

## UGC to allow degrees in two-and-a-half years from '25

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**Chennai:** Students can complete three-year degree courses in two and a half years and four-year degrees in three years from the next academic year (2025-26), University Grants Commission chairman M Jagadesh Kumar said here on Thursday. Students can also complete three-year degrees in four years.

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We anticipate that they can gain six months to one year," Jagadesh Kumar said on the sidelines of the southern zone conference for autonomous colleges on implemen-

tation of the National Education Policy 2020. "If a student wants, he or she can still take a break from the course and come back later and complete it as courses have multiple entry and exit points."

A committee headed by IIT Madras director V Kamakoti submitted recommendations on accelerated and slow-paced degrees to the UGC, and it approved them on Wednesday. Kumar said detailed guidelines would be issued soon.

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