

## KHOJ policy at NUV

### INTRODUCTION

Navrachana University believes in developing strong university-community connect. Accordingly the vision of NUV has emphasized on developing social conscience. Particularly, in the current unprecedented times, it is social innovation that will carve a pathway for individual and collective betterment. Thus a community connect and nurture of social innovation is an integral part of education at NUV. It is under this broader framework that Khoj course is introduced in the curriculum of all undergraduate programs.

Khoj is an opportunity to work on complex real-life problems challenging the society. Through field work, students identify challenges confronting the local community and create social innovations. They work in inter disciplinary and disciplinary groups, work hands-on which gets discussed in an interdisciplinary platform.

Khoj course is to be offered in all undergraduate programs at NUV.

Khoj is offered in both semesters- Autumn and Spring.

It is recommended that KHOJ be offered in final or pre-final year students and not in the semester the students are likely to be away on projects or internships.

1. This is a required course and students need a passing grade to graduate.
2. This is a 3 credit graded course and students are required to attend class 3 hours a week.
3. It will be a graded course as per the evaluation policy of NUV. Thus the assessment will comprise internal assessment of 60% and end sem assessment of 40%. It is mandatory to pass individually in internal assessment and end sem assessment as well as overall.
4. Re-exam means redoing to a project and Re-registration means enrolling again in the course.
5. A student re registered for KHOJ will be allotted one of the KHOJ projects being offered. The re registered student will complete all the tasks as directed by the faculty mentor without compromising on the rigour.
6. Attendance Policy of NUV applies to KHOJ.
7. This is a student driven course, faculty serves as Mentors. The faculty mentor facilitate the development of the KHOJ project with regular discussions and handholding as required.
8. Repeated field visits, careful observation of conditions, and clear identification of problems are essential part of this course.

9. Projects/ Social Innovations that are non-contextual or not connected to field experience will not be accepted and/or not receive a passing grade.
10. The schedule for KHOJ classes will be Monday 10 am to 1 pm. Parallel classes for KHOJ students and/or faculty mentors should not be organized during this time slot.
11. The faculty for KHOJ from each program is to be in the teacher pupil ratio of 1: 40.
12. The workload for faculty mentors for KHOJ will be 3 credits.
13. It is recommended that each Khoj project should lead to a publication at the level it is appropriate.
14. It is recommended that Khoj projects strive for patents.

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