



Doon University, Dehradun

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Minutes of 40th Meeting of the Academic Council

The 40th meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 27th July 2026 at 04:30 PM in online mode. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Y. S. Rawat, Former Head Dept. of Botany, Kumaun University
2. Prof. H. C. Purohit, Dean, School of Management
3. Prof. R P Mamgain, Dean, SoSS and Head & Professor, Economics
4. Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Dean and Head, School of Media and Communication Studies
5. Prof. S. S. Suthar, Dean and Head, School of Environment and Natural Resources
6. Prof. Gajendra Singh, Head, School of Management
7. Prof. Reena Singh, Professor, School of Management.
8. Dr Ashish Kumar, University Librarian
9. Dr. Harshpati Dobhal, Visiting Professor and Coordinator MSW
10. Prof. Suneet Naithani, Professor, SENR
11. Prof. Narendra Kumar, Head and Professor, Computer Science
12. Prof. Chetna Pokhariyal, Head and Professor Dept. of English
13. Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi, Associate Professor, SoM
14. Dr. Arun Kumar, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Chemistry
15. Dr. Himani Sharma, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Physics
16. Dr. Swati Bisht, Coordinator, Global South Centre for Urban Studies
17. Dr. Achlesh Daverey, Coordinator SoBS
18. Dr. Swagata Basu, I/c Head & Assistant Professor, Spanish
19. Dr. A. R. Gairola, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Mathematics
20. Ms. Tanvi Negi, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Chinese
21. Dr. Deepika Bhatia, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Japanese
22. Dr. Priyank Kumar Singh Assistant Professor, SOM
23. Dr. Dhriti Dhaundiya, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, SoD
24. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor, English
25. Dr. Vipul Goswami, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, German
26. Dr. Varun Dev Sharma, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, French
27. Dr. Rajesh Bhatt, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Psychology
28. Dr. Anuj Kumar, Assistant Professor, Computer Science
29. Dr. Vipin Kumar, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Geology
30. Dr. Avijit Sahay, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Geography
31. Dr. Shivani Verma, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
32. Dr. Khushboo Singh, Assistant Professor, Physics
33. Dr. Ankit Nagar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics
34. Shri Durgesh Dimri, Secretary, Academic Council & Registrar

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members of the Academic Council present in the meeting. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion one by one:

Item 2026:40:02 Confirmation of Minutes of 39th meeting of the Academic Council held on 27th April 2026.

Since no observations and comments were received from the members, the Academic Council confirmed the minutes of both the meeting.

Item 2026:40:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 39th meeting of the Academic Council.

The action taken reports on the resolutions made in 39th meetings of the Academic Council were reviewed and approved.

Item 2026:40:04 To consider and approve introduction of New Courses & Electives for BDes Program

The Academic Council considered and approved to introduce the following new courses and electives in B-Des Program to keep the curriculum updated and industry-relevant:

SEMESTER	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE
I	DNG 153	Introduction to Prototyping
II	DNE 205	Sequential Art
III	DNC 253	Contemporary Design Practice I
IV	DNE 353	Introduction to Animation
V	DNE 403	Contemporary Design Practice II

Item 2026:40:05 To consider and approve Syllabus of 1 Year MA French as per NEP-2020

The Academic Council considered and approved syllabus of One Year M.A. Programme in French which was prepared as per NEP 2020 and approved by the AAC.

Item 2026:40:06 To consider revision in Course Title of B.A. and M.A. programme of Dept. of German

The Academic Council considered and approved revised syllabi of B.A. and M.A. programmes of the Department of German as finalized and recommended by the respective AAC after incorporating revisions in the course titles, course codes, and course contents.

Item 2026:40:07 To consider and approve the revised and updated Curricula of School of Media & Communication Studies (SoMCS) B.A./M.A. in accordance with the revised University Academic Ordinance for UG & PG Programmes under NEP.

The Academic Council considered and approved revised curricula for the following UG and PG programmes in accordance with the revised Doon University Ordinances and updated after incorporation of the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across various courses, as recommended by the AAC:

- i) 4-Year Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Media & Communication Studies
- ii) 2-Year Master of Arts (M.A.) in Media & Communication Studies.

iii) 1-Year Master of Arts (M.A.) in Media & Communication Studies.

Item 2026:40:08 To consider and approve Agenda of Dept. of Japanese.

The Academic Council considered and approved the syllabus for the One-Year M.A. Japanese Programme under NEP 2020, the revised syllabus for the Two-Year M.A. Japanese Programme under NEP 2020, and the revised syllabus for the fourth year of the B.A. Japanese Programme under NEP 2020 of Dept. of Japanese.

The Academic Council also approved the recognition of Dr. Deepika Bhatia, Assistant Professor as a Ph.D. Supervisor in the Department of Japanese Studies.

Item 2026:40:09 To approve the syllabus of the One-Year M.Sc. Biological Sciences as per NEP-2020 and approve a new discipline-specific elective course, "Drug Designing," for the Two-Year M.Sc. Biological Sciences (NEP-2020).

The Academic Council approved syllabus of the One-Year M.Sc. Biological Sciences as per NEP-2020. The AC also approved to offer a new discipline-specific elective course, "Drug Designing," for the Two-Year M.Sc. Biological Sciences (NEP-2020).

Item 2026:40:10 To consider and approve syllabus for 1 year M.Sc. in Geography under NEP-2020.

The Academic Council considered and approved syllabus for 1 year M.Sc. in Geography under NEP-2020 as submitted by the I/c Head.

Item 2026:40:11 To consider and approved the recommendations of the Committees constituted to review the Ph.D. Ordinance of the University.

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Committee constituted to review the Ph.D. Ordinance of the University in view of declining number of applications for admission in Ph.D. programs and the adverse impact of this trend on the pace and quality of research activities. The A.C. approved the recommendations of the committee and also approved to review the Ph.D. Ordinance accordingly.

Item 2026:40:12 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committees constituted to determine the topper students for the award of Gold medal in UG programs.

The Academic Council considered the recommendations of the Committees constituted to determine the topper students for the award of Gold medal in UG programs. The recommendations are as follows:

"The Committee discussed the matter at length and noted that the admissions to the UG programs are made in a four year course after the implementation of NEP 2020 with multiple exit and multiple entry option. It is apparent that the program stands completed on successful completion of after 04 years (08 semesters). Therefore, the committee recommends that the university may award Medal to toppers/rank holders who completes four years (08 semester) of study at UG level and earn requisite credits in accordance with the framework of the University. The University may amend relevant Ordinance accordingly."

Having discussed the matter, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Committee and to amend the University Ordinance for UG and PG programs under NEP accordingly.

Item 2026:40:13 To consider and approve Revised Doon University Ordinance for Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) Academic Programmes under NEP, 2020

The Academic Council considered and approved the revisions made to the University Ordinances for the UG and PG Programmes. During the deliberations, the matter of introducing lateral entry admissions to the Postgraduate (PG) Programmes was also discussed. After due consideration, the Council approved the introduction of the provision for lateral entry admissions to the PG Programmes.

The Council further resolved that a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) be prepared and the necessary provisions relating to lateral entry admissions be incorporated into the University Ordinances governing the UG and PG Academic Programmes under NEP 2020.

Item 2026:40:14 To consider and approve SoP and proposal for academic enhancement for Certificate Course in Foreign Languages.

The Academic Council considered and approved Standard of Procedures (SoP) for running of Certificate Courses and proposal for academic enhancement as submitted by the Coordinator, Certificate Course in Foreign Languages.

Item 2026:40:15 To consider and approve the request of Head I/c Dept. of Spanish regarding increasing of seats for Intake for One Year M.A. Spanish for the Session 2026-27.

The Academic Council approved the request of Head I/c Dept. of Spanish regarding increasing of seats for Intake for One Year M.A. Spanish for the Session 2026-27.

Item 2026:40:16 To consider the matter of Mr Saksham Semwal, student of B.A. Media and Communication Studies regarding back examination.

The Academic Council considered Mr Saksham Semwal's case of the basis of severe medical emergency and allowed him to appear in B.A. second semester examination during the special back Exam without any fee.

Item 2026:40:17 To consider and approve constitution of the Animal Welfare Society for Doon University.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved to establish the Animal Welfare Society for Doon University as required by the Govt. of Uttarakhand and, Government of India. The Council also approved the constitution of Animal Welfare Society of the University as per the following composition:

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| 1. Patron | Vice Chancellor |
| 2. Faculty Coordination | Prof. S. S. Suthar, Dean and Head, SENR |
| 3. Co-Coordinator | Dr. Vaishali, Coordinator, NSS |

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| 4. Student Committee | Student Council (Executive Member) |
| 5. Advisory Members- | |
| a. Veterinarians | Officer Nearby area |
| b. Legal Experts | University Legal Advisor |
| c. Psychologist | Dr. Rajesh Bhatt, Assistant Prof. Psychology |
| d. Environmentalist | Dr. Prateek Panwar |

Item 2026:40:18 To consider and approve syllabus of Second Education ‘The Science of Self’ (IKS) for undergraduate students for the Academic session 2026-27.

The Academic Council considered and approved syllabus of second education ‘The Science of Self’ (IKS) to be offered for undergraduate students from the session 2026-27. This course aims to provide holistic education by introducing students to the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). It helps students understand themselves better through practices such as meditation, self-awareness, and the study of consciousness. It complements regular academic learning with practical and experiential activities, in line with the vision and objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Item 2026:40:19 To consider and approve agenda items related to the Examination Section.

Item 1: To consider and approve Degrees for Students Passing Out in 2025 and 2026 (NEP and Non NEP)

The Academic Council considered and approved the award of degrees to the students of the Academic Sessions 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 who have successfully completed their academic programme and have fulfilled the criteria requirement of their respective programmes.

Item 2: To consider and approve Special Summer Back Examination (Applicable to UG 6th & 8th Semester and PG 4th Semester Students Only)

The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal of conducting a Special Summer Back Examination for students of the final semester/year who have pending back papers, enabling them to complete the requirements of their respective programmes within the prescribed duration. The proposed Special Summer Back Examination is intended exclusively for students in the final semester/year to facilitate the timely completion of their degree requirements, thereby enhancing their opportunities for employment and higher education. The fee for Special Back Examination will be Rs. 2000/- per Course.

Item 3: To consider and approve the List of Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) and Value Added Courses (VAC) for the Academic Session 2026–2027

The Academic Council considered and approved following Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) and Value Added Courses (VAC) to be offered during the Academic Session 2026–2027.

S. No.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Credits	Course In-charge
1	DUA101	English Language	2	Ms. Aporwa
2	DUA102	Spanish Language-I	2	Ms. Shreya Rawat

3	DUA104	German Language-I	2	Mr. Vinayak Mamgain
4	DUA106	French Language-I	2	Mr. Shashank Bahuguna
5	DUA108	Japanese Language-I	2	Ms. Kanchan Kukreti
6	DUA110	Chinese Language-I	2	Mr. Deepanshu Saini
7	DUA202	Sanskrit Language I	2	Ms. Urmila
8	DUA209	Hindi language I	2	Mr. Kuldeep Chand Ramola
9	DUA211	Garhwali language-I	2	Dr. Ajeet Panwar
10	DUA212	Kumauni Language-I	2	Dr. Ajeet Panwar
11	DUV100	Environmental studies	2	Dr. Rommila Chandra
12	DUV101	Universal Human Values and professional ethics (IKS)	2	Dr. Roopa Kumari
13	DUV102	Yoga and Naturopathy	2	Dr. Ravi Kumar
14	DUV107	Stage Acting-I	2	Dr. Ajeet Panwar
15	DUV109	Introduction to Sociology Psychology and Philosophy (IKS)	2	Dr. Antriksh Barakoti
16	DUV110	Good Governance and Vedic Management (IKS)	2	Dr. H C Purohit
17	DUV111	Mathematical ability for Competitive Exam	2	Dr. Priyank Singh
18	DUV112	Leadership and Personality development	2	Dr. Ashish Sinha
19	DUV114	Artificial Intelligence for Everyone	2	Deptt. of Computer Science
20	DUV115	Indian Knowledge System (IKS)	2	Deptt. of Hindu Studies
21	DUV116	Disaster Management	2	Dr. Suneet Naithani
22	DUV118	Second Education-The Science of Self (IKS)	2	Mr. Sudarshan Sharma
23	DUV121	Lok Vidya (Folk Arts of Uttarakhand, Sanskriti Lokbhasha and Khaan-paan) (IKS)	2	Dr. Ajeet Panwar
24	DUV122	Leadership Development and Ramayan (IKS)	2	Deptt. of Hindu Studies
25	DUV123	Introduction to Constitution of India	2	Dr. Harsh Pati Dobhal
26	DUV124	Bharat Ek Parichay (IKS)	2	Prof. Surekha Dangwal

Item 4: To consider and approve Constitution of a committee for designing the format of the University mark sheet and the degree certificate under NEP 2020.

The Academic Council considered the agenda and resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee for designing the format of the University's mark sheets and degree certificates in accordance with the provisions of NEP 2020.

Item 2026:40:20

To consider and approve the creation of flexibility under which the students of 7th and 8th semesters of 04-year UG program of Chemistry Physics and Mathematics Department at SoPS can have the option to carry out dissertation/research project of total 22 credits

The Academic Council considered and agenda and approved the creation of flexibility under which the students of 7th and 8th semesters of 04-year UG program of Chemistry Physics and Mathematics Department at SoPS can have the option to carry out dissertation/research project of total 22 credits. As resolved a Standard of Procedure (SoP) will be prepared by the I/c Dean SoPS in this regard.

Item 2026:40:21 To consider the agenda points of School of SENR.

The Academic Council considered and approved the following agenda items of the School of Environment and Natural Resources as recommended by the respective AAC:

1. Re-registration of Mr Ashutosh Singh, Ph.D. Scholar (Batch 2014-15)

The matter of re-registration of Mr Ashutosh Singh Ph.D. Scholar (Batch 2014-15) was discussed. The Academic Council permitted Mr Ashutosh Singh for re-registration with the conditions that he will be required to complete his Pre Ph.D. course work by completing the compulsory course of Research and Publication Ethics of 2 credits. He shall be eligible to submit his Ph.D. thesis for evaluation only after completion of three years as per the University rules from the date of re-registration, under the supervision of Dr. Suneet Naithani.

2. Replacing the course ENR-558 Wildlife Management and Ecotourism with ENR-514 Forest Ecosystem & Management in M.Sc. (NRM) II Semester.
3. Introduction of new course, Remote Sensing, GIS and Geospatial Analysis in the pool of electives of M.Sc. III Semester NRM
4. Introduction of new course, Sustainability Science in the pool of electives of M.Sc. II Semester EVS.
5. Restructuring the pools of discipline –specific elective (DSE) for different semesters of M.Sc. and NRM program
6. Shifting of EES 518 Environmental Toxicology from SER pool of EVS I semester to III semester.
7. Introduction of new VAC courses
8. Introduction of new course, EGC-580: Advanced Materials for Environmental Sustainability, in the pool of electives of M.Sc. EVS III Semester.

Item 2026:40:22 Any Other item with the permission of the Chair.

Item 2026:40:22:01 To consider and approve the extension of the existing one-semester student exchange programme under the active MoU between Doon University and the University of Liège, Belgium, to the One-Year M.A. programme introduced under the NEP.

It was informed that the existing MoU between Doon University and the University of Liège, Belgium has been successfully operational since 2019 for the Non-NEP M.A. Programme and NEP B.A. (4th Year) programme and the Two-Year M.A. programme. With the introduction of the One-Year M.A. programme under NEP, it has been proposed that students enrolled in this programme should also be eligible to participate in the same one-semester exchange programme. As per the provisions of

the existing MoU, the credits earned and grades obtained by the participating student at the University of Liège are transferred directly to Doon University.

The Academic Council considered the agenda and approved to extend the existing one-semester student exchange programme under the active MoU between Doon University and the University of Liège, Belgium, to the One-Year M.A. programme introduced under the NEP.

Item 2026:40:22:02 To consider and approve change in the course code of the 7th and 8th semester of B.Sc. Mathematics (Hons/Hons with Research) programme.

The Academic Council considered the agenda and approved change in the course code of the 7th and 8th semester of B.Sc. Mathematics (Hons/Hons with Research) programme as recommended by the AAC of the Dept. of Mathematics.

Item 2026:40:22:03 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to Centre for Hindu Studies.

The Academic Council considered and approved following agenda items pertaining to the Centre for Hindu Studies:

1. Approved to introduce Ph.D. Program in Hindu Studies.
2. Approved to introduce Postgraduate Diploma in Temple Management.
3. Approved following Value Add Courses to be offered across the discipline:

S.N.	Course Code	Course Title
1	VACH1	Bharat ek Parichaya
2	VACH2	Traditional Knowledge of Bhartiya Architecture
3	VACH3	Hindu Diaspora
4	VACH4	Lokbhasha and Khaan Paan Sanskriti
5	VACH5	Lok-Kala (Folk Art of Uttarakhand)
6	VACH6	Sangeet Through Literature
7	VACH7	Hindu Kala
8	VACH8	Leadership and Ramayan
9	VACH9	Hindu Wellness
10	VACH10	Hindu and Western Language Chintan
11	VACH11	Hindu and Western Women Vimansha
12	VACH13	Society and Ethics
13	VACH14	Hindu and Western Art Thinkers

Item 2026:40:22:04 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to Dept. of English.

The Academic Council considered and approved the following agenda items pertaining to the Dept. of English

1. Approved the syllabus of the One-Year MA English program under NEP.
2. To approved the revised syllabus of the BA Sem VII and Sem VIII with additional Course: Discipline Specific Elective Courses, ENE 405: Practice-Based

3. Approved of Courses Offered for Minor Degree Requirements in the Department of English as Ecology and Literature, Children's Literature and Films and Literature.

Item 2026:40:22:05 To consider and approve the request of Head I/c Dept. of Mathematics regarding increasing of seats for Intake for B.Sc. Mathematics Hons/Hons. with Research.

The Academic Council considered the request of the I/c Head, Department of Mathematics, for enhancement of the student intake in the B.Sc. Mathematics Programme from 40 to 45, in view of the large number of candidates seeking admission to the programme. After due consideration, the Academic Council approved the proposal to increase the student intake from 40 to 45 in the B.Sc. Mathematics Programme.

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



(Durgesh Dimri)
Registrar and Secretary
Academic Council

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Copy to All the members present in the meeting for information and reference.



(Durgesh Dimri)
Registrar