

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF BIHAR

## Regulations for the Integrated MPhil-PhD Programme

### **M.Phil. Degree**

1. A candidate enrolled for the integrated MPhil-PhD programme is required to complete the course work leading to M. Phil. degree. All students (except those with M. Phil. / M. Tech. degree) admitted in the integrated programme shall have to enrol for a total of 40 credits, of which
  - a) 8 credits are for taught courses in Semester-I and Semester-II, each.
  - b) 16 credits are assigned to MPhil dissertation.
  - c) The respective department / centre shall allocate the remaining 8 credits for literature review, seminar, laboratory work, conducting tutorial classes, evaluation of the candidate's presentation skills, and any other such components as decided by the Department / Centre, and to be evaluated in the first two semesters.
  - d) Out of the 16 credits allotted for the dissertation, 10 credits are for written dissertation evaluation, and the remaining 6 credits for the *viva voce*.
2. If a candidate is declared 'failed' following CGPA calculation at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, his/her MPhil registration stands cancelled.
3. Submission and extension:
  - a. The M.Phil. Dissertation has to be submitted within twelve (12) months after completion of the course work.
  - b. Further extension of a maximum of six (6) months for submission of dissertation (on payment of requisite fees) is subject to the approval of the URDC on the recommendation of CC / DC / DRDC / CRDC / SRDC. After that, the registration stands cancelled.
4. Dissertation proposal has to be submitted to DC / CC within one month (three months in case of Ph.D.) of the commencement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. Thereafter, within two weeks the candidate is to present and defend the research proposal in the meeting of DRDC / CRDC. The latter shall suggest

the supervisor, and co-supervisor, if any, and the same shall be forwarded to SRDC / URDC for approval.

5. The candidate has to present and defend the research work at least 15 days before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, in the Centre / Department.
6. The M.Phil. Dissertation has to be submitted *on or before* the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the end-month of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester.

### **Evaluation**

7. The MPhil dissertation submitted by the student shall be evaluated by the supervisor, one member of the faculty of the Department / Centre as recommended by CRDC / DRDC, and one External examiner well-known for his/her scholarship and generally who has been working in national institution of repute and as approved by the SRDC / URDC. A seminar presentation is needed before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, in which the work-in-progress shall be reviewed by DRDC / CRDC.
8. Based on the examiners' reports, the candidate shall be called to appear in the *viva voce* and to give public defence of his/her dissertation.
9. In the *viva voce* the candidate has to prove that the dissertation is his/her own work. Failing which, the registration stands cancelled.
10. *Viva Voce*: The Board shall include:
  - Chairperson: Dean of the School / Co-ordinator of CRDC or DRDC / Chairman of URDC or his/her nominee;
  - Members: One external Expert, preferably who evaluated the thesis;  
One faculty member from cognate discipline/school to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor; and,  
the Supervisor.
11. The M.Phil. Degree is awarded to the candidate on the basis of:
  - a) the completion of and satisfactory performance (meaning, CGPA Grade not below 'B' for SC / ST / PH, and 'B+' for other candidates) in the course work during the first two semesters;
  - b) the report of the examiners; and,
  - c) successful completion of the *viva voce* examination.

## Ph.D. Degree

12. If the student of the MPhil-PhD integrated programme who has secured at least Grade 'B+' (for General) or 'B' (for SC / ST / PH) in the MPhil course work, and successfully completed the MPhil dissertation by the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, and is willing to pursue the PhD programme of this University s/he may apply for admission in Ph.D. in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester.
13. Research proposal has to be submitted to CRDC / DRCC at the time of admission to the programme. Thereafter, the candidate has to formally defend the proposal in the meeting of DC / DC.
14. The Ph.D. candidate may have to undertake additional non-credit taught courses, if the supervisor advised so.
15. Registration for Ph.D. shall be granted on the basis of the research proposal of the candidate and the recommendation of SRDC / CRDC / DRDC to URDC. The candidate has to give a registration seminar.
16. Ph.D. registration shall remain valid for *five* years. However, in exceptional cases only, it may be extended by the URDC for a limited period, with requisite fees.
17. Minimum period for submission of Ph.D. thesis shall be *two* years from the date of Ph.D. registration.
18. Where a candidate is holding MTech / MPhil degree from other university (recognised by UGC) and admitted to this University for Ph.D. through the admission procedure as laid down by SRDC / URDC may be allowed to carry forward the credits earned in the course work in the previous university, fully or partly, subject to approval by UATEC.
19. Supervisor:
  - a) The supervisor of a candidate shall be decided by the DRDC / CRDC in consultation with all eligible supervisors. Each of the eligible-to-supervise faculty members shall have a specified (as decided by URDC) numbers of MPhil / PhD candidates for supervision. The candidate's area of research shall be given importance in the selection of the supervisor. The candidate is not allowed to select the supervisor; s/he however may propose the name. SRDC / URDC may also decide on assigning the tasks of supervision to more-than-one faculty.

- b) In exceptional case, a student may have one co-supervisor provided the thesis topic requires multiple domains of knowledge for guidance or in case the supervisor has gone on long leave / superannuated / resigned. The decision in this regard shall be taken by SRDC / URDC.
- c) At any point of time, URDC / SRDC is authorised to change the supervisor(s) of a candidate.
20. The minimum residential period shall be 18 months (after admission to the PhD programme). The candidate may be permitted to be on-leave from the Department / Centre for a maximum of 30 (thirty) days per year which cannot be carried forward to next year. If they are permitted to attend any programme with the approval of the Competent Authority that period of absence shall not be treated as leave.
21. The candidate in the presence of CC / DC is required to present the work-in-progress of his/her research in each year prior to final submission.
22. At least *three* months before the final submission of the thesis, the candidate shall make an open presentation in the CRDC / DRDC, which shall remain open to all faculty members and research students.
23. Each Ph.D. candidate shall publish at least *one* research paper in a peer reviewed Indexed Journal before the submission of the thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence on the same to CRDC / DRDC, in the form of a letter of acceptance, or the reprint of the paper. Without the latter, the submission of thesis by the candidate for examination is not permissible.
24. If the candidate finds any difficulties in submitting the thesis after fulfilling all the formalities, s/he may approach the Dean of the School / SRDC / DRDC.
25. The thesis is to be written in English, in general, except in the School of Languages. However, exceptional cases may be examined by the Academic Council.
26. The thesis submitted by the Ph.D. student shall be evaluated by *three* (3) experts (not below the rank of Associate Professor) who are well known for their scholarship and generally have been working in national institutions of repute. A foreign examiner may also be included by URDC, depending on the subject area of research.
27. On receipt of examiners' positive reports, the candidate shall be called for *viva voce*, open-to-all.

28. If the thesis is rejected, citing sufficient grounds, of course, by one of the examiners, the Vice-Chancellor / URDC may decide to refer the thesis to a *fourth* examiner, who was not in the original list of examiners.
29. If the thesis is again rejected, the matter shall be decided by the URDC and the Academic Council.
30. If any of the examiners of a thesis suggest revisions and re-submission, the candidate has to do so and re-submit the thesis *within next six months* for re-examination by the said examiner.
31. *Viva Voce*: The *viva voce* Board shall include:
- Chairperson: Dean of the School / Chairperson of SRC / Chairperson of URDC or his/her nominee
- Members: Supervisor;
- One of the external examiners of the thesis;
- One Professor / Associate Professor from cognate discipline in the University, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
32. All the members of the committee (except the external examiner) shall receive copies of the reports of the Examiners at least a week before *viva voce*.
33. Award of Ph.D. degree: The award of the Ph.D. degree is made on the basis of :
- (a) satisfactory performance in the course work as advised to take ;
- (b) the publication, based on the thesis;
- (c) the thesis, that exhibits the candidate's expertise in the chosen field of investigation as per the reports of the examiners. The thesis shall be the evidence of original research work characterized by either discovery of new facts, or a new interpretation of known facts and theory, or an independent design and development, or development of new instrument / technology; and,
- (d) *viva voce* performance.
34. Notwithstanding any of the above, on the recommendations of the appropriate bodies, depending on the merit of the case the Chairperson, Academic Council is the Competent Authority to take appropriate decision.

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