

9. Evaluation and Assessment Methods

- (a) Upon successful completion of the course work, the student shall undertake research work and produce a draft thesis within a minimum period of two years. The Ph. D. Scholar shall put in attendance of at least 200 days in an attendance register kept with the supervisor.
- (b) Each student pursuing PhD research work shall have to
 - i. submit a progress report every six months through supervisor to the Dean, PG Studies;
 - ii. make a presentation after completion of every year before the departmental committee about the work done;
- (c) Prior to the submission of the thesis, each student shall make a pre-Ph. D. Presentation in the Department that may be open to all faculty members and research scholars. Feedback received after such presentation may be incorporated into the draft thesis only with the consent of the supervisor.
- (d) Ph. D. candidates shall publish one research paper in a refereed journal, before the submission of the thesis for evaluation, and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or the reprint.
- (e) The thesis produced by the Ph. D. scholar shall be evaluated by at least two experts, out of which at least one shall be from outside the State. Two months before the submission of the thesis, the supervisor shall submit a panel of examiners to the Dean, PG Studies in a prescribed Performa along with an abstract of the thesis (both hard & soft copy) as given by the Ph. D. scholar. The Dean, PG Studies shall recommend it to the Vice Chancellor for appointment of two experts out of a panel of six examiners submitted by the supervisor. Out of the six examiners at least three shall be university professors. However, no examiner may be kept in the panel who is less than the rank of Associate Professor. Out of the six examiners, at least three examiners should be from institutions located in different states of the country to reflect all India character of the panel of experts.

The examiners shall examine the thesis and shall submit their reports in a prescribed Performa independently within 2 months of the receipt of the same by them.

- (g) (i) If all the examiners unanimously recommend acceptance of the thesis, viva-voce examination of the candidate shall be arranged. The report of
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the external examiners will be sent to the supervisor well in advance of the viva-voce examination.

- (ii) If both examiners express their inability to conduct viva-voce examination due to any reason, on satisfaction of the Dean, PG Studies, a third examiner may be appointed out of the panel to conduct the viva-voce.
 - (iii) The viva-voce examination (as per academic council resolution no 14 dated 25.05.2012 Viva Voce to be conducted by a board consisting of Faculty Chairman, Head of the Department, Supervisor and two professors from Department/sister departments/other institutions nominated by the Vice-Chancellor) shall be held in all cases through a formal presentation by the candidate which shall be open to the teachers and research scholars from the university departments and the affiliated colleges, who may attend the viva-voce examination as observers at their own expense. Open discussion may be encouraged after completion of the formal viva-voce by the examiner.
 - (iv) If the performance of the candidate at the viva-voce examination is not satisfactory, he/she may be permitted to reappear for the viva-voce examination within one month on payment of prescribed fee. When an examiner offers some specific comments which need change or modification in the text, it should be done before the second viva-voce is held.
 - (v) If there is a divergence of opinion, the report of the examiners will be circulated to one another with a view to bring unanimity. If unanimity is not achieved, the thesis will be referred to a third examiner out of the panel submitted by the supervisor and the decision of the majority of the three external examiners shall be final.
 - (vi) A candidate is permitted to resubmit the thesis in a revised form on payment of all the prescribed fees not earlier than six months and not later than two years. The revised thesis shall be referred to those examiners who recommended revision, for their opinion.
 - (vii) For any matter not covered by the above rules decision of the PGRB shall be final.
 - (h) The reports on the thesis and the viva-voce examination will be placed before the Vice-Chancellor for approval
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- (i) The report of the examiners may be supplied to the supervisor / candidate concerned on written request after the conferment of the degree by the Board of Management against a prescribed fee of Rs 500/-
- (j) Immediately after completion of the Viva-Vice examination, a soft copy of the thesis in MS Word format (which will be converted to a PDF format by the University Computer Centre) to the University Computer Centre for depositing the thesis in the repository of UGC INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad and publishing on the University website. A Digital Object Index number issued by the University Computer Centre on a prescribed format must be submitted by the candidate while applying for provisional degree. The provisional degree will be issued only after seven days from the date of submission of soft copy in the University Computer Centre.

Various fees to be charged for Ph. D. registration, thesis examination, etc. are as under:

(Revised rates)

1. Application form fee including fee for entrance examination : Rs 500/-
2. Ph. D. registration fee : Rs. 5,000/-
3. Extension fee for one year period (fifth Year) : Rs. 3000/-
4. Last extension (sixth year) : Rs 5000/-
5. Ph. D. thesis examination fee : Rs. 10,000/-

Format for outline of proposed research work, declaration by the candidate and certificate by the supervisor, thesis title page in English and Hindi are enclosed as A-1,A-2 B-1(in English), B-2(in Hindi) and C. Revised Ph. D. Registration Form is also enclosed.

Enclosure format A-1,A-2, B-1 and C are to be kept with candidate for future use.

- (k) The examination for M.Phil programme will be conducted by the University as per the prescribed rules.
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