

LATERAL ENTRY POLICY

1. Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the smooth academic integration and progression of Lateral Entry students admitted to LBSCEK, directly to the third semester of the B.Tech programme under the KTU.

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Facilitate effective academic transition of Lateral Entry students into the regular B.Tech programme.
 - Address knowledge gaps arising from differences in curriculum and learning background.
 - Ensure uniform academic standards and learning outcomes for all students.
 - Provide academic support to improve performance, retention, and progression.
 - Enable Lateral Entry students to adapt to institutional academic practices and evaluation systems.
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2. Scope

This policy shall apply to:

- All Lateral Entry students admitted directly to Semester 3 of B.Tech programmes under KTU.
 - All academic departments offering B.Tech programmes.
 - Faculty members, mentors, and academic coordinators involved in teaching and student support.
 - Academic support activities conducted during the third and subsequent semesters.
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3. Guidelines

A. Admission and Orientation

- Lateral Entry admissions shall be carried out strictly as per KTU and Government of Kerala regulations.
- An orientation programme shall be conducted at the beginning of Semester 3 to:
 - Familiarize students with the curriculum structure, academic rules, and evaluation scheme.
 - Introduce institutional facilities, laboratories, and support systems.

B. Academic Bridging and Support

- Departments shall identify core subjects where Lateral Entry students may require additional support.

- Academic support may include:
 - Bridge classes or additional tutorial sessions.
 - Sharing of reference materials and lecture notes.
- Faculty members shall guide students on KTU syllabus expectations and assessment patterns.

C. Mentoring and Monitoring

- Lateral Entry students shall be assigned faculty mentors as per institutional mentoring policy.
- Mentors shall:
 - Monitor academic progress and attendance.
 - Provide guidance on academic planning and time management.
- Academic performance of Lateral Entry students shall be reviewed periodically by the department.

D. Assessment and Evaluation

- Lateral Entry students shall be evaluated as per KTU regulations applicable to regular students.
- Internal assessments, laboratory work, and end-semester examinations shall follow the same norms.
- Students requiring academic support shall be encouraged to attend remedial or support sessions.

4. Penalties and Non-Compliance

- Lateral Entry students shall comply with all academic rules, attendance requirements, and evaluation norms prescribed by KTU and the institution.
 - Failure to meet attendance or academic requirements shall attract actions as per KTU regulations.
 - Non-participation in mandated academic support activities may adversely affect academic performance.
 - Faculty and departments shall ensure proper implementation of this policy; lapses may be recorded during internal academic audits.
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