Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar

FAQs about Online Courses

1. How to prove that I have completed the online course?

   Ans: The online course platforms provide a certificate to the learners upon successful completion of the course. Students would need to submit such certificates when they claim credits at IITGN for an online course.

2. Is it compulsory to take online courses?

   Ans: No, It is not compulsory to take online courses.

3. Can we apply for only free courses or will there be reimbursement for paid courses?

   Ans: The students may take any course from the approved list ([here is the link](#)). Some of these may be free, others may not. The students are expected to pay the cost associated with the online course in case they are not offered for free. If the students are facing a serious financial difficulty, the students may approach the office of Dean, Student Affairs.

4. I found an interesting course that is not in the approved course list. I understand that I would not earn any credits for it. But will that course appear in my transcript?

   Ans: Online courses which are outside the approved list cannot be claimed for credits, and thus would also not appear in your transcript.

5. Are all the courses sponsored by IITGN?

   Ans: No, not all the courses are sponsored by IITGN. For example, on an online platform such as EdX or Coursera, there may be a charge for certification that the student would need to pay.

6. The course on Edx is free to attend. But to qualify for the IITGN course credit, do I have to take the verified certificate. For some courses the certificate is worth USD 300. If so, how could the office of the Dean, SA help me in this regard?

Ans: Yes, in order to claim an online course for credit transfer, the students have to earn certificates, which may incur a cost. The office of Dean, Student Affairs may consider providing financial assistance to cover some of these costs.

7. Do I need to inform IITGN before starting a course?

   Ans: No, you need not inform IITGN before starting an online course. However, if you require financial assistance, it may be in your best interest to approach the office of the Dean, Student Affairs before starting the course.

8. Is there any form for registration that needs to be submitted to IITGN before the starting of the course?

   Ans: No, you need not inform us when you start the course. It is only after successfully completing the online course that you would need to provide the certificate for claiming the credits.

9. Do we have to notify the institute beforehand for swayam-nptel courses and approved Coursera courses or we just have to submit the certificate after completion.

   Ans: No, you don't need to notify us before you start a course listed in the approved set of courses.*

   *Kindly note that the SWAYAM-NPTEL courses have not been included in the approved list for Summer Term, 2019-20; this is because the courses on this portal had already begun in January, and thus students can not join these courses for certification during the Summer Term, 2019-20.

10. What if we do not complete the online course? Will it be mentioned in the final graduation certificate or marksheet?

    Ans: No, if you have not completed the online course, it would not be mentioned on your transcript. We would consider the courses only when you have submitted the course completion certificate.

11. Would my courses be able to fill my HSS or BS credits or only open elective credits?

    Ans: Yes, the credits from online courses can be utilized for completing the requirements for Basic Science, HSS, as well as Open electives. Kindly note, that of the

32 credits of HSS requirements, there are 16 credits from institute courses that are compulsory, the remaining 16 credits are electives. Thus you can use the online courses towards completing the HSS requirements of these remaining 16 credits, which normally come from elective courses.

12. What are the norms on doing HSS courses? We need to complete 16 credits of compulsory HSS elective credits as per the BTech program. Will online HSS courses count towards these credits?

    Ans: Of the 32 credits of HSS requirements, there are 16 credits from institute courses that are compulsory, the remaining 16 credits are electives. Thus you can use the online courses towards completing the HSS requirements of these remaining 16 credits, which normally come from elective courses.

13. Can we count the credits earned from MOOCs towards minors/honors?

    Ans: The credits from online courses may be utilized for completing the requirements for Minors and Honours. However, this is also subject to the requirements of the Honors / Minors programs; thus, please discuss with your faculty advisor about the courses that you are planning to enroll towards minors/honors.

14. Can you provide a list where it is specified that where a particular course can be counted (BS, HS, MS requirements)?

    Ans: The credits earned from online courses can be utilized towards completing the requirements for Basic Science, HSS, Open electives, Minors, and Honours. This pre-approved course list will be updated shortly with this information.

15. Can we take up a core course of another branch and then put it under elective?

    Ans: The students are welcome to take courses across the disciplines. In such cases, please also consult with your faculty advisor and seek their suggestions on which courses may benefit you more.

16. Does an interdisciplinary course qualify for the IITGN online credit transfer?

    Ans: Yes, as long as the course is in the approved list, it can be claimed for credit transfer.

17. Will we still be able to convert 2 courses from our regular classroom to pass/fail even if we do courses worth 16 credits from online platforms?]

Ans: The total number of "Pass/Fail" credits over the entire coursework of a student in a program will be capped at 16 for UG students and 8 for PG students (combined across courses done online and at the institute). Thus, if a UG student successfully completes four 4-credit courses online and claims for credit transfer, while these would be counted in the 16 credit limit, the student would not be left with an option to convert a course completed at the institute to Pass/Fail.

18. What if I've already used all my pass/fail credits?

Ans: Before the provision of earning credits through online courses, the total number of "P/F" credits over the entire coursework of a student in a program used to be capped at 8 credits for all students. This cap has now been increased to 16 for UG students and has been kept at 8 credits for PG students (combined across courses done online and at the Institute). It is upto the student, how many of these P/F credits can be earned from online courses. It is important to note that no student may convert more than two courses at the institute to P/F. Thus, if a UG student has converted two 4-credit institute courses to P/F, it is possible for the student to take online courses worth 8 credits. PG students who have already utilized the P/F option for 8 credits of institute courses but still wish to credit an online course, should approach the academic office for a resolution of the issue while keeping in mind that the 8-credit cap will remain.

19. I have only 12 credit requirements left. Can I take online courses for all 12 credits in my semester.

Ans: Please note that a student cannot register only for online courses during a regular semester; students have to register for some courses at the institute as well.

20. I am taking online courses out of interest but don't want to get credits, is it possible.

Ans: Yes, you may consider taking any online courses. You would need to submit certificates only for those courses for which you wish to transfer credit. As explained above, there is an upper limit of 16 credits for UG students and 8 credits for PG students

for such courses. Note that only the courses approved by the institute will be recorded on the transcript.

21. Can we take multiple courses consisting of more than 16 credits from the lists through IITGN account and select courses (equivalent to only 8 credits as per UG student) to be counted for credits?

Yes, you can take multiple online courses. You would need to submit certificates only for those courses for which you wish to transfer credit. As explained above, a UG student can take as many as 16-credit worth online courses (given that he/she has not converted any institute courses to P/F).

22. What are faculty sponsored courses? How will be the faculty sponsored courses conducted ?

Ans: In faculty sponsored courses, a faculty member coordinates the course logistics, including periodic meetings with students, review sessions, tutorials, and solving doubts. The faculty member may also coordinate with the original course instructor (when possible) for live interactions with the students, monitoring the conduct of exams for the course, submitting grades, etc. Please note that the approved online courses, a list of which has been circulated, are not being run in a faculty sponsored manner during this summer.

23. When can we take these courses?

Ans: The students can take these courses anytime beginning from Sem II, 2019-20.

24. Can I claim credits for courses that I have already completed?

Ans: If you completed a course before the start of Sem II, 2019-20, then it is not eligible for credit transfer.

25. Can we list these online courses (once approved by the faculty/institute) for our PhD qualifiers?

Ans: Please check with your respective disciplines.

26. How and when can we add these courses on IMS to earn credits?

Ans: This will be handled by the academic office.