Proposed Regulations
Panjab University, Chandigarh

Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) (In any Discipline as per NSQF)
(To take effect from the admissions of 2016-17)

1. **Duration:**
   1.1 The duration of course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) shall be three academic years (6 semesters). The examination for the first semester shall ordinarily be held in the month of December and for the second in the month of June or such dates as may be fixed by the Syndicate from time to time. Assessment and evaluation system for the B.Voc. should be a credit based system.

   1.2 If a candidate wishes to leave the course after successful completion of the first year, he/she will be offered Diploma of Vocation in that particular stream.

   1.3 If the candidate wishes to leave after successful completion of the second year, he/she will be offered Advanced Diploma of Vocation in that particular stream.

2. **Fee:**
   Every candidate shall pay his/her examination fee along with other charges i.e. tuition fee etc. with and without late fee as may be fixed by the Syndicate at the time of admission to the course.

3. **Eligibility:**
   The minimum qualification for admission to the First Year of the course shall be 10+2 in any discipline of the University/Board/ Council or examination of any other University which has been recognized by the syndicate as equivalent thereto with not less than 45% marks in the aggregate. Admission will be based on merit and should follow the reservation policy as adopted by the Panjab University.

4. **Examinations:**
   4.1 The Principal of the College shall finalize and forward to the controller of examinations at least two weeks before the commencement of the examination for each semester, a list of the students (along with the examination forms complete in all respect for verification of fee and issuing of roll numbers) who have satisfied the requirements of regulations and are qualified to appear in the examination.

   4.2 The last date for receipt of admission application form and fee with and without late fee shall be as fixed by the Syndicate from time to time.

5. **First semester examination shall be open to a regular student who-**
   (i) has been on the rolls of the affiliated college during one semester preceding the first semester examination; and

   (ii) has attended not less than 75% of the lectures, seminars, case discussions, field trips, project work etc., in each paper; a deficiency up to 10% may be condoned by the principal of the affiliated college.

6. **Second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth semester examinations shall be open to a student who-**
   (i) has been on the rolls of the affiliated college during one semester preceding the second, third fourth fifth or sixth semester examination, as the case may be;
(ii) has attended not less than 75% of the lectures, seminars, case discussions, field trips, project work etc., in each paper; a deficiency up to 10% may be condoned by the principal of the affiliated college.

(iii) has passed the first, second, third, fourth, fifth semester examinations respectively or is covered under re-appear regulation 9 below.

7. The medium of instruction and examination shall be English.

8. Passing Criteria

8.1. The minimum number of marks to pass the examination in each semester shall be-

(i) 35% in each paper in the University examination separately as well as jointly with internal assessment,

(ii) 35% in seminar, project, viva voce, field work etc.

(iii) 40% in the aggregate of (i) and (ii) above.

8.2 Grace marks shall be given @ 1% of the aggregate marks of the external examination of the University for each semester (only the marks of external examination will be counted for the purpose of calculating the grace marks and marks obtained in the internal assessment will not be counted). A candidate may avail of the grace marks either in the aggregate or in one or more papers as may be to his/her advantage. Grace marks, shall, however, be given only for passing the examination or for earning the higher division and not for passing the examination with distinction as well as position.

9.1(a) A student can be placed in re-appear in maximum of 50% of the papers in all the previous Semesters taken together. The College shall verify this status while admitting students in 3rd and/or 5th Semester. The number of re-appears after appearing in examination of 6th Semester may exceed of 50%. However the course must be completed maximum within five years.

(b) If a student has failed to qualify atleast 50% papers in a Semester he/she shall leave the course. The College shall verify this status while admitting students in 3rd and/or 5th Semester. However, the student can appear in the next examination as a Late College Student without attending the classes. In such a case the original Internal Assessment shall remain the same. After qualifying the Semester, he/she resume studies for which, if need be an additional seat shall be created.

(c) If at a point of time, taking into account all the Semesters together upto sixth semester, the number of papers in which student has failed exceeds 50%, he/she shall leave the course. However, he/she can appear in the Semesters in which he failed as a Late College Student, without attending classes, and complete the course within five years. In such case original Internal Assessment shall be retained.

Explanation: 50% of 5 papers shall be taken as 2 and that of 7 papers as 3 for purpose or exemption under this regulation 9(a), 9(b), 9(c) and for the purpose of reappear calculation. For promotion to the next semester, student shall have to clear at least 2 papers out of 5 and at least 3 papers out of 7.
(d) The result of Sixth Semester shall be notified only after the student has cleared all the papers. For other purposes, the marks may be made available to the students provisionally.

10. A candidate, who having passed the second semester or third semester examination, discontinues his/her studies, may be permitted to join the third semester or fourth semester respectively within two years of his/her passing the second semester examination subject to availability of seats.

11. The internal assessment awards of a candidate who fails in the examination and does not rejoin the affiliated college as a regular student shall be carried forward to the next examination.

12. As soon as is possible, after the termination of the examination, the Controller of Examinations shall publish a list of the candidates who have passed.

13. Successful candidates shall be classified as under:

(i) Those who obtain CGPA of ‘8’ or more of all the Semester examinations taken together First Division with Distinction

(ii) Those who obtain CGPA of ‘6’ or more but less than CGPA of ‘8’ in all the semester examinations taken together First Division

(iii) Those who obtain CGPA below ‘6’ in all the semester examinations taken together Second Division

14. Constitution of Skill Development Board (SDB) in the University:

A Skill Development Board (SDB) will be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor in January of a year with a term of two years. SDB shall be the authority to approve syllabus and scheme of the study for skill development courses offered in colleges in accordance with the rules laid down by the Academic Council.

14.1 The syllabi and courses of reading for the Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) shall be as approved by the Syndicate/Senate from time to time on the recommendations of the SDB, which shall also act as Board of Studies.

14.2 SDB may make recommendations to the Syndicate in all matters concerning the Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) programme including the syllabi and the appointment of examiners. However, recommendations concerning syllabi shall be routed through the Academic Council.

14.3. SDB may invite any number of academic/ professional/ industry experts from different disciplines for monitoring and execution of the academic programmes.

14.4 Skill Development Board would meet at-least twice in a year.