

Academic Regulations

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CHAPTER- 16

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.Phil.) & DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M. Phil.)

- 16.1. A candidate seeking admission to M. Phil. Course must have secured at least 55 % marks (50% for SC/ST/OBC) or 6.0 in CGPA at the Master level in the concerned subject. He/She must pay a fee for the course as notified from time to time.
- 16.2. Admission to M.Phil. course will be on the basis of an Entrance test.
- 16.3. M.Phil. is a regular course of two semesters or one year. However, maximum duration to complete the course will be allowed up to three years with the permission of the Vice-Chancellor under special circumstances. Women candidates and PWD candidates may be allowed a relaxation of one year.
- 16.4. M.Phil. course will be of 26 credits and constitute:
(a) Theory Course.
(b) Dissertation and Viva-Voce.
Theory course will be of three papers in the first semester, each theory paper will be of:
Credits – 4 (Four).
Continuous assessment= 40 %.
End-Semester Exam = 60%.
Each Theory paper will be of 100 Marks.
Dissertation = 150 Marks 12 Credits
Viva-Voce = 50 Marks 2 Credits
Of the Three papers: one will be of Research Methodology, 2nd paper about interdisciplinary topics of the subject concerned and the 3rd paper will be Advances in the concerned specialization related to dissertation. Pass marks will be 50% of Mid-term and end semester examination combined. For the end semester theory examination the paper setter will be external and the evaluation will be done by internal/external examiner appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. The supervisor and topic of dissertation will be allotted by the department council in the beginning of semester. The candidate will give a seminar on the topic of dissertation before the submission of dissertation. The seminar will be evaluated as satisfactory/ unsatisfactory by a committee of 3 teachers of the department including the supervisor of the candidate. The candidate will be asked questions/given suggestions for the refinement of dissertation by the committee. If unsatisfactory the candidate will deliver revised seminar within fortnight. M.Phil Scholar will present at least one research paper in a conference/seminar.
- 16.5. Four copies of the dissertation with requisite fee will be submitted to Secrecy wing of Examination branch for evaluation.
- 16.6. Medium of examination shall be the concerned language in case of language subjects otherwise English for all other subjects.
- 16.7. The dissertation will be of 150 marks followed by Viva-Voce of 50 marks. The dissertation will be evaluated by external examiner from outside the University who will submit a report on the dissertation and shall either approve/disapprove or

- recommend revision. If the dissertation is approved Viva-Voce will be conducted by examiners. If the examiner report mentions revision of dissertation then the candidate will submit the revised form of dissertation for evaluation. In case dissertation is rejected, it shall be sent to another examiner for evaluation. If it is rejected by the second examiner also, the candidature of the candidate stands cancelled. Viva-Voce will be conducted by the board of examiners consisting of the External Examiner, Supervisor of the candidate and the Chairperson of the department. The external examiner for evaluation of dissertation will be appointed by Vice-Chancellor of a panel of three examiners submitted by department council in consultation with the supervisor.
- 16.8. Pass percentage in course work, dissertation and the Viva-Voce shall be 55% or equivalent in grade point. Candidate scoring CGPA 7.0 will be placed in First Division and with CGPA 8.0 and above in first division with distinction.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)

- 16.9. The procedure for the award of Ph.D. degree is in conformity with the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for the award of Ph.D. degree) Regulation, 2016.
- 16.10. A candidate seeking admission to Ph.D. must have secured at least 55% marks (50% for SC/ST) at Master level in the concerned subject. He / She will pay the required fee.
- 16.11. Admission to Ph.D. programme shall be through Entrance Test except to those who have qualified UGC-NET/CSIR(JRF,NET)/SLET/GATE/ direct awardees of DST/ICMR/DRDO/INSPIRE/Rajiv Gandhi National fellowship. Candidates who have completed their M.Phil./ M.Tech./ M.Pharma./ LL.M through entrance examination and course work will also be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.
- 16.12. All candidates will have to go through an interaction/ interview conducted by the concerned departmental council.
- 16.13. Ph.D. programme shall not be conducted through distance education mode.
- 16.14. The supervisor for a selected candidate will be allotted by the Standing Committee according to the research interest of the candidate indicated during interaction and the consent of the supervisor.
- 16.15. The Standing Committee is constituted of:
1. Dean of Faculty – Chairman.
2. Chairperson of Department.
3. All Professors in the Department.
4. One Associate Professor by seniority for 2 years.
5. One Assistant Professor by seniority for 2 years.
Standing Committee will permit the enrolment of the candidate for Ph.D.
- 16.16. A teacher of the University holding Ph.D. degree will only be eligible to be Supervisor. A Research Supervisor/Co-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. An Associate Professor as Supervisor can guide upto a maximum of two M.Phil. and six Ph.D.

scholars and an Assistant Professor as Supervisor can guide upto one M.Phil. and four Ph.D. scholars. For interdisciplinary research there may be Supervisor from the department and Co-Supervisor of the other department of the University in which a part of research work is carried. A teacher up to the age of 70 years can be allotted students for Ph.D. programme.

- 16.17. After joining Ph.D. programme the candidate shall undertake a course work for a minimum period of one semester. The course work will include Three papers, one on research methodology, second in the subject concerned and third in the discipline of concerned research work as also given under 16.4 for M.Phil. Programme
- 16.18. Students will have to qualify in the course with 55% marks or equivalent in grade point.
- 16.19. The students who have already done equivalent course work during M.Phil./ M.Tech./ M.Pharma/LL.M. need not do the same again.
- 16.20. The Research Degree Committee (RDC) for each subject shall consist of:
1. Dean of faculty – Chairman.
 2. Chairperson and all Professors of the department.
 3. Up to three subject experts nominated by Vice-Chancellor.
 4. Supervisor of the candidate concerned.
- 16.21. With in one and half years of enrollment the candidate through the Supervisor and Chairperson of the department will submit his/her plan of research work in the form of synopsis to RDC at an open seminar in the department. If synopsis is approved the candidate is registered and the Title of Ph.D. Thesis is approved. If required Research Degree Committee may ask the candidate to submit the revised synopsis with modifications or require another plan to be submitted.
- 16.22. Ph.D. scholar shall submit a six monthly progress report (through Supervisor and Chairperson) to Research Degree Committee. Approval of RDC is required for continued registration of the candidate to Ph.D. programme.
- 16.23. A candidate may submit the Ph.D. Thesis after three years from the date of enrollment (two years in case of scholars who have previously obtained M.Phil./M.Tech./M.Pharma./LL.M.). Maximum time limit will be eight years. After three years extension on year basis will be given by Vice-Chancellor only on the recommendation of Supervisor and Chairperson. Women candidates and PWD candidates may be allowed a relaxation of one year.
- 16.24. Prior to submission of thesis, the candidate shall make a pre-Ph.D. presentation in the department that may be open to all faculty members and students.
- 19.25. Ph.D. candidate shall publish one research paper in the referred journal and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of thesis and produce evidence for the same in the form of reprints or acceptance letter and paper presentation certificate.
- 16.26. A candidate is required to submit four hardcopies of the thesis along with softcopy of the thesis in CD as PDF file to the examination branch (Thesis Section).
- 16.27. Thesis must accompany a certificate from the supervisor that the research work is original and is worthy of consideration for the award of Ph.D. degree of Abhilashi University. The candidate having done dissertation in M.Phil./ M.Tech./M.Pharma./LL.M. may extend/continue with the same research problem during Ph.D.

- 16.28. The Thesis submitted by a candidate shall be evaluated by at least two examiners, out of which at least one shall be from outside Himachal Pradesh or country. The panel of at least six examiners of Professor Level is submitted by Research Degree Committee in consultation with the Supervisor of the candidate and the Vice-Chancellor will appoint the two examiners out of the panel submitted.
- 16.29. Each examiner shall separately evaluate the Thesis and recommend that either the thesis be accepted in its present form or candidate required to re-submit his/her thesis in a revised and improved form or thesis be rejected.
- 16.30. The report of the examiner shall be placed before a committee consisting of Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson of the department and Supervisor of the candidate. If it is found that both the examiners have recommended that the thesis be accepted for the award of Ph.D. degree, the candidate shall be called for an oral test (Public Viva-Voce) by two examiners one of whom shall be the supervisor of the candidate and the other the examiner appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to defend the thesis. On satisfactory completion of Viva-Voce the degree may be awarded.
- 16.31. If one of the examiners recommends for re-submission of thesis with necessary changes, then the candidate shall be asked to do the needful and on receiving the corrected thesis the same shall be submitted to the concerned examiner.
- 16.32. If one of the examiners recommends that the thesis be rejected then the thesis shall be referred to the third examiner whose recommendation shall be final and further action be taken accordingly.
- 16.33. A candidate whose thesis is rejected shall not be registered again for the Ph.D. degree with the same research specialization.
- 16.34. The report of the oral examination shall be placed before the Board of Management only when the thesis is recommended for the award of Ph.D. degree.
- 16.35. Controller of Examination shall notify the result after the formal approval of Board of Management.
- 16.36. Every candidate shall give an undertaking that he/she will not, without the permission of the University, publish the thesis except in parts to be published in scholarly journals.
- 16.37. Following the successful completion of evaluation process and before the announcement of award an electronic copy of the thesis be submitted to INFLIBNET for hosting.
- 16.38. Prior to the actual award of degree the University shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of UGC Regulations, 2016.
- 16.39. All the UGC regulations published in the Gazette of India No. 28 dated July 11 – July 17, 2009, part – III section – 4 and No. 2781 dated July 5, 2016 as amended from time to time shall be applicable for the award of Ph.D. degree after issuing necessary notification by the University in this regard.

