

Indian Institute of Technology, (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad
Admn. Deptt; Academic Section

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NOTIFICATION

Modification in existing branch change rules.

The Senate in its 10th meeting held on 20.08.2019 has approved the modification in the existing branch change rules to allow the branch toppers (two places of decimal) to be eligible for branch change irrespective of the department strength requirement. In case of tie, the student with higher JEE-Advanced Rank will get preference. In addition, it was also decided that change of branch will be allowed to the top 1% of eligible students (Rule iii), irrespective of strength restrictions.

Accordingly, the updated rules for Change of Branch/ programme for all students admitted through JEE (Advanced) from the session 2019 – 20 shall be as follows:

1. A student may be allowed change of branch / programme subject to his/her academic performance in the first two semesters of the branch/programme, and the strength constraint of the branch/programme as detailed below. Change of branch/programme is a matter of privilege, and not a right:

Provided that a student who has foreign nationality and has been either sponsored by her/his Government and/or by the Government of India, under any bilateral or other programme, to pursue a course of study in a particular branch/programme, will NOT be allowed branch/programme change.

2. Eligibility Criteria:
 - (i) A Student, who has been admitted to an academic programme through JEE (Advanced), will be eligible for branch/programme, change if he/she has passed all the subjects for which he/she was registered in the first two Semesters of the First Year of the programme, without appearing in any Special Examination or Summer Semester Examination.
 - (ii) The student must not have been punished by the Institute for any misdemeanour/offence.
 - (iii) Subject to fulfilling condition as stated in (i) and (ii) above, a student is eligible to change her/his branch/programme to any other branch/programme, if she/he is in the top 1% of all the eligible students. If the need arises, supernumerary seats may be created.
 - (iv) Subject to fulfilling the conditions as stated in (i) and (ii) above, a student is eligible to seek branch change provided that his/her CGPA is:
 - (a) ≥ 8 : for General Category and OBC Category students;
 - (b) ≥ 7 : for SC/ST/PD Category Students.

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Provided that the maximum number of students in a branch/programme does not exceed 110% of the sanctioned strength in that branch/programme, and that the minimum number of students in a branch/programme does not deplete below 80% of the sanctioned strength in that branch/programme. This means that the maximum increase shall not exceed 10% or the maximum decrease shall not exceed 20% of the sanctioned strength of a branch/programme, because of branch/programme change.

However, branch toppers (two places of decimal) of each branch/programme will be eligible for branch change irrespective of the department strength requirement.

3. Change of branch/programme shall be carried out strictly in order of merit. The guidelines and the eligibility criteria stipulated in (i) to (iv) above and the reservation policy in force in the Institute, shall apply in all cases. In case of a tie in the order of merit, the student with a higher JEE (Advanced) rank will be considered to be in the higher order of merit in all cases.
4. A student fulfilling the above eligibility criteria can seek change in her/his branch/programme by filling an application online through MIS of the Institute and submitting it on-line to the Associate Dean, Academics (UG).
5. Student, who has applied and has been allowed for branch/programme change, will NOT be permitted to revert back to his original branch, under any circumstances.


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