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**Lr.No.JNTUA/DAPO/ MOOCs/ Recommendations/2026**

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To  
The Principals  
Under JNTUA.

**ORDER**

**Sub: JNTUA-DAP-Implementation of MOOCs Courses - SWAYAM/SWAYAM  
Plus – Recommendations -Reg.**

**Ref: 1.D.O. No. 1-8/2017 (SWAYAM), dated 31.12.2025, received from the Secretary,  
University Grants Commission.**

**2. Note Order of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, dt: 11.02.2026**

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The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisages flexibility in higher education by permitting students to pursue courses through online platforms. These platforms aim to ensure equitable access to quality education offered by reputed national and international institutions, promote flexible and self-paced lifelong learning, enhance industry-relevant skills and employability, and facilitate blended learning and academic credit transfer in accordance with UGC norms.

The adoption of such online learning platforms offers significant benefits to the student community, including opportunities to learn from global experts at minimal or no cost, enhancement of academic and professional competencies, flexibility of learning anytime and anywhere, and the ability to earn recognized academic credits alongside regular degree programmes.

In line with these objectives, the University Grants Commission has permitted students to earn up to 40% of the credits in a semester through MOOCs. The University has adopted this provision and extended it across its academic programmes.

Accordingly, students are permitted to pursue Professional Electives (PE), Open Electives (OE), and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) through MOOCs platforms. Further, under the revised UG Regulations 2023, students are also allowed to study Core Courses (CC) through MOOCs. However, institutions have sought clarity regarding the operational aspects of implementing these provisions.

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In this context, vide reference (1), the UGC issued detailed clarifications and responses to frequently asked questions regarding MOOCs implementation. Consequently, the University constituted a Committee to examine the feasibility of adopting these clarifications and to frame appropriate implementation guidelines and the Committee the following recommendations.

1. Students may earn a maximum of 40% of the credits in a semester through MOOCs for PE, OE, and SEC. In UG programmes, students of III and IV year are also permitted to pursue Core Courses (CC) through MOOCs. It is further recommended that each UG student shall mandatorily complete at least one MOOCs course during the entire four-year programme.
2. Students shall register for MOOCs courses of a minimum duration of either 8 weeks or 12 weeks with the prior approval of the Head of the Department. Credits shall be awarded as follows:
  - o 2 credits for an 8-week course
  - o 3 credits for a 12-week course
3. The NCrf rating for the Course is 4.5 for UG program and above whereas for PG it should be 5.5 and above.
4. The Head of the Department shall nominate a faculty mentor to monitor the academic progress of students enrolled in MOOCs. It is also responsibility of the mentor to see that the registered subjects is in the approved list provided by the university.
5. Students shall have the option to choose either the regular offline (classroom) mode or the SWAYAM mode for a particular subject. However, a student shall not be permitted to opt for both modes simultaneously for the same subject. Students opting for SWAYAM shall be exempted from attending regular classroom sessions for that subject, and attendance shall not be counted. Further, Institution should not insist the student to opt SWAYAM course compulsorily. However, completion of at least one SWAYAM course during the programme duration shall be mandatory for eligibility for the award of the degree.
6. All students in a class are not required to opt for the same SWAYAM course. Institutions shall arrange regular classes for students opting for offline mode, while the same faculty member may act as a mentor for students enrolled in the SWAYAM course. If all students opt for a SWAYAM course, the subject need not be included in the timetable; however, a mentor shall be assigned to address student queries as per mutual convenience.
7. SWAYAM notifies the list of available courses at the beginning of each semester. The Boards of Studies (BoS) Chairpersons of autonomous institutions shall identify and map suitable SWAYAM courses with the curriculum and forward the details through the Principal to [dap@jntua.ac.in](mailto:dap@jntua.ac.in) within one week. The Director, Academic & Planning shall circulate the approved list after obtaining concurrence from the University BoS Chairpersons.

8. Students who completed the prescribed assignments successfully and secured at least 40% of the internal marks shall be permitted to appear for the end-semester examination conducted either by the National Testing Agency (NTA)/NPTEL or by the University/institution. University-conducted examinations shall be held along with regular end-semester examinations, with a weightage of 70% for the end-term examination and 30% for assignments and quizzes evaluated by the SWAYAM Course Coordinator.
9. Credits shall be awarded only upon submission of a successful course completion certificate. Internal marks obtained through SWAYAM shall be extrapolated to 30 or 40 marks, and external marks interpolated to 70 or 60 marks, as applicable, and shall exactly correspond to the marks secured by the student in the SWAYAM course.
10. In case where University-prescribed passing marks are higher than SWAYAM's minimum requirements, the University norms shall prevail. In such cases, even if a student submits a SWAYAM certificate but fails to secure the University's minimum passing marks, the student shall be declared unsuccessful and must appear for the supplementary examination.
11. In cases where a student obtains less than the prescribed minimum internal marks (12 out of 30) in a SWAYAM course, and the said course is not offered again in the subsequent semester, the University may, through a special notification, conduct a full-course supplementary examination for 100 marks during the final semester of the programme. The examination shall be conducted in accordance with the University question paper pattern for 70 marks, strictly following the University-prescribed syllabus and it will be extrapolated to 100.
12. For SWAYAM courses where end-term examinations are conducted by the University, students shall not be issued a SWAYAM certificate.
13. If a SWAYAM course carries more credits than the corresponding JNTUA course, credit transfer shall be restricted to the number of credits prescribed by JNTUA to maintain uniformity in total credit requirements. Credit transfer shall not be permitted if the SWAYAM course carries fewer credits than the JNTUA course.
14. In the event that internal assignment marks are not uploaded on the SWAYAM portal, the concerned colleges shall report the matter to the University Nodal Officer (presently the Director of Evaluation) at [de@jntua.ac.in](mailto:de@jntua.ac.in). The University Nodal Officer shall, in turn, coordinate with the NPTEL-SWAYAM Technical Support Team, through Dr. M. Jayakrishnan, Senior Scientist, IIT Madras ([jkm@nptel.iitm.ac.in](mailto:jkm@nptel.iitm.ac.in)), for necessary resolution.
15. In certain cases, students may be initially marked as *ineligible* due to technical glitches on the SWAYAM portal. In such instances, the concerned college shall communicate the issue to the University Nodal Officer (presently the Director of Evaluation) at [de@jntua.ac.in](mailto:de@jntua.ac.in). The University Nodal Officer shall subsequently forward the matter to the concerned Course Coordinator, with a copy marked to the National Coordinator, for appropriate rectification.

Under the above circumstances, vide Ref. (2), the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the recommendations of the Committee for implementation of MOOCs through SWAYAM platform in accordance with UGC guidelines and has accorded permission to implement the same across all academic programmes of the University with immediate effect

  
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The Director of Evaluation JNTUA, Ananthapuramu.  
The Nodal Officer for SWAYAM Courses, JNTUA, Ananthapuramu  
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