

Criterion 1

CASE STUDY ON COURSE OUT COME AND CURRICULUM REVISION AS A RESPONSE TO STUDENTS' FEED BACK

Curriculum of every department keeps evolving with incorporation of novel, relevant contents and deletion of redundant topics. Often this process is based on the feedback given by the students.

The Institution recognises the significance of peer group influence at this stage of a student's life. Revision and modification of psychology syllabus is a typical example for such an exercise. The objective feedback collected from the students has helped the faculty to incorporate necessary changes. As an example the introduction of latest concepts of cognitive psychology is helping students in problem solving, decision making and other higher order cognitive skills. Topics like basis of heredity, Mendelian genetics are removed. Similarly instead of mere calculation of statistical tests, the meaning, purpose and application are given importance.

With introduction of CBCS scheme, soft core papers in psychology are offered after extensive discussion with students. Discipline specific elective papers on history of psychology in India and positive psychology are offered. The latter has helped the students to understand the meaning of life, resilience strategies and enable them to be more positive.

An open elective on changes and implications of psychological development during adolescence has been introduced for non psychology students. This paper provides essential information on physiological changes, common mental disorders that an individual might have during the transition period of adolescence. Additionally it acts as a psycho educational approach where concepts of stigma attached with mental health is discussed. This encourages the students to seek help and reach out to help.

Department has incorporated internship programmes understanding student's need to have practical knowledge about the subject. Students take up

internship programmes during their vacation as part of an informal assessment. Some of the Institutes include, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), K. R. Hospital, Kadamba in Karnataka and some mental health settings in Kerala. Psychology department plays a vital role in the college counseling cell to bring in a scientific approach to community and peer counseling. Students have been making good use of this cell for help whenever needed. Feedback from the students has always influenced to make the programme more learner centric.