

**BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI - 620 024**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.PHIL)

Regulations – 2018

(Applicable from 1st July 2018 onwards)

1. CATEGORIES OF M.PHIL. SCHOLARS:

- (i) Full - Time (FT)
- (ii) Part - Time (PT)

1.1 Fulltime Candidates:

Scholars within the definition of this category are those who pursue their Full-Time M.Phil Programme in the Departments / Schools /Centres / Extension Centres of Bharathidasan University, approved Research Centres / Departments of the Colleges affiliated to this University and National Institutions / Laboratories / Organizations / their Regional Laboratories / Centres located in any part of India / Abroad and recognized by Bharathidasan University as Centres for Research or training in the disciplines approved by the University. However, all these Institutions / Departments must have got prior approval of Bharathidasan University and got recognized for the purpose of conducting M.Phil. Programme. The Research supervisors in these Institutions / Departments should also have obtained the required / recognition of the University, subject to the fulfillment of other requirements mentioned in para 10.0.

1.2 Part time Candidates:

Any citizen of India, irrespective of employment status, who wishes to pursue M.Phil. Programme in the places mentioned in 1.1 is eligible to register under Part – Time Research, provided he / she fulfill the eligibility norms given in 2.0.

1.3 Interdisciplinary Scholars (FT / PT)

Candidate shall be normally eligible for registration for M.Phil. Programme in the discipline in which he / she has obtained the Master's degree. It shall however, be open to a candidate to apply for admission into the M.Phil. Programme in another discipline related to the subject in which he / she has obtained Master's degree. Such candidates should clearly specify in the application form the subject in which he / she would like to get the M.Phil. Degree. Whether a subject is related or not shall be decided by the Departmental Research Committee of University / Institution, depending on the merit of the case.

2. ADMISSION PROCESS

2.1 **Eligibility** : Qualifying Marks in Master's Degree:

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| 55% of marks / 5.51 of CGPA in the 10 point scale under CBCS or above |
| 50% of marks or above for OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/SC/ST/Differently Able |
| 50% of marks or above for those who got Master's degree prior to 19.09.1991 |

2.2 Part-Time Candidates should possess minimum one year teaching experience at a School /College and should provide No Objection Certificate from the employer at the time of submitting application.

2.3 Entrance examination will be conducted by the respective departments / research centers for their applicants for 100 marks. However students with NET/SLET/CSIR are exempted from applying for entrance exams.

3. DURATION:

3.1 The duration of the M.Phil. Programme shall be one year consisting of two semesters for the Full – Time Programme, and two years for the Part – time Programme. The women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil for up to 240 days.

3.2 The Full-Time and Part-Time Programmes shall commence from July and August. Final Examination shall be conducted in January / February for the Full-Time Candidates and in May for Part-Time candidates. The second term Examinations shall be conducted in August for the Full-Time candidates and April / May for the Part-Time candidates.

4. Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor, Co- Supervisor, Number of M.Phil scholars permissible per Supervisor.

4.1 Any regular Professor of the University / Institution Deemed to be a University / College with at least five Research Publications in refereed journals enlisted in the UGC website and any regular Associate / Assistant Professor of the University / Institution deemed to be a University / College with a Ph.D. Degree and at least two Research Publications in the refereed journals enlisted in the UGC website may be recognized as Research Supervisor.

Provided that in areas / disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the Institution may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.

- 4.2 Only a full time regular teacher of the concerned University / Institution Deemed to be a University / College can act as a supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the same institute or from other related institutions with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee.
- 4.3 The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Departmental Research Committee concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview/*viva voce*.
- 4.4 A Research Supervisor / Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M.Phil. scholars, An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M.Phil. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide only one (1) M.Phil scholar.
- 4.5 In case of relocation of an M.Phil. woman 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 provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and institution for the part of research already done. **Change of Centre / change of Supervisor may be permitted by the University based on the merit of the individual by paying prescribed fees.**

5. PROGRAMME OF STUDY:

5.1 Framing Course for M.Phil.

The M.Phil candidates shall write three Course (I) Research Methodology (II) the paper related to the research and (III) paper related to general skills required on teaching, learning process, such as (i) computer application skills (ii) Communicative skills and (iii) Educational skills (Pedagogical skill including practical training in teaching) and (IV) Topic of Research. (Guide Paper) to equip the candidate with skills in the Research area. For each Course. 25% of marks would be allotted for the continuous internal Assessment (CIA) and the remaining 75% would be allotted for the final Examination.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

| Sem- ester | Course | Title of the Course | Exam. Hours | Credits | Marks | | |
|---------------|--------------|---|----------------|-----------|-------|----|------------|
| | | | | | IA | UE | Total |
| I | Course - I | Research Methodology | 3 | 4 | 25 | 75 | 100 |
| | Course - II | Related to the Research Work | 3 | 4 | 25 | 75 | 100 |
| | Course - III | Teaching and Learning skills (Common Paper) | 3 | 4 | 25 | 75 | 100 |
| | Course - IV | Paper on Topic of Research (The syllabus will be prepared by the Guide and the examination will be conducted by the COE) | 3 | 4 | 25 | 75 | 100 |
| II | --- | Dissertation and Viva-Voce Viva Voce 50 marks Dissertation 150 marks | -- | 8 | -- | -- | 200 |
| Total | | | | 24 | -- | -- | 600 |

The following components shall be adopted for continuous internal evaluation / assessment.

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| 1. | Best 2 tests out of 3 | 10 Marks |
| 2. | Attendance | 05 Marks |
| 3. | Seminar | 05 Marks |
| 4. | Assignment | 05 Marks |
| | Total | 25 Marks |

Question Paper Pattern for M.Phil. Programme

Section A : 10 Questions x 2 Marks = 20 Marks
(Two Questions from each unit)

Section B : 5 Questions x 5 Marks = 25 Marks
(Internal Choice and on set of questions from each unit)

Section C : 3 Questions x 10 Marks = 30 Marks
(Answer any three out of 5 questions and one question from each unit)

- 5.2 The syllabi for Courses I, and II, shall be prescribed by the Board of Studies. The syllabus for Course III (Common Paper) shall be prescribed by the University. The syllabus for Course IV shall be formulated by the subject expert / guide. The Syllabi for all the 4 courses shall consist of five units. For the Full-Time candidate Course – I, II, III, and IV will be covered in the first semester and dissertation will be covered in the Second Semester. For the Part-Time candidate Course – I, II, III and IV will be covered in the first year and dissertation in the Second year.

6. SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS:

(Credits and workload for the Course shall be as per the P.G. norms)

| | Marks | | Credit |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----|--------|
| | CIA | F.E | |
| Semester - I | | | |
| Course I | 25 | 75 | 4 |
| Course II | 25 | 75 | 4 |
| Course III | 25 | 75 | 4 |
| Course IV (Elective) | 25 | 75 | 4 |
| Semester - II | | | |
| Dissertation | 200 | | 8 |
| | (Thesis 150 + Viva-voce 50) | | |

6.1 FINAL EXAMINATION (FE)

The final examination for Courses – I, II, III & IV (Elective) shall be conducted at the end of the first semester “February” for Full-Time candidates and in the case of Part-Time candidates the final examination for Course I,II,III and IV shall be conducted in “May” completing a minimum of 10 months of class work. Each Course shall have 75 marks for the Final Examination and 25 marks for Continuous Internal Assessment. The duration for each written examination shall be 3 hours. Question papers for the final examination of Courses – I to IV shall be set externally and valued by external examiners who will form the Board of Examiners to pass the results. A candidate shall be declared to have passed Course I, II, III and IV, if he / she secures not less than 40% of the marks in both CIA and the University Examination and 50% of the marks in the aggregate (i.e. continuous internal assessment and the written Examination taken together).

The candidate is eligible to submit the dissertation only on completion of theory paper successfully.

6.2 Part – II Dissertation

Candidates shall submit three copies of dissertation (two copies to the University and one copy to the guide) and the minimum and maximum page limited from 75 to 150 respectively and the dissertation be printed on both sides of a paper and hard bound of the same need not be necessary, after **the successful completion of the all Course works** to the University through the Supervisor and the Head of the Department / Principal not earlier than 5 months from the date of start of the second semester in the case of Full-Time Programme and not earlier than 10 months from the date of start of the second year, in the case of Part-Time Programme. If a candidate is not able to submit his / her dissertation within the period stated above, he / she shall be given an extension time

of **3** months in the first instance with a Penalty of **Rs. 1500/-** and another **3** months in the second instance with penalty fees **of Rs.3,000/-**. If a candidate does not submit his / her dissertation even after the two extensions, his / her registration shall be treated as cancelled and he / she has to re-register for the Programme. However the candidate need not write the theory papers again, if he / she has already passed these Courses.

- 6.3 The dissertation shall be valued by one external examiner who is within the University jurisdiction and by the Research Supervisor for Maximum of 150 marks by each examiner and the average of the marks awarded by both the examiners shall be taken for consideration. The external examiner shall be selected from a panel of 3 experts suggested by the Research Supervisor and working within the University area of the Research Supervisor. However, the University may ask for another panel, if necessary.
- 6.4 An open Viva-Voce examination shall be conducted by both the external examiner and the supervisor **and shall be attended by members of Department Research Committee members, all faculty members of the departments, other research scholars and other interested experts / researchers** and evaluated jointly by the examiner and the Supervisor for the maximum of 50 marks. The valuation of M.Phil. Dissertations and the viva-voce examination shall be carried out on the same day at the place of the Research Supervisor (viva is to be conducted only if the student passes in the valuation of the dissertation). The mark should be sent to the Controller of Examinations by the Research supervisor. A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part-II Examination if he secures not less than **55%** of the marks prescribed for the dissertation and **55%** of the marks prescribed for the viva-voce Examination.
- 6.5 The dissertation shall ordinarily be written in English. However, the option of writing the dissertation in Tamil is given to the candidates at the time of assigning the candidates to the Supervisor, in mutual consultation with the Research Supervisor and the Scholar.
- 6.5.1 If the examiner who values the dissertation makes a qualified recommendation such as revision of dissertation, the candidate shall be advised to revise the dissertation in the light of the suggestions made by the examiners and re-submit the dissertation, within a period of SIX months. A sum of **Rs.3,000/-** shall be charged as fee for Re-submission of dissertation. The revised dissertation shall be sent to the same examiner who evaluated the dissertation in the first instance.

7. Classification of Final Results

- (i) The classification of final results shall be based on the CGPA, as indicated in Table 2.
- (ii) For the purpose of Classification of Final Results, the candidates who earn the CGPA 9.00 and above shall be declared to have qualified for the Degree as “Outstanding”. Similarly, the candidates who earn the CGPA between 8.00 and 8.99, 7.00 and 7.99, 6.00 and 6.99, and 5.00 and 5.99 shall be declared to have qualified for their Degree in the respective Programmes as “Excellent”, “Very Good”, “Good”, and “Above Average” respectively.
- (iii) Absence from an examination shall not be taken as an attempt.

Table 1

Grading of the Courses

| Marks Range | Grade Point | Corresponding Grade |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 90 and above | 10 | O |
| 80 and above but below 90 | 9 | A+ |
| 70 and above but below 80 | 8 | A |
| 60 and above but below 70 | 7 | B+ |
| 50 and above but below 60 | 6 | B |
| Below 50 | N.A. | R.A. |

Table 2

Final Result

| CGPA | Corresponding Grade | Classification of Final Results |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|
| 9.00 and above | O | Outstanding |
| 8.00 to 8.99 | A+ | Excellent |
| 7.00 to 7.99 | A | Very Good |
| 6.00 to 6.99 | B+ | Good |
| 5.00 to 5.99 | B | Above Average |
| below 5.00 | R.A. | Re-Appearence |

Credit based weighted Mark System is to be adopted for individual semesters and cumulative semesters in the column ‘Marks Secured’ (for 100).

8. RESTRICTION IN NUMBER OF CHANCES:

8.1 Full – Time Candidates:

No candidate shall be permitted to appear for the written Examination in any Course more than twice or to re-submit the dissertation or appear for the vivavoce examination more than twice. Resubmission of a dissertation shall be done with penalty fee, within 6 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the result of the first attempt is announced. The permitted attempts of semester-I & II Examinations shall be completed within a maximum period of 24 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the registration was done.

8.2 Part – Time Candidates:

No candidate shall be permitted to appear for the written Examination in any Course more than twice or to re-submit the dissertation or appear for the vivavoce examination more than twice. Resubmission of a dissertation shall be done with penalty fee, within 6 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the result of the first attempt is announced. The permitted attempts of Part-I & II Examinations shall be completed within a maximum period of 36 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the registration was done.

9. CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE:

No candidate shall be eligible for the conferment of the M.Phil. Programme unless he / she is declared to have passed both written examinations and dissertation of the Programme.

10. ELIGIBILITY OF INSTITUTIONS:

10.1 Departments / Schools / Centres of this University :

All the Departments / Schools / Centres functioning directly under the administrative control of Bharathidasan University are eligible for recognition as Research Centres. The Institutions desirous of getting recognition must apply to the University for securing recognition as Centres of Research by remitting the affiliation fee as may be prescribed by the University from time to time. The University will get these institutions assessed through a committee and the recognition as Research Centre will be awarded based on the recommendation of the committee.

10.2 Colleges / Institutions that are affiliated to this University:

The departments of various affiliated colleges of Bharathidasan University shall offer M.Phil. Programme in any Department subject to the conditions that

- (i) The college / department has adequate facilities in the concerned department of the subject areas for carrying out research.
- (ii) One batch of P.G Programme in the concerned subject has passed out from the college.

11. RE-REGISTRATION:

- 11.1 The candidates shall be permitted for Re-Registration based on the merit of individual cases
- 11.2 While Re-registering the candidates shall pay the following fees prescribed for Second Semester / year.

The Re-Registration candidates are required to submit the dissertation not earlier than six months and not later than 1 year after the re-registration. No further extension of time shall be given.

M.PHIL PROGRAMME FEES STRUCTURE

(FULL-TIME & PART-TIME)

| Sl. No | Particulars | Science Subjects Rs. | Arts Subjects Rs. |
|--------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Tuition Fee (per annum) | 5000/- | 4000/- |
| 2. | Special Fee | 400/- | 400/- |
| 3. | Laboratory fee * | 2000/- | --- |
| 4. | Caution Deposit | 1000/- | 500/- |
| 5. | Registration fee | 1000/- | 1000/- |
| 6. | Re-Registration fee | 1500/- | 1500/- |
| 7. | Library fee (University Scholars only) | 400/- 200/- (for SC/ST) | 400/- 200/- (for SC/ST) |
| 8. | Internet fee (University Scholars only) | 1000/- | 1000/- |
| 9. | Examination fee (4 x 500 Paper I to IV) | 2000/- | 2000/- |
| 10. | Alumni Fee | 200/- | 200/- |
| 11. | Fee for submission of Dissertation | 3000/- | 3000/- |
| 12. | Fee for submission for revised Dissertation | 3000/- | 3000/- |
| 13. | Recognition Fee: for State Board | 200/- | 200/- |
| | Other Board within India | 500/- | 500/- |
| | Outside India | 1000/- | 1000/- |
| 14. | Late submission of Dissertation: Fee for first extension | 1500/- | 1500/- |
| | Fee for second extension | 3000/- | 3000/- |
| 15. | University processing fee | 1000/- | 1000/- |

*** No Laboratory fee for M.Phil Mathematics**
