

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI, PILANI CAMPUS
AUGS/AGSR DIVISION**

Frequently Asked Questions

First Degree Thesis (FDTs)

Q1. Can I take project type course along with First Degree Thesis of 9 Units?

Answer: No. Project type course(s) along with First Degree Thesis of 9 Units is NOT permitted.

Q2. Can a student pursue First Degree Thesis in a Department other than his/ her discipline?

Answer: Yes. For this permission from both the Departments HoD's is necessary.

Q3. Can a student take extra course with 16-unit First Degree Thesis?

Answer: No.

Q4. Can a first degree student with a single degree pursue 2 TS/ 2 PS or 1 TS + 1 PS?

Answer: No.

Q5. What if a student has completed PS-I and later taken transfer for thesis stream (TS)?

Answer: Students who opted for thesis stream (TS), if has already completed PS-I course, it will be considered as an open elective for his/her graduation requirement.

Q6. Is thesis allowed during summer term?

Answer: No.

Q7. Can a single degree student complete the graduation requirement by taking 9-unit thesis?

Answer: Yes. If a single degree student opts for a 9-units Thesis, he/she must complete at least 2 additional elective courses (of at least 6 units) to meet graduation requirements i.e. the Open Electives requirement of such student is assumed to have increased to at least 7 courses and at least 21 units.

Q8. Can a dual-degree student complete the graduation requirement by taking two 9-unit thesis (one in each discipline)?

Answer: Yes. If a dual degree student opts for a 9-units Thesis for each of the two degrees He/she is pursuing the Open Electives requirement would be assumed as at least 9 courses and at least 27 units; And the student would be deemed to have satisfied the modified Open Electives requirement if the total number and units of discipline electives from the two programs and those of PSI (if completed) exceed 9 courses and 27 units respectively.

Q9. How many First Degree Thesis (FDTs) and/or Practice School-II (PS-II) can be registered by a student to meet his/her graduation requirement?

Answer:

Single degree student: Only one FDTs (16 or 9 unit) / one PS-II. Refer Answer of Q7 for additional details.

Dual Degree student: Two FDTs (16 or 9 unit) / two PS-II / one FDTs (16 or 9 unit) and one PS-II. Refer Answer of Q8 for additional details.

Q10. Can a dual degree student (BXAY) having one TS and one PS option do a thesis in AY discipline?

Answer: A dual degree student (BXAY) must do one FDTs in first discipline (BX) and PS-II in second discipline (AY). However, interchange is allowed provided HoD of BX discipline give permission for the same.

Q11. What is the process and deadline for PS-TS conversion?

Answer: Student must contact PS Division for the same.

Q12. What is the application process & guidelines for off-campus thesis?

Answer: Refer the **Off-campus FDTs guidelines** available under Academic Services tab at AUGSD-AGSRD website.