

POLICY: Pursuing Two Academic Programs Simultaneously (Dual Degree in Bachelor's Program)

INTRODUCTION:

“Pursuing two academic programs simultaneously (to earn a dual degree in the Bachelor’s Program) “lays down the policy for permitting students of St. Xavier’s College, Ahmedabad to pursue two-degree programs simultaneously. The guidelines aim to enable students to pursue creative combinations of disciplines for study and to facilitate multiple pathways of learning.

PURPOSE:

To establish processes for facilitating the earning of a dual degree by students pursuing one of the degrees from St. Xavier’s College.

To outline essential requirements and responsibilities of students who want to pursue a Dual degree.

The document also sets direction and provides information about the accepted and prohibited actions to be eligible to earn one of the degrees from St. Xavier’s College, Ahmedabad.

BACKGROUND

Policies help clarify the college's stance in definitive circumstances. Students of the St. Xavier’s College must agree to abide by and be knowledgeable of specific guidelines for their good.

This policy outlines the minimum requirements for earning a degree from St. Xavier’s College, as well as other degree from a different institution.

This policy applies to all the students enrolled in Bachelor degree programs at St. Xavier’s College.

Objectives:

To following objectives were taken into consideration while framing this policy:

- Recognizing, identifying, and fostering the unique capabilities of each student for their holistic development,
- To promote multidisciplinary education across the sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, and sports in order to ensure the unity and integrity of all knowledge;
- Enabling an individual to study one or more specialized areas of interest at a deep level,
- Preparing students for more meaningful and satisfying lives and work roles and enable economic independence and flexibility of pursuing different career choices.

Guidelines:

1. A student of St. Xavier's College wishing to earn a dual degree should earn their other degree from a different institute.
2. The additional degree has to be earned through open and distance learning (ODL)/ online mode or through the physical mode provided that the college timing of the other program does not overlap with the program of SXCA.
3. It is mandatory for the student to follow all attendance requirements and attempt all internal and external examinations to earn the degree from the SXCA.
4. The student will have to abide by all the rules and regulation of the College.
5. Students are advised to pursue their other degree program only at HEIs recognized by UGC, other equivalent body or the Government of India for offering such programs.
6. It is the responsibility of the students to ensure that the credit earned via other institutions is reflected in their Academic Bank of Credit; however, students should regularly submit their semester-end marksheets of second degree as they are routinely received to SXCA for documentation purposes.
7. Students seeking to pursue a dual degree program must obtain permission from the respective Head of the Department, NEP Nodal Officer, and COE using the prescribed format at the start of the academic year.
8. The above guidelines shall apply only to students pursuing academic programs to earn their Bachelor's degree.
9. The student has to pay administrative fees. (Rs. 1500)

REVIEW AND MONITORING:

The NEP nodal officer will monitor the policy to ensure it is fit for purpose and will be reviewed regularly and will be modified to reflect changing guidelines from the UGC, the college council, or any other equivalent statutory body.

The final decision to permit the programs mentioned above lies with the management.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The college acknowledges the following policy of UGC to provide background in preparation of this policy document:

https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/5729348_Guidelines-for-pursuing-two-academic-programmes-simultaneously.pdf

Format for application to pursue dual degree.

The following application needs to be submitted to the Principal.

Section A: Personal Information

1. **Full Name** (as per official academic records):
2. **Date of Birth:**
3. **Gender:**
4. **Category:**
5. **Contact Details : (include mobile no, email and communication address):**

Section B: Current Full-Time Program in which the student is enrolled at SXCA.

1. **Program name:**
2. **Student ID:**
3. **Current Semester of Study:**
4. **Class Timings:**

Section C: Second Degree Program Details

- **Mode:** Online / Distance Learning (ODL)/ Physical
- **Institution Name:**
- **Program name:**
- **Year of enrollment:**
- **Second degree program College Timings (applicable for only physical mode):**

Section D: Declaration by the student

- Program 1 schedule:
- Program 2 schedule:
- I certify that class timings for both programmes do not overlap.
- I confirm that both programmes are recognized by UGC / Statutory Council / Govt. of India:
- I will comply with all curricula and attendance requirements of SXCA.
- My application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Student

Parent/Guardian

Date:

Section G: For Official Use by Institution

Approved By:

Yes/No HOD (of current major)	
Yes/No COE	
Yes/No NEP Nodal officer	
Yes/No Principal	