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NOTIFICATION

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the Deans’ Committee in its meeting held on 04.01.2024 has approved the Ordinance for Ph.D. Examination under Section 11(5) of the K.U. Act & Statutes, 1986 in anticipation of the approval of the Academic Council/Executive Council as per Annexure-I w.e.f. the Session 2023-24.

Further necessary action may please be taken accordingly.

REGISTRAR

Endst. No. ACR-I/Ph.D./24/785-854

Dated: 29.01.2024

Copy of the above alongwith Annexure I is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action: -

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**Ordinance
For
Doctorate of Philosophy
As per UGC Regulations, 2022**

(w.e.f. the Session 2023-24)

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1.	Short Title, Application and Commencement
1.1	These Regulations shall be called Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degrees Regulations, 2023 of Kurukshetra University.
1.2	These Regulations shall apply to Kurukshetra University (Established by the State Legislative Act XII of 1956) and its affiliated Colleges/ Institutes/ Departments/ School/ Centres.
1.3	These Regulations shall come into force from the date of notification by the Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.
1.4	The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) may be awarded in any Faculty of the Kurukshetra University subject to general guidance of the Academic Council and general control of the Faculty concerned.
1.5	<p>The student registered in a Ph.D. Programme shall be called as Research Scholar. There shall be two categories of research scholars; Full time and Part time.</p> <p>Full time scholars will remain present in the university or earmarked institutions for conducting their research work minimum for a period as mandated under stay conditions as per clause 2.8.</p> <p>The scholars getting fellowships will have to remain on campus or at earmarked institutions throughout their research work during their fellowship period subject to the fulfillment of condition of stay period.</p> <p>Part time scholars will be full time working professionals with minimum two years of experience in teaching, research, industry, government departments/offices, teachers and staff of Kurukshetra University.</p>
2.	Eligibility Conditions and Important Rules
2.1	A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.
2.1.1	A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/DSC/BC (Block A&B) (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-Abled/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) of Haryana.
2.1.2	<p>Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree programme Honours with Research programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/DSC/BC (Block A&B) (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-Abled/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) of Haryana.</p> <p>Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/DSC/BC (Block A&B) (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-Abled/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) of Haryana.</p>

2.2	Provided further that a candidate seeking admission on a topic in Classical Indian Philosophy involving some particular Philosophical text in Sanskrit, shall also be required to have passed a Diploma course in Sanskrit if the candidate did not have Sanskrit at B.A. or M.A. Level.
2.3	For calculating percentage of marks for Master's Degree in the case of Education and Library & Information Science, percentage marks obtained in B.Ed. + M.Ed. (when each is a one year course) and B.Lib.Sc. + M.Lib.Sc. (when each is a one year course) shall be halved.
	In addition to above, two years' experience, as a full time employee, is required for admission to Part Time Ph.D. programme.
2.4	An applicant who is in employment will submit Application Form through his/her employer. If applicant joins service after submission of Application Form, shall also submit No Objection Certificate (NOC) from his/her employer before his/her enrolment. In case, Research Scholar joins service after the enrolment in Ph.D. course, he/she will have to submit an application to the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute to seek permission from the competent authority of the University, subject to fulfillment of stay condition required under clause 2.8 as the case may be for full time/part time scholars.
2.5	The regular or contractual/hired employees (both teaching & administrative staff) who are working in different Institutions/Departments/maintained Colleges on the campus of University as well as in affiliated Colleges of Kurukshetra University and intend to do Ph.D. Course, would be governed by the established rules and regulations, instructions of employment of the Kurukshetra University in addition to fulfillment of the provisions under Clause 2.4.
2.6	It will be the responsibility of the candidate to ensure his/her eligibility and fulfillment of such other condition(s) as may be prescribed for admission in the rules and regulations of the University. The admission to Ph.D. programme will be done in order of merit and subject to availability of seat(s) and expert(s) for guidance/supervision in the area of research. Before submission of Application Form, the candidate is required to ascertain these facts from the concerned Department/Institute. Merely qualifying the entrance test or having qualified under exempted category will not <i>ipso-facto</i> entitle a candidate to get himself/herself enrolled for Ph.D. course in the concerned Department/Institute.
2.7	The candidate(s) pursuing M.Phil. Course, if otherwise eligible, may submit his/her application form for admission to Ph.D. course. The admission of candidate shall be considered provisionally if his/her M.Phil. Dissertation has been got evaluated and viva-voce is pending. His/her case for Ph.D. registration will be recommended to the PGBOS of the concerned Department/Institute after viva-voce examination and successful completion of M.Phil. Course.
2.8	After approval of the research topic by the concerned Board of Studies, the full time Research Scholar shall have to stay for a minimum period of Two years (including field work) in the concerned Department/Institute at Kurukshetra University or at Institute/college recognized by the University (See Appendix) to pursue his/her research work. One year shall be considered as minimum 180 days. However, in exceptional genuine cases, DRAC may recommend the relaxation in minimum stay condition on the request of the candidate, duly recommended by the supervisor, to the PGBOS for its approval. Provided further that such relaxation can't exceed 90 days in total.
2.8.1	All research scholars, who are getting any kind of fellowship/scholarship/stipend or financial aids for doing Ph.D., shall have to mark their attendance regularly in the department/college/institute subject to leave rules of funding agencies/University.
2.8.2	The Research Supervisor of the Research Scholar shall maintain the attendance record of stay period of the full time/part time Research Scholar in respective Department/Institute. For part time scholars, Supervisor will submit that requisite contact hours (i.e. 90 hours per semester) at Kurukshetra University campus are fulfilled.

2.8.3	Fulfillment of stay condition shall be certified by the Research Supervisor of the Research Scholar on the basis of attendance record maintained by the Research Supervisor in the Form for Appointment of Examiners for Verification of Particulars as required under Clause 15.5.
3.	Procedure of Admission
3.1	<p>Kurukshetra University shall notify predetermined total seats (as per Clause 8.1) to be filled up by each Department/Institute on annual basis primarily for exempted category candidates-viz., UGC-JRF or Joint CSIR-UGC JRF (with validity period) / UGC-NET or Joint CSIR-UGC NET / Teacher Fellowship holder/ DST Inspire fellow / GATE / GPAT (with validity period) candidates in the main subject and the seats for part time Ph.D. candidates. The vacant seats, if any, out of exempted category candidates shall be filled through Entrance Test.</p> <p>The admission through exempted category shall be applicable for the candidates of the main Subject Only.</p>
3.1.1	<p>The Staff Council of the Department/Institute will recommend the predetermined seats (Subject/Specialization and category wise) for Ph.D. Admission subject to availability of experts for guidance, supervision in the area of research. Haryana State Reservation policy, published by the University in the HBI of the University and instructions from time to time, will apply for deciding category wise seats.</p> <p>At any point of time, a teacher who is eligible to supervise Ph.D. candidate, should have minimum 50% of the sanctioned intake for that teacher. In the subsequent years, 50% of vacant seats should be declared vacant for admission to Ph.D. course by the teacher.</p> <p>Provided further that the above condition for minimum number of vacant seats shall not be applicable for a teacher whose retirement is due in 2 years.</p>
3.2	<p>The admission to Ph. D. programme will be given in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Admission under Exempted Category b) Admission through Entrance Test c) Admission for Part Time Ph.D. programme
3.2.1	The admission in Ph.D. Course under exempted category shall be made in order of merit and preference subject to availability of seat(s) and expert(s) for guidance/supervision in the area of research as per Clause 5 of the Ph.D. Ordinance.
3.3	The vacant seats, if any, out of exempted category candidates shall be filled through Entrance Test. All eligible applicants can take admissions through Entrance Test. There will be single entrance test for Main and Allied Subjects.
3.3.1	The admission under Entrance Test category shall be made in order of merit and preference, subject to availability of seats and experts for guidance /supervision in the area of Research (as per Clause 6.11 of the Ph.D. Ordinance)
3.3.2	A candidate may apply for admission to Ph.D. Course (through Entrance Test) in the main subject (in which he/she has passed his/her Master's Degree) as well as allied subjects, if any. A list of concerned allied subjects duly recommended by the Departmental Research Advisory Committee, Deans' Committee and approved by the Vice-Chancellor shall be placed at the University website.
3.3.3	Part time candidates will apply against seats available for part time Ph.D. and admission will be given in order of merit as per criteria specified in Clause 6.12 subject to fulfillment of eligibility conditions.
3.4	The candidate shall apply online for admission on the University website or in a manner prescribed by the University from time to time.

3.5	The Application Forms along with required Fee shall be submitted online by the last date as notified by the University. After last date, if permitted the Application Form can be submitted along with a late fee as prescribed and notified by the University.
3.6	For the Application Form for admission to Ph.D. Programme where result of qualifying exam has been declared late, the candidate may submit a copy of Detailed Marks Card (DMC) of main/allied subject with grand total or copy of any other required document as per schedule notified, failing which his/her Application Form for admission to Ph.D. course will not be considered.
4.	Duration
4.1	Ph.D. course shall be for a minimum duration of 3 (Three) years for scholars including coursework and a maximum of 6 (Six) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
4.2	Every Research Scholar shall submit his/her Thesis within a period of 6 (Six) years from the date of his/her enrolment for Ph.D. Course, but not before 3 (Three) years including coursework. If a Research Scholar fails to submit his/her Thesis within a period of 6 (Six) years, his/her registration will stand automatically cancelled (subject to Clauses 4.3, 4.4 & 4.5).
4.3	The period of 6 (Six) years for submission of Ph.D. Thesis by a Research Scholar may be extended, <i>in exceptional cases</i> , for a maximum of 2 (two) years on yearly basis by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the Standing Committee which will consider the recommendations of the Research Supervisor(s) and the Departmental Research Advisory Committee (DRAC), with an extra fee as prescribed and notified by the University time to time. Thereafter, no extension of period for submission of Ph.D. Thesis in any case shall be allowed. The total period of completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in Ph.D. programme. However after completion of extension period conditions of re-registration mentioned in clause 9.4 shall be applied.
4.4	The woman or persons with disabilities (more than 40% disability) Research Scholars may be allowed an additional relaxation of 2 (Two) years by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the Standing Committee which will consider the recommendations of the Research Supervisor and Departmental Research Advisory Committee. The total period of completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten(10) years from the date of admission in Ph.D. programme. However after completion of extension period conditions of re-registration mentioned in clause 9.4 shall be applied.
4.5	<p>The woman Research Scholar may be allowed Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for upto 240 days in the entire duration of Ph.D. Course which shall not be counted in the stipulated period of 6 (Six) years for submission of Ph.D. thesis, subject to production of maternity certificate from a registered Nursing Home/Govt. Hospital and the Child Care Leave may be allowed to the woman Research Scholar for her child upto the age of 10 years on valid grounds with documentary proof.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maternity leaves/ Child Care Leave may be combined with leave of any kind admissible to Research Scholar. Maternity and Child Care leave will not lead to exemption of coursework including attendance and mandatory stay period. 2. Maternity leave also be granted to Research Scholar in case of miscarriage, including abortion, subject to the condition that the leave, applied for, does not exceed 6 weeks and the application is supported by a medical certificate. 3. Research Scholar shall apply for Child Care leave in advance through Chairperson forwarded by the Guide for approval of competent authority.

4.6	In case of relocation of woman Research Scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate or <i>vice-versa</i> , provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in a letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/research supervisor from any funding Agency. The Research Scholar will, however, give due credit to the Research Supervisor and the parent institution for the part of research work already done. Such research scholar will also be eligible for University Scholarship. The submission of Thesis by the Research Scholar shall be as per provisions of Ph.D. Ordinance of K.U.K.				
5.	Admission of Exempted Category Candidates				
5.1	A candidate who qualifies either of the following is considered for admission under exempted category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) UGC-JRF or Joint CSIR-UGC JRF in the main subject (with validity period) b) UGC-NET or Joint CSIR-UGC NET/Teacher Fellowship holder/ DST Inspire fellow (with validity period) in the main Subject c) GATE (with validity period)/ GPAT (with validity period) in the main subject. The admission through exempted category shall be applicable in the main Subject Only				
5.2	Criteria for Preparation of Merit List for Admission:				
5.2.1	Merit list shall be prepared on the following basis: <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Master's Degree % of Marks</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weightage for Qualifying Examination from K.U.K (over and above)</td> <td>05 Marks</td> </tr> </table> <p>However, preference for admission will be given in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Candidates with UGC-JRF or Joint CSIR-UGC JRF in the main subject (with validity period) (ii) Candidates with UGC-NET or Joint CSIR-UGC NET/Teacher Fellowship Holder/ DST Inspire Fellow (with validity period) in the main subject (iii) Candidates with GATE (with validity period)/ GPAT (with validity period) in the main subject. <p>Note: If a candidate qualifies UGC-JRF/NET or Joint CSIR-UGC JRF/NET in a reserved category, then that candidate can be considered against unreserved category seat if his/her score of JRF/NET is greater than or equal to the cut-off score of JRF/NET of unreserved category for that year for that examination.</p>	Master's Degree % of Marks	100%	Weightage for Qualifying Examination from K.U.K (over and above)	05 Marks
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5.3	All fellowship holders under UGC-JRF or Joint CSIR-UGC JRF (with validity period) / UGC-NET or Joint CSIR-UGC NET/Teacher fellowship holder/ DST Inspire fellow (with validity period)/GATE (with validity period) are required to give an Undertaking at the time of enrollment to Ph.D. Course that he/she will join for Fellowship after enrollment, failing which his/her admission will be cancelled by the concerned Chairperson/Director of Department/ Institute. However, this shall not apply to GATE and GPAT candidates who are not getting fellowships for Ph.D.				
6.	Admission through Entrance Test				
6.1	Kurukshetra University shall hold programme-wise single Entrance Test in main subject only (for main and allied subjects) as per schedule notified every year subject to availability of seats.				
6.2	The Controller of Examinations will conduct the Ph.D. Entrance Test. Examination centres will be created in the University by the Controller of Examinations. Examination of Entrance Test will be held as per schedule notified by the University.				

6.3	<p>The Entrance Test Paper will consist of Objective type questions as per following scheme:</p> <p>Marks: 200 Number of MCQ Questions: 100 Total Duration: 2 (Two) hours without any break.</p> <p>Syllabus: The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of up to 50% of Research methodology and remaining shall be subject specific. Syllabus of the Entrance Test will be available on the university website. There shall be no negative marking.</p>
6.4	<p>The Departmental Research Advisory Committee shall recommend and supply to the Controller of Examinations, a panel of 10 external experts along with a copy of the syllabi of the concerned subjects. Two question papers will be got prepared by the Controller of Examinations from the Expert(s) as approved by the Vice-Chancellor.</p>
6.5	<p>Setting of question paper of the of Ph.D. Entrance Test will be based on the syllabi as approved by the Departmental Research Advisory Committee of the concerned department/Institute and syllabus shall be placed on the website of University.</p>
6.6	<p>The candidate will be required to secure 50% marks in Entrance Test for being eligible for admission to Ph. D. programme. Provided that a relaxation of 5% marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/DSC/BC (Block A&B) (non-creamy layers)/Differently-abled/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) of Haryana in the entrance test conducted by the University. Provided further, that, if in spite of the above relaxation, the seats allotted for SC/ST/BC (Block A&B) (non-creamy layers)/Differently-abled/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of Haryana remain unfilled, the University shall launch a Special Admission Drive, for that particular category within one month from the date of closure of admissions of General Category.</p>
6.7	<p>Evaluation of Entrance Test will be got done by a committee consisting of the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute, Controller of Examinations or his nominee and one member to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>In case, if any question is cancelled at the stage of Evaluation, then grace marks will be given to all the candidates.</p>
6.8	<p>Result of Entrance Test shall be notified by the Controller of Examinations on the Website of Kurukshetra University.</p>
6.9	<p>The examination fee for Entrance Test will be as determined and notified by the University from time-to-time.</p>
6.10	<p>There will be no provision for re-evaluation of answer books for the paper of Ph.D. Entrance Test.</p>

6.11	<p>Criteria for preparation of merit list for Admission in respect of Entrance Test Category:</p> <p>Merit points out of 125 (Academic (100) + Weightage (25)) to prepare merit list are to be computed as under:</p> <p>Academic: Maximum Marks: 100</p> <p>Marks in Academic are to be computed as under:</p> <p>(a) Percentage marks in qualifying examination X 50/100</p> <p>(b) Percentage marks in qualifying Entrance Test X 50/100</p> <p>Weightage (a to c): Maximum Marks: 25</p> <p>Additional Weightage marks are to be computed as under:</p> <p>(a) Additional Weightage I</p> <p>Whichever is higher out of i, ii, iii, and iv given below:</p> <p>(i) JRF in main subject/allied subject/DST Inspire Fellow (with valid Fellowship offer)/ Teacher Fellowship Holder (with validity period): 20 Marks OR</p> <p>(ii) NET/SLET /M.Phil. Degree holder/ in Main Subject /GATE (with validity period)/ GPAT (with validity period): 15 Marks OR</p> <p>(iii) NET/SLET/M.Phil. Degree in allied subject: 10 Marks OR</p> <p>(iv) JRF/SRF/RF/RA in project in KUK</p> <p>a) If candidate is in project for less than or equal to one year: 5 Marks</p> <p>b) If candidate is in project for more than one year: 10 Marks</p> <p>(Such student shall continue to work in research projects and the area of their Ph.D. work shall be similar to the projects work)</p> <p>(b) Additional Weightage II</p> <p>Regular/Approved Teacher of Kurukshetra University or its affiliated Govt./ Govt. Added College/ Self-Financing affiliated Colleges: 5 Marks (1 mark per year for consecutive teaching experience up to maximum of 5 marks shall be given) OR</p> <p>Regular Scientist of National Research Laboratory (approved by Govt. Of India/State Govt.): 5 Marks</p> <p>(c) Additional Weightage III</p> <p>Qualifying Examination from K.U.K.: 5 Marks</p>
6.12	<p>Criteria for Preparation of Merit List for Part Time Candidates</p> <p>Written Test: 70 Marks</p> <p>A subjective and/or objective written test based on prescribed syllabus will be conducted and evaluated by the DRAC of the concerned Department/Institute.</p> <p>The candidate will be required to secure 50% marks in Entrance Test for being eligible for admission to Ph. D. programme. Provided that a relaxation of 5% marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/DSC/BC (Block A & B) (non-creamy layers)/Differently-abled/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) of Haryana in the entrance test conducted by the University.</p> <p>Experience: 30 Marks</p> <p>1 mark each for valid experience of 6 months. The level and duration of experience will be decided by the DRAC.</p>

6.13	<p>(i) When the CGPA is given in the qualifying examination of a candidate, then the candidate will have to provide the document(s) from the concerned university supporting the conversion formula to compute percentage marks from CGPA. In the absence of conversion formula the CGPA shall be multiplied by 9 to obtain the equivalent percentage by default. In cases when both CGPA as well as obtained marks are provided, then CGPA shall be considered to compute the percentage marks.</p> <p>(ii) In case of a tie, conflict shall be resolved on the basis of age of the candidate. Senior in age shall be given the preference.</p>
7.	Departmental Research Advisory Committee (DRAC) and its Functions
7.1	<p>The Departmental Research Advisory Committee shall consist of:</p> <p>The Chairperson/Director and all the Professors including SFS of the Department/Institute</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The Chairperson/Director and three senior most teachers having Ph.D. degree including SFS, in case the number of Professors in the Department/Institute is less than three. If the required number of teacher(s) is not available in the Department/Institute, the Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute may recommend the name(s) of eligible teacher(s) from the allied/related subject(s) from within the University Teaching Department(s)/Institute(s) as member(s) of Departmental Research Advisory Committee for approval of the Vice-Chancellor.</p>
7.2	<p>The Admission Committee of the concerned Departments/Institutes shall scrutinize the application forms, documents, eligibility, prepare merit list and admission list etc. In accordance with the provisions of the Ph.D. Ordinance for notification by the Chairperson/ Directors of the UTDs/Institutes in consideration with the members of DRAC.</p>
7.3	<p>DRAC shall recommend a list of allied subjects for Ph.D. admissions through Entrance Test.</p>
7.4	<p>DRAC will frame the syllabi for Entrance Test. The Syllabi shall be based on compulsory (main) subject as for Master Degree of Kurukshetra University.</p>
7.5	<p>The DRAC will scrutinize the applications of the enrolled students through counselling to allot the eligible research supervisor(s) on merit and based on the research interests of the student for Coursework mentioned in the application form or at the time of counseling of the applicant as per Clause 10.1 of this ordinance. The DRAC shall consider the following aspects, viz. whether:</p>
7.5.1	<p>The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;</p>
7.5.2	<p>The research work can be suitably undertaken at the Department/Institute/earmarked institutes; (see appendix)</p>
7.5.3	<p>The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.</p>
7.6	<p>The DRAC will periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Research Scholar.</p>
7.7	<p>It will review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research.</p>
7.8	<p>It will guide the Research Scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research, and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.</p>
7.9	<p>The DRAC shall invite Research Supervisor of the Research Scholars to its meetings where the matter of his/her Research Scholar is involved.</p>

8.	Process of Admissions
8.1	The reservation shall be applicable for admission in Ph.D. course as per State reservation policy published in the University HBI and the instructions issued from time to time by the Govt. of Haryana while preparing the merit list. Each Department/Institute of Kurukshetra University will maintain the roster of reservation of seats category-wise in fraction in Roster Register.
8.2	Process of admissions in Ph.D. course shall be completed as per schedule notified by the University. No admission shall be allowed after the last date notified for admission in Ph.D. course. However, the Vice-Chancellor may allow admission in Ph.D. course in exceptional case on the recommendations of Standing Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.
9.	Enrolment/Registration/Re-Registration
9.1	The candidate who falls in merit list for admission to Ph.D. course in the concerned Department/Institute shall be permitted to deposit his/her enrolment fee as prescribed by the University.
9.2	The candidate shall be considered enrolled provisionally for Ph.D. course from the date of deposit of the enrolment fee. The date of provisional enrolment will be considered as the date of provisional Registration of a Research Scholar in the concerned Department/Institute. However, provisional enrolment/registration to Ph.D. course of a Research Scholar may be cancelled at any stage, if he/she is found ineligible for admission to Ph.D. course.
9.3	The provisional registration of the Research Scholar shall be finally approved by the respective Board of Studies of the Department/Institute on fulfillment of the conditions laid down in the Ph.D. Ordinance.
9.4	<p>Re-registration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In case of cancelled registration, re-registration may be allowed subject to the availability of Research Supervisor in the concerned Department/Institute. 2. Re-registration can be requested by submitting an application to the Department for consideration of DRAC. 3. The re-registered candidate will submit thesis under prevailing rules of the Ph.D. in the University. 4. DRAC will examine appropriateness of existing topic for research work and may recommend change in case of outdated/not relevant research proposal. 5. Re-registered student shall pay a fee as prescribed by the University from time to time as re-registration fee and others/ annual fees as per prevailing university rules. 6. After re-registration rules of submission of thesis will be as for fresh registration. However, re-registered candidates can submit thesis after one year if no major change in topic is made. 7. DRAC will complete all the formalities of re-registration and allotment of guide etc.

10.	Allocation of Seats, Research Supervisors Area and Title of Research
10.1	<p>The allocation of seats with the Research Supervisors will be as per number of notified seats available with them in view of the available laboratory/infrastructure, specialization among the eligible research supervisors, and the research interest of the Research Scholar as indicated during counseling before the DRAC. The Supervisor shall be provisionally allotted within a month from the date of enrolment of Research Scholar. DRAC shall recommend/forward the application(s) and the area/topic of research to the Board of Studies within a month after passing the course work.</p> <p>Applications of candidates regarding proposed area of research after qualifying the Ph.D. coursework and of those exempted from Ph.D. coursework will be placed before the Departmental Research Advisory Committee for examining through seminar and counselling to test the applicants to probe their knowledge in area to determine their suitability and satisfy itself that the proposed area can be pursued for research by the applicant in the Institute/Department. The applicant(s) will submit a proposed research plan for Ph.D. Course at the time of Pre-Registration Seminar. The final title of Thesis is to be allotted as per clause 15.4. The presence of the Dean of Faculty concerned or Dean, Research and Development or Dean, Academic Affairs or their nominee shall be necessary when a pre-registration seminar is conducted.</p>
10.2	<p>The Post-graduate Board of Studies shall decide the case of registration as it deems fit and shall approve the topic of research and the name of the Research Supervisor(s) recommended by the Departmental Research Advisory Committee either from the Department/Institute of the University or from a recognized College of Kurukshetra University. If DRAC considers appropriate to appoint a Research Co-Supervisor in the research/ academic interest of the Research Scholar, the reason for recommendation of Research Co-Supervisor will be recorded in the proceedings.</p>
10.3	<p>The concerned Department/Institute shall maintain the list of all the Ph.D. registered Research Scholars on the Website of Kurukshetra University on year basis. The list shall include the name of the registered Research Scholars, topic of his/her research, name of research supervisor/co-research supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.</p>
10.4	<p>The Research Scholar shall submit her/his synopsis in the language in which he/she will submit his/her Thesis. PG Board of Studies shall approve the topic of Research in English language and Hindi Language or the language in which Thesis is to be submitted.</p>
10.5	<p>The Research Scholar exempted from coursework shall submit synopsis to deliver pre-registration seminar within 3 months after his/her enrolment in the Ph.D. course, failing which his/her enrolment to Ph.D. course shall be cancelled.</p>
10.6	<p>The Research Scholar undergoing coursework shall submit synopsis to deliver pre-registration seminar within 3 months on qualifying his/her course work, failing which his/her enrolment to Ph.D. course shall be cancelled.</p>
10.7	<p>The Post-graduate Board of Studies may allow a topic of Research Scholar to be modified up to two years from the date of its approval.</p>
10.8	<p>A Research Scholar shall not join or continue any other course of study or appear at any examination after his/her enrolment to Ph.D. course till submission of the Ph.D. Thesis. However, the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of DRAC and Supervisor may allow a Research Scholar to appear in an examination or to attend a course in the University/online which is conducive to his or her research and is of minor nature, including improvement of any previous result.</p>

10.9	All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to be trained in teaching /education /pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.
11.	Scheme of Ph.D. Coursework
11.1	The Ph.D. coursework is compulsory for all the Research Scholars (except M.Phil. students exempted as given in Clause 11.12). They shall be required to undertake specified Ph.D. coursework which will be for a minimum period of one semester and will commence as per schedule notified by the University. The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a “Research and Publication Ethics” course as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F.1- 1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course. The Research Advisory Committee can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.
11.2	The Ph.D. coursework is a one semester course. 75% attendance for the Ph.D. coursework will be compulsory during the whole semester. No exemption in minimum required 75% attendance will be admissible in the Ph.D. coursework. However the coursework can be offered in blended mode by the concerned department with upto 40% in online mode as decided by the staff council in view of nature of subject. However coursework exams will be in offline mode.
11.3	If a Research Scholar fails to attend his/ her classes continuously for seven days from the date of commencement of the Ph.D. coursework classes, his/her admission shall be cancelled. His/her admission will be revived only once on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Advisory Committee only in the following week of his/her absence on the request of the student to the concerned Chairperson/Director, giving valid reason of absence with documentary proof along with a fine as prescribed by the university.
11.4	If found necessary, Ph.D. coursework may be carried out by a Research Scholar in a sister Department/Institute of the Faculty or a National Laboratory/ Organization on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Advisory Committee and approval of the Vice-Chancellor provided that Syllabus and Scheme of Course Work are similar or equivalent to the course work of parent Department/ Institute. Due credit will be given to the Research Scholar concerned. The concerned Research Scholar shall submit the documents relating to qualify the said Coursework.
11.5	On fulfillment of the condition of attendance, the Research Scholar will qualify for the Ph.D. coursework examination. The Scheme of Ph.D. Coursework Examination shall be as per clause 11.6.
11.5.1	Syllabus and other details for the Ph.D. coursework test shall be framed by the Departmental Research Advisory Committee.
11.5.2	Examination and evaluation of the Ph.D. coursework will be conducted by the concerned Department/Institute.

11.6	<p>There will be <i>three</i> papers having 4 credits (100 Marks) each as under:</p> <p>Paper-I Research Methodology : 4 credits (100 Marks) Paper-II Subject Elective : 4 credits (100 Marks) Paper-III : 4 credits (100 Marks)</p> <p>Paper-III will comprise of the following two activities:</p> <p>(a) Research & Publication ethics: : 2 credits (50 Marks) (b) Seminar in thrust area/ Research Assignment/ Literature/ Survey, etc. : 2 credits (50 Marks)</p> <p>Marks will be converted into letter grade and grade point as per following table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="424 506 1455 851"> <thead> <tr> <th>Marks</th> <th>Letter Grade</th> <th>Grade Point</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>85-100</td> <td>O</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>75-84</td> <td>A+</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65-74</td> <td>A</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>55-64</td> <td>B+</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50-54</td> <td>B</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41-49</td> <td>C</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40</td> <td>P</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less than 40</td> <td>F</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Example to calculate the Grade Point Average (GPA)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="437 907 1422 1283"> <thead> <tr> <th>Paper</th> <th>Credit</th> <th>Letter Grade</th> <th>Grade Point</th> <th>Credit Point</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paper-I: Research Methodology</td> <td>4</td> <td>A</td> <td>8</td> <td>4×8 = 32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper-II: Subject Elective</td> <td>4</td> <td>A+</td> <td>9</td> <td>4×9 = 36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper-III (a)</td> <td>2</td> <td>B+</td> <td>7</td> <td>2×7= 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper-III (b)</td> <td>2</td> <td>B+</td> <td>7</td> <td>2×7= 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>96</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">GPA: 96/12</p> <p>A candidate requires minimum of 55% marks or minimum GPA of 7 and grade point of 6 in each paper/course to qualify the course work.</p>	Marks	Letter Grade	Grade Point	85-100	O	10	75-84	A+	9	65-74	A	8	55-64	B+	7	50-54	B	6	41-49	C	5	40	P	4	Less than 40	F	0	Paper	Credit	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Credit Point	Paper-I: Research Methodology	4	A	8	4×8 = 32	Paper-II: Subject Elective	4	A+	9	4×9 = 36	Paper-III (a)	2	B+	7	2×7= 14	Paper-III (b)	2	B+	7	2×7= 14	Total	12			96
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	department. However re-evaluation can be done by outside Faculty also if needed with the approval of the competent authority. The fee of re-evaluation shall be as prescribed by the University from time to time. The research scholar may apply for re-evaluation to the chairperson of the department along with fee within 20 days from the date of communication of Ph.D. coursework result to the student by the department after that no re-evaluation will be allowed.
11.12	Candidates who have passed M.Phil. Course as a regular student and their dissertation has been evaluated and whose admission in M.Phil. Course was through Entrance Test and the Coursework was prescribed at M.Phil. Level, would be exempted from the Ph.D. coursework in the Main Subject only. No exemption from coursework is allowed to the M.Phil. Candidates in allied subjects.
11.13	Candidates who have obtained M.Phil. Degrees through Distance Education mode are not exempted from the Ph.D. coursework.
11.14	A regular employee, who is admitted to a Ph.D. programme in full time mode, of Kurukshetra University or its affiliated College or any other outside organization is required to take leave for attending the Ph.D. coursework classes. Such candidate is required to submit “No Objection Certificate” from his/her respective organization at the time of submission of application form in the prescribed format.
11.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The contractual/hired employee of Kurukshetra University or its affiliated College or any other outside organization/outsourcing Agency cannot pursue the Ph.D. coursework simultaneously with his/her contractual/hired job. ii. However, the contractual teachers of K.U campus can pursue Ph.D. on K.U. campus with their contractual job by taking the leave for attending Ph.D. coursework classes. Such candidate is required to submit “No Objection Certificate” from competent authority at the time of submission of application form and submit permission from competent authority at the time of submission of application. They can fulfil stay condition along with their job. Permission from competent authority is required for part time Ph.D. mode also. iii. Part time scholars shall have to maintain contact hours with their supervisors for minimum 180 hours per year during the duration of doing Ph.D. iv. A full time Research Scholar may be allowed to be converted to a part time research scholar after completion of course work on the recommendations of the DRAC in case the scholar is selected to a regular job. In that case, the research scholar has to pay the Annual fees, as applicable to a Part Time Research Scholar in the current session, with effect from the date of enrolment. The balance fees is to be deposited after getting the permission to change to Part Time Category.
11.16	The compliance of above rules is to be ensured by the concerned Chairpersons/ Directors of the Departments/Institutes of Kurukshetra University.
12.	Research Supervisor/Co-Research Supervisor
12.1	Only a full time regular teacher (with Ph.D.) of Department/Institute of the Kurukshetra University and its affiliated College can act as a Research Supervisor as per Clause 12.5 to 12.8. The external Research Supervisors are not allowed. However, Research Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from any of the National Labs/Institutions of National Importance or from same/other Department/Institute/ of the Kurukshetra University or from other related NAAC category ‘A’ and above Colleges/ Universities/ research institutions with the approval of the Departmental Research Advisory Committee. In case category ‘B’ and Lower Graded/Non-Graded Universities/ Colleges/Institutes, a teacher can become Co-supervisor provided he/she fulfils the conditions at 12.5 (i to iv). The external Research Co-Supervisor should be in regular service and a scholar of eminence.

12.2	Prior consent of the Research Co-Supervisor alongwith No Objection Certificate from the respective Head of the Department/Institution shall be submitted by the Research Supervisor of the University to the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute of the University before registration of the Research Scholar.
12.3	Where the Research Supervisor of the Research Scholar has active service of less than 1 (One) year, he/she may be allowed to supervise fresh scholars along with Research Co-Supervisor from the concerned Department/Institute. No fresh registration is allowed after superannuation of a teacher. In case a teacher is re-employed in the University then he/she may be allowed to supervise/co-supervise research scholar as per re-employment rules.
12.4	If a Research Supervisor proceeds on leave for a period exceeding six months, he/she will recommend another teacher as Research Supervisor/Research Co-Supervisor to supervise the work of his/her Research Scholar(s). The Chairperson/ Director of the Department/Institute will get it approved in the next meeting of Board of Studies.
12.5	<p>The full time regular teachers (with Ph.D.) working in the University Teaching Departments/ Institutes/ Directorate of Distance Education/ IIHS/ ITTR on the campus of Kurukshetra University and the full time regular teachers (with Ph.D.) working in the Govt./ Govt. Aided Colleges/ Non-Aided colleges affiliated to Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra will be eligible to supervise Ph.D. Research Scholars subject to fulfilling anyone of the following pre-requisites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 1 (One) year Teaching Experience in PG classes and 5 publications in Scopus/ SCI Journals. ii. 3 (Three) year Teaching Experience in PG classes and 3 publications in SCOPUS/Web of Science/SCI journal or in a journal listed in the University Grant Commission (UGC) CARE list. iii. 3 (Three) year Teaching Experience in UG classes and 5 publications in Scopus/ SCI Journals. iv. 5 (Five) year Teaching Experience in UG classes and 3 publications in SCOPUS/Web of Science/SCI journal or in a journal listed in the University Grant Commission (UGC) CARE list.
12.6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Research Scholars under the supervision of teachers of Govt./ Govt. Aided Colleges affiliated to Kurukshetra University shall complete their coursework in Kurukshetra University. ii. All Research Scholars registered with Kurukshetra University supervised by Govt./ Govt. Aided College teacher(s) shall compulsorily write 'Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra' alongwith their names in their publications under Clause 15.5 of this ordinance.
12.7	The teacher of the recognized college willing to supervise Research Scholar shall submit his/her request along with bio-data with details of teaching experience/ research work/ publications duly recommended by the Principal of the college concerned that the college will provide necessary infrastructure, library and laboratory facilities to the Research Scholar, to the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute.
12.8	The Departmental Research Advisory Committee will consider and recommend the application of the teacher concerned for inspection of the college by the Standing Committee consisting of Dean, Research and Development or his nominee, Dean of the Faculty concerned and the Chairperson/ Director of the Department/Institute. The committee shall submit its report to the Vice-Chancellor for approval. Inspection Fee as prescribed by the university per member. TA/DA of the members will be paid by the aided college(s) as per rates approved by the University. After the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the case concerning supervision of Research Scholars by the teachers of that college shall be placed before the PGBOS for consideration.

12.9	<p>A confirmed regular teacher (if he/she possesses a Ph.D. degree) may supervise the Research Scholars at a time as under:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="438 228 1337 651"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="438 228 852 282">Designation</th> <th data-bbox="852 228 1337 282">No. of Research Scholars</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 282 852 320">Assistant Professor</td> <td data-bbox="852 282 1337 320">04 (Including 1 Part Time)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 320 852 358">Associate Professor</td> <td data-bbox="852 320 1337 358">06 (Including 1 Part Time)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 358 852 396">Professor</td> <td data-bbox="852 358 1337 396">08 (Including 2 Part Time)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Part time seats will be allowed only if atleast 1 regular scholar is being guided by the concerned teacher. However, concerned teacher may offer all seats for full time scholars.</p> <p>If an eligible supervisor has no regular research scholar, then he/she can offer part time seat provided that a regular seat is also offered with the part time seat by that teacher.</p> <p>1. International students shall be allowed to take admission to Ph.D. course under exempted category by creating 15% supernumerary seats for international students on lines of UG/PG courses. These supernumerary seats shall be against total seats allowed to teachers of a Department/Institute.</p> <p>Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in above Table.</p> <p>2. The international students shall be allowed to take admission to Ph.D. course on first come first serve basis in each Department/Institute.</p>	Designation	No. of Research Scholars	Assistant Professor	04 (Including 1 Part Time)	Associate Professor	06 (Including 1 Part Time)	Professor	08 (Including 2 Part Time)
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12.10	<p>The change of Research Supervisor of a Research Scholar shall be allowed before the completion of his/her research work:</p>								
12.10.1	<p>The Research Scholar or Research supervisor will make a representation to the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute, who will put the matter before the Departmental Research Advisory Committee for decision.</p>								

12.10.2	<p>If the Research Supervisor of a Research Scholar has expired or leaves the service of Kurukshetra University before completion of the research work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>If the Research Supervisor is unable to supervise the research work of Research Scholar or it becomes impossible for a Research Scholar to continue his/her research work with the Research Supervisor in case of extreme hardships/circumstances or on valid/genuine grounds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>If both the Research Supervisor and the Research Scholar submit mutual consent in writing on valid/genuine reasons.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>If a Research Supervisor Retire from his/ her service before completion of Research work.</p>
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13.	Presentation of Seminars and Submission of Progress Reports
13.1	<p>The Research Scholar shall present his/her work at three open seminars after his/her registration. 1st seminar may be held after one year gap from the date of recommendations of the research topic by the PGBOS and 2nd seminar may be held after nine months from the 1st seminar. The Research Scholar shall submit a written application to the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute for 3rd Seminar (pre-thesis submission seminar) at least one month before the submission of Ph.D. thesis/last date for submission of Ph.D. thesis recommended by his/her Research Supervisor alongwith a Certificate issued by his/her Research Supervisor stating therein that the stipulated period of stay as required under Clause 2.8 of the Ph.D. ordinance has been fulfilled by the Research Scholar and the Department/Institute shall conduct the 3rd pre-submission seminar of Ph.D. thesis within 15 days from the date of receipt of the application from the Research Scholar.</p>
13.2	<p>The Research Scholar shall make a presentation of his/her research work in the Department/Institute which may open to all the Faculty members and Research Scholar(s). Research Scholar may submit his/her Ph.D. Thesis after considering the suggestions given in pre-submission seminar in consultation with his/her Research Supervisor.</p>
13.3	<p>The presence of Dean of concerned Faculty or Dean, Research and Development or Dean, Academic Affairs or his/her nominee shall be necessary in pre-submission seminar of Ph.D. Thesis.</p>
13.4	<p>The Dean of concerned Faculty shall conduct the seminar within 10 days from the date of request acknowledged from the Chairperson/Director of the concerned Department/ Institute. In case of non-conducting of seminar within the stipulated period, Dean Research and Development or Dean, Academic Affairs shall conduct the seminar.</p>
13.5	<p>A Research Scholar shall submit a hard copy of Annual progress report recommended by his/her research supervisor to the Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute on annual basis to be placed before the Departmental Research Advisory Committee for evaluation and further guidance. A copy of the annual progress reports shall be placed in the meeting of PGBOS for approval.</p>

13.6	If the work of Research Scholar is found unsatisfactory at any stage as reported by the Research Supervisor(s), the Departmental Research Advisory Committee shall give him or her an opportunity to explain his/her position and make suitable recommendation including the cancellation of his/her Ph.D. registration. The Post Graduate Board of Studies may recommend for cancellation of his/her admission to the appropriate bodies of the University.
14.	Scholarship/Fellowship
14.1	A Research Scholar enrolled for Ph.D. course may obtain scholarship/ Fellowship by the University/ other agency provisionally and the payment of scholarship/ Fellowship shall be released on provisional enrolment of Scholar as Clause 9.2.
14.2	URS/ JRF Research Scholar/ Teacher Fellowship Holder/ DST Inspire fellow (with validity period)/ GATE (with validity period)/GPAT enrolled for Ph.D. course will be considered for award and payment of scholarship/ fellowship by the Scholarship Branch of the University as per existing rules of scholarship/ fellowship.
15.	Submission of Ph.D. Thesis
15.1	Every Thesis shall be a piece of research work characterized either by discovery of new facts or enunciation of a new theory or theories or by fresh interpretation of known facts. In either case, it shall evince the capacity of the Research Scholar for critical examination and judgment. The literary presentation of the Thesis should be of a high standard i.e. concise, laid out logically and in proper sequence, far from grammatical and typographical errors and referenced properly.
15.2	The Research Scholar may incorporate in Thesis the contents of any work that he/she may have published on the subject but shall declare this fact in the Thesis. However, he/she shall not submit in Thesis any work for which a degree has already been conferred on him/her by any University/Organization.
15.3	The Research Scholar in the Science Faculties may incorporate in the Thesis any indigenous development of equipment, apparatus or technique that is not commercially available in the country at the time.
15.4	The title of the Ph.D. Thesis of the Research Scholar on the recommendations of the Research Supervisor and DRAC shall be approved by the PGBOS of the concerned Department/Institute within three years of the date of registration. Minor changes in the title may be allowed by PGBOS on the recommendations of supervisor and DRAC at least 1 year prior to the date of submission of Ph.D. Thesis.
15.5	The Research Scholar shall be allowed to submit his/ her Thesis only after he/ she has published/got accepted two research papers published in a Scopus/Web of Science/SCI/SSCI/ University Grant Commission (UGC) CARE list indexed journals. For the purpose of two research papers, one published patent in the name of Kurukshetra University or with affiliation as Kurukshetra University shall also be allowed to be treated at par with one research publication. Full research papers published as per the requirement for the Thesis submission shall be appended in the final Thesis submitted in the University. In addition full papers published as part of proceedings or an abstract for two papers in conferences/seminars/symposia/workshop/colloquium shall also be appended in the final Thesis submitted in the University along with the certificate of presentations/acceptance. He/she shall also submit a certificate on the prescribed format in respect of the above, issued by the Research Supervisor and Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute along with the form for appointment of examiners for verification of particulars (2 sets) filled in by the research scholar to the Ph.D. (Registration) Section preferably 10 days before the submission of Ph.D. Thesis.

15.6	The Research Scholar shall also submit a summary of the Ph.D. Thesis in about 500 words indicating how far the Ph.D. Thesis embodies the result of his/her own research or observations and in what respect his/her investigation appears to advance his/her study of the subject of his/her Ph.D. Thesis to the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute. When a Research Scholar is ready to submit his/her Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation, he/she shall obtain a certificate from his/her Research Supervisor to this effect and shall apply to the Chairperson/Director for appointment of Examiners for his/her Ph.D. Thesis enclosing an abstract of his/her Ph.D. Thesis including the table of contents.
15.7	The Research Scholar shall be liable to submit his/her Thesis following the rules and regulations of Academic integrity and prevention of Plagiarism in Kurukshetra University and they shall also follow the instructions strictly to be issued from time to time in this regard by the University.
15.8	The Research Scholar shall get a report with regard to Plagiarism free Thesis as per rules and regulations of Academic integrity and prevention of Plagiarism in Kurukshetra University and append the report in his/her Ph.D. Thesis before submission of Ph.D. Thesis.
16.	Evaluation of Ph.D. Thesis
16.1	The Departmental Research Advisory Committee will draw a list of 8 examiners out of these at least 50% shall be from Outside Neighbouring States keeping in view their specialization for the consideration of the Post-graduate Board of Studies. The examiners recommended shall be either Professors or persons of eminence or persons holding equal status and their specialization shall be relevant to the topic of the Ph.D. Thesis. The Post-graduate Board of Studies shall recommend a panel of 8 examiners in the field for appointment as evaluators for each Ph.D. Thesis.
16.2	In addition to the above, if the Board of Studies feels that the panel should consist of more than 8 examiners it may recommend additional name(s). The panel of examiners recommended by the PGBOS shall be valid for nine months from the date of the meeting of the PGBOS. On expiry of the same, it will be re-considered by the PGBOS on the request of the Research Scholar duly recommended by his/her Research Supervisor.
16.3	After fulfillment of the conditions of submission of Ph.D. Thesis by the Research Scholar, the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute shall forward the Thesis to the Conduct Branch of the University for getting Evaluated of Ph.D. Thesis of the Research Scholar.
16.4	The Thesis shall be finally referred to two examiners selected by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel drawn by Post-graduate Board of Studies out of which one shall be out of state.
16.5	The examiner(s) will state categorically in their reports whether in his/her opinion: Thesis should be accepted for the award of Ph.D. Degree; OR It should be referred back to Research Scholar for presenting it again in revised form; OR It should be rejected.
16.6	The examiner(s) shall state reasons for approval or resubmission of the Thesis. If he/ she recommend resubmission, he/she shall specifically indicate what modifications he/she wants from Research Scholar to effect and incorporate in the Thesis.
16.7	The examiner for a Thesis shall indicate in his/her report whether the Thesis is fit for publication in its original or modified form. In the latter case, examiner shall make definite suggestions for improvement.

16.8	If the examiners recommend the award of Degree, they may also give in their report a set of questions, which they would like to put to the Research Scholar at the time of viva-voce.
16.9	If the examiner(s) recommends resubmission with some modifications in the Ph.D. Thesis, the Research Scholar shall be asked to modify the Ph.D. Thesis and resubmit the same only once within 6 months, after having carried out all the modifications with a certificate from the Research Supervisor that all the modifications have been carried out.
16.10	A resubmitted Thesis shall be examined by the examiner(s) who evaluated the original Thesis unless any of them is unable or unwilling to do so. In such case substitute(s) shall be appointed from the panel by the Vice-Chancellor. The examiner(s) for the revised Thesis will only see whether the objections raised have been met or not.
16.11	If one out of two examiners recommends the Thesis as rejected, the Thesis shall be sent to third examiner for evaluation. The decision of the two examiners out of three shall be considered. A Research Scholar whose Thesis is rejected by two examiners shall not be awarded Ph.D. degree. However, the Research Scholar may apply afresh for admission to Ph.D. course.
16.12	The entire process of evaluation of Ph.D. Thesis shall be completed within a period of 6 months from the date of submission of Ph.D. Thesis by the Research Scholar in the concerned Branch of the Kurukshetra University.
16.13	Remuneration payable to each examiner shall be paid as laid down by the University.
17.	Conduct of Viva-Voce
17.1	Names of only those examiners shall be recommended who are known to be physically fit and are able to undertake a journey for the conduct of Viva-Voce, if invited.
17.2	If two of the examiners recommend award of the degree, the Research Scholar shall be examined through Viva-Voce examination by one of the examiner, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. If both examiners are unable or unwilling to conduct the Viva-Voce examination, another name will be picked up for the purpose by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel already approved by the Post-graduate Board of Studies.
17.3	The Viva-Voce examination shall be conducted by the external examiner and will be held in the concerned Department/Institute at Kurukshetra University unless ordered otherwise by the Vice-Chancellor. The date, time and the subject of the Thesis shall be notified by the concerned Branch to the various Departments/Institutes of the Faculty concerned including the Research Supervisor and the Research Scholar. It will be the privilege of only the external examiner conducting the Viva-Voce to ask the questions to the Research Scholar. However, after the completion of formal viva the relevant clarification/discussion, if any, may be held which will not be part of the Viva-Voce examination.
17.4	The Research Scholar will have to present himself/herself for the Viva-voce examination when fixed by the University failing which he/she will be declared ineligible for the award of Degree. However, in case the Research Scholar is unable to attend the Viva- Voce on the fixed date for any unavoidable reason, the Controller of Examinations on a request by the Research Scholar in writing with a fee as prescribed by the University can allow one time postponement of the date upto a maximum period of three months from the date previously fixed by the University failing which the Research Scholar will be declared ineligible for the award of Degree. In case the examiner has turned up for viva-voce examination of the said Research Scholar on the fixed date, the total expenditure on TA/DA will be charged from the Research Scholar upto the next rounding figure of Rs.100/- on higher side.

17.5	In case any Research Scholar appears for his/her Viva-Voce Examination but fails in Viva-Voce, in such cases second examiner may be called for conducting the Viva-Voce examination after giving three months' time to the Research Scholar to prepare himself/herself. The report of Viva of second examiner will be taken as final.
18.	Award of Ph.D. Degree
18.1	The Thesis evaluation and viva-voce reports of examiners shall be placed before the Research Degree Committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the concerned Dean of the Faculty and Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute to consider the reports and to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor whether: The Degree be awarded: OR The Thesis be revised and resubmitted for re-examination: OR The Thesis be rejected
18.2	The absence of the concerned Dean and/or the Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute at the meeting of the Research Degree Committee shall not vitiate its proceedings. However, the Vice-Chancellor may co-opt an expert in the subject, if considers it necessary.
18.3	The University shall issue a provisional certificate certifying to the effect that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of Regulations of the U.G.C.
18.4	Award of degrees to Research Scholars registered for the Ph.D. course shall be governed as per provisions of Minimum Standards and procedure for Awards of Ph.D. Degree Regulations of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra applicable to them at the time of their enrolment to Ph.D. course.
18.5	If the Ph.D. Degree is awarded by a Foreign University, the Kurukshetra University considering such a degree shall refer this issue to a Standing Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for the purpose of determining the equivalence of the degree awarded by the foreign University.
19.	Publication of Ph.D. Thesis
19.1	No Thesis shall be published without the prior permission of the University.
19.2	The Research Scholar may apply to the concerned Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute for permission to publish his/her Thesis within three years from the date of award of the Ph.D. Degree.
19.3	The Chairperson/Director of the Department/Institute shall satisfy himself/herself that the Thesis is in publishable form. He/she will be guided by the reports of examiners. A certificate will be obtained from the Research Supervisor to the effect that necessary improvements as suggested by him/her and the examiners have been properly carried out. After that, the Chairperson/Director of the Department/ Institute concerned shall be requested to get necessary recommendations of the Board of Studies of the Department/Institute in this regard. The recommendations of BOS shall be got approved from the Vice-Chancellor.

20.	Withdrawal of Ph.D. Degree
20.1	<p>The Academic Council of Kurukshetra University on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor shall have the right to withdraw the Ph.D. degree awarded to the Research Scholar if plagiarism or duplication or any other form of malpractice is detected at any stage, and to initiate such further action against him/her as it deems appropriate.</p> <p>Provided that the Vice-Chancellor shall get the complaint in the matter investigated (with validity period) confidentially and shall give the accused an opportunity to explain before the Vice-Chancellor makes recommendation on the matter to the Academic Council. There shall be no limitation of time for this action of the Academic Council.</p>
21.	Conduct of Research Scholar
21.1	After enrolment in Ph.D. course, the Research Scholar and his/her work and conduct shall be under the general disciplinary control of the Department/Institute.
21.2	The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to cancel the admission of a Research Scholar at any time, after the issue of a due show-cause notice, on disciplinary or any other grounds which are considered not to be in consonance with the dignity and behaviour of a Research Scholar or non-payment of hostel or any other dues or any other reason(s).
21.3	Ragging in the Department/Institute at the Campus of Kurukshetra University is strictly prohibited and the Research Scholar is required to abide by the Anti-Ragging rules/instructions of the Kurukshetra University.
22.	Fees
22.1	The Research Scholars enrolled for Ph.D. course shall deposit their fee as per fee structure notified or laid down from time to time by the University during the Ph.D. Course.
22.2	The full Fee paid by the Research Scholar shall be refunded, if a Research Scholar is found ineligible for admission to Ph.D. course provided that there should not be any concealment/non-submission of facts/ document(s) on the part of Research Scholar and admission of the Research Scholar is cancelled by the University.
22.3	No fees/ dues deposited by the Research Scholar will be refunded by the University in case the Research Scholar leaves the Ph.D. course at his/her own level.
23	Adjudication of any conflict The provisions of this ordinance will apply prospectively. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final and binding for all in the interpretation of any provision contained in these rules and regulations.
24.	Legal Jurisdiction Any legal dispute relating to Ph.D. admission/ registration of a Research Scholar will be subject to Court(s) at Kurukshetra or Court(s) having jurisdiction in Kurukshetra.

APPENDIX	
Sr. No.	List of Universities, Laboratories and Institutions recognized under Clause 2.8 of Ordinance Doctorate in Philosophy
1.	Ahmedabad Textile Industries Research Association, Ahmedabad.
2.	Akashwani, Delhi.
3.	Akhil Bhartiya Itihas Sanklan Yojna, New Delhi.
4.	All C.S.I.R. Laboratories in India.
5.	All CDAC Laboratories in India.
6.	All Central & State Govt. Forensic Science Laboratories.
7.	All Defence Science Organization Laboratories in India.
8.	All Electronics Regional Test Laboratory, under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India.
9.	All Electronics Test and Development Centre (ETDC) under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India.
10.	All Govt. Medical Institutes in India.
11.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)
12.	All Indian Institute of Technology including Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University and Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani.
13.	All Laboratories Maintained & Run by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
14.	All Laboratories Maintained and Run by the Department of Atomic Energy.
15.	All Laboratories Maintained by the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India.
16.	All National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) Institutes in India.
17.	All NITTTR Institutes of India.
18.	All Research Labs of Geological Survey of India.
19.	All Research Labs of National Institute of Marine Biology, Panaji, Goa.
20.	All Research Labs of the Electronics Commission and Department of Electronics. Govt. of India and Under Ministry of Communication & Technology. G.O.I.
21.	All Research Labs of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.
22.	All Research Labs of the Indian Space Research Organization.
23.	All Research Labs of the Oil & Natural Gas Commission.
24.	All Research Labs of the Zoological Survey of India.
25.	All the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (AIISER)
26.	All the Indian Universities - Members of the Inter-University Board of India.
27.	All the Institute of Indian Council of Social Science Research
28.	All the Labs and Institutes under Department of Bio Technology, Govt. of India
29.	All the National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research
30.	ARAI Homologation & Technology Centre, Pune
31.	Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune
32.	Bharat Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
33.	Bharat Kala Bhavan, BHU, Varansasi, Uttar Pradesh
34.	BIS Northern Regional Office laboratory, Mohali
35.	Bombay Textiles Institute Research Association, Mumbai.
36.	Bose Institute, Kolkata.
37.	British Library, London, United Kingdom
38.	Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
39.	Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikkudi, Tamil Nadu
40.	Central Institute of English and foreign Languages, Hyderabad.
41.	Central Institute of Indian Languages, Manasagangothri, Hunsur Road, Mysore 570006
42.	Central Institute of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants, Lucknow
43.	Central Power Research Institute, Bengaluru

44.	Centre for Farming & Agricultural Research - CMERI, Ludhiana
45.	Centre for Research in Rural & Industrial Development, Chandigarh.
46.	Centre of Innovative and Applied Bio-processing, Mohali
47.	Delhi Zoological Park, New Delhi-3.
48.	Directorate of Wheat Research, Karnal.
49.	Doordarshan Kendra, New Delhi.
50.	Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad.
51.	Forest Research Institute, Dehradun and All the Institute Administrated by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
52.	Gandhi Research Foundatin, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
53.	Hindustan Steel Ltd., Research Laboratories.
54.	IISER, Mohali
55.	India International Centre, New Delhi
56.	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi
57.	Indian Agriculture Research Institute, PUSA, New Delhi.
58.	Indian Agriculture Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi.
59.	Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata.
60.	Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi
61.	Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi and Lucknow.
62.	Indian Council of world Affairs, Sapru House, New Delhi
63.	Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.
64.	Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu
65.	Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.
66.	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore.
67.	Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
68.	Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre, New Delhi.
69.	Indian School of International Studies, New Delhi.
70.	Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, Jharkhand
71.	Indira Gandhi National Centre for Art (IGNCA), New Delhi
72.	Indo-Swift Laboratories Ltd, Mohali (Punjab).
73.	Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
74.	Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology, Palampur
75.	Institute of Indology, Lucknow Road, New Delhi.
76.	Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh
77.	Institute of Nanoscience & Technology, (INST), Mohali
78.	International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials, Hyderabad, Andhra Pardesh.
79.	International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Delhi.
80.	Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune, India
81.	Jubilant Organosys Ltd. Noida (UP).
82.	Kathak Kendra, New Delhi
83.	Khuda Baksha Oriental Public Library, Patna
84.	Laboratory of Advanced Research in Polymeric Materials, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
85.	Lalit Kala Adademi, New Delhi
86.	Lupin Research Park, Pune-411042 (MH).
87.	National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute, Mohali
88.	National Archives of India, New Delhi & All State Archives.
89.	National Brain Research Centre (NBRC) Delhi, Gurgaon.
90.	National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Delhi
91.	National Centre for Plant Genome Research (NCPGR), JNU, New Delhi
92.	National Council for Applied Economics Research, New Delhi.
93.	National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal.

94.	National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi
95.	National Gandhi Museum and Library, New Delhi
96.	National Institute of Bio-Energy, Kapurthala.
97.	National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi.
98.	National Institute of Family Planning, New Delhi.
99.	National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi
100.	National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Mohali, Punjab
101.	National Institute of Solar energy (NISE), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, New Delhi/ Gurugram.
102.	National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
103.	National Library, Kolkata.
104.	National Museum, New Delhi
105.	National Physical Laboratories, Delhi.
106.	Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti, New Delhi.
107.	Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata
108.	North Zone Culture Centre, Patiala
109.	Nuclear Science Centre (NSC) at J.N. University Campus, New Delhi.
110.	Observation of Meteorological Department, Govt. of India.
111.	Oriental Research Institute, Jodhpur.
112.	PDPM Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
113.	Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad.
114.	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh
115.	Raman Institute, Bangalore.
116.	Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh
117.	Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, Gurgaon-122601.
118.	Regional Institute of English, Sector 32 C Chandigarh
119.	Regional Reference Standards Laboratory, Faridabad.
120.	Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi
121.	Sarabhai Science Community Centre, Navarang Pura, Ahmedabad.
122.	School of African Studies, New Delhi.
123.	School of Oriental and African Studies, London
124.	Shree Natnagar Shodh Samsthan, Sitamau, Madhya Pradesh
125.	Shri Kundkund Bharti Jain Research Institute, New Delhi.
126.	Shri Ram Centre of Arts, New Delhi
127.	Siemens Centre of Excellence (SCE), NIT Kurukshetra
128.	Siemens Centre of Excellence (SCE), PEC Chandigarh.
129.	Sikkim State Archives, Gangtok (Centre of Post-graduate Research in History & Allied Subjects).
130.	Southern Textiles Industries Research Association, Bangalore.
131.	State University of Performing & Visual Arts, Rohtak
132.	Survey of India, Dehradun.
133.	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai.
134.	Technological Institute of Textiles, Bhiwani.
135.	The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.
136.	The Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal.
137.	The Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.
138.	The Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University, Delhi.
139.	The National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi.
140.	The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun.
141.	Vidya Bharti Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan, Kurukshetra.
142.	Vishveshvaranand Vishwa Bandhu Institute of Sanskrit and Indological Studies, Hoshiarpur (Punjab)