



ACADEMIC-GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH DIVISION
FIRST SEMESTER 2025-2026
COURSE HANDOUT

In addition to part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the Time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

Course No : BITS C790T
Course Title : INDEPENDENT STUDY
Instructor-in-Charge : Associate Dean, AGSRD
Instructor(s) : Supervisor(s)/Mentor(s)

1. Scope and Objective of the Course: The aim of this course is to develop student's expertise in the art of oral presentation of his/her research work. It also aims to train students in the art of presentation of their scientific work at seminars etc.

2. Operation of the course: The student should immediately interact with his/her supervisor(s)/mentor and decide the topics for the seminar to be presented during the semester. Each semester, the DRC will organize seminars by Ph.D. students to which members of the DAC (as also members of relevant departments) will be invited. A student will give at least two seminars. In case supervisor(s)/mentor desires, he/she may ask his/her students to present more than two seminars also, and he/she would then proportionally assign marks for each seminar and record the Grades/marks in evaluation form broadly in two components. Each component may have more than one seminar.

4. Evaluation

| Component | Weightage | Date of Completion |
|-----------|-----------|---|
| Seminar-1 | 50% | 8 th week of the semester/ 4 th week of summer term |
| Seminar-2 | 50% | Last week of class work in the semester/term |

The evaluation apart from other components will be based on the following:

1. Technical contents in the presentation
2. Depth of knowledge in the subject
3. Style of presentation (logical development of the subject, due emphasis on salient features, presentation techniques, etc.)
4. Response to questions (quick grasp and answer to the point)
5. Written report

5. Mid-semester Grading: The Supervisor/mentor will submit the mid-semester grades after the completion of seminar component to DRC.

6. End-semester Grading: The Supervisor/mentor will submit the mid-semester grades after the completion of seminar component to DRC.

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**BITS C790T INDEPENDENT STUDY
MID-SEMESTER EVALUATION FORM**

SECTION-I (To be filled by the candidate)

Semester/Term: First/Second Semester/Summer Term 20 - 20

ID NO: _____ Name: _____

Supervisor(s)/Mentor: _____

Outline of work done:

**SECTION-II EVALUATION & GRADING BY
SUPERVISOR(S)/MENTOR**

| Component & Weightage | Grades/marks awarded for | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Written Paper 10 % | Oral Presentation 15 % | Technical Content 10 % | Subject Knowledge 10 % | Response to Questions 5 % |
| Seminar -1 50 % | | | | | |

Recommended Mid-Semester Grade: **Good / Poor**

Remarks, if any:

Date

Signature of Supervisor(s)/Mentor

Instructions:

1. The candidate should fill Section-I and submit form to his/her supervisor(s)/mentor.
2. Supervisor/mentor should evaluate the performance and suggest a grade (section-II) and return this form so as to reach DRC on or before **Oct 31,2025**.
3. Attach extra sheets, if needed.



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END-SEMESTER EVALUATION FORM

SECTION-I (To be filled by the candidate)

Semester/Term: First/Second Semester /Summer Term 20 - 20

ID NO. _____ Name: _____

Supervisor/Mentor: _____

Title of Seminar talks delivered and dates:

SECTION-II EVALUATION & GRADING BY SUPERVISOR(S)/MENTOR

| Component & Weightage | Grades/marks awarded for | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Written Paper 10 % | Oral Presentation 15 % | Technical Content 10 % | Subject Knowledge 10 % | Response to Questions 5 % |
| Seminar -1 50 % | | | | | |
| Seminar -2 50 % | | | | | |
| Overall marks/grades (out of 100): | | | | | |
| Comments on the performance: | | | | | |

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADE:

Mid-semester Grade Awarded : **Good / Poor**

Final grade : **Good / Poor**

Report, if any (vide Ac. Reg. 4.12):

Date

Signature of Supervisor(s)/Mentor

Instructions

1. The candidate should fill Section-I and submit form to his/her supervisor(s)/mentor.
2. Supervisor/mentor should evaluate the performance and suggest a grade (section-II) and return this form so as to reach DRC on or before **Nov 29,2025**.
3. Attach extra sheet, if necessary.