

CBCS PATTERN

What Is CBCS?

Popularly known as CBCS, full form- '**Choice Based Credit System**', provides a convenient at the same time effective teaching-learning platform wherein the student or knowledge seeker has the flexibility to choose their course from a list of **elective, core, and soft skill** courses.

In simple words, I'd define it as a student-centric approach to learning or acquiring higher education. The conventional system of Higher Education didn't give much scope to students. The course and learning content were predefined, redundant, and not up-to-date. For students to apply their knowledge base later in their work environment, business, or life; the conventional isolated courses lacked contemporary appropriateness.

What Is Choice Based Credit System's Differentiator?

Choice Based Credit System not only opens pathways for learning opportunities but also manifests learning goals and objectives. The CBCS grading system follows a credit system that is attached to the course components offered to students. A credit system for higher education measures various parameters like-

- Student performance
- Learning outcomes
- Entrepreneurship skills
- Contact hours
- Innovation
- Creativity & talent

The CBCS system is an initiative of the University Grants Commission (UGC); which enhances and promotes the educational liberalization of existing conventional higher education models.

Top Advantages Of The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

- The student has an option to choose **inter/multidisciplinary** courses
- Based on the IQ level of an individual student; a mentor guides students to **select courses**
- It promotes group work, research, and community involvement
- It gives prospects to the learner to earn certification through a walk-in/walk-out approach
- Provides students with **greater flexibility** in the choice of courses
- Students can choose courses at a basic or advanced level
- Learners acquire **job-oriented skills**
- **Student progress** at their own tempo
- Highly motivated students get the chance to gain extra credits

- The Meaning Of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) In Brief

- CHOICE BASED - Choice of multiple courses
- GRADING - Marks secured is in letter grade format
- SEMESTER - **Learner-teacher engagement quotient** can be measured/ identified semester-wise
- CREDIT - Class hours per week carries additional importance in credit system
- ASSESSMENT - In the form of class room attendance, Mid Term Tests etc; is continuous and wide-ranging.

UGC has introduced a 10-point CBCS grading system as follows:

O (Outstanding)	10
A+ (Excellent)	9
A (Very Good)	8
B+ (Good)	7
B (Above Average)	6
C (Average)	5
P (Pass)	4
F (Fail)	0
Ab (Absent)	0