

**Guidelines for
Pre-Registration for First Degree Thesis**



BITS Pilani
Hyderabad Campus

ACADEMIC - UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES DIVISION

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI
HYDERABAD CAMPUS**

Pre-Registration for FD Thesis

First degree students are eligible for First Degree Thesis (FDT). This course is operated round the year (August to December and January to May). *A student intending to do FDT must register concurrently for a thesis course.* FDT is one of the requisites for graduation of all students of the Thesis (T) stream. The aim of this course is to train a student in the methodology of research, to cultivate a logical and creative thinking and to make him express his findings in the form of a scientific report. It also gives an opportunity to the student to comprehend his subject knowledge and apply it to the given problem. The Associate Dean, Academic-Undergraduate Studies Division (AUGSD) is the IC for this course. The Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the individual departments must compile data pertaining to the various evaluation components and submit the same to the AUGSD with in the deadline (as per the calendar in the handout).

Suggested important dates:

Activity	First semester	Second semester
Notification to students about pre-registration by the AUGSD	November 05	April 05
Submission of filled pre-registration forms by student to the DRC	November 20	April 20
Submission of pre-registration data (filled Annexure 4 – Hard & Soft Copy) to the AUGSD by DRC	November 25	April 25

The FDT process begins with pre-registration, the details of which are as follows:

1. Pre-registration should be done **one semester prior** to the semester when the thesis work will be carried out.
2. To begin with, AUGSD Office will put up a notice about pre-registration deadline and the place where pre-registration form (Form C/ Form D) can be obtained (either the link on the website or the DRC of the respective departments). The pre-registration form can be customized by the individual DRCs, based on their requirements.

3. A student interested in pursuing FDT either off or on-campus should meet with the Convener, DRC of his/her department and express his/her intention for the same. *Dual degree students can pre-register through either of their departments.*
4. Students opting for an on-campus thesis need to **only** fill out **Form D**. Students intending to carry out off-campus thesis should also fill out **Forms A and B (provided separately)** in addition to the **Form C (Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis-Abroad)/ Form D (Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis)**.
5. If a student wants to carry out **on-campus** FDT from a department other than his/her own, the pre-registration form should carry the signature of the HoD of his/her own department as proof of his knowledge and permission.
6. Off-campus thesis can be done only in a research organization/ University **not** associated with Practice School programme with BITS Pilani. A student must obtain consent from HoD of the concerned department and Associate Dean, Practice School Division before applying to any organization for off-campus thesis. *Alternately, the HoD can also obtain consent for off-campus thesis from an organization.* A format for communication with an organization for off-campus thesis is provided in Annexure-1.
Procedure for application is as follows:
 - Student should approach Associate Dean, Practice School Division with completed **form A**.
 - Submit **form A** (forwarded by PS Division) to the concerned HoD for approval.
 - After obtaining consent from HoD, student can approach a research organization/ academic institute and obtain the consent of tentative supervisor on **Form B**.
 - Student must submit his application to Convener, DRC along with duly signed **forms A & B** along with filled **Form C (Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis-Abroad)/ Form D (Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis)**.
7. A student intending to pursue off-campus thesis should identify a co-supervisor from within the institute and get his/her signature on **Form C / Form D** along with that of the supervisor and the HoD. Co-supervisors of off-campus thesis students should kindly ensure that any publications arising out of the proposed off-campus work should include BITS-Pilani affiliation. A format for communicating with off-campus supervisor for procedural modalities is provided in **Annexure 2**.
8. An off-campus thesis student needs to be given a **No Objection Certificate** (on BITS-Pilani letterhead; format in **Annexure 3**) to furnish at the concerned organization.
9. Please note that, prior to pre-registering a student, the HoD needs to verify whether the student belongs to the Practice School (PS) stream or Thesis (T) stream. If PS, the student needs to be asked to apply for transfer of PS to TS at the University Industrial Linkage Division (UILD).
10. Following pre-registration, the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) should compile the pre-registration information along with a copy of all pre-registration forms in the prescribed format (**Annexure 4**). **This final list has to be sent to the AUGSD by November 25 (First Semester) or April 25 (Second Semester).**
11. The lists received from all the departments will be compiled so that the students will be permitted for registration in the next semester by the AUGSD.
12. The students can register to this course the way they register to the regular courses.

13. The registered students can get the handout and information relevant to the course in CMS.
14. After the commencement of thesis work, TS-1 form (proforma provided in handout) must be properly filled and duly signed by the respective students' supervisors and a scanned copy of the same must be submitted to the Convener, DRC within two weeks of the semester start date (as per the calendar in the handout). The DRC can then send the same to AUGSD as a compressed file of all the scanned copies on or before the deadline (as per the calendar in the handout).
15. DRCs should compile all evaluation data belonging to their respective departments and submit to the AUGSD with in the deadlines (as per the calendar in the handout).
16. The summarized order of communication is

For the off-campus

1. Form A (Application for Off-campus Thesis; to be submitted by the student to concerned DRC)
2. Annexure -1 (Suggested format of initial communication with proposed off campus supervisor by the student)
3. Form B (To be signed by proposed off-campus supervisor to be submitted to concerned DRC)
4. Annexure-2 (Suggested format for communication with off-campus supervisor for procedural modalities)
5. Annexure-3 (No Objection Certificate from the Department to the Organization)
6. Form C (Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis-Abroad)/ Form D (Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis)

For the on-campus

Form D (Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis)

For the DRC

Submission of Annexure-4 (Details of First Degree Thesis Students) to AUGSD

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FIRST/SECOND SEMESTER (20 - 20)

Pre-Registration Form for First Degree Thesis

Date:

Name of the Student _____ ID No.

_____ Discipline _____

Course No.: _____ No. of units intending to register for (9 to 16): _____

Broad area (brief):

E-mail ID: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact details of the Supervisor (BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus):

Name of Supervisor _____

Name of Co-Supervisor (if any) _____

Signature of the Student

Signature of the Supervisor

Signature of the Co-supervisor

Recommendation of HoD:

Signature of HoD

Name:

Suggested format of initial communication with proposed off campus supervisor by the student



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
Hyderabad Campus

Dear _____

I, Mr./Ms. _____ of BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, India, am requesting permission to do a First Degree Thesis (1st/2nd semester) in your organization. The thesis, which is a requisite for the degree of the institute in various disciplines, is envisaged as training for future research in specific disciplines and areas. Since this is offered as a registered course there are various evaluation components and time lines to be met. I would be obliged if I could have your response to the following points mentioned in order for. I would be obliged if I could have your response to the following points mentioned in order to enable me to initiate the process

- 1) What are the eligibility criteria for selecting student for thesis work?
- 2) Number of positions available for thesis work?
- 3) How much stipend will be given to the student?
- 4) What sort of assistance is available for accommodation of students?
- 5) Is the proposal one time offer or is it going to continue in future also?
- 6) Will you agree for having a co-supervisor from BITS-Pilani?

I am enclosing the First Degree Thesis handout along with this mail. Kindly go through it and let me know whether you would fulfill all the necessary academic formalities like sending grades etc. as per the requirement of BITS-Pilani. Please feel free to contact me for any further clarifications.

Sincerely,

Suggested format for communication with off-campus supervisor for procedural modalities



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
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Dear _____

As per your acceptance of Mr./Ms. _____, student of BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, India to do a First Degree Thesis (1st/2nd semester) in your organization, kindly note the following:

- a. _____, from the department of _____ has been assigned as co-supervisor for this course.
- b. Kindly communicate with us the date on which our student joins your organization
- c. If the student registers off-campus, kindly sign on his/her registration card
- d. Conducting evaluation of the students (as per the handout) is the collective responsibility of the off-campus supervisor and the departmental co-supervisor along with an external examiner.
- e. Kindly follow the deadlines mentioned in the handout to communicate the grades to us.

Sincerely,



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
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No Objection Certificate from the Department to the Organization

To whomsoever it may concern

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. _____ bearing ID No. _____ is a student of BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus and is permitted to carry out her/ his First Degree Thesis at _____ (Place of work) under the guidance of _____ (Name of the Supervisor at the place of work) during _____ (Start Month) till _____ (End Month).

Date:

Signature of HoD
Name:
Department

