



## Different between semester system and annual system

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### Abstract:

Universities have different systems to educate the youth. Mainly there are two systems, adopted in universities - semester system and annual system. In annual system, exams are conducted after one educationalist year, while in semester system; exams are conducted after five or six months. There are many differences between annual and semester. So, in this paper we are going to discuss about advantages and disadvantages of semester and annual system.

Moreover, This study focused on the objectives to differentiate annual and semester systems and to identify the internal value of both systems, to present or differentiate systems in term of advantages and disadvantages regarding students and teachers perspective. Thus, to know in which system they perform efficiently and effectively.

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### 1. Introduction

Universities are very important part of a society. They prepare the professionals who are responsible to drive a nation. They generate ideas, innovations and create awareness among the people. Education depends on universities and progress of a country. The system in universities is responsible to educate the young minds of a nation.

The Government of Gujarat remove the semester system from last two-three years but the semester system is running in Engineering colleges from many years in Gujarat .whether the semester system is more beneficial compare to annual system? Hence this paper focuses on this current topic.

### 2. Semester system

What is a Semester? A semester system is an academic term. It divides the academic year into two sessions. Usually semester means six-month period. Semester system also might be applicable in the schools and universities. In semester system each academic year is divided into equal parts of about six months each semester- **I** and **II** semester. So, a semester is a period of six months during which teaching work is conducted. After the end of the teaching work of the six months, examinations are held in this system examinations are held half-yearly instead of yearly.

### 3. Objective of semester system

1. To conduct Continuous evolution
2. To reduce time and energy of students
3. To improve regular study habits among students

### 4. Advantage of semester system

1. It will provide an opportunity to the students for continuous learning, assessment and feedback.
2. It facilitates in evaluating the performance of students twice a year.
3. The students will not have more burden of syllabus as it is divided into two halves.

4. A semester system allows greater freedom and scope for designing and delivering a variety of courses that the students can pick to enhance the quality of learning.
5. Through this system, students attend the college regularly without failing as there is a regulation of compulsory 80% attendance.
6. In semester system, students get a chance to study different subjects.
7. Flexibility in syllabus and students has option to study some subjects according to their choice.
8. Students get more vacations for relation because they get a semester break after final exams of every semester.

### 5. Disadvantage of semester system

1. Students are confined only to their course contents.
2. They do not get time for extensive studies. As a result of this, the knowledge of students becomes restricted, and is limited to a very narrow perspective.
3. Semester system is comparatively expensive.
4. Semester system faces inadequacy of time. Most of the times teachers fail to complete the syllabus in time. Students who join late will face lot of difficulties to catch the subject and complete the revision.
5. Semester system increases workload as the evaluation process is conducted twice a year.
6. Semester system does not give any scope for extra classes due to lack of time.
7. Semester system restricts co-curricular activities as most of the time teachers are engaged in completion of syllabus and students are involved in revision of completed syllabus.
8. Students have to manage the syllabus in short time.
9. Sometimes, teachers cannot convey the whole knowledge of the subject due to short time
10. Students do not get time for extra study; as a result they just have basic knowledge of the subject
11. In semesters system, students do not get chance to re-evaluate their papers, so they have to manage and maintain their grades
12. Time passes very quickly and it does not let students to have complete knowledge about the subject.

### 6. Definition of annual system

Annual system is defined as a full term of studies without any break. It is the traditional system it covers more syllabus compare to semester system. At the end of the year exam is conducted. In this system ones the students enter the college he feels free and thinks about studies during the year university gets enough time to prepare question paper. Number of examiners and examinations also can be reduced. Which become more economical for university.

### 7. Objectives of annual system

- To reduce the expenditure of exam
- To get more time to revise the syllabus for students.
- To product quality base education for students

### 8. Advantages of Annual System

- Students will have a chance to refer various subject related books.
- They can prepare their notes by using library resources.
- Students can participate in all the co-curricular and extracurricular activities.
- Teachers will have a chance to give as much as knowledge to the students related to the subject.
- Teachers can take the students to various field trips and give them much exposure.
- Teacher and student interaction increases and teachers have more information about their students
- Contents of courses are decided by teachers and they can decide them by reviewing student's interests.

- Students can develop skills and subject related knowledge in a better way though this system.

### 9. Disadvantages of Annual System

- In the annual system, most of the students show negligence towards studies as the examinations is conducted once in a year.
- Students have to study the entire syllabus for annual exams which is a burden.
- Most of the students do not attend the college regularly as there is no strict regulation on attendance.
- Exam is conducted ending of year. if student is fail in the exam he spoil his current academic year.
- Student is active when before some day of annual exam.

### 10. Conclusion

Semester system has busy schedule and more focused towards their objectives. Students of semester system, who really want to venture into something else, do not get time. They cannot focus on anything else apart from the curriculum but this is not the case with annual system, as students consider that they have enough time to attempt one final examination at the end of year. Therefore, they do idle for many months in session and prepare themselves for examination in two or three months. There is a vast difference in learning and teaching techniques in the process of evaluation under the annual and semester systems

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