

Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Home Science was conducted on 27-03-2018 at 2pM in the Department of Home Science. Following members were present in the meeting.

Dr. Miriam Mani (Chairman)

Dr. Anooja Thomas. K

Dr. Selsa

Dr. Anu Joseph

Dr. Miriam Mani, the Chairperson welcomed and thanked all the members for their participation.

After discussion, the following resolutions were taken.

Agenda Items

Agenda Item No.1. Syllabus Revision

It was decided to revise the curriculum of B.Sc. Family and Community Science, and the Complementary and Open courses offered by the Department of Family and Community Science (Home Science), to be implemented in CMS College Kottayam w.e.f. 2018 admissions.

The feedback gathered from various stakeholders like students, teachers, parents, industrialists, employers, etc. were discussed. The restructuring of the syllabus was made in tune with the UGC model curriculum and the existing curriculum of the MG University. The curriculum was restructured by mapping the courses incorporating graduate program outcomes (GPO), program specific outcomes (PSO), course outcomes (CO).

The Courses in Family and Community Science were devised in such a manner:

1. To address the advances in research and technological infrastructure and to train the student about the scientific advances and discoveries.
2. Due significance was given to incorporate Local, National, Regional and Global developmental needs in the curriculum
3. The existing courses were streamlined with focus on Employability, Entrepreneurship and Skill development
4. In order to facilitate the courses, it was decided to sign MOUs to collaborate with organizations relating to the discipline that would be helpful to the students.

The Common Courses offered met the need to sensitise the students by incorporating aspects like Gender, Environment, Sustainable living, Human Values and Professional Ethics in the curriculum.

BSc. Curriculum

SEMESTER 1

Core 1: Methodology of Home Science and Food Science

Some rearrangements in the syllabus was done in the methodology section, in order to give more clarity.

In the practical section food preservation methods were included.

SEMESTER 2

Core2: Human Physiology and Microbiology

No new changes are incorporated with the theory syllabus as it is found to be at par with the syllabus of national /international standards for Bachelors degree.

But for practical, staining techniques to identify microorganisms, preparation of fermented foods and a field project was included instead of a laboratory visit.

SEMESTER 3

Core3: Human Development

In the fourth module, National and global issues and concerns during adolescence was incorporated in order to give an international perspective.

In the practical section a study on development of a pre-school child was changed into a project in the same area.

SEMESTER 4

Core4: Family Dynamics

In module 2 under contemporary issues affecting family, international issues connected with the topic is also included.

In the practical section, a study on child with any behavior problem /children with special needs was changed as a project with the same topic so as to enable the students to get a research outlook in studying children.

SEMESTER 5

Core5: Interior Decoration

No changes are incorporated. Only some rearrangements are made in the contents. Some new references are included.

Core6: Human Nutrition and Biochemistry.

In the practical section diet preparation for school going and adult was incorporated as the portion is there in the theory content.

Core7: Textile Science

A new section Indian textile market –overview and global position was incorporated so as to enable the students to evaluate the Indian textile market in its global perspective.

Core8: Environmental studies for community living and Human Rights

Appropriate changes are brought about in Module 3 and 4

Open Course-Nutrition for wellness

As the content was elaborate and is difficult to cover the portions within the specified time the content was reduced.

SEMESTER 6

Core 9: Family Resource Management

Only re-arrangements of modules and contents were done for giving more clarity to the syllabus.

Core10: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics

Only a minor change in the practical content is done

Core11: Fashion Designing and Apparel Production

In order to enable students to discuss the Indian apparel market in the global perspective a portion related to it was included under module 5.

Core12: Extension education and Communication

As Environment studies was included in semester 5 as a separate course, the core course Extension Education and communication in Extension education was combined and made as a single paper named as Extension education and Communication.

For connecting people globally in communicating Home Science related messages a portion social networking was also incorporated in the fourth module.

Choice Based Course

Food Safety for Semester 6 Program

No changes are incorporated with the syllabus as it is found to be in par with the syllabi of national/international standards for bachelor's degree.

It was decided to introduce the following courses in the curriculum:

Add on Course

1. Fashion Designing.

Extra Credit Course

1. Early Childhood Care.

Agenda Item No. 2 PG Curriculum

MSC.COURSE IN DIETETICS AND FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

It was decided to follow the existing syllabus of M.G. University without any change in the 16 theory papers and 4 practical papers.

Agenda Item No.3 Other matters arising from the floor

Changing the name of BSc. Degree Programme –Family and Community Science

A discussion was done to change the name of the Course Family and Community Science to Home Science, its previous name. As some students are facing problems in getting admissions for higher studies in Home Science and also for applying certain jobs the present name of the programme is creating difficulty. But it was decided that it could be changed after the Mahatma Gandhi University's consent.

(Member Secretary)

(Read and confirmed)

Dr. Miriam Mani
(Chairperson)

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