

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

REVISED NORMS FOR GUIDED PROGRESS SCHEME FOR BTECH STUDENTS

(As approved by the Senate in its 18th meeting held on 25th September 2014, updated in the 23rd meeting held on 16th March 2016, 33rd Senate meeting held on 22nd November, 2018, 53rd meeting held on 27th July 2021, and 57th meeting held on 12th April 2022)

The Guided Progress Scheme (GPS) was introduced in 2014 to help academically weak B.Tech. students develop and follow a plan for graduation from the Institute. The GPS primarily involves restriction of the number of credits a student can register during a semester, and mapping of students to an advisor, who advises them on the academic trajectory that should be followed. The Senate in its 18th Meeting held on 25th September 2014 has approved revised norms for Guided Progress Scheme (GPS) applicable to all B.Tech students with effect from Semester-I of Academic Year 2014-15. These norms have been updated several times in subsequent Senate meetings, details of which are placed below:

A. For B.Tech. students admitted earlier than 2020:

Entry (on recommendation of the SAPEC):

- Students who do not get a passing grade in a minimum of 14 credits in the first semester will be placed in GPS for the subsequent semester. The credits for Foundation Programme will not be considered in this count.
- Students who do not get a passing grade in a minimum of 16 credits in the second, third or fourth semester will be placed in GPS for the next semester.
- After the first four semesters, students who do not receive passing grades in a minimum of 32 credits in two consecutive semesters will be placed in GPS while keeping in mind the course offerings in that semester and pending graduation requirements.
- In general, the students will be considered for entry into GPS up to their sixth semester. After the sixth semester, only those students who have been in GPS in any previous semesters will be considered to continue or enter into GPS.

While in GPS:

- Students will not be permitted to register for more than 21 credits in a semester.
- Students will prepare their study plan in consultation with both, their GPS and Faculty Advisor while keeping in mind course offerings and timelines.
- Students under GPS must register for their backlog courses before registering for other courses in that semester. However, GPS and Faculty Advisors may recommend exceptions to avoid cascading effects.
- Class attendance, assignment submission and performance on various assessments will be regularly monitored by GPS and Faculty Advisors.

Exit (on recommendation of the SAPEC):

- If a student gets a passing grade in at least 18 registered credits in a semester with a minimum SPI of 6.0, OR
- If a student successfully earns 16 credits or more in each of two consecutive semesters.

B. For B.Tech. students admitted in Academic Year 2020-21 onwards:

Entry (on recommendation of the SAPEC):

- Students who are not able to secure a CPI of 5.0 or above at the end of first two semesters/ Term III will be placed in GPS.
- Students who have a CPI between 5.0 and 5.5, but would like to seek help through the GPS support mechanisms, would be allowed to enter GPS.

While in GPS

- While in GPS, students will prepare their academic plan in consultation with both their GPS and faculty advisors.
- The exact academic load of students in GPS would be decided based on the recommendations of the GPS advisor and the faculty advisor. At any point of time, students will not be able to register for fewer than 12 credits and more than 24 credits in a semester.

Exit (on recommendation of the SAPEC):

- Students will be able to exit the GPS when they are able to secure a CPI of 5.5 or a passing grade in at least 18 registered credits in a semester with a minimum SPI of 6.0.

Any exceptions to these norms may be recommended by the SAPEC and approved by the Chairman, Senate.