

**REGULATIONS  
FOR  
M.Phil and Ph.D  
PROGRAMMEES-2019**

## ANNEXURE-I

### SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY::ANANTAPURAMU

#### REGULATIONS FOR M.Phil. and Ph.D. PROGRAMMES

Research programmes leading to award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees are offered in the teaching departments/centres of the Sri Krishnadevaraya University colleges, its affiliated colleges and research organizations recognized by the Sri Krishnadevaraya University as the research centres. These regulations are in consonance and in the spirit of UGC regulations 2016 and as communicated by APSCH and shall supersede the existing regulations and shall come in to force from the date of notification of the University.

#### 1. Departmental Research Committee (DRC)

##### 1.1 Formation of DRC

Every academic department must have a Departmental Research Committee (DRC). The term of the Departmental Research Committee is for a period of three years or is coterminous with Chairperson, Board of Studies whichever is earlier.

The composition of the Committee is as follows: 3 Professors, 2 Associate Professors, 2 Assistant Professors, Head of the Department and Chairperson, Board of Studies. One extra person may be included from any National R&D organizations. All members must have doctoral degrees.

The DRC must have a minimum of three members comprising the Research Supervisor, Head and Chairperson, BOS. In case of single faculty departments, the concerned Dean and Principal may be included as members.

The Head of the Department is the Convener of the Committee. The Chairperson, Board of Studies is the Chairman of the Committee. If there are no adequate number of Faculty in any cadre in the Department, those places may be filled in by the Faculty of other cadres.

##### 1.2 Functions of DRC

The functions of the Departmental Research Committee are :

1. To fix up the number of seats in M.Phil./Ph.D. to be filled up every year for research admissions (the strength of the candidates with a research supervisor at any time shall not exceed the number given in Research Regulations).
2. To approve the Academic Calendar for M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes for the academic year.
3. To decide areas or topics of research to be pursued by the M.Phil./Ph.D. students for that academic year at the time of admission.
4. To recommend syllabi for M.Phil./Pre-Ph.D. Course work for approval by BoS.

5. To suggest panel of examiners and paper setters for M.Phil./Pre-Ph.D. examinations to the BoS.
6. To prepare Database of experts for each specialized area which can be used for the preparation of panel of examiners for adjudicating the M.Phil./Ph.D./D.Litt./D.Sc. dissertations / thesis. The database may be periodically updated and made available to BoS.
7. To evaluate the progress in the research work of the scholars.
8. To participate in all the Viva-Voce examinations and seminars of the M.Phil./Pre-Ph.D./Ph.D. programmes.
9. Any other functions referred to by the Convener, Board of Research Studies or the Vice-Chancellor.
10. Departmental Research Committee of the concerned department in the University campus shall process the submission of dissertation, etc for the scholars working in all the Research Centers both in the University Colleges and affiliated colleges, and departments without BOS. For all the admitted candidates into M.Phil./Ph.D. (Full-Time/Part-Time), the DRC shall assign a Research Supervisor as per the UGC/ University norms. The DRC shall follow the guidelines prescribed by the University from time to time.
11. All special cases which do not fall under the above categories shall be discussed at the Academic Senate for final recommendations.

## **2. Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor and Co- Supervisor**

- a) Any regular Professor/Associate Professor of the University with at least five research publications in refereed journals having science citation index/journals having impact factor given by Thomson Reuters/UGC listed journals and any regular Assistant Professor of the university with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals having science citation index/journals having impact factor given by Thomson Reuters/UGC listed journals and one year regular service in the University may be recognized as Research Supervisor.
- b) Only a full time regular teacher of the concerned University can act as a supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the same institute/university or from other institutions/ universities with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee. Provided such course supervisor should be at Professor or Associate Professor or at their equivalent level in universities, research institutions, regional centres for capacity building, human resource development centres, etc
- c) Any permanent teacher, having put in two years of service after obtaining Ph.D. and possessing two publications as mentioned above, working in a P.G. Department of an affiliated college and recruited through a duly constituted selection committee is eligible to be recognized as a Research Supervisor on application.
- d) Any scientist or researcher working as a regular employee in an Institute / Research Centre recognized by University as a Research Centre having put up two years

of service after obtaining Ph. D degree is eligible to be considered as research supervisor in given Department if he/she has publications as mentioned in (a) above.

- e) The DRC of the relevant Department processes the application for recognition as research supervisor and forward it to the Dean, Research and Development through the Principal of the concerned University College. The Dean, Research and Development shall give necessary orders for recognition based on the recommendation of DRC and approval of Vice-Chancellor.
- f) Faculty on lien/deputation shall include an eligible teacher from their departments as co-research supervisor for every research student working under their guidance. Further, in case the teacher extends his lien period beyond one year, the co-research supervisor shall be nominated as the Principal Research Supervisor and in case the teacher on-lien wishes to continue to Research Supervisor the candidate he can do so as co-Research Supervisor for a maximum of two/three years from the date of sanction of initial lien.
- g) The Faculty, Scientists and their equivalent cadre personnel from other universities / institutions recognized as Research Institutions, interested to guide the research scholars registered for Ph.D. in University may be permitted to be included as co-research supervisor(s), while a teacher from the University will act as the research supervisor.
- h) A retired teacher may act as Research supervisor for full-time, (if he/she is appointed as Emeritus Professor and or if he/she has a Major Research Project with Junior Research Fellowship/Senior Research Fellowship. Such teacher having Emeritus position or a Research Project) beyond retirement can act as research supervisor for two years. Stipendiary research fellows (JRF/RGNF/Moulana Azad Fellowship/ INSPIRE) may be allotted to the emeritus professor/ BSR Faculty fellow for admission into Ph.D by the DRC
- i) Any retired teacher will continue to guide his/her already registered Ph.D. candidates for two years and should include a co- research supervisor for each of his/her research scholar soon after his/her retirement.
- j) Faculty who resigned/retired voluntarily from service shall include an eligible teacher from their departments as co- research supervisor for every research student working under their guidance. However, their guideship will be terminated in two years from the date of resignation/voluntary retirement, while the co- research supervisor will become the Principal research supervisor.
- k) Notwithstanding anything stated above, recognition may be bestowed on persons with exceptional merit by the Vice Chancellor.

### **3. Research Centres**

#### **3.1 Research Laboratories as Research Centres**

Research laboratories of Government of India/State Government located in the State/R&D Centres of Public Sector Undertakings/Private R&D Centres of Industries with a turnover of not less than Rs.5.00 crores with at least two eligible Research Supervisors in the Department concerned along with required infrastructure, supporting administrative and

research promotion facilities as per UGC Regulations shall be considered eligible to be recognized as Research Centres.

### **3.2 Affiliated Colleges as Research Centres**

Colleges may be considered eligible to offer M.Phil./Ph .D programmes only if they satisfy the availability of eligible Research Supervisors, required infrastructure and supporting administrative and research promotion facilities as mentioned below -

- a) In case of science and technology disciplines, exclusive research laboratories with sophisticated equipment as specified by the Institution concerned with provision for adequate space per research scholar along with computer facilities and essential software, and uninterrupted power and water supply
- b) Earmarked library resources including latest books, Indian and International journals, e-journals, extended working hours for all disciplines, adequate space for research scholars in the Department/ library for reading, writing and storing study and research materials
- c) Colleges may also access the required facilities of the neighboring Institutions/Colleges, or of those Institutions/Colleges/R&D laboratories/Organizations which have the required facilities.
- d) The P.G. Course in Science /Arts and Commerce/ Engineering/Pharmacy must be in existence for at least five years
- e) Necessary amount per course as prescribed by the university should be invested for procurement of latest journals and books.
- f) An amount per course prescribed by the University should be invested to upgrade the Laboratory facilities for the courses.
- g) At least two regular eligible faculty members should be available for recognition as research supervisor in each subject who should be associated with the P.G. course.
- h) A minimum of two years working experience for the faculty in teaching the P.G. course in the college after obtaining Ph.D. having at least two research articles in journals having science citation index/journals having impact factor given by Thomson Reuters/UGC listed journals.
- i) If the teacher is retired or leaves the Institution the research student may be transferred to any other eligible research supervisor or to any other research centre recognized by University. For any reason, if that is not possible the teacher may have to suggest any person from any of the recognized research institutes.
- j) In case of admission in affiliated colleges recognized as research centers of University, there shall be a co- research supervisor from the concerned academic department of the constituent college of University or PG center of University.

### **3.3 Process of recognizing research centres**

The process of awarding recognition will be initiated on receipt of application from the Institute in a prescribed proforma. Recognition to these institutions will be approved by the Academic Senate based on the recommendations of a committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to examine the infrastructure and other facilities. These institutions will be required to bear the cost of inspection. Institutions thus recognized as research centers shall pay a recognition fee as prescribed by the University from time-to-time. In case of institutions of national and international eminence, the Academic Senate may recognize them as research centers for offering Ph.D. programmes based on the information provided by the institutions and the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for examining the infrastructure and other facilities.

#### **4. Admission Procedure – M.Phil./Ph.D.**

The degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) is the first research degree and the study will provide the necessary advanced training in research methodology and recent developments in a subject. There will be direct admission into PhD Course or else PhD can be pursued after completing M.Phil, as per the Clause 5.8.

##### **4.1 Eligibility**

M.Phil./Ph.D. can be pursued by candidates possessing the minimum qualifications as specified below either on Full-Time (FT) / Part-Time (PT) basis in the Faculties of Science, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Education, Physical Education, Commerce and Management Studies, Engineering Science, Law and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Admissions into M.Phil./Ph.D. programme will be made within the framework of reservation rules in force prescribed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time.

##### **4.1.1 Full-Time (FT)**

- (a). Candidates for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. programme through Common Entrance Test shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- (b). A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

#### **4.1.2 Part-Time (PT)**

Candidate satisfying the eligibility conditions noted under 4.1.1 above can be admitted as Part-time candidate through, common entrance test, as per the following order of priority. Admission into Part-time category will be made on the basis of service seniority in the respective categories.

1. Regular Faculty working in the University or the P.G. Centers.
2. (a) Regular Faculty working in Post graduate and Professional colleges having completed atleast TWO years of service. This provision is not applicable to Faculty teaching Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Humanities in professional colleges.  
or
- (b) Regular Faculty/Librarians/Asst. Librarians working in affiliated degree /PG colleges and Faculty teaching Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Humanities in professional colleges having completed atleast four years of service.  
or
- (c) Regular Faculty working in Polytechnic/Government or private aided Junior Colleges having completed at least five years of service. Seniority for candidates under each category shall be calculated with the following weightage.
  - (i) Teaching at P.G. level / Professional - five points for each completed year of service in colleges as specified in 2(a)
  - (ii) Teaching at graduate level/Professional - two points for each completed year of service in colleges as specified in 2(b).
  - (iii) Teaching at Polytechnic/ junior college - one point for every completed year of service as specified in 2(c).
- (d) Regular Teachers working in government and private aided schools having five years of service are also eligible for Ph.D (Part-Time) programme.
3. Technical employees working on a regular basis in research institutes having completed atleast four years of service.

#### **4.1.3 Extra-Mural Research**

- a. For admission into Ph.D. programme under Extra-mural category, there should be an Internal Research Supervisor recognized by the University in the recognized research institution where the candidate is working. In addition to the Internal Research Supervisor, a faculty member eligible to guide research from within the concerned Department of University or its PG Centers has to be included as an External Research Supervisor.
- b. Registration of a candidate under extramural category shall be done once in a year, i.e., in July every year.
- c. Eligibility for admission under Extramural category shall be as follows :
  - i. Scientists or technical Officers working in a research institution recognized by University with a P.G. or equivalent degree satisfying the eligibility conditions noted under 4.1.1 and having put in four years of experience (Ph.D. Part Time).

Or

- ii. Research Scholars with P.G. or equivalent degree satisfying the eligibility conditions noted under 4.1.1 having a fellowship awarded by a duly constituted selection committee approved by University and attached to institutions recognized as Research Centers by University and having completed at least six months with scholarship tenable for a further period of two years (Ph.D. Full Time).

#### **4.1.4 Conversion from Ph.D. Full-Time to Part-Time and Vice-Versa**

- (a) Candidates pursuing full-time Ph.D. programme may be permitted to convert into part-time Ph.D. programme provided they satisfy the eligibility conditions for part-time notwithstanding the length of service. However, the candidate has to pay the prescribed fee of Rs 10,000/- for such conversion. This conversion of full time to part time will be permitted only if one gets a job (Academic/Scientific). Full Time to Part Time conversion is allowed only after 9 months of registration and with the permission of the Research Supervisors(s), DRC approval and with the permission of the Dean, Research and Development.
- (b) Conversion from Ph.D. Part-time to full-time is not allowed, except in case of candidates joining under Faculty Development Programme or getting a National /State Government/State Government undertaking Fellowship.

#### **4.2 Procedure for admission**

- a. University shall admit M.Phil./Ph.D. students through a Common Entrance Test conducted at the State level on behalf of the Universities concerned.
- b. The University shall decide on an annual basis through their academic bodies a predetermined and manageable number of M.Phil. and/or Ph.D. scholars to be admitted depending on the number of available Research Supervisors and other academic and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar- teacher ratio, laboratory, library and such other facilities.
- c. The University shall notify well in advance in the institutional website, the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission and procedure for admission and all other relevant information for the benefit of the candidates. The same shall be communicated to the Convener for Common Research Entrance Test. In turn the Convener has to notify through advertisement in atleast two national news papers of which one shall be regional language. The advertisement shall contain the information with respect to number of seats for admission, subject/discipline wise, distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centres and all other related information for the benefit of the Candidates.
- d. Admission to the Foreign nationals will be as per the UGC guidelines.
- e. Scientists having minimum of 10 years regular service/ Candidates having JRF/any national fellowships working at national laboratories are eligible for extramural research admissions without entrance test.

##### **4.2.1 Common Entrance Test**



University shall admit candidates by a two stage process, i.e., common entrance test and interview.

#### **4.2.1.1 Scheme of the Entrance Test**

The Common Entrance test shall be conducted for 180 marks. The Common Entrance Test consists of two parts, i.e., Part-A and Part-B. Part-A shall be the Teaching and Research Aptitude for 90 marks, whereas Part-B shall be the subject specific for 90 marks. There will be 1/6 negative mark for each wrong answer. However, the scheme of entrance test shall be as prescribed by the Convener, CET from time to time as the case may be.

#### **4.2.1.2 Syllabus of the Common Entrance Test**

Part-A shall be the Teaching and Research Aptitude on the lines of UGC NET Paper-I Syllabus. For Paper-II, Syllabus shall be Paper II of the UGC NET for the subjects for which UGC is conducting NET; CSIR-NET Syllabus for Sciences; GATE Syllabus for Engineering; and GPAT Syllabus for Pharmacy. For the other subjects, University shall prepare the syllabus. However, the syllabus shall be as prescribed by the Convener from time to time as the case may be.

#### **4.2.1.3 Qualifying marks in the Common Entrance Test**

An Entrance Test shall be conducted with qualifying marks as 50% for open category candidates and 45% for OBC/SC/ST/PH categories.

#### **4.2.1.4 Interview**

Qualified Candidates in the Common Entrance Test will be called for interview/Viva-Voce by the concerned University Department where the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Committee. Interview is for 20 marks.

Interview Committee shall consist of three members; Head of the Department, Chairperson, Board of Studies and one Senior Faculty member from the Department nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

The interview shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:

- the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
- the research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/College;
- the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

#### **4.2.1.5 Ranks/Final Marks**

Admissions Committee will give ranks/final marks awarded out of 200 after clubbing the marks of entrance test (180 marks) and interview marks (20 marks).

#### **4.3 Admission without Entrance Test**

- a) M.Phil./Ph.D. Admissions shall be given without Entrance Test for those students who qualify GATE/SLET/GPAT/UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET JRF/DST INSPIRE Fellow/ teacher fellowship holder/National fellowship holder/ twice in a year, i.e., in January and July of the calendar year. Separate notification will be issued internally. Candidates with these qualifications will be interviewed by the expert committee to be constituted by the University and admission will be given basing on the performance.

The number of admissions is based on availability of the vacancy with the supervisor as per the clause 4 of 4.4

- b) Faculty Development Programme - Regular Faculty working in University affiliated colleges/ University local area colleges and institutions intending to pursue M.Phil./Ph.D. programme under FDP or other similar programmes would be required to get their nominations processed by the concerned agencies and join in respective colleges and departments any time in a year.

#### **4.4 Allocation of Research Supervisor**

1. The registration of a candidate can be done either at university department or any Institution recognized by the university as a centre of research.
2. The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview/Viva Voce.
3. In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/ Faculty/College/Institution on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Institutions/Colleges.
4. The Number of Research Scholars to be allotted to each teacher is as follows:

Not more than two Ph.D. scholars should be registered with a supervisor per year (that includes 4.3 (a) & (b). A Research Supervisor, who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M.Phil., and Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars (both Full-time and Part-time). An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M.Phil. and six (6) Ph.D. scholars (both Full-time and Part-time) and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one (1) M.Phil. and four (4) Ph.D. scholars (both Full-time and Part-time).

5. The number of candidates admitted in to Ph.D under Executive/ Industrial Quota and Extra-mural Quota, if notified by the University, shall not exceed two per Research Supervisor. This number is over and above the prescribed quota.

#### **4.5 Change of research supervisor**

If a candidate wishes to change a supervisor or include a co-supervisor for valid reasons, the request may be considered as per the merits of the case. However, such cases where the candidate is permitted, he/she can submit the thesis only after one year from the date of change of supervisor or inclusion of co-supervisor .

#### **5. Course Work and Evaluation - M.Phil. Programme**

The requirements for the award of M.Phil. Degree shall be the completion of the course work and submission of dissertation based on the research work carried out under the

supervision of a recognized research supervisor in the University Department or in its post-graduate centers or in the institute recognized by the University for the purpose. Prior to submission of the dissertation, the student shall make a presentation (Pre-talk) in the department.

### **5.1 Duration**

- a. For Full-Time research, M.Phil. programme shall be for a minimum duration of two (2) consecutive semesters / one year and a maximum of three (3) consecutive semesters / 1 ½ years. For Part-time research, minimum duration is 2 years and the maximum duration is 3 years
- b. Registration of the Candidate under full-time and part-time M.Phil. programme category shall lapse after the completion of maximum period.
- c. In case a M.Phil research scholar fails to submit the M.Phil. thesis within the maximum period mentioned above, he/she shall submit an application for extension along with the progress report of the work done to the Dean, Research & Development through the DRC and Principal of the concerned college, explaining the valid reasons for delay in submission. The Dean R&D after getting recommendations of the RAC will forward the same to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration. The M.Phil students shall submit the above application at least one month before the expiry of the registration period. An extension up to a maximum period of six months for candidates pursuing M.Phil (full-time) and for candidates pursuing M.Phil.(Part-Time) up to a maximum period of one year from the date of expiry of registration may be granted after due scrutiny of the reasons for delay by the Vice-Chancellor.

Further, the candidate who have excellent progress and who have got employment and up on the recommendation of the concerned DRC and RAC may be considered for conversion of their full-time programee to part-time provided they have fulfilled the attendance criteria and passed the M.Phil written examinations.

- d. Women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year for M.Phil. and two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration prescribed. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil/Ph.D. for upto 240 days.

### **5.2 Attendance**

A full-time candidate shall be required to put up a minimum of 75% attendance. However, candidates with not less than 66% of attendance can be considered for condonation on medical grounds.

### **5.3 Progress monitoring**

A research scholar along with progress report shall appear before the Committee consisting of Research supervisor, Head of the Department and Chairperson, Board of Studies once in six months to make a presentation for evaluation on the following. The Committee will evaluate the progress and allot marks.

#### **Full-time M.Phil.**

Open Seminar Presentation on
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I Semester End	Chosen research topic	50 marks – 2 Credits
II Semester End	Part-I Examination Seminar	
II Semester End	Published/to be published research paper of the Scholar (Research paper I)	50 marks – 2 Credits
	(Presentation of paper in the Seminar/ Conferences) Pre-talk on the Thesis	50 marks – 2 Credits

### Part-time M.Phil.

Open Seminar Presentation on		
I Semester End	Chosen research topic	50 marks – 2 Credits
II/III Semester End	Part-I Examination Seminar	
II Semester End	Published/to be published research paper of the Scholar (Research paper I)	50 marks – 2 Credits
IV Semester	(Presentation of paper in the Seminar/ Conferences) Pre-talk on the Thesis	50 marks – 2 Credits

Out of 6 credits, candidate has to secure 4 credits to become eligible for the submission of the Dissertation.

### 5.4 Course Work

The credit assigned to the M.Phil. course work shall be 14 credits (Three Theory Papers, each 4 credits + One Seminar Paper, 2 Credits).

The Department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(s) to him/her based on the recommendations of the DRC.

Course work for M.Phil. Part-I/Pre. Ph.D. Examination consists of the following four papers.

Paper – I: Research Methodology which could also cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, field work, etc. for 100 marks/ 4 Credits

Paper – II: Advanced Subject Paper/ Recent Advances in the Subject for 100 marks/ 4 Credits

Paper – III: Paper on Research area for 100 marks / 4 Credits

Open Seminar for 50 marks / 2 Credits:

Seminar Examination Committee shall consist of the concerned Research supervisor, Head of the Department and the Chairperson, Board of Studies. The candidate shall give a seminar on the research topic emphasizing the importance of the problem, review of literature, methodology and techniques to be adopted including interpretation of data and the expected outcome. The seminar is open to all members of the department.

In case of full-time scholars, Pre. Ph.D./Part-I Examination examinations are to be conducted after 9 months and before one year from the date of registration, while in case of part-time candidates the examination is to be conducted after 18 months and before the completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> year from the date of registration. The date of payment of fee at the time of admission will be treated as the date of registration.

The following are the credits of M.Phil. programme

Part- I	Paper-I	4 credits
	Paper-II	4 credits
	Paper-III	4 credits
	Open Seminar	2 credits
	Progress monitoring Seminar Presentations	6 credits
Part-II	Dissertation	8 credits
	Viva Voce	2 credits
	Total	30 credits

### 5.5 Evaluation of M.Phil. Course Work

The panel of paper setters and examiners for Paper-I, II & III should be provided by the Chairperson, Board of Studies from the list approved by Board of Studies.

Evaluation of the Paper-I, II & III of Part-I Course work shall be double valuation with TWO external examiners.

An M.Phil. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

Failed Candidates in first attempt will be given only one another chance to qualify in the examination. Registration for appearing the examination shall be considered as an attempt.

### 5.6 Submission of Dissertation

- i. An M.Phil. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work and candidate has to secure 4 credits out of 6 credits in the progress monitoring seminars in order to be eligible to submit the dissertation.
- ii. After successful completion of the research work under the supervision of the research supervisor and the pre-talk upon satisfactory completion of course work, obtaining the marks/grade prescribed as above, publishing research papers and presenting research papers in seminars/conferences, the candidate shall submit a dissertation embodying the results of his/her study. Three copies of the dissertation are to be submitted out of which one should be hard bound.

#### 5.6.1 Pre-talk

Prior to the submission of the dissertation/thesis, the scholar shall make a presentation in the Department before the DRC of the Institution concerned which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. The feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis in consultation with the Research Supervisor. Departmental Research Committee should certify the eligibility for the submission of Thesis.

### **5.6.2 Publication of research papers and seminar/conference paper presentations**

M.Phil. scholars shall publish at least one (1) research paper in a refereed journal and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.

### **5.7 Evaluation of M.Phil. Dissertation**

1. The dissertation will be evaluated for 200 marks (8 credits) separately.
2. The panel of examiners for valuation of the dissertation should be provided by the Chairperson, Board of Studies from the list approved by Board of Studies, in consultation with the Research Supervisor.
3. The M.Phil. Dissertation submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by two external examiners who are not in the employment of the same University.
4. In case the external examiner does not evaluate the dissertation within 2 months, he/she may be replaced by a new external adjudicator.
5. In case the examiner suggests modifications / revisions for the M.Phil. Dissertation work, the dissertation should be revised.
6. If both the external adjudicators recommends for award of the M.Phil. degree by awarding the marks, there shall be a Viva-Voce examination for 50 marks (2 credits) on the topic of dissertation which will be evaluated by a duly constituted committee. The Viva-Voce is open for all. The Viva-Voce committee shall consist of the Head of the Department, the Chairperson of Board of Studies, the research supervisor and a teacher who is a specialist in the subject of the dissertation nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. The Research supervisor is the convener of the Viva-Voce committee. Viva-Voce examination in case of candidates from the University colleges and PG Centers will be held in the respective departments. However, in case of candidates registered in Research Centers recognized by the University the Viva-Voce examinations will be conducted by the HOD of the University department.
7. After the completion of the Viva-Voce examination, the Convener of the Viva-Voce Committee shall submit the recommendations along with two soft copies of the dissertation in DVD form for placing them in the University library and on SHODHGANGA INFLIBNET through UGC respectively.
8. Grades

Sl.No	Range of Marks %	Grade	Grade Points	
1	91-100	O	10	Outstanding
2	81-90	A+	9	Excellent
3	71-80	A	8	Very Good
4	61-70	B+	7	Good
5	56-60	B	6	Average
6	50-55	C	5	Pass
7	<50	F	0	Fail
8		Ab	0	Ab (absent)

The candidate must obtain a minimum of C Grade in each theory paper, seminar, dissertation and viva for a pass.

### **5.8 Conversion from M.Phil. to Ph.D.**

Subject to conditions stipulated in these regulations, the following rules hold good for the conversion from M.Phil to Ph.D.

- a). If a candidate is awarded M.Phil. degree with at least 55% marks, without grace mark procedure (A relaxation of 5% of marks from 55 to 50%, an equivalent relaxation grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (on-creamy layer/ differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Government time to time) or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC-7 point scale (or an equivalent grade / CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed), who has been awarded M.Phil. degree can register for Ph.D. programme by applying within one month from the date of award of M.Phil degree to the Dean, R&D through the DRC, provided he/she gets the consent of a research supervisor (who should have a clear vacancy as per 4.4 of clause 4) and on certification of by him/her that the research topic chosen for Ph.D is an extension of M.Phil. work or related to the field of research for M.Phil. degree.
- b). If the area of research for Ph.D is different from that of M.Phil., the candidate has to pass paper-II (research Area) of the Ph.D. written examination.
- c). This provision is applicable for M.Phil. (Full-Time) to Ph.D (Full-Time) and M.Phil (Part-Time) to Ph.D (Part-Time) conversion only.
- d). Notwithstanding anything contained in the above in exceptional cases, the DRC and RAC will review and submit the proposals to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and the decision of the Vice-Chancellor will be final.
- e). Such candidates have to pay necessary conversion fee, if considered.

## **6. Course Work and Evaluation - Ph.D. Programme**

### **6.1 Duration of the Programme**

- a) Regular full-time Ph.D.programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, in the case of Master's Degree holders and two years in the case of M.Phil. degree holders, including course work, from the date of registration/admission, in the University or in one of the P.G. Centers or Institutions recognized by University as Centers of Research.

- b) Part-time Ph.D. program shall be for a duration of five years in the case of Masters degree holders and four years in case of M.Phil. degree holders, including course work, from the date of registration/admission.
- c) If a Part- Time candidate is an employee in an outside institution, he/she will be required to spend at least six weeks every year in the concerned University Department during the prescribed total period of research.
- d) The maximum period for both full-time and part-time Ph.D shall be six years from the date of registration/admission.
- e) If a Ph.D scholar fails to submit the thesis within the period of six years, he/she shall submit an application for extension, along with the progress report of the work done to the Dean, R&D, through the DRC, explaining the reason for delay in the submission of thesis. The request will be placed before Research Advisory Committee in the Dean's office. The request duly recommended by Research Advisory Committee must be submitted to HoD (for the consideration of DRC) at least two months before the expiry of the registration period, failing which the request for extension is liable for rejection.
- f) (i). An extension up to not more than three months shall be granted to the research scholar by the Dean/DRC after due scrutiny of the reasons for the delay and the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee.
  - (ii) Any extension beyond three months and up to maximum of one year shall require the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.
  - (iii) If a Ph.D research scholar fails to complete his/her Ph.D program even after stipulated extension period, mentioned above, his/her admission stands cancelled. However, the Academic Council, on exceptional grounds, may consider further extension of not more than one year.
  - (iv) All Ph.D. scholars mentioned above (i,ii,iii) to whom the extension is granted have to pay necessary extension fee as prescribed by the University from time to time.
- g). If a candidate has completed the requirement earlier than the prescribed period, the Vice-Chancellor may permit for an early submission of thesis before six months provided the request is justified and substantiated by publications in refereed journals recommended by DRC & CRC.
- h) Women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year for M.Phil. and two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil/Ph.D. for upto 240 days.

## 6.2 Review of Progress

Research Scholars have to undergo progress evaluation test for every six months. The Candidate has to give an open seminar for every six months on the concerned research topics specified in the following table. The Committee consists of Research Supervisor,



Head and Chairperson, Board of Studies will award maximum marks of 50 for each seminar based on the candidate performance on the selected research topic. All the DRC members and other scholars have to participate in the seminar. If a candidate has not given progress evaluation test for two consecutive years then his/her registration will be cancelled. Research Centers affiliated with the University should submit the progress evaluation report of the Center every 6 months and also the progress evaluation results of the research scholars every 6 months. If any Research Center does not submit the activities and the progress of the Research of the concerned center the University Administration may cancel the research center.

A research scholar along with 10 copies of seminar paper shall appear before the Departmental Research Committee once in six months to make a presentation for evaluation on the following:-

#### **Full-Time Ph.D**

<b>At the end of</b>	<b>Open Seminar Presentation on</b>	<b>Credits</b>
I Semester	Chosen research topic	50 marks (2 credits)
II Semester	Part-I Examination Seminar	50 marks (2 credits)
III Semester	Published work in the chosen topic	50 marks (2 credits)
IV Semester	Published/to be published research paper of the Scholar (Research Paper 1)	50 marks (2 credits)
V Semester	Published/to be published research paper of the Scholar (Research Paper 2)	50 marks (2 credits)
VI Semester	Pre-talk on the Thesis	50 marks (2 credits)

#### **Part-Time Ph.D**

<b>At the end of</b>	<b>Open Seminar Presentation on</b>	<b>Credits</b>
I Year	Chosen research topic	50 marks (2 credits)
II Year	Part-I Examination Seminar	50 marks (2 credits)
III Year I Semester	Published work in the chosen topic	50 marks (2 credits)
III Year II Semester	Published/to be published research paper of the Scholar (Research Paper 1)	50 marks (2 credits)
IV Year I Semester	Published/to be published research paper of the Scholar (Research Paper 2)	50 marks (2 credits)
VI Year II Semester	Pre-talk on the Thesis	50 marks (2 credits)

Two credits shall be awarded for each presentation. Credits shall be awarded by the Committee constituted with the Head of the Department, Chairperson Board of Studies and the Research Supervisor.

In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to get 60% of marks in progress evaluation, the Committee may recommend to the University with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar. For Ph.D., the

Candidate has to secure a minimum of 6 credits (60% marks) out of total 10 credits (600 marks) during the last two years to become eligible to submit his/her Ph.D. Thesis.

### 6.3 Course Work

The credit assigned to the Ph.D. course work shall be 14 credits (Three Theory Papers, each 4 credits + One Seminar Paper, 2 Credits).

The Department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(s) to him/her based on the recommendations of the DRC.

Course work for Pre. Ph.D. Examination consists of the following four papers.

Paper – I: Research Methodology which could also cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, field work, etc. for 100 marks/Four Credits

Paper – II: Advanced Subject paper / Research Advances in the Subject for 100 marks / 4 credits

Paper – III: Paper on research Area for 100 marks/ 4 Credits

Open Seminar for 50 marks/ 2 Credits

Seminar Examination Committee shall consist of the concerned Research Supervisor, Head of the Department and the Chairperson, Board of Studies. The candidate shall give a seminar on the research topic emphasizing the importance of the problem, review of literature, methodology and techniques to be adopted including interpretation of data and the expected outcome. The seminar is open to all members of the department.

The following are the credits of Ph.D programme

Part-I	Paper-I	4 Credits
	Paper-II	4 Credits
	Paper-III	4 Credits
	Open Seminar	2 Credits
	Progress monitoring Seminar Presentations	6 Credits
Par-II	Dissertation	8 Credits
	Viva Voce	2 Credits
	Total	30 Credits

In case of full-time scholars, Pre. Ph.D. Examination examinations are to be conducted after 9 months and before one year from the date of registration, while in case of part-time candidates the examination is to be conducted after 18 months and before the completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> year months from the date of registration. The date of payment of fee at the time of admission will be treated as the date of registration.

### 6.4 Evaluation of Ph.D. Course Work

The panel of paper setters and examiners for Paper-I & II should be provided by the Chairperson, Board of Studies from the list approved by Board of Studies.

Evaluation of the Paper-I & II of Part-I Course work shall be double valuation with ONE External and ONE Internal Examiner.

A Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

Candidates who fail in first attempt will be given two chances to qualify in the examination. Registration for appearing the examination shall be considered as an attempt.

### **6.5 Exemption from Pre-Ph.D. Examination**

Candidates already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. in integrated course, may be exempted by the Department from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.

### **6.6 Requirements for the award of Ph.D. Degree**

The requirements for the award of a Ph.D. degree are

- a) Candidates should have been qualified in Pre-Ph.D. Examination.
- b) Candidate should have been qualified in progress evaluation tests.
- c) Prior to submission of final copy of thesis the candidate should make a presentation of the Ph.D. thesis work (Pre-Talk).
- d) Candidate should have published at least two published research paper in a refereed Journal before the submission of the thesis for adjudication. In addition, two paper presentations in conferences/ seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints. The journal publications must be in journals having impact factor given by Thomson Reuters/Science Citation Index Journals/UGC listed journals.
- e) Candidate should submit a thesis based on the research work carried out under the supervision of one or more recognized research supervisors as per the University norms.
- f) After receipt of positive recommendations on the presentation of the thesis from adjudicators, the candidate should defend the thesis in a Viva-Voce examination successfully before a committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.

#### **6.6.1 Pre-talk**

Prior to the submission of the dissertation/thesis, the scholar shall make a presentation in the Department before the DRC of the Institution concerned which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. The feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis in consultation with the Research Supervisor. Departmental Research Committee should certify the eligibility for submission of the thesis.

## **6.6.2 Publication/Presentation of research papers**

Ph.D. scholars must publish at least Two (2) research papers in refereed journal and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints. The journal publications must be in journals having impact factor given by Thomson Reuters/Science Citation Index Journals/UGC listed journals.

## **6.6.3 Plagiarism test**

"Plagiarism" includes an act of academic dishonesty and a breach of ethics. It involves using someone else's work as one's own. It also includes data plagiarism and self-plagiarism. Plagiarism would be quantified into following levels in ascending order of severity for the purpose of its definition:

- i. Similarities upto 30% including publications is allowed for submission.
- ii. Level 1: Similarities above 30% to 40%
- iii. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
- iv. Level 3: Similarities above 60%

### **6.6.3.1 Penalties for faculty and researchers**

#### **(i) Level 1: Similarities above 30% to 40%**

Such Scholar shall not be allowed for submission of the Thesis and shall be asked to submit a revised thesis within a stipulated time period of not exceeding 6 months

#### **(ii) Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%**

Such Scholar shall not be allowed for submission of the Thesis and shall be asked to submit a revised thesis after a time period of one year but not exceeding eighteen months.

New research scholars shall not be allocated to such Research Supervisor for a period of two years.

#### **(iii) Level 3: Similarities above 60%**

Such Scholar shall not be allowed for submission of the Thesis and shall be asked to submit a revised thesis after a time period of three years.

New research scholars shall not be allocated to such Research Supervisor for a period of five years.

## **6.6.4 Submission of the Thesis**

- a. After passing the Pre-Ph.D. examination and completing the research work, the candidate shall submit his/her thesis on the concerned topic of research.
- b. Research Scholars working in the University Campus shall submit Ph.D. Thesis through the concerned department in the campus. Whereas scholars working in all the Research Centers of University Colleges,

Affiliated colleges, and other recognized Research Centers, will submit their Thesis through proper channel.

- c. Prior to submission of the thesis 10 copies of the synopsis along with soft copy should be submitted to the University.
- d. On completing the research work, the candidate is required to submit four copies of the thesis on the subject of his / her research. Out of four copies at least one should be hard bound and others shall be of soft bound.
- e. A candidate may utilize for his/her thesis the contents of any work which he/she may have already published on the subject. But he/she shall not submit the whole or any substantial part of the work for which a degree has been conferred on him/her by the University or any other University.
- f. The candidate shall enclose to his/her thesis, the printed contribution(s) to the advancement of the subject which he/she has published independently or jointly with others. (i) The thesis in all subjects shall be written and submitted only in English except in language subjects where the candidate shall have the option of writing the same either in English or in the language concerned. Where the thesis is submitted in a Language other than English, a detailed summary in English version of the thesis shall also be submitted.
- g. Candidates working for Ph.D. in subjects such as Music, Fine Arts and Theatre arts can write their thesis in English, Telugu or Hindi. If the thesis is not written in English a detailed summary in English should accompany the thesis.

### **6.7 Evaluation of Ph.D. Thesis**

1. The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by at least three external examiners, who are not in employment of the same University, of whom ONE examiner shall be from out of State and one examiner shall be from outside the country. In the case of Indian Languages, there shall be no foreign examiner, where another out of State/within State examiner will evaluate.
2. The chairperson, BOS shall submit the following three panels of adjudicators (with not more than one expert from each Institution / University in the related research area with full postal and email addresses), in consultation with the Research Supervisor from out of the list approved by the Board of Studies to the Dean, Research and Development in a confidential cover.

Panel I - List of at least four Foreign Adjudicators

Panel II - List of at least four Indian Adjudicators outside the State of AP and Telangana (In case of Engineering, four adjudicators shall be from the national institutes/laboratories)

Panel III – List of at least four adjudicator from AP and Telangana States

3. The Ph.D. thesis shall be adjudicated by three examiners selected by the Vice-Chancellor one from Panel I; one from Panel II; and one from Panel III described above.

4. In case of theses in Fine Arts including Music and National Languages other than English, Panel –I may also be replaced by Indian Adjudicators. If all the three examiners recommend the thesis for the award of Ph.D. there shall be a Viva-Voce examination.
5. The Adjudicator’s summary report of the thesis should be accompanied by a detailed report. In case the thesis is recommended for revision or rejected outright, the reason for the same has to be incorporated in the report.
6. If the reports of all the examiners are favorable, the candidate shall be permitted to take Viva-Voce and he/she shall be awarded the Ph. D degree on the recommendation of the Viva-voce committee.
7. If all the adjudicators reject the thesis, the registration of the candidate stands Cancelled.
8. If a thesis is approved by two examiners and suggested for revision by the third examiner or the thesis is approved by one examiner and suggested for revision by two examiners or all three examiners ask for revision, the candidate will be permitted to resubmit and it will be referred to the same examiner (s), who have suggested for revision and resubmission. At the time of resubmission, the research supervisor has to certify that all the suggestions made by the examiner (s) have been incorporated. A minimum time limit of one month shall be enforced for resubmission in all such cases.
9. If two of the examiners approve the thesis and one rejects, or vice-versa or if one of the examiners approves the thesis, one rejects and the other asks for revision, the candidate may be permitted for resubmission. However, in such cases, the examiner (s) who have rejected the thesis shall have to be replaced by new examiner (s) while keeping the other examiner (s) the same. A minimum time limit of one month shall be enforced for resubmission in all such cases.
10. If two of the examiners ask for revision and one examiner rejects the thesis or one examiner asks for revision of the thesis and the remaining two reject the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected.
11. In a nutshell, the following are the guidelines for taking further course of action in recommending the thesis for the award of Ph.D. degree.

Sl.No	Recommendation of the adjudicator(s)	Action on the further processing of the thesis
1	All the three adjudicators have recommended for the award of the degree	To constitute Viva-Voce committee
2	One/Two of the three adjudicators has/have recommended for revision of the thesis	To revise the thesis by the scholar on the suggestions of the adjudicator(s) and submit the revised thesis through proper channel certified by Research supervisor.

3	One of the three adjudicators has recommended for rejection of the thesis	To send it to another foreign/out of state/state adjudicator, as the case may be.
4	One adjudicator asks for revision of the thesis and the remaining two reject the thesis	To reject the thesis
5	All of the three adjudicators recommended for rejection of the thesis	To reject the thesis

### 6.8 Expediting evaluation process

1. The University shall develop appropriate methods so as to complete the entire process of evaluation of Ph.D. thesis within a period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis.
2. In case where a foreign examiner is not fixed within 15 days from the date of giving e-mail or has not sent the report within three months from the date of dispatch of the thesis (by airmail), the Vice-Chancellor may consider the change of the foreign adjudicator with another foreign examiner.
6. In case where an Indian adjudicator is not fixed within 15 days from the date of giving e-mail or has not sent the report within two months from the date of dispatch of the thesis (by airmail), the Vice-Chancellor may consider the change of the Indian examiners with another Indian examiner.

### 6.9 Ph.D. Open Viva-Voce examination

- a) The public Viva-Voce of the research scholar to defend the dissertation/thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation report(s) of the external examiner (s) on the dissertation/thesis is/are satisfactory and include a specific recommendation for awarding the Ph.D. Degree.
- b) The Viva-Voce examination, based among other things, on the critiques given in the evaluation report, shall be conducted by the Research Supervisor and at least one of the two Indian external examiners, and shall be open to be attended by Members of the DRC, all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts/ researchers.
- c) The Viva-Voce relating to Ph.D. thesis shall be conducted by a Viva-Voce committee to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. The Viva-Voce committee shall be as follows
  1. Dean of the Faculty- Chairperson
  2. Research Supervisor cum Convener
  3. The Head of the Department (all the concerned Heads, in the case of interdisciplinary).
  4. The Chairperson of the Board of Studies (all the concerned chairpersons, in the case of inter-disciplinary)

5. One of the Indian examiner who adjudicated the thesis (to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor)
  6. If a person occupies all the 1 to 4 positions, the Principal/Rector of the concerned College/University will act as Chairperson of the Viva-Voce committee.
- d) A quorum with a minimum of three members is required. However, one of the Indian Examiner must be present at the viva-voce examination.
  - e) Research supervisor shall be the Convener for Viva-Voce committee. In case of Extramural candidate, the External Research Supervisor and for Part Time candidate the Research Supervisor from the University will be the Convener of the Viva-Voce Committee. Further wherever there is a Co-Research Supervisor, he will also be a member of the Committee.
  - f) In case if the Research Supervisor superannuates from the University service or is on long leave / deputation or cannot attend on any other valid reasons the Co-Research Supervisor/ Chairperson will be the convener.
  - g) The Viva is open to all members of the department and allied departments. The candidate shall have to successfully defend his/her work to the satisfaction of majority members of the Viva-Voce committee.
  - h) A candidate who is not successful at the Viva-Voce may be permitted to take the Viva-Voce for the second time within a period of three months. No candidate shall be permitted to take the Viva-Voce more than twice. If the candidate fails for the second time, the case shall be disposed off by the Vice-Chancellor on its merits.
  - i) After the completion of the Viva-Voce examination, the Convener of the Viva-Voce committee will submit the recommendations along with the Corrected final copy of the thesis in Hard Bound and two soft copies in DVD form for placing them in the University library and on INFLIBNET through UGC, respectively.
  - j) The Ph.D. degree shall be awarded only after uploading of the thesis in INFLIBNET (Shodhganga).

## **7. Self-submission**

Self-submission by the University Faculty for Ph.D. degree is allowed for those having 10 years of teaching experience in the University or its PG Centers as per the submission procedure state above, i.e., duration from the date of registration (part-time), publication of research papers, seminar/conference presentations, plagiarism test, etc.

## **8. Provisional Certificate**

Prior to the actual award of the degree, the degree-awarding Institution shall issue a provisional Certificate to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations, 2016.

## **9. Treatment of Ph.D / M.Phil. through Distance Mode/Part-time**



- a. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other Rule or Regulation, for the time being in force, no University shall conduct M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes through distance education mode.
- b. Part-time Ph.D will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Regulations are met.
- c. Ph.D. degrees which are pursued either full time or part time will be treated as degrees awarded through Regular Mode provided these are in conformity with the existing Statutes/Byelaws/Ordinances etc. of the degree awarding University.

#### **10. List of Research Scholars on website**

The University shall maintain the list of all the M.Phil. / Ph.D. registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, topic of his/her research, name of his/her supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.

#### **11. Depository with SHODHGANGA/ INFLIBNET**

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the M.Phil./Ph.D. degree(s), the Institution concerned shall submit an electronic copy of the M.Phil. dissertation /Ph. D. thesis to the SHODHGANGA / INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.

#### **12. M.Phil./Ph.D. degrees awarded by foreign Universities**

If the M.Phil./Ph.D. degree is awarded by the Foreign University, the Indian Institution considering such a degree shall refer the issue to a Standing Committee constituted by the concerned institution for the purpose of determining the equivalence of the degree awarded by the foreign University.

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