Policy for opting online course in lieu of Open Electives

(With effect from AY 2022-23)

To offer additional academic flexibility to students and to take an additional step towards implementation of National Education Policy NEP 2020, K J Somaiya College of Engineering offers a facility to the students admitted under Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU) to choose online course(s) in lieu of open elective(s). Students can earn the requisite credits of open elective(s) through online learning courses prescribed by college.

Eligibility:

SVU admitted students will have an option of opting Coursera/NPTEL course(s) in the lieu of open electives in TY and LY (Semester V, VI and VII as per the curriculum scheme).

A student will not be allowed to take this option if he/she has not completed the online course opted in any previous semester.

General Rules for opting online course in lieu of Open Electives

1. The student can choose an option of Coursera courses/specializations or the NPTEL course in the lieu of open electives (OEs). Choice of online mode of learning is completely optional and college will continue to conduct the prescribed courses in offline mode for students.
2. The students will have to pay their regular full fees applicable for AY 2022-23.
3. The students will have a choice of opting this facility for Open Elective Technical (OET) or Open Elective Humanities and Management (OEHM) or both OET and OEHM in the prescribed semester.
4. The students will need to choose the appropriate and similar or allied courses/specializations in the lieu the concerned Open Elective. For Coursera option, students need to choose appropriate course /specializations (collection of more than one course as a group) offered by Coursera, the total duration of which has to be at least 30hrs. In case of NPTEL option, the student needs to choose an appropriate course of minimum 8 weeks.
5. The Coursera courses / specializations will be provided free of costs to the students. For NPTEL courses, expenses to be borne by the students.
6. Students interested in opting online courses mode, must indicate so when the preference form of the courses is floated by the college. Else, student needs to opt for the course offered by the college.
7. The department committee will review the choice of online course/specialization of the students. The department committee reserves right to approve or disapprove the choice of course/specialization. Only, those students will be allowed to opt for online course/specialization in lieu of open electives, whose choice is approved by department committee.
8. The students will enrol for all the corresponding courses / specializations and complete all the requirements related to courses / specializations within the stipulated time of our regular academic semester in which this facility is availed.

9. On completion of the course, students need to produce the course completion certificates, for all the online course(s) undertaken in the lieu of the concerned open elective(s), to examination cell in the stipulated time.

10. As these specializations with multiple courses may have different types of evaluations and different weightages w.r.t to total marks etc., the grades earned in these Coursera courses as calculations in the CGPA / SGPA will not be accounted the mark sheet. Same applies for NPTEL courses as well as they are not evaluated by the college.

11. The maximum of 2 credits for the concerned OE(s) will be only reflected as credits earned in the students' grade cards with appropriate indication of the undertaken Coursera/NPTEL courses. No additional credits will be accounted for if the student undertakes Coursera courses for more than 30hrs duration or NPTEL courses of more than 8 weeks.

12. Students will not claim the earned credits through online courses under this policy for anything other academic credit requirements than the said OE(s) in the semester under consideration.

13. Students will not undertake the same online course(s) in any forthcoming semesters for any other academic credit requirements.

14. Students undergoing such Coursera courses / specialization need not attend any regular classes or ISE / IA evaluations related to the concerned OET/OEHM course.

15. In case of any unforeseen reason/s, if student decides to discontinue the Coursera/NPTEL Specialization / courses, student may be permitted to join the on-going OE(s) offered by the college as a normal student and shall thereafter adhere to all the academic requirements of the same (attend all lectures, practical, appear for tests, etc.). However this option would be valid, only if permission from Principal and HoD is taken before completion of one month after the commencement of the said semester as per academic calendar. After this period, the students may not be allowed to join the ongoing offline OE(s) offered by the college in the concerned semester. The student will have to complete the requirement of concerned OET/OEHM in online mode only.

16. If a student fails to complete the chosen and approved Coursera/NPTEL course / specialization, it will be considered as failure in the concerned open elective and the student will need to complete the course requirement in the next semester by means of online course/specialization only. Such a student who does not complete the chosen online course by end of the concerned on-going semester, the option of choosing the online course in the lieu of open electives will remain unavailable for such a student for all forthcoming coming semesters. He/she will only use online course option to complete the requirements of pending open elective of the preceding semester.

17. The students undertaking the online course/ Specialization in lieu of open elective/electives will not be eligible for any prizes/ awards for highest ranking student or any other equivalent appreciation valid for the students of that particular batch.

18. In order that the students adhere to this policy, the students will need to give undertaking duly signed by him/her and also, by the parents before enrolling for the online course.

19. In case of any problem / issues related to completion of Coursera courses / specialization, the students are required to report the matter to the authorities in the order of the hierarchy mentioned below. The students should report as soon as possible and not wait till the term end in case of any problems / issues.

a. Open Elective Coordinator
b. HOD
c. Asso. Dean Academic Programme / Jt. Asso. Dean Academic Programme
d. Vice principal/ Principal

20. College authorities reserve the right to change / update the policy as and when required.

Principal