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**BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY**  
**COIMBATORE - 641 046, TAMILNADU, INDIA**

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Dated : 11.01.2022

From

To

THE REGISTRAR i/c

1. The Heads of Univ. Departments.
2. The Principals of affiliated Colleges
3. The Directors of Recognized Research Institutions.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: BU-Modifications in Regulations for M.Phil/Ph.D – uploaded in the University website – informing of – Reg.

- Ref: 1 .Minutes of the combined meeting of the Boards of Studies in Research and Interdisciplinary Research held on 12.11.2021.  
2.The Syndicate Approval dated:22.12.2021.  
3. VC's note order dt. 07.01.2022 and 10-01-2022.

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With reference to the above, I am by direction to inform that certain modifications has been suggested in the combined meeting of the Boards of Studies in Research and Interdisciplinary Research held on 12.11.2021 and the same has been approved by Syndicate vide item No.84 dated 22.12.2021 is enclosed herewith for adoption from **January, 2022**. The same will be uploaded in the University Website.

This may be brought to the notice of the staff members and Research Scholars in your Departments/Colleges/Research Institutions.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.



Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
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REGISTRAR i/c

Copy to: 1.The Vice-Chancellor's Table

2.The Registrar's Table

3.The Controller of Examinations i/c, B.U.

4.The Director i/c, SDE, BU.

5.The Professor, Research & Evaluation, BU.

6.A, B & C Sections of Registrar's Office

7.The Webmaster, BU – with a request to upload in the University Website

## Bharathiar University, Coimbatore 641 046

### Modifications in the M.Phil., / Ph.D., programmes with effect from January 2022

1. As per the notification issued by UGC dated May 05, 2016 on University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, the following eligibility criteria for admission to M.Phil., and Ph.D., programmes be incorporated in the existing M. Phil., / Ph. D., regulations of Bharathiar University:

#### **Eligibility Criteria for Admission to the M.Phil., Programme**

- (a) Candidates for admission to the M.Phil., programme should have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the Syndicate of Bharathiar University, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- (b) A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC / ST / OBC (non-creamy layer) / differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

#### **Eligibility Criteria for Admission to Ph.D., Programme**

- (a) Master's Degree holders should satisfy the criteria stipulated for M.Phil., programme.
  - (b) Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil., course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and successfully completing the M.Phil., Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D. Degree in the same Institution in an integrated programme. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC / ST / OBC (non-creamy layer) / differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.
  - (c) A person whose M.Phil., dissertation has been evaluated and the viva voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the same Institution.
  - (d) Candidates possessing a degree considered equivalent to M.Phil., degree of an Indian Institution, 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.
2. As stipulated under Clause 7 / Sub-clause 7.8 of University Grants Commission Regulations 2016, the following be incorporated in the revised M. Phil., and Ph. D., regulations of Bharathiar University:

A M.Phil., / Ph.D., scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

*Note:* In case of non-attainment of the minimum requirement in the course work, the candidates shall be allowed to re-appear for the examination in the subsequent schedule for the purpose of improving the marks / grades. Additional chance or chance for appearing the examination in the later schedule may also be permissible.

3. Candidates who register for pursuing Ph.D., programmes directly based on their post-graduate degree shall be issued with the Ph.D., Course Work Certificate specifying the marks secured in each of the papers in the course work and aggregate percentage of marks.
4. With a view to benefit the candidates pursuing M. Phil., in securing a minimum of 55 percentage of marks in aggregate, one of the resolutions passed by the Board of Studies in Research held on November 19, 2019 given below be implemented.

Scheme of examination for M. Phil., programme (to be adopted from 2020-21)

Part I: Theory comprising three papers  
(Maximum Marks: 100 marks to each theory paper)

Part II: Dissertation and Viva-voce Examination  
(Maximum Marks to dissertation is 200 which is to be awarded by the external examiner and open viva-voce examination is mandatory)

Total: 500 Marks

5. Only the candidates of DRDO, CSIR, ICMR, DBT and accredited research institutions of national importance possessing professional degrees shall be permitted to pursue Ph.D., programme in the **interdisciplinary areas of science and humanities / social sciences** under the supervision of scientists from DRDO, CSIR, ICMR, DBT and accredited research institutions of national importance approved by Bharathiar University and the registration of such candidates shall be considered case by case by the University based on the significance and relevance of research proposal submitted by them.
6. When the candidates of DRDO, CSIR, ICMR, DBT and accredited research institutions of national importance are allowed to register for pursuing the research programmes in the interdisciplinary areas leading to Ph. D., degree, they shall be awarded with the degree only in the registered interdisciplinary discipline on successful completion and fulfillment of all the conditions as specified in the Ph.D., regulations of Bharathiar University. There shall be a recognized Ph.D Supervisors of Bharathiar University who will act as Coordinator of such Ph.D programme.
7. Candidates from DRDO, CSIR, ICMR, DBT and accredited research institutions of national importance be exempted from appearing Common Entrance Test for research admission.
8. As per Sub-clause 6.1 under Clause 6: Allocation of Research Supervisor of stipulated in UGC Regulations 2016, any regular Professor of the University / Institution Deemed to be University / College with at least five research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor. Hence, a scientist or faculty possessing doctoral degree and working in DRDO, CSIR, ICMR, DBT and accredited research institutions of national importance approved by Bharathiar University with at least five research publications in refereed / SCOPUS / SCI / SCIE / UGC CARE List / other indexed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor.

9. The following resolution of the Board of Research held earlier and subsequently approved by SCAA dated 23.06.2021 be incorporated in the revised Ph.D., regulations of Bharathiar University.

There shall be a provision for registration of candidates for collaborative research leading to the award of Ph.D., degree under dual guidance with one faculty from the University Department and a faculty / scientist from the leading science laboratories of national importance approved by the University. This dual guidance programme is only for the cases in which Bharathiar University is having Memorandum of Understanding with DRDO and ICMR for collaborative research. Research supervisors under dual guidance shall have equal responsibilities for collaborative work and shall be recommended by the Selection Committee. Recommendation for registration in such cases shall be subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

10. The following content of Sub-clause 9.4 under Clause 9: Evaluation and Assessment Methods, minimum standards/credits for award of the degree, etc., stipulated in UGC Regulations 2016 be incorporated (with the addition of standard of journals for publication) in the existing M. Phil., / Ph. D., regulations of Bharathiar University.

M.Phil., scholars shall present at least one (1) research paper in a conference / seminar and Ph.D., scholars must publish at least one research paper in refereed / SCOPUS / SCI / SCIE / SSCI / AHCI / UGC CARE List / other indexed journals and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.

*Note:* For issuing the compliance certificate for Ph. D., awardees, it is required to be verified whether the candidates have published two papers in the refereed journals and presented at least two papers in conferences.

11. A faculty possessing the PG and Ph.D., degree in International Business or in Foreign Trade shall be recognized as a research supervisor only in International Business or in Foreign Trade and not in Commerce. However, such a faculty shall be granted permission to supervise the candidates who possess commerce degree at the post-graduate level and in such cases, the Ph.D., degree shall be awarded to the candidates in Commerce.
12. In order to speed up the process of evaluation of theses submitted by the candidates, the consent of all the examiners in the entire panel given by research supervisors shall be sought simultaneously by the Controller of Examinations / Director, Research and Evaluation with the approval of Vice-Chancellor and the theses shall be sent to the examiners who respond first expressing the consent.
13. While submitting the panel of examiners, the research supervisors should ensure that all the examiners are hailing from the reputed institutions of high standard.
14. The Research Board shall initiate steps to prepare a pool of examiners within India and outside India for various disciplines in consultation with research supervisors. This would be helpful for the Research Supervisors in identifying the examiners and in sending the theses for evaluation. The University is empowered to choose the Examiners from the pool in case of any delay in the evaluation process.
15. In case of delay in the submission of consolidated report by the research supervisor within the stipulated time frame or in case of delay in conducting public viva-voce examination within the stipulated time frame, the University shall initiate alternate arrangements to complete the process.

