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CIRCULAR

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Subject: The Additional Skill Labs for UG and PG Programmes under the 2025 and 2026 Schemes – Regarding.

The additional Skill Labs are introduced to promote experiential, project-based, skill-oriented, and industry-driven education, for all students admitted under the 2025 Scheme of Engineering programmes and for the 2026 Scheme of MBA programmes.

These skill labs are mandatory and are the integral part of the curriculum. Each lab carries one credit. Students shall successfully complete the skill labs as specified in the Skill Lab Guidelines, enclosed with this circular. Earning the prescribed Skill Lab credits, like earning of AICTE Activity Points, is a mandatory requirement for the award of the degree.

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Additional Skill Lab Guidelines

Preamble:

In alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the guidelines of the All India Council for Technical Education, and the Government of India's Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) under the Skill India Mission, Global Academy of Technology under the circular of Visvesvaraya Technological University - Ref: VTU/BGM/Skill lab/1016/2026-27/3215, Dated 18 September 2026, is committed to promoting experiential, project-based, skill-oriented, and industry-driven education through Skill Laboratories/centres established in the Global Academy of Technology's Skill Centres and Departments. These laboratories shall facilitate hands-on training, experiential learning, innovation, design thinking, prototyping, industry collaboration, and domain-specific skill development to enhance students' technical competence and employability.

Guidelines:

(A) Undergraduate Engineering Programmes:

1. Completion of the prescribed additional number of Skill Labs, within the prescribed duration of programme, is mandatory for the award of the degree.
2. All prescribed Skill Labs shall be completed before the prescribed duration of the respective degree programme.
3. Successful completion of one Skill Lab of 30 hours shall carry one (01) credit.
4. The skill labs shall be attempted/registered only one at a time.
5. Prescribed number of skill labs for the Engineering programmes.

(i) Regular students admitted to the I year of all undergraduate Engineering programmes through regular admission, and regular students who have been transferred/ changed branch or changed colleges, or readmitted to first semester of 2025-26 batch from any of the permissible previous scheme that are under VTU ambit / transferred from other universities to third (03) semester of the programme shall successfully complete five (05) Skill Labs. These additional skill labs shall be completed during the period third (03) and seventh (07) semesters.

(ii) Lateral Entry Students (LES), who have passed diploma or B.Sc. / admitted to the third (03) semester of the programme, or LES of VTU who changed branch/college or both, and students transferred from other universities, or readmitted to third (03) semester of 2025-26 batch from any of the permissible previous scheme shall successfully complete four (04) Skill Labs. These additional skill labs shall be completed during the period third (03) and six (06) semesters.

(iii) Students transferred from other universities to fifth (05) semester of the programme shall successfully complete two (02) Skill Labs. These additional skill labs shall be completed during the period fifth (05) and six (06) semesters.

(iv) From the academic year 2026-27 and onwards, 2026 scheme the students admitted to the first (01) year of the Undergraduate Engineering programmes, shall complete the skill labs starting from first (01) semester and before proceeding to the 7th semester.

(v) 2026-27 batch lateral entry students admitted to the Third (III) semester of the 2024 scheme programme, or lateral entry students of VTU who changed branch/college or both, and students transferred from other universities shall successfully complete four (04) Skill Labs starting from third (03) semester and before proceeding to the 7th semester.

(vi) These provisions shall also apply to students of earlier batches (prior to the academic year 2025-26) who are readmitted to the First (1st) or Second (2nd) year of the programme under the 2024 Scheme. Such students shall complete five (5) or four (4) Skill Labs, and two (02) respectively, as applicable.

(vii) Students shall attend to these skill Labs during Saturdays, Sundays, general holidays, vacations and Summer Semesters with an aim that they acquire skills of their choice to become industry ready graduates.

(viii) Even with the introduction of additional 5 (regular students), 4 (lateral entry students), or 2 credits (students admitted to 5th semester from other university), as applicable, to the engineering programme, the programme credits remain to be 160 and 120, as applicable, as per AICTE norms. The CGPA of the programme shall be calculated based on 160 or 120 credits, as applicable. Also, the additional skill lab credits shall not be considered for vertical progression, award of rank, or award of medals. However, the successful completion of the prescribed Skill Labs shall be reflected in the Eighth Semester Grade Card.

(B) Postgraduate Programmes MBA:

(i) Students admitted to the 2026 Scheme of the MBA programmes shall successfully complete two (02) Skill Labs before completion of the 4th semester. The students readmitted from the previous scheme to the 2026 Scheme shall also complete two (2) Skill Labs before completing the 4th semester.

(ii) With the introduction of Skill Labs, the total credits for the MBA programmes under the 2026-27 scheme shall be 100 credits. Also, the additional skill lab credits shall not be considered for vertical progression, award of rank, or award of medals. However, the successful completion of the prescribed Skill Labs shall be reflected in the fourth Semester Grade Card. The CGPA of the programme shall be calculated based on 100 credits.

(iii) Students shall attend to these skill Labs during Saturdays, Sundays, general holidays, vacations and Summer Semesters with an aim that they acquire skills of their choice to become industry ready graduates.

(C) Evaluation of Skill Labs:

Each skill lab shall be evaluated for 100 marks, by two internal examiners immediately after completion of the skill labs. The internal examiners are appointed by the Principal/Chairperson/Programme Coordinator (One examiner may be skill lab trainer/coordinator and another examiner preferably the senior faculty/head of the department).

The earning of AICTE Activity Points and Skill Lab credits is mandatory. The completion of the same shall be reflected on the Eighth Semester Grade Card with the following details:

2024 Scheme (2025-2026 Batch)

Sl. No.	Course Code	Title of the Courses Registered	Credit Assigned	Credit Earned [C]	Letter Grade	Credit Point (G)
1	BXX24SLA		1			
2	BXX24SLB		1			
3	BXX24SLC		1			
4	BXX24SLD		1			
5	BXX24SLE		1			

2026 Scheme (2026-2027 Batch and onwards)

Sl. No.	Course Code	Title of the Courses Registered	Credit Assigned	Credit Earned [C]	Letter Grade	Credit Point (G)
1	BXX26SLA		1			
2	BXX26SLB		1			
3	BXX26SLC		1			
4	BXX26SLD		1			
5	BXX26SLE		1			

The college/organization which is conducting the skill labs has to issue a certificate of completion of skill lab to the students of own organization/another college in the following format:

Sample Certificate

Letter Head of the College/separately design having college logo and CoE logo

CERTIFICATE OF SKILL LAB COMPLETION

This is to certify that **Mr./Ms**. _____**,** USN**:**_____ **,** a student of **B.E./MBA** _____**Programme,** studying in _____department **of Global Academy of Technology,** has successfully completed the Skill Lab titled **"**_____" carrying **01 Credit** during the Academic Year _____ from _____ to _____.

The Skill Lab was conducted for a duration of 30 hours and the student has satisfactorily completed all the prescribed activities, assignments, practical exercises, and assessment requirements as per the guidelines of Global Academy of Technology, Bengaluru.

This certificate is issued in recognition of the successful completion of the Skill Lab.

Place: _____
Date: _____

Skill Lab Coordinator/Trainer — Principal/Head of Department

Signature and Seal — Signature and Seal

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