

INFORMATION

Criteria1 : Curricular Aspects

Key Indicator : 1.1 Curriculum Design and Development

Metric : 1.1.2

Metric Description : The Programmes offered by the institution focus on employability/ entrepreneurship/ skill development and their course syllabi are adequately revised to incorporate contemporary requirements

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All programs offered by Anand Agricultural University focus on employability, entrepreneurship, and skills development among students. The colleges of various faculties such as agriculture, horticulture, food processing technology and bio-energy, agricultural engineering and technology, and international agribusiness management primarily emphasize entrepreneurship and employability development. The undergraduate programs of these colleges have introduced a one-year (two-semester) "Student-READY (Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness Development Yojana)" program in the last semester to ensure the development of employability and entrepreneurial skills among agriculture and allied sciences students by integrating knowledge, skills, abilities, and experiences. This program is an essential prerequisite for degree awarding.

Components of the Student-READY program include:

- **Experiential Learning (Business Mode):** This component provides students with an excellent opportunity to develop analytical and entrepreneurial skills and knowledge, confidence in their ability to design and execute entrepreneurial projects through meaningful hands-on experience. It promotes professional skills and knowledge through practical experience, builds confidence to work in project mode, and develops enterprise management capabilities.
- **Experiential Learning (Hands-on Training/Skill Development):** Under this component, students face realistic conditions to gain knowledge and skills for various on-farm operations. They are given opportunities to master identified practices and methods while enhancing their current skills and acquiring new techniques.
- **Rural Awareness Work Experience (RAWE):** RAWE is designed to help students understand rural situations, local farming practices, agricultural technologies adopted by farmers, socio-economic conditions of farmers, and real-life farmers' problems while enhancing their professional skills and attitude towards working with farmers in rural settings. RAWE focuses on imparting practical training to students on diagnostic and remedial knowledge relevant to rural field situations. It also helps students develop communication skills and confidence to solve agriculture-related issues.
- **In-Plant Training/Industrial Attachment/Internship:** This component aims to train students for organizational behavior and industrial requirements by exposing them to best industrial practices. During this phase, students are attached to a company or industry where they can correlate their studies with actual industrial practices and perspectives. By exposing students to the industrial environment, they not only learn entrepreneurial skills but also acquire confidence, personality development traits, and problem-solving skills. They get a chance to familiarize themselves with various materials, machines, processes, products, and their applications along

with relevant aspects of management.

- **Student Projects:** This component enables students to understand and identify problems in their field of interest, set up experiments, make necessary observations, and write documentation in the form of project reports. It offers several opportunities for students to learn various aspects such as conceptualizing, designing, implementing, testing, and troubleshooting proposed work plans.

Additionally, all colleges of AAU have coordinators for the Student-READY program. They maintain contact with different farmers, industries, and other stakeholders with whom students are trained. They continually review students' performance based on stakeholders' feedback, suggest necessary changes in course syllabi, and revise syllabi adequately to incorporate contemporary requirements.

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