

Project Allotment:

At BITS Pilani, the students are encouraged to take up projects in the form of project type courses. These courses are considered as discipline/open electives and typically aligned towards the research topics of the mentors. This enables the student to get exposed to fundamental concepts in the classrooms and also the latest developments in that field through the project courses.

The process of allotment of the student to a particular instructor is organized by Instruction Division. The students will apply through an online process and after checking, the project allotment list is processed, approved and sent to ARCD which in turn facilitate the smooth registration process for the students in project type courses.

Frequently asked questions:

1. What are the different categories in project type courses available for students at BITS Pilani?
The categories under which the project type courses classified are:
 - (a) Study Project
 - (b) Lab Project
 - (c) Design Project
 - (d) Special project
2. Is there any limit on the number of study project that a student can take?
Yes. The limits are given as follows:
For study project - 1
For lab project - 2
For design project - 2
For special project - 1
3. How will a project type course be accounted in student's eligibility sheet?
The project type courses offered by the departments may be taken by the students to meet the discipline elective/ open elective requirements.
4. Is there any limit for the number of project type courses to meet the discipline elective requirement?
A student may avail a maximum of 3 Project courses to meet the Discipline Electives Requirement under the head of Discipline Electives with the following limitations:
All of these Project courses should be (i) within the Discipline (for which the degree is being awarded) or (ii) from an allied Discipline if so specified by the Department offering the degree.
5. Is it not possible for student to do a project type course from any other discipline?
It is possible. A student may avail a maximum of 3 Project courses under any of the heads mentioned above (FAQ-1) offered by any discipline as an *Open Elective*.
6. Is there any limit on the number of project type courses that a student can take in his/her career at BITS Pilani?
Yes. In total a student may avail at most 5 Project courses against Electives slots in any category.

7. Can a student take a project type course as an overload?
Yes, it is allowed for a student to take a project type course as an overload. However, the total units credited in a semester cannot exceed 25.
8. I am “manufacturing” student. Will “ME Fxxx” course will be my discipline elective?
No. The instructor may be associated with mechanical engineering department but the course code should signify the discipline to which the student primarily associated with it. Hence, for “manufacturing” student, MF Fxxx is the correct course code (for discipline elective).
Similarly, in the case with “electronics and communication” and “instrumentation” students, the discipline codes are ECE and INSTR respectively.
9. I have done EEE F376 (design project course) twice. In the sense, I had registered for the same course twice in different semesters and now I want to change one of the course to EEE F377, as I am falling short of one discipline elective for graduation. How can I do it?
Nothing can be done about it. Your stay in BITS will be extended by one more semester.
Although, the institute officials are ready to mentor/advise the students on project type courses, finally, it is the responsibility on the student to keep the track on the courses and graduate on time.
10. I am very interested in doing a project at department of “chemical engineering” with CHE F366 code. But I would like to work with a “chemistry” faculty for the same. How can I get a slot for it?
The student cannot do project type course with these type of combinations. The faculty must be associated with the department/discipline in which the student would like to do her project. E.g. A student can do a EEE F266 (study project) under the supervision of a EEE faculty only.

General instructions:

1. A student can also take up special project course (XXX F491) strictly in his/her discipline. The criteria are all the CDC's must have been completed and the student must be in his/her final semester. This course will also be considered in project type course.
2. Normally, the students are eligible to choose only one project type course in a semester.
3. DUAL DEGREE students applying for project course for 4/2 semester can apply for two slots in the same semester.
4. SINGLE DEGREE students are allowed to take two project type courses in either 4/1 or 4/2 semester.
5. No student will be permitted to do two lab projects or design projects in the same semester irrespective of discipline.
6. No student will be permitted to do two projects under the same instructor in the same semester.
7. If the student is applying for lab project first time in the discipline, then he/she should choose xxx F366. Similarly, if the student is applying for design project first time in the discipline, then he/she should choose xxx F376.
8. If a student already has a valid grade in a project course then he will not be permitted to do the same course again (e.g. if a student has obtained a valid grade in BIO F376, then he will not be permitted to register in BIO F376 again).
9. Project type course cannot be done along with the THESIS.