REGULATIONS AND POLICY FOR ADMISSION OF NRI, PIO, OCI AND FOREIGN NATIONAL STUDENTS

PREAMBLE

Annamacharya University, Rajampet, Andhra Pradesh, established under the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016, as amended, intends to promote internationalisation of higher education by providing admission opportunities to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), and Foreign Nationals.

The University recognises the importance of providing quality higher education to students of Indian origin residing abroad and international students seeking admission to undergraduate, postgraduate, professional and research programmes.

In exercise of the powers conferred under the applicable provisions of the University Act, Statutes, Ordinances and other relevant regulations, the University hereby proposes to establish the following policy for admission, enrolment, fee collection, academic administration and student welfare of international and NRI-category students.

These regulations shall be implemented subject to the provisions of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, applicable UGC Regulations, Government of India directions, Government of Andhra Pradesh orders and the regulations of the respective statutory and professional councils.

CHAPTER I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title and Commencement

1.1. These regulations shall be called the Annamacharya University Regulations for Admission of NRI, PIO, OCI and Foreign National Students.

1.2. These regulations shall come into force from the academic year specified in the notification issued by the University after approval by the competent statutory authority.

1.3. These regulations shall apply to all Schools, Departments, Colleges, Centres and academic programmes of Annamacharya University.

1.4. The regulations shall be read in conjunction with the First Ordinances, 2024, the University Statutes and applicable programme-specific regulations.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are:

a) To facilitate admissions for NRI, PIO, OCI and Foreign National students.

b) To promote international academic collaboration and student mobility.

c) To provide transparent and merit-based admission procedures.

d) To establish a uniform framework for verification of international qualifications.

e) To prescribe appropriate fee structures and payment procedures.

f) To ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

g) To provide a safe, inclusive and academically supportive environment for international students.

h) To encourage internationalisation of education, research and innovation.

3. Scope of Application

These regulations shall apply to the following programmes, wherever approved and offered by the University:

A. Engineering and Technology

- B.Tech.
- M.Tech.

B. Management

- MCA
- MBA
- BBA.

C. Science and General Education

- B.Sc.
- M.Sc.

D. Agriculture

- B.Sc. (Hons.)

E. Pharmacy

- B.Pharm.
- M.Pharm.
- Pharm.D.
- Pharm.D.(PB)

F. Law

- LL.B.(Hons)

G. Allied Health Sciences

- B.AOTT
- BMLS
- BPT
- BMRIT
- B.Sc.CVT

H. Research Programmes

- Ph.D.(All Schools/ Departments / Colleges)

The above list shall not automatically authorise admission to a programme for which the University does not possess the necessary approval, recognition or approved intake.

CHAPTER II – DEFINITIONS AND STUDENT CATEGORIES

4. Definitions

For the purpose of these regulations:

4.1. **NRI:** A Non-Resident Indian shall mean an Indian citizen residing outside India and satisfying the applicable legal and admission requirements for NRI classification.

4.2. **NRI Sponsored Candidate:** A candidate whose education is financially sponsored by an eligible NRI parent or sponsor, where such sponsorship is permitted under the applicable admission rules.

4.3. **PIO:** A Person of Indian Origin shall mean a person falling within a legally recognised PIO category, subject to prevailing Government of India rules. The University shall not treat an obsolete PIO document or status as automatically valid without verification.

4.4. **OCI:** An Overseas Citizen of India shall mean a person holding valid OCI registration under the Citizenship Act, 1955, and applicable rules.

4.5. **Foreign National:** A person who is not an Indian citizen and is not admitted under an Indian NRI classification.

4.6. **International Student:** A student belonging to any of the eligible international categories covered under this policy.

4.7. **Qualifying Examination:** The examination required for admission to a particular undergraduate, postgraduate or research programme.

4.8. **Competent Authority:** The authority authorised by the University Act, Statutes, Ordinances or applicable government and regulatory directions to approve admissions, intake and related matters.

5. Categories of Eligible Students

The University shall consider applications under the following categories:

Category	Description
Category I	NRI students who are Indian citizens residing abroad
Category II	Children/dependants of NRIs, where permitted under applicable rules
Category III	OCI cardholders
Category IV	PIO category applicants, subject to prevailing legal recognition
Category V	Foreign Nationals holding valid foreign passports

5.1. The admission category shall be determined on the basis of documentary evidence.

5.2. An applicant shall not be allowed to claim more than one admission category for the same programme.

5.3. An applicant holding Indian citizenship and residing abroad shall not automatically be classified as a foreign national.

5.4. OCI status shall not be treated as Indian citizenship.

5.5. The University shall follow applicable Government of India rules concerning OCI holders and shall not presume that OCI status confers eligibility for every course or admission benefit available to Indian citizens.

CHAPTER III – STATUTORY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

6. Applicable Legal Provisions

Admissions under this policy shall be governed by the following laws, regulations and directions, as applicable:

6.1. Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016, as amended.

6.2. Applicable Government of Andhra Pradesh notifications and Government Orders relating to Annamacharya University.

6.3. University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

6.4. UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree) Regulations, 2025.

6.5. UGC (Recognition and Grant of Equivalence to Qualifications Obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025.

6.6. UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, as amended.

6.7. AICTE Approval Process Handbook applicable to the relevant academic year.

6.8. Pharmacy Council of India regulations.

6.9. Bar Council of India rules and regulations.

6.10. Indian Council of Agricultural Research regulations and applicable agricultural education standards.

6.11. National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, and applicable regulations.

6.12. Other statutory and professional council regulations applicable to individual programmes.

6.13. Applicable immigration, visa and foreign-student registration requirements.

7. Supremacy of Statutory Regulations

7.1. No provision of these regulations shall override any Act, statutory regulation, Government Order or binding direction of a competent regulatory authority.

7.2. In case of any conflict, the applicable statutory provision shall prevail.

7.3. The University shall modify these regulations whenever necessary to ensure continued statutory compliance.

7.4. Programme-specific eligibility and admission requirements prescribed by the respective professional councils shall prevail over general University eligibility requirements.

CHAPTER IV – ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

8. General Eligibility

8.1. Candidates applying under the NRI, PIO, OCI or Foreign National categories shall possess the academic qualifications prescribed for the respective programme.

8.2. Foreign educational qualifications shall be assessed for recognition and equivalence in accordance with applicable UGC Regulations.

8.3. The University shall verify the authenticity of educational certificates and academic records.

8.4. Candidates shall satisfy the prescribed minimum marks, compulsory subjects, age requirements, entrance examination requirements and other conditions applicable to the selected programme.

8.5. Admission shall not be granted merely on the basis of NRI, PIO, OCI or Foreign National status.

9. Programme-wise Eligibility

9.1 B.Tech.

Candidates shall:

a. Have passed 10+2 or an equivalent recognised examination.

b. Have studied the prescribed compulsory subjects, including Physics and Mathematics, with other subjects as prescribed for the relevant programme.

c. Satisfy the applicable minimum marks and eligibility requirements.

d. Fulfil AICTE and other applicable regulatory requirements.

e. Qualify in an entrance examination wherever prescribed or required.

9.2 MBA

Candidates shall:

a. Possess a recognised bachelor's degree.

b. Satisfy the prescribed minimum aggregate marks.

c. Qualify in CAT, MAT, CMAT, GMAT, AP ICET or another recognised entrance examination, wherever applicable.

d. Attend an interview or other selection process if prescribed.

9.3 MCA

Candidates shall:

a. Possess a recognised bachelor's degree.

b. Satisfy the prescribed Mathematics or equivalent subject requirements.

c. Fulfil applicable AICTE and University eligibility requirements.

d. Qualify in an entrance examination wherever prescribed.

9.4 B.Sc. Programmes

Candidates shall:

a. Have passed 10+2 or equivalent examination.
b. Have studied the subjects required for the selected specialisation.
c. Satisfy the minimum marks prescribed in the relevant programme regulations.
d. Fulfil any entrance examination or interview requirements prescribed by the University.

9.5 Agriculture

Candidates applying for B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture shall:

a. Have passed the recognised 10+2 or equivalent examination.
b. Possess the compulsory subjects prescribed under the applicable agricultural education regulations.
c. Satisfy the applicable ICAR and University requirements.
d. Fulfil any age, entrance examination or other eligibility requirements applicable to the programme.

9.6 Pharmacy

Candidates applying for B.Pharm or M.Pharm or Pharm.D. shall satisfy the Pharmacy Council of India requirements and the applicable University programme regulations.

9.7 Law

Candidates applying for Law programmes shall satisfy the applicable Bar Council of India rules, eligibility requirements, age conditions, recognised qualifying examination requirements and other applicable statutory provisions.

Foreign nationals shall additionally comply with the requirements applicable to their eligibility to pursue legal education and any professional recognition requirements.

9.8 Allied Health Sciences

Candidates applying for Allied Health Sciences programmes shall satisfy the relevant academic and subject requirements prescribed by the University and the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions or other applicable professional authorities.

9.9 Postgraduate Programmes

Candidates shall possess a recognised undergraduate degree in the relevant discipline and satisfy the programme-specific minimum marks and entrance requirements.

9.10 Ph.D. Programmes

Candidates shall possess the required postgraduate qualification and satisfy the UGC Ph.D. Regulations and University research regulations.

International research applicants may be considered through the prescribed research admission procedure, including scrutiny of research proposals and interviews.

10. Equivalence of Foreign Qualifications

10.1. Candidates holding foreign academic qualifications shall submit certificates and transcripts issued by recognised educational institutions.

10.2. Equivalence shall be determined in accordance with the UGC (Recognition and Grant of Equivalence to Qualifications Obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025, wherever applicable.

10.3. The University shall not independently treat a foreign qualification as equivalent where an equivalence determination by the UGC or another competent authority is required.

10.4. Professional qualifications relating to Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Law, Architecture and other regulated disciplines shall be evaluated under the relevant statutory council requirements rather than relying solely on the general UGC equivalence procedure.

10.5. The University may seek clarification from the competent authority whenever the recognition status of a foreign institution or qualification is uncertain.

CHAPTER V – SEAT ALLOCATION AND NRI ADMISSION QUOTA

11. General Principles of Seat Allocation

11.1. Admissions shall be made only against the approved intake of the respective programme or against specifically authorised supernumerary seats.

11.2. The University shall follow the applicable seat-sharing arrangements prescribed under the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities framework and the relevant Government Orders.

11.3. The existing brownfield admission arrangements, including Category-A and Category-B seats, shall not be altered by this policy.

11.4. No NRI, OCI or foreign-student admission shall be made by diverting seats from a statutory or Government-prescribed quota.

12. NRI Seats

12.1. NRI admissions shall be made only in accordance with the applicable regulations and the approval of the competent authority.

12.2. For AICTE-regulated programmes, the University shall follow the applicable AICTE Approval Process Handbook concerning introduction, continuation, intake and filling of NRI seats.

12.3. Where separate approval for NRI seats is required, the University shall obtain such approval before making admissions.

12.4. The number of NRI seats shall be determined programme-wise and published in the admission notification.

12.5. Admissions shall be made on merit among eligible applicants.

12.6. The University shall maintain separate records of applications, merit lists, seat allotments and fee payments under the NRI category.

12.7. Unfilled NRI seats shall be dealt with strictly according to the applicable regulatory and Government instructions.

13. Foreign National and OCI Supernumerary Seats

13.1. Foreign National and OCI admissions shall be considered against supernumerary seats only where such seats are permitted and approved by the relevant statutory authority.

13.2. For AICTE-regulated programmes, the applicable AICTE provisions concerning foreign nationals and OCI students shall be followed.

13.3. Under the AICTE Approval Process Handbook 2024–2027, the framework provides for up to 15% supernumerary seats over and above approved intake for the specified foreign-national/OCI/Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries categories, subject to eligibility and approval conditions.

13.4. The allocation and use of such seats shall follow the precise category-wise conditions in the applicable AICTE handbook.

13.5. The 15% provision shall not be treated as a universal quota applicable automatically to every programme of Annamacharya University.

13.6. For programmes not regulated by AICTE, the University shall follow the respective professional council, UGC and Government requirements.

14. Programme-wise Seat Approval

Before issuing the admission notification, the University shall prepare a seat matrix containing:

a. Programme name.
b. Approved intake.
c. Category-A seats, wherever applicable.
d. Category-B seats, wherever applicable.
e. Approved NRI seats, if applicable.
f. Approved foreign-national/OCI supernumerary seats, if applicable.
g. Other statutory reservations or special categories.
h. Remaining available seats.

The seat matrix shall be approved by the competent authority and published before commencement of admissions.

CHAPTER VI – APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE

15. Application Procedure

15.1. Applications shall be invited through the University's official admission portal or another mode approved by the University.

15.2. The application form shall contain:

a. Personal information.

b. Nationality and citizenship details.

c. Admission category.

d. Passport and visa information, where applicable.

e. Educational qualifications.

f. Programme preference.

g. Parent or sponsor details, where applicable.

h. Contact and correspondence information.

15.3. The candidate shall upload all required supporting documents

15.4. Incomplete applications may be rejected after providing an opportunity to rectify deficiencies, wherever practicable.

16. Admission Selection

The admission process shall consist of the following stages:

1. Submission of application.
2. Verification of student category.
3. Verification of academic qualifications.
4. Verification of equivalence, where required.
5. Entrance examination or interview, wherever applicable.
6. Preparation of merit list.
7. Approval of eligible candidates.
8. Issue of provisional admission offer.
9. Payment of prescribed fees.
10. Verification of original certificates.
11. Final admission and enrolment.

16.1. The University shall ensure transparency in the admission process.

16.2. Admissions shall be made in accordance with merit, programme eligibility and the approved seat matrix.

16.3. The University shall not make admission offers against unapproved intake.

16.4. All admissions shall be subject to final verification of documents.

17. Admission Approval

17.1. The Director of Admissions shall coordinate the admission process.

17.2. The respective Dean and Head of Department shall verify academic eligibility.

17.3. The Registrar shall supervise enrolment and maintenance of admission records.

17.4. The Admission Committee shall recommend eligible candidates.

17.5. Final admission shall be approved by the authority empowered under the University Statutes and Ordinances.

17.6. The Governing Body's admission-related powers under the First Ordinances shall be respected.

CHAPTER VII – DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

18. Documents for NRI Candidates

Candidates applying under the NRI category shall submit:

1. Completed application form.
2. Copy of Indian passport.
3. NRI parent's passport, where applicable.
4. Valid foreign visa or residence permit, where applicable.
5. Proof of overseas residence or NRI status.
6. Sponsorship declaration, if applicable.
7. Birth certificate or other relationship proof, where required.
8. 10th standard certificate.
9. 12th standard certificate and mark sheets.
10. Undergraduate degree certificate and transcripts, for PG applicants.
11. Transfer Certificate or School Leaving Certificate, where applicable.
12. Migration Certificate, where applicable.
13. Equivalence certificate, wherever required.
14. Recent passport-size photographs.
15. Medical fitness certificate, if required.
16. Fee payment receipt.

19. Documents for OCI Candidates

1. Valid foreign passport.
2. OCI registration card.
3. Birth certificate, where required.
4. Educational certificates.
5. Academic transcripts.
6. Equivalence certificate, wherever applicable.
7. Photographs.
8. Other documents prescribed by the University.

20. Documents for PIO Candidates

1. Valid passport.
2. Legally acceptable PIO/OCI status evidence.
3. Birth or relationship proof, where required.
4. Academic certificates.
5. Transcripts.

6. Equivalence certificate, wherever applicable.
7. Other prescribed documents.

21. Documents for Foreign Nationals

1. Valid passport.
2. Academic certificates.
3. Official transcripts.
4. Equivalence certificate, wherever applicable.
5. Proof of date of birth.
6. English-language proficiency evidence, if prescribed.
7. Financial support declaration or proof, where required.
8. Medical fitness certificate, if required.
9. Passport-size photographs.
10. Valid student visa, where required.
11. Other documents prescribed by immigration authorities and the University.

22. Verification of Documents

22.1. The University reserves the right to verify documents directly with the issuing institutions or competent authorities.

22.2. Documents issued in languages other than English shall be accompanied by authenticated English translations.

22.3. The University may require attestation, apostille or other authentication where appropriate.

22.4. Admission shall be cancelled if material documents are found to be forged, fabricated or materially misleading, after following the prescribed procedure.

CHAPTER VIII – FEE STRUCTURE AND PAYMENT REGULATIONS

23. Fee Structure

23.1. The University shall prescribe a separate fee structure for NRI, OCI and Foreign National students wherever legally permissible.

23.2. The fee structure shall be approved by the competent University authority and any Government or regulatory authority whose approval is required.

23.3. The fee structure shall be published before commencement of admissions.

24. Components of Fees

The fee structure may include:

a. Application fee.
b. Admission and registration fee.
c. Tuition fee.
d. Examination fee.
e. Laboratory and academic facility fee.
f. Library and student activity charges.

g. Hostel and mess charges if applicable.

h. Insurance charges, if applicable.

i. Other approved academic and administrative charges.

25. Currency and Mode of Payment

25.1. Fees shall ordinarily be collected through authorised banking channels.

25.2. Foreign currency payments shall be accepted only through legally permitted banking and payment arrangements.

25.3. The University shall comply with applicable Foreign Exchange Management Act and Reserve Bank of India requirements.

25.4. Receipts shall be issued for all payments.

25.5. The University shall not permit unauthorised collection of admission fees through agents, intermediaries or personal bank accounts.

26. Fee Payment Schedule

26.1. The admission fee shall be paid within the period mentioned in the admission offer.

26.2. Semester or annual tuition fees shall be paid according to the prescribed schedule.

26.3. Delayed payments may attract penalties as approved by the University.

26.4. Failure to pay fees may result in suspension of academic registration or cancellation of admission in accordance with University regulations and applicable law.

27. Refund of Fees

27.1. Refunds shall be governed by the applicable UGC fee refund policy, Government directions and University regulations.

27.2. Any deduction shall be limited to deductions legally permissible under the applicable refund rules.

27.3. The University shall publish the refund policy in the admission prospectus.

27.4. Refund applications shall be processed within the prescribed time.

27.5. No provision of these regulations shall permit the University to retain fees contrary to binding statutory refund requirements.

CHAPTER IX – IMMIGRATION AND FOREIGN STUDENT COMPLIANCE

28. Visa Requirements

28.1. Foreign nationals shall obtain and maintain the appropriate visa for their course of study.

28.2. The University shall issue admission letters and other supporting documents required for visa applications.

28.3. Students shall be responsible for maintaining valid immigration status throughout their stay in India.

28.4. The University shall not permit a foreign national to undertake regular study where the required immigration authorisation is absent.

29. FRRO/FRO Compliance

29.1. Foreign students shall complete applicable registration formalities with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office or Foreigners Registration Office.

29.2. The University assist students in completing applicable registration formalities.

29.3. The International Student Cell shall maintain records and provide required information to the competent authorities.

29.4. NRI Indian citizens shall not automatically be subjected to foreign-national visa and FRRO requirements merely because they reside abroad.

30. Reporting Requirements

The University shall comply with applicable reporting requirements concerning foreign students, including information relating to:

a. Admission.
b. Enrolment.
c. Change of address.
d. Discontinuation.
e. Completion of studies.
f. Transfer to another institution.
g. Other particulars required by competent Government authorities.

CHAPTER X – ACADEMIC REGULATIONS AND STUDENT CONDUCT

31. Academic Rights and Responsibilities

31.1. NRI, OCI, PIO and Foreign National students shall be governed by the same academic standards applicable to other students enrolled in the respective programmes, subject to lawful category-specific requirements.

31.2. They shall comply with attendance requirements, internal assessment, examinations and academic progression rules.

31.3. They shall follow the curriculum and course structure prescribed by the University.

31.4. They shall participate in mandatory practical, clinical, laboratory and field activities.

31.5. They shall satisfy the requirements for award of the degree.

32. Code of Conduct

All students shall:

a. Observe University discipline.
b. Follow anti-ragging regulations.
c. Respect the rights and dignity of fellow students and staff.
d. Avoid discrimination, harassment and misconduct.
e. Follow hostel regulations.

f. Comply with examination rules.
g. Respect the laws of India.
h. Avoid unauthorised employment or activities prohibited by their immigration conditions.

33. Attendance and Examination

33.1. Attendance requirements shall be governed by the applicable programme regulations.
33.2. Students shall attend lectures, practicals, clinical postings, laboratory sessions and field training.
33.3. Students shall appear for all prescribed internal and semester examinations.
33.4. Absence from examinations shall be dealt with under the applicable University examination regulations.

CHAPTER XI – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

34. Establishment of International Student Cell

The University shall establish an International Student Cell under the supervision of the Registrar or another designated senior officer.

1. The Cell shall:
2. Coordinate NRI and international admissions.
3. Assist with academic documentation.
4. Guide students regarding immigration compliance.
5. Coordinate hostel accommodation.
6. Assist with bank account and administrative formalities, where appropriate.
7. Provide orientation programmes.
8. Address student grievances.
9. Maintain international student records.
10. Coordinate with Government authorities.
11. Support international academic collaborations.

35. Orientation Programme

Every newly admitted international student shall attend an orientation programme covering:

a. University regulations.
b. Academic system.
c. Examination and attendance requirements.
d. Campus facilities.
e. Hostel and safety regulations.
f. Indian laws and applicable immigration conditions.
g. Anti-ragging and grievance redressal mechanisms.
h. Cultural orientation and student support.

36. Hostel and Accommodation

36.1. Hostel accommodation may be provided subject to availability.

36.2. Hostel admission shall be governed by the University's hostel regulations.

36.3. International students shall comply with all accommodation and safety requirements.

36.4. The University shall provide appropriate assistance in locating suitable accommodation where hostel facilities are unavailable.

CHAPTER XII – SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

37. Scholarships

37.1. The University may introduce scholarships for eligible NRI, OCI, PIO and Foreign National students.

37.2. Scholarships may be based on academic merit, research achievement, financial need or institutional collaborations.

37.3. Scholarships shall be subject to the approval of the competent University authority.

37.4. The University shall publish scholarship eligibility, selection criteria and award conditions.

37.5. No student shall claim a scholarship as an automatic entitlement merely by virtue of international or NRI status.

CHAPTER XIII – CANCELLATION, WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFER

38. Cancellation of Admission

Admission may be cancelled where:

a. The candidate has submitted false or forged documents.

b. The candidate has concealed material information.

c. The candidate does not satisfy prescribed eligibility requirements.

d. The candidate fails to produce required original certificates.

e. Admission was obtained contrary to statutory regulations.

f. The candidate fails to fulfil mandatory immigration requirements, where applicable.

38.1. Cancellation shall follow due process and provide an opportunity to respond, wherever required by law.

39. Withdrawal of Admission

39.1. Students seeking withdrawal shall submit an application to the Registrar.

39.2. Refunds shall be processed in accordance with applicable UGC and University rules.

39.3. Original documents shall be returned in accordance with applicable law and University procedures.

40. Transfer of Students

40.1. Transfer from another institution shall be permitted only in accordance with applicable UGC, professional council and University regulations.

40.2. Credit transfer and recognition of previous qualifications shall be subject to academic evaluation.

40.3. No student shall be permitted to transfer into a programme without satisfying the prescribed admission and academic requirements.

CHAPTER XIV – GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL AND APPEAL

41. Grievance Redressal

41.1. The University shall provide a grievance redressal mechanism for international students.

41.2. Admission-related grievances shall initially be referred to the Director of Admissions.

41.3. Academic grievances shall be referred to the Dean or Head of the concerned School/Department/College.

41.4. Fee-related grievances shall be referred to the Finance Officer.

41.5. Unresolved grievances may be placed before the Registrar or competent University grievance redressal authority.

41.6. Students shall retain access to applicable statutory grievance redressal mechanisms.

42. Appeal Against Admission Decisions

A candidate aggrieved by an admission decision may submit a written representation to the Registrar within the period notified by the University.

The Registrar may place the matter before the Admission Review Committee or another competent authority.

CHAPTER XV – APPROVAL, AMENDMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

43. Approval Procedure

43.1. The proposed regulations shall be placed before the Academic Council for academic consideration and recommendation.

43.2. Following the Academic Council's recommendation, the regulations shall be placed before the Board of Management for approval, subject to the University's governing statutory provisions.

43.3. Where an amendment to the University's Statutes or First Ordinances is necessary, the same shall be processed under the prescribed statutory procedure.

43.4. Where Government, UGC or professional council approval is required, the University shall obtain such approval before implementation.

43.5. The approved regulations shall be published on the University's official website.

44. Amendment of Regulations

44.1. The University may amend these regulations from time to time in accordance with the applicable statutory procedure.

44.2. Amendments necessitated by changes in Government or regulatory directions shall be incorporated.

44.3. No amendment shall be implemented in a manner that adversely affects an admitted student's rights contrary to applicable law.

45. Interpretation

In case of any ambiguity, the matter shall be referred to the Registrar for examination and placed before the competent University authority.

Any interpretation shall be consistent with the University Act, Statutes, Ordinances and applicable statutory regulations.

46. Repeal and Saving

All previous administrative instructions concerning NRI and international admissions shall stand modified to the extent of inconsistency with these regulations, subject to statutory requirements.

Admissions already made shall remain governed by the applicable rules in force at the time of admission, unless otherwise required by law.

47. General

The University reserves the right to regulate admissions in accordance with the approved intake, academic standards, applicable Government Orders and statutory regulations.

No candidate shall have an automatic right to admission solely on the basis of NRI, PIO, OCI or Foreign National status.

ANNEXURE I

PROGRAMME-WISE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MATRIX

Programme	Principal regulatory authority / framework
B.Tech	UGC, AICTE and applicable AP admission rules
M.Tech	UGC, AICTE and applicable programme rules
MBA	UGC, AICTE where applicable, and AP admission rules
MCA	UGC, AICTE where applicable, and AP admission rules
B.Sc.	UGC and University programme regulations
M.Sc.	UGC and University programme regulations
Agriculture	ICAR and applicable Government/University regulations
B.Pharm/Pharm.D	Pharmacy Council of India
M.Pharm	Pharmacy Council of India
Law	Bar Council of India and applicable legal education rules
Allied Health Sciences	NCAHP and other applicable statutory frameworks
Ph.D.	UGC Ph.D. Regulations and University research regulations

The competent authority shall verify the regulatory framework applicable to each programme before opening the international admission category.

ANNEXURE II

DOCUMENT VERIFICATION CHECKLIST

Sl. No.	Document	NRI	OCI/PIO	Foreign National
1	Application form	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Passport	As applicable	Yes	Yes
3	NRI status evidence	Yes	No	No
4	OCI card	No	Yes, if OCI	No
5	PIO status evidence	No	If legally applicable	No
6	Academic certificates	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Transcripts	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Equivalence certificate	If required	If required	If required
9	Sponsorship declaration	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
10	Student visa	No, for Indian citizens	Subject to OCI rules	If required
11	Financial support evidence	If prescribed	If prescribed	If prescribed
12	Photographs	Yes	Yes	Yes

ANNEXURE III

PROPOSED FEE STRUCTURE APPROVAL FORMAT

The University shall approve a separate programme-wise fee schedule.

Sl. No.	Programme	NRI fee per year	OCI fee per year	Foreign National fee per year
1	B.Tech.	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
2	MBA	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
3	MCA	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
4	B.Sc.	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
5	B.Pharm	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
6	Agriculture	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
7	Law	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
8	Allied Health Sciences	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
9	PG programmes	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved
10	Ph.D.	To be approved	To be approved	To be approved

The fee schedule shall specify tuition, admission, examination, laboratory, hostel, insurance and other authorised charges.

No fee shall be collected until the applicable fee approval requirements have been satisfied.

ANNEXURE IV

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FORMAT

Subject: Approval of Regulations and Policy for Admission of NRI, PIO, OCI and Foreign National Students at Annamacharya University.

The University proposes to introduce a comprehensive policy governing the admission of NRI, PIO, OCI and Foreign National students into its undergraduate, postgraduate, professional and research programmes.

The proposed policy provides for:

1. Eligibility and admission requirements.
2. Programme-wise admission procedures.
3. Seat allocation and regulatory compliance.
4. NRI and foreign-student fee structures.
5. Verification of academic and immigration documents.
6. International Student Cell.
7. Academic and disciplinary regulations.
8. Student grievance redressal.
9. Regulatory reporting and record maintenance.

The draft regulations are submitted for consideration and recommendation of the Academic Council and subsequent approval of the Board of Management, subject to applicable statutory requirements.

ANNEXURE V

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management of Annamacharya University, Rajampet, having considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and the proposed Regulations for Admission of NRI, PIO, OCI and Foreign National Students, hereby resolves as follows:

1. The proposed regulations are approved in principle, subject to completion of the statutory and regulatory compliance review.
2. The Registrar is authorised to coordinate the implementation of the approved regulations.
3. The Director of Admissions shall prepare the annual admission notification and programme-wise eligibility criteria.
4. The Finance Officer shall place the proposed fee structure before the competent authority for approval.
5. The University shall obtain all necessary approvals from the concerned statutory and regulatory authorities before admitting students against any category requiring such approval.
6. The University shall establish an International Student Cell for coordination and support of international students.
7. The approved regulations shall be published on the University's official website after completion of the prescribed approval process.