

**BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY: COIMBATORE – 641 046**

**DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) / DOCTOR OF LETTERS (D.Litt.)**  
**Revised Regulations with effective from 01.01.2011**

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

A candidate who has qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree of this University or any other Degree recognized as equivalent thereto from other Universities may present himself / herself for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.), the highest degrees of this University in the Faculties of Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Education, Commerce and Management provided that,

- i) he / she has been doing post-doctoral work for a minimum period of five years in the Department of this University or other University or Affiliated colleges or Institutions to conduct Ph.D. programme or departments of the government.
- ii) the publications or thesis submitted by him / her for consideration for the award of D.Litt. / D.Sc. are substantially the result of post-doctoral research work done.
- iii) A candidate already holding D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree in a particular discipline is eligible to register for D.Sc. / D.Litt. in another discipline after a gap of two years provided that he / she provides evidence of standard publications in the second discipline in which he intends to submit for D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree.

**2. REGISTRATION**

The candidate shall state in his / her application for Registration for D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree, the special subject or area of knowledge upon which the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis will be based. Such subject shall be one, which relates to the branch of knowledge chosen for the Ph.D. degree. The candidate shall also provide, along with the application, material evidence for active postdoctoral research, in the form of published research articles / books / reports. After confirmation of his / her registration for D.Sc. / D.Litt. the candidate shall submit four copies of his thesis, which shall ordinarily be published work or published papers or books, making a distinct contribution to scientific knowledge.

The thesis must be on one theme. The other contributions and papers submitted shall be related or connected to the main theme. Additional papers can be submitted in support of the main thesis, only if the candidate indicates to that effect, in the preface of the main work upon which the candidate bases his / her application.

If the thesis submitted had formed, in part, the basis for the award of a previous research Degree, the candidate shall clearly set forth in preface or written statement, the portion or portions upon which the award of the previous Degree had been based.

An amount of Rs.2,000/- be collected from the candidate for registration.

### **3. SUBMISSION OF THESIS**

The candidate shall submit his / her thesis after a period of six months from the date of registration but not later than three years. An amount of Rs.15,000/- be collected from the candidate for submission of the thesis.

Extension of time for submission of D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis will be granted for a further period of two years. Such extension will be granted in the first instance for six months followed by additional three six-monthly extensions making a total of two years in exceptional cases, by the Syndicate on payment of fees Rs. 3,000/- per extension

### **4. DECLARATION**

The thesis shall be accompanied by the declaration in the given format signed by the candidate that it has been composed by himself / herself independently, and a certificate that the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award of any Degree such as Master's degree or Ph.D. Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship or other similar title. If the thesis has not already been published, it shall be published by the candidate, in such a manner as the Syndicate shall approve.

#### **DECLARATION**

I Mr./Ms. .... hereby declare that the D.Sc./D.Litt., entitled "....." submitted to the Bharathiar University is a record of original and independent post-doctoral research work done by me and the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award of any degree such as maters degree or Ph.D. degree, Diploma, Associate ship, Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of any University.

Signature of the Candidate

### **5. PREFACE AND NOTES**

The candidate shall indicate generally, in a preface to his /her thesis and specially in notes, the sources from which his/her information was taken and the extent to which he / she has availed himself / herself of the work of others; he / she also shall state in what respect his / her investigations tend to the advancement of knowledge or otherwise of the subject dealt with.

### **6. ADDITIONAL PAPERS**

The candidate may, with the thesis, forward printed copies of any original contribution or contributions to the knowledge of his / her subject or of any cognate subject, which may have been published by him independently or conjointly and upon which he relies in support of his / her candidature.

### **7. EVALUATION**

- a) (i) The thesis together with any other contributions and papers submitted shall be referred by the Syndicate for adjudication, to a Board of three examiners.

- (ii) The Vice Chancellor shall constitute a panel of three examiners, constituting two from abroad and one from within the country in consultation with Chairman, BOS (P.G.) and expert member so nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
  - (iii) It shall be competent for the Syndicate, to arrange for the holding of a closed oral examination by the Board of Examiners in India (BOS – PG Chairman, an expert nominated by vice chandler and Indian Examiner).
  - (iv) After receipt of the report from the Board on the thesis and after the oral examination, the Syndicate may decide whether the candidate is qualified for the Degree or not.
  - (v) The candidate may also submit a list of experts in the field of his specialization, at the time of submission of his D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis, for the consideration of the Chairman of the respective P.G. Board of Studies. However, it is the prerogative of the Chairman to choose any of the names from the list to be included in the Board of Examiners.
  - (vi) The Chairman of the PG Board of Studies shall be the Convenor of the Board of Examiners and he / she need not be included in the Board of Examiners. In case, the Chairman himself / herself is a candidate for the D.Sc. / D.Litt. programme, the next senior member with Ph.D. in the Board of Studies shall be appointed as the Convenor.
  - (vii) If any member of the Board of Examiners expresses his / her unwillingness or incapacity to evaluate the thesis, then it shall be competent for the Syndicate to appoint alternate examiner(s) to the Board from the original panel of examiners, suggested by the Chairman, PG Board of Studies in the concerned discipline.
- b) (i) The thesis may be graded by the examiners either as COMMENDED or NOT COMMENDED.
- (ii) On receipt of the reports of the examiners, the Convenor shall submit a consolidated report to the Syndicate, based on the individual reports of the examiners.
  - (iii) The award of the degree shall be recommended when the decision of the Board of Examiners is unanimous in commending the thesis for the award of the degree.
  - (iv) In case, one or two examiner(s) suggest(s) modifications / revisions, the candidate may be permitted to resubmit the thesis after necessary revisions within a period of six months.
  - (v) After the receipt of favorable reports from the adjudicators, the convener shall initiate and complete the in-camera viva voce examination within a period of three months.