

Sophia College (Autonomous),
Mumbai

FAQs regarding Additional Credits

1. What are the criteria for earning Additional Credits for the students who are currently (2022 – 2023) in the third year?

Students who are in the third year in this current academic year 2022 – 2023 have to complete two VACs out of which one should be from the add on courses offered by the college and the other one could be from any other recognized platform. Completion of only ECC is mandatory. Considering the pandemic situation, relaxation could be given for SOC.

2. What are the criteria for earning Additional Credits for the students who are currently (2022 – 2023) in the first or second year?

Students who are in the first or second year in this current academic year 2022 – 2023 have to complete three VACs overall. Out of these, two should be from the add-on courses offered by the college and one could be from any other recognized platform. Completion of ECC, as well as SOC, is mandatory.

3. What are the criteria for earning Additional Credits for postgraduate (PG) students?

PG students who are in the first or second year in this current academic year 2022 – 2023 have to complete two VACs overall, of which one should be a college add-on course. They would also have to get one credit from either ECC or SOC or half credits from each of them.

4. What is the value of one credit with reference to the Additional Credits?

One credit is equivalent to 30 hours.

5. Will the courses completed from other platforms be valid?

All the recognized platforms/ registered institutes offering certified online courses will be valid. However, they must fulfil the criteria of VAC laid down by our college.

6. What kind of courses come under VAC?

Any course which promotes value addition to the extra learning of the students can be done as VAC. It can include your subject related or multidisciplinary faculties.

7. What is the requirement for completion of a VAC?

The minimum credit required for a VAC completed is one credit. However, if VAC completed is of more than one credit, accordingly the number of credits would be acknowledged.

8. If a student who has taken new admission at SY/TY level in Sophia College and has completed some add on courses/activities in the previous years in another college, will they be counted as additional credits as per Sophia College requirements?

The students will be required to submit a letter duly signed by the authority of the previous college, mentioning that the benefit of such courses/ activities has not been already given in those respective years.

9. Will paid internships be considered for additional credit?

Paid internships will not be considered for additional credits as the student would have already got monetary benefit from it. Therefore, it cannot be again claimed for another benefit under ECC.

10. Will attending webinars/workshops organized by different clubs/departments/ any other platform be counted for extracurricular hours?

No, merely attending webinars/workshops will not be counted for extracurricular hours to be claimed under ECC. However, if a student has actively participated in organizing such a webinar/ workshop, based on the authenticated proof, these could be counted. Attending a webinar/ workshop where completion of certain tasks/ assignments, if given certain hours and such being specified by the organizer, could be considered.

11. Will teaching/coaching be counted for hours of ECC?

In case teaching or coaching has been done in the form of tuitions where the student would have already got monetary benefit from it, it will not be considered under ECC or SOC. However, if this is done as a part of an outreach program where there was no earning involved, it could be considered with correct supporting documents as per the case.

12. Does being part of the editorial board of Sophia College magazine count under ECC?

Yes, with the correct supporting document submitted stating the number of hours contributed.

13. How can the hours for social work be obtained during the online scenario?

During the pandemic situation many organizations had switched over to the online mode of functioning and mostly it was 'work from home'. So, there would have been a possibility of carrying out social work also in the same manner. Work done in such a manner would be considered as eligible for credits only if certified by authorized agencies.

14. Will fundraising or volunteering as an intern with a letter or certificate from the organization be counted under SOC?

Yes, provided such activities have been done for a social cause and the letter or certificate mentions the details of the activity and number of hours contributed.