

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR
STUDENT AFFAIRS

NORMS ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE

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IIT Gandhinagar believes in the development of a balanced personality of its students and actively encourages the students to participate in various sports and games, for which good facilities are made available to the students.

To re-introduce the first year students to the culture of sports and games after the arduous JEE preparations, during which period they hardly get time for sports, the UG curriculum at IITGN has compulsory course on Physical Education during both the first and second semesters with P/NP credit. The course comprises various components of a regular physical education program, such as physical exercises, games, yoga and sports. Since 2009-10 academic year, the Institute has been expecting the students to participate in the PE activities on all five days of the week, and expects about 80% minimum attendance of the students.

The following mode of operations for the PE course will be followed:

- 1) The Institute will invest further on PE activities and organize to conduct the Physical Education sessions on all 7 days of the week.
- 2) The Institute will continue to expect that students crediting PE will be engaged in sports and games 5 days per week.
- 3) The students will have the option to choose any 5 days out of the 7 days for attending PE 101 / PE 102. They may of course choose to participate on more than 5 days in a week.
- 4) Dean (Professor in Charge) of Student Affairs will be the official course instructor for PE101 / PE102 course and will monitor the progress of the students and award grades with the assistance of concerned faculty member in charge of sports activities and the sports coaches/ instructors.
- 5) If a student for some reason is forced to miss several sessions of PE in a week (for instance, due to sickness), he/she may make up the attendance by participating on more than 5 days in other weeks.
- 6) Pass/ No Pass grade will be awarded in the PE course on the basis of 80% attendance requirement. The Institute will STRICTLY enforce this requirement and any student who is reported to have participated in less than 56 sessions (80% of the 70 expected sessions; 5 sessions per week for 14 weeks in a semester) in a semester will be awarded NP grade and will have to repeat the course ab initio in a following semester.
- 7) If a substantial number of the first year students are deeply involved in organizing a major cultural or technical event (such as BLITHCHRON and AMALTHEA) and a justifiable case is made out by the student leadership that such students must miss a reasonable number of PE sessions in the larger interest of the Institute, the Dean of Student Affairs may award a reasonable number of “tokens” to the concerned student leaders prior to the event. Upon completion of the activity, the concerned student leaders

will recommend allocation of these “tokens” to the first year students in ratio of their engagement for approval of the Dean of Student Affairs.

- 8) While counting attendance and awarding the grades in PE, the “tokens” will be counted as equivalent to having attended the equal number of sessions.
- 9) The Institute has now been conducting a thorough physical checkup of all first year students. In case a student is found to be suffering from a serious ailment such that he/she is advised by the Institute doctor to avoid strenuous physical activities, the Institute may either (a) defer the PE requirements for a later semester for that student, or (b) allow the student to carry out an “equivalent” amount of social service under supervision of a faculty member.