



R.M.K. ENGINEERING COLLEGE
(An Autonomous Institution)



BEST PRACTICES
INTRODUCTION OF MINOR AND HONORS' DEGREE

1. What are the objectives / intended outcomes of this “best practice” and what are the underlying principles or concepts of this practice? (in about 20 words)

Objectives of the Practice

- **Minor degree**
 - To provide an opportunity to the students who aspire to learn transdisciplinary technology.
 - To open wider horizons to the students with a competitive advantage in the dynamic job markets.
- **Honors Degree:**
 - To provide an opportunity for an in depth exploration of the students' interest for higher level of achievement in the respective technology.

2. **The Context :** What were the contextual features or challenging issues that needed to be addressed in designing and implementing this practice? (in about 30 words)

Contextual features:

- Minor degrees provide an in-depth exploration of the students' passion.
- An honour's degree refers to demonstration of a higher level of achievement and education at the undergraduate level.

3. The Practice

Describe the best practice and its uniqueness in the context of India higher education. What were the constraints / limitations, if any, faced? (in about 50 words)

40% curriculum is designed by the industry partners which enhances the placement opportunities for the students. At the same time, AICTE regulation norms are also to be followed which definitely is a challenge.

4. Evidence of Success

Provide evidence of success such as performance against targets and benchmarks, review/results. What do these results indicate? Describe in about 40 words.

Honors and Minor degree programs are offered since 2022. All the eligible students who aspire for Honors / Minor degree can choose to immerse themselves in their passion and equip themselves with invaluable skills, enhancing their chances of admission to postgraduate programs, and fosters personal growth.

5.6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Please identify the problems encountered and resources required to implement the practice (in about 30 words).

Minor / Honors Degree will carry 18 to 20 credits in addition to the credits essential for obtaining the UG Degree in Major Discipline. As the Engineering curriculum is highly demanding, taking additional courses definitely adds pressure on the students.

6. Notes

Please add any other information that may be relevant for adopting/ implementing the Best Practice in other institutions (in about 30 words).

Any other information regarding Institutional Values and Best Practices which the institution would like to include.

Students at RMKEC appreciate and embrace this additional opportunity and have enrolled willingly for various specialisations for Honors / Minor degree. This adds value to the students who in turn gain a competitive advantage in this dynamic job market.