester are declared by the Academic Office. The transcript also records SGPA and the CGPA along with the total

number of completed credits. The SGPA is calculated based on all courses registered for in the semester, while the CGPA takes into account only those courses that are completed. A semester transcript is issued free of charge from the academic office. A graduation transcript is issued along with the degree certificate. Additional copies will be available against payment. A consolidated transcript is available against payment at any time.

A Sample Grade Card

A grade transcript, with details of all the courses registered and grades obtained is shown below.

OFFICIAL GRADE CARD

Name Of Student: xxxxxx Roll Number: IMSxxxxx Date Of Issue: dd-mm-yyyy
 Graduating Class: xxxx Programme Page 1 of 1

xxxxxx has registered for 2 semester(s) of classes at IISER Thiruvananthapuram

		Credits	Grade
Varsha 2023			
BIO111	PRINCIPLES OF LIFE I: BIOMOLECULES, GENETICS AND EVOLUTION	3	B
BIO112	BIOLOGY LAB I	1	B+
CRY111	BASIC ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	3	B+
CRY112	CHEMISTRY LAB I	1	A+
HUM111	COMMUNICATION SKILLS	1	B
IDC111	MATHEMATICAL TOOLS I	4	B
IDC112	INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING IN C/C++	1	A+
MAT111	LOGIC AND DISCRETE MATHEMATICS	3	B+
PHY111	MECHANICS	3	B+
PHY112	PHYSICS LAB I	1	A+
		SGPA:	7.90
Vasanth 2024			
BIO121	PRINCIPLES OF LIFE II: CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	3	B
BIO122	BIOLOGY LAB II	1	B+
CRY121	BASIC PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY I	4	B
CRY122	CHEMISTRY LAB II	1	C+
HUM121	COMMUNICATION SKILLS (ADVANCED LEVEL)	1	B+
IDC121	MATHEMATICAL TOOLS II	3	C+
IDC122	NUMERIC COMPUTING	1	B+
MAT121	MATRICES AND CALCULUS	4	C+
PHY121	ELECTROMAGNETISM	4	B
PHY122	EXPERIMENTS IN OPTICS, ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM	1	C+
		SGPA:	6.74

Total Credits Completed: 44 CGPA: 7.30

Assistant Registrar
(Academics)

Grade Card No: xxxxxxxxxxxx



Class Committee

- The Head of the School (or nominee) will serve as the Chair-person.
- Members of the School Committee on Undergraduate Programs (SCUP).
- Lecturers/Instructors of all courses of the respective semester.
- Two students from the respective class/batch, preferably a male and a female student with high CGPA; and
- Faculty advisors of the respective class/batch

Responsibilities of the Class Committee

- To review periodically the progress of the classes and discuss problems faced by students and make suitable recommendations to improve academic performance.
- The method of assessment of the course will be determined by the instructor(s) in consultation with the class committee, if required. This should be announced to the students at the beginning of the semester via the Course Information Handout.
- The class committee, excluding the student members, will be responsible for the finalization of the semester results.
- The class committees shall meet after each examination. The class committee meeting at the end of the semester would finalize the grades. The recommendation of the class committee will be communicated to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

- Based on the recommendation of the class committee, the academic performance of a student may be communicated to their parents, if necessary.

Course Feedback

All students are compulsorily required to provide course feedback for each course she/he has registered.

Essentials for Completing Courses

- (a) Minimum 80% attendance in a course.
- (b) To register for any course a student must have completed ALL pre-requisite courses (if any) with a D grade or better.
- (c) Students who are unable to write mid-semester examination(s) under exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious medical reasons etc.) may be re-evaluated upon approval of the DoAA.
- (d) A student with an F grade in a course may be given a repeat end-semester examination. An F grade may be improved at best to a D grade as a result of the repeat final exam. Provision for a repeat final examination is not available for practical or laboratory-based courses.
- (e) Repeat of a course is not permitted if the student has obtained a grade D or better in the same course.
- (f) The incomplete grade I is a *transitional* grade which will be given to the students who miss the end-semester examinations under exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious medical reasons) as determined by the course instructor and the MSc coordinator and approved by the Dean of Academic

Affairs.

Make-up examinations will be given to these students provided they meet 80% attendance and other academic requirements as per the rules and regulations of the institute.

The actual grade obtained after the make-up examination will be taken and will reflect in the transcript, replacing the I grade. In case a student obtains an F grade in the make-up final examination, he/she will be eligible to write a repeat end-semester examination. Absence in the make-up examination will automatically lead to zero marks in that examination and the final grade in that course will be determined based on the other examinations taken in that course.

If the absence of a student in an examination is not approved by the Dean of Academic Affairs (e.g. a deliberate attempt to skip the examination), he/she will be awarded zero marks in that particular examination. The final grade in that course will be determined based on the other examinations of that course taken by the student.

- (g) Withdrawal of a registered course in a semester is usually permitted/enforced under very special cases, e.g. due to prolonged illness. W grade is given in these circumstances and the student is asked to repeat the concerned course with the same course number taking all examinations when offered next. The new grade obtained by the student will be taken into consideration and appear in the transcript. However, the previous W grade will also appear in the transcript.
- (h) W grade will not have any effect in the calculation of SGPA, AGPA and CGPA. If a student has W grade in a registered

course in a particular semester, SGPA will be calculated based on the grades obtained in other registered courses of that semester. A similar rule applies to the calculation of AGPA and CGPA.

- (i) If a student obtains an F grade in a core course even after being given the option of the repeat end-semester examination, he/she is required to repeat the course with the same course number when offered next taking all examinations. Until the course is passed by the student, it will be treated as a *backlog* in the student's records. Both the grades, the new grade and the previous F grade, will appear in the grade transcripts.
- (j) An F grade obtained in a course will contribute to the CGPA until
 - (i) a course with the same course number is completed with a D grade or better (applicable for foundation and core courses) or
 - (ii) substituted with an alternative/same course of the respective school and completed with a D grade or better (applicable *only* for minor/elective/additional courses)

Re-evaluation of End Semester Examination

Students will be given an opportunity to view the evaluated end-semester answer scripts before the finalization of grades. Students may request a re-evaluation of the end-semester examination answer sheet. Such requests should be made by the student within 3 days of the announcement of end-semester results to the Academic Office and by paying a prescribed re-evaluation fee.

Minimum and Maximum Credits in a Semester

Students are advised to discuss with their faculty adviser or mentor or the SCUP members regarding registration of suitable courses at the beginning of each semester. This will help the students obtain clarity in realizing their academic profile in line with their career goals and avoid undesirable academic consequences, e.g. fulfilling core/elective/SEC/AEC credit requirements and graduation requirements, etc.

A student may credit up to a maximum of 2 extra courses above the number of courses prescribed in a particular semester upon recommendation of the SCUP and approval of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. For students with CGPA below 7.0, the recommendation of the Faculty Advisor is also required. Any departure to the above must be recommended by the SCUP & forwarded by the SCUP Chairperson.

Medical Leave Regulations

Students are required to inform the Academic Office and course instructors regarding long-term absences due to medical reasons (e.g. hospitalization, mental illness, etc.).

- Medical certificates may be considered for exemption from attendance up to a maximum of 40% of attendance.

- Absence in mid-semester or end-semester examinations can be exempted on medical grounds only after submission of a valid medical certificate.
- In such cases, a medical certificate endorsed/issued by the Medical Officer of the Institute must be submitted to the Academic Office within one week of the missed examination.
- All medical leaves are subject to the approval of the Associate DoAA or DoAA.
- Missed mid-semester examination: upon approval of medical leave, the instructor may give a repeat examination or pro-rate the score based on internal evaluations.
- Missed end-semester examination: upon approval of medical leave, the instructor may give a repeat examination.
- Students will be issued medical certificates by the Medical Officer only if they meet the criteria mentioned on the institute health center website. In case a student had to avail medical treatment outside the Health Center the same should be intimated to the Medical Officer as soon as possible, with a request for approval and for issuing a medical certificate. Details can be found on the health center website: (<https://www.iisertvm.ac.in/pages/health-center>)

Research Project

All students are required to undertake an 18-credit research project during the second year of the program under the supervision of a faculty member from the respective school.

- At the end of each semester students are required to submit a report of his/her work by a prescribed date to the Project

Coordinator (appointed by the Schools) and present the findings to an internal Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) as a seminar at each stage of evaluation.

- The project report must be prepared according to the prescribed format available on the Academic Office website and will be submitted to the School as per declared schedule. The project presentation and evaluation must be completed by the deadline stipulated by the Academic Office.
- The final semester project will be evaluated based on 30% of weightage given to the assessment of the project guide (and co-guide if applicable) and 70% awarded by the PEC.
- On successful completion of the oral examination, each student will be required to submit one corrected soft copy of the project report to the School/Supervisor(s).
- Extension of time usually not exceeding 3 months from the announced last date for submission of the project report may be granted by the School with the recommendation of SCUP and approval of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs/Dean of Academic Affairs for students with insufficient progress in the project work. In such cases the concerned student will be awarded the 'I' grade. Further, if the reports are not submitted within the allowed time period, the 'I' grade will automatically be converted to 'F' grade.
- Students obtaining 'F' grade for the project will be required to re-register for the same in the following or subsequent semester.

Removal from the Rolls

Students are liable to be Removed from the Rolls under any of the following circumstances:

- Failure to maintain the minimum SGPA of 4.0 in any two consecutive semesters
- Failure to clear any Core Course after repeating the same course
- Failure to register for two consecutive semesters without due intimation and approval of the Dean of Academic Affairs
- A student may also be removed from the rolls as a result of disciplinary action for serious misconduct and/or violation(s) of the code of conduct of the institute.

All students who are removed from the rolls will have the option of appealing to the Academic Senate for reinstatement.

In exceptional cases, the Director, IISER TVM may override any of the above provisions.

MSc Degree Requirement

A student must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for the award of the MSc degree.

- Minimum 80 completed credits with CGPA above 5.0
- Completed 18 project credits and all core credits
- Completed 4 semesters of residence
- Having no pending disciplinary action/case
- No Dues/ Financial clearance

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Code of Conduct

Students are expected to evolve as responsible citizens committed to upholding the dignity and reputation of the Institute. Students should be courteous and respectful towards all members of the IISER community and behave in a civilized and dignified manner.

- Hostel Regulations: IISER-TVM being a residential institute, all students are required to reside in the Institute hostel throughout their course of study. Separate hostels are provided for boys and girls. Shared accommodation with basic furnishing including electrical fittings and internet facility is provided. Residents must abide by the hostel regulations detailed in the [Hostel Regulations booklet](#), a copy of which is available on the Institute's webpage.
- Disciplinary Regulations: Any misconduct will result in disciplinary action against the student. Misconduct includes any unacceptable behavior/act or failure to act on something that is unlawful and/or inappropriate. Misconduct is categorized into the following four types:
 1. Academic misconduct
 2. Non-academic misconduct
 3. Media and Social Media–related misconduct
 4. Criminal Offence

Based on the nature of the purported offence/misconduct the appropriate disciplinary committee will determine further course of

action. Detailed information on the Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedures of the Institute are available on the [Academic Office website](#) and in the booklet titled [Code of Conduct](#), which is binding on all students of the Institute.

Internal Committees: The institute promotes equal opportunity, gen-der equality, inclusion, and social justice as mandated by the Constitution of India. The Internal Committee investigates complaints and recommends action against any form of sexual harassment. The SC- ST Cell attends to complaints and recommends action against any form of caste-based discrimination and disseminates welfare measures and schemes for students and employees of the institute. Further information regarding the same is available on the Institute webpage.

Honour Pledge

1. Each student must sign and submit to the Institute the following Honour Pledge, counter-signed by the parent/guardian.

IISER THIRUVANANTHAPURAM STUDENT HONOUR PLEDGE

- a. I promise, on my honour, that I will conduct myself in the Institute and outside, with decorum and decency befitting the high moral and ethical standards expected of the members of the National Institute, IISER TVM and follow its Code of Conduct, Rules and Regulations.
- b. I will not engage in ragging. I understand that ragging is unlawful and liable to prosecution by law enforcement authorities of the State besides any disciplinary action the Institute may take which may include dismissal from the Institute.
- c. I will not engage in overt/covert sexual harassment.

- d. I will not engage in caste/religion/ethnicity/gender/physical disability based discriminatory behaviour or remarks.
- e. I will not resort to any academic dishonesty during examinations, assignments etc.
- f. I will not engage in plagiarism in my writings and will acknowledge the work of other authors according to international practices.
- g. I will follow the Library and Hostel regulations of the Institute.
- h. I understand that violation of this pledge makes me liable to disciplinary action by the Institute.

Sd/-

Sd/-

Student

Parent/Guardian

2. During admission, students and their parent/guardian are required to sign the prescribed anti-ragging [form\(s\)](#) as stipulated by the MoE, Govt. of India.

LIBRARY REGULATIONS

1. Library Hours:
 - a. Monday to Friday: 9 AM - 10 PM (Break 7.30 PM - 8 PM)
 - b. Weekends/Holidays: 9 AM to 5.30 PM (Break 1 PM - 1.30 PM)
 - c. Library remains open on all holidays except on January 26, August 15 & October 2.
2. Membership: All registered students are eligible for membership of the institute library.
3. BS-MS students can borrow a maximum of 4 books at a time for 15 days, provided they do not have any overdue book. (Some books may have a shorter loan period depending on demand). Users can borrow/return the books using the self-service kiosk installed in the library.
4. Users must leave their bags and other belongings outside the Library. Only notebooks and papers are allowed inside the library. Borrowed books are allowed to be taken to the library for return/renewal only.
5. Students must carry their identity cards, and it must be produced whenever asked for. Institute identity card, which serves as the li-brary card, is mandatory for borrowing books from the library either through the self-service-kiosk or otherwise.
6. Strict silence is to be maintained in the library.
7. Mobile phone conversation, Consumption of food and drinks are strictly prohibited inside the library. Use of mobile phone is permitted for using QR Code based 'M-Library Services'

only.

8. Users are encouraged to use the computers kept inside the library for accessing the library catalogue, e-journals, e-books, and academic databases. Laptop can only be used in the designated place in the library.
9. Return of the borrowed book is mandatory before the due date. A fine of Rs. 1/- per day per book for the first week of delayed return and Rs. 10/- per day per book thereafter will be levied. Books can be renewed once, before the due date, if there is no pending reservation against it. A book may be recalled any time before the due date if it is urgently required by another user. A late fee of Rs. 10/- per day per book will be imposed for the noncompliance with the requirement.
10. Reference textbooks and borrowable books can be borrowed for overnight reference, half an hour before the closing time of the library and to be returned before 9.30 AM on the next working day. Only one book can be borrowed for overnight reference. A late fee of Rs. 50/- per day per book for the delayed return of such item will be charged. All library payment will be accepted online only, at periodic intervals.
11. Mutilation of books in any form (e.g., underlining, writing on pages, tearing off pages, damaging the binding, etc.) will lead to a hefty fine and replacement of the book. Before borrowing a book, users should ensure the condition of the book and bring to the notice of the library staff, if any mutilation is found.
12. Users who lose/mutilate library books are liable to replace it with its latest edition along with a penalty of 20% of the total cost of the book. If the book is part of a set or series, they may be called upon to replace the whole set or series. In

case the lost book is untraceable in the market or out of print, Institute reserves the right to decide appropriate penalty.

13. Users must return all the books they borrowed before they go on vacation.
14. Users should create a user ID and password in the library portal (<https://librarycatalog.iisertvm.ac.in/>), to reserve, renew, and to check details of books borrowed by them. This password is required for borrowing books through the Self Service Kiosk. Up to three books can be reserved (hold) at a time. Once the reserved book is available in the library, users will be notified by an auto-generated email.
15. Users should obey copyright regulations while accessing online resources (e-books, e-journals, databases, etc.). Details of the e-resources subscribed by the institute are available at https://www.iisertvm.ac.in/pages/iiser_tvm_library which can be accessed from the IISER TVM network.
16. For accessing the online resources from off campus users may contact the library, for obtaining remote login facility. Remote login facility will be provided subject to availability of slots.

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