



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

MGU- B.Arch and M.Arch Degree Courses -COA Guidelines for conducting Practical Training, Dissertation, Viva, Thesis etc.-Recommendations of the Board of Studies (UG&PG Combined)- Approved-Orders issued

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*Read:-*Recommendations of the meeting of the Board of Studies of B.Arch. and M.Arch. courses on 30.05.2020, submitted by the Chairperson.

ORDER

In the wake of the nationwide lock-down following the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the examinations, Practical Training, Thesis Jury etc of different batches of B.Arch & M.Arch courses in the affiliated colleges under the University could not be conducted as envisaged in the Regulations of the courses . The Council of Architecture had issued certain guidelines for shifting the Jury examinations and Practical Training of Architectural courses to the online mode so that the students can complete the same, timely adapting to the changing scenario. The Board of Studies of the University discussed the matter in detail and the following recommendations were submitted vide the reference cited.

1. Conduct of Practical Training as well as Dissertation-

1.1 For the ongoing Batch (the present S8 batch) -The Final Jury evaluations for both Practical Training and Dissertation are recommended to be carried out as the case in previous years following the Manual, once the students are permitted to attend colleges. For those students who are held up in outstations due to lock down on the date for the evaluations as stated above , the college authorities are to be permitted to facilitate online Juries for both the subjects. However, during the lock down period the colleges can complete the internal evaluations (Continuous Assessment) of both Practical Training and Dissertation in the online mode.

The contents of the advisory issued by the Council of Architecture with respect to Practical Training can be permitted to be adopted by the colleges (whereby the Council has issued directions for the completion of ongoing training and the modalities for the incoming training sessions. The Council has directed all firms who had engaged students already for training and had to stop midway , to give enough provision for work from home and the certificates being issued to reflect the total work done by the student showing the 'weeks in office' and 'from home'. For the incoming practical training, it is suggested to shift the training period to the last semesters or swapping with other semesters with advice to students and institutions to select local offices or firms at the home towns of students for training so that travel could be minimised)

1.2 For the upcoming batch (the present S6 batch, alone), the Practical Training and Dissertation scheduled during their S7 and S8 semesters are recommended to be shifted to their S8 and S9 semesters. In this circumstance the subjects mapped in the S9 B.Arch Course are to be swapped in to S7 semester for this particular batch.

2. Thesis and Viva Voce-

2.1 Evaluation of the Thesis and Viva Voce of the Supplementary Examination pending (for which examination materials are kept under lock and key in the colleges concerned) is recommended to be completed at the earliest. A senior faculty in Architecture is to be appointed as Chairman for the conduct of this examination .

2.2 The Regular Thesis and Viva Voce is to be scheduled during the mid week of September 2020.

For both the pending supplementary and regular examinations of Thesis and Viva Voce, the Final Jury evaluations are to be conducted as per the Manual in this regard: for the present S10 batch (Thesis and Viva Voce), the colleges are to complete the Internal Evaluations (Continuous Assessment) in the online mode.

3. Due to lock down , the semester Examinations of B Arch and S1 M.Arch (Landscape Architecture) of 2019 admission could not be conducted .These examinations are to be scheduled forty days after the date from which students are permitted to attend classes in the colleges, since that period of time is required for completion of their CA works and as preparation time for Theory examinations.

However, during the lock down period the colleges can proceed with online classes, tests and assignments for various subjects .

4. Preparation of Question Bank- For the 2019 admission B Arch/M Arch (Landscape Architecture) courses, the Question Bank system is to be followed and the faculty members concerned are to be given online training as contributors to the Question Bank system.

The Vice-Chancellor, on examining the recommendations of the Board of Studies in detail, has approved the same considering the urgency and peculiarity of the situation, under Chapter 3 Section 10 (17) of Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985.

Orders are issued accordingly .

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