

Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) at IISc

A) Recognition of credits from other institutes (towards degree programs of IISc):

- Courses taken by a student from IISERs, IITs, AIIMSs, IIMs, TIFR, RRI, NCBS, JNCASR, ISI, Chennai Mathematical Institute will be considered for credits at IISc. The list of accepted institutions will be reviewed at regular intervals/after a period of 3 years.

B) Courses from other institutes (towards degree programs of IISc):

- Students can take a maximum of 30% of their IISc RTP (Research Training Program) requirements through the ABC scheme. These courses may fulfill the requirements of soft core and elective courses. The transfer of credits (from ABC) toward the core courses will not be permitted until and unless a strong justification is offered and approved by SCC.
- Each DCC along with the committee implementing ABC will be authorized to evaluate and accept or reject the courses to be credited through ABC for considering towards the RTP requirements for IISc degree programs (on the basis of course importance/course syllabus/institute concerned).
- For IISc students seeking to do a course not offered at IISc, the Research Supervisors may advise the students to take the courses in another Institution where the desired courses are offered, and it may be counted towards RTP through ABC.
- For research program students if a course is not available at IISc and is deemed mandatory/important by the Research Supervisor/DCC, it may be counted over and above the allowed 30% limit.
- For course programs, hard core courses should be taken from IISc. Only Soft Core courses/Electives will be permitted through ABC.
- Initially IISc will not accept the courses done through online or similar platforms.
- Any courses taken by the student more than three years prior to seeking credit, will not be considered.
- External credits accepted by IISc will be valid till the completion of the program.

C) Opening IISc courses for external students:

- IISc may open its courses for registration by external students however the courses will be offered only in physical mode. Subsequently in case courses that are offered in online mode are opened for registration by the external students,

examinations for these courses will be conducted in physical mode.

- The DCC of the department and the course instructor may study and recommend a suitable number of the external students for each course.
- IISc will not change its grading scheme and in case the student is already registered for a degree program in another institution, it will be up to the concerned institution to arrive at an appropriate mapping for their consideration.
- Intake of external students for IISc courses (when feasible) will be allowed only for the courses where internal registration is for less than 100 students, and provided our infrastructure and logistics allow for it.
- An online system (portal) will be made available for the students to seek registration for the courses within a pre-determined deadline. A small fee may be levied for applications to be made for such requests.
- A committee will look into the requests to reject the request that do not fulfil the pre-requisites. All the applications that meet the minimum pre-requisites will be sent to the course instructor to select the applications based on defined criteria for shortlisting.
- The course instructors will define the maximum strength for the course they are offering. The 20% maximum limit will be applied based on the maximum class strength. The course instructors are free to arrive at the minimum numbers of the registration of the external students based on the means available to teach the course.
- A fee of ₹5000 per credit (excluding GST and a registration fee of ₹300 per course) shall be applicable, the same may be revised from time to time.
- In case of the laboratory courses, projects etc., the external students may be allowed to register for ONLY those lab courses, projects which may be conducted in an online mode.
- The external students should meet the course pre-requisites before registering the courses.