

BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY : COIMBATORE – 641 046
Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)
Modified Regulations effective from January 2012 onwards

1. ELIGIBILITY

Candidates with Master's degree of Bharathiar University in the concerned or related discipline or any other qualification recognized as equivalent thereto by the Syndicate of Bharathiar University.

All candidates should have passed a two-year PG degree course after 3-year Bachelor's degree course and Higher Secondary course of 2-year duration after 10-year SSLC (10+2+3+2) or one year Pre-degree after 11-year SSLC (11+1+3+2) or 10-year SSLC plus 3-year Diploma plus 2 - year UG and 2 year PG (10+3+2+2). Candidates who have passed the PG degree examination with less than 17 years of total duration of study are not eligible for admission to M.Phil. programme.

- (a) Candidates belonging to the following categories are eligible to register for **M.Phil.** (Full-Time) programme
 - i. Candidates with 55% (5% relaxation for SC/ST candidates in the minimum eligibility marks) of marks and above in the Master's degree
 - ii. Candidates with 55% (5% relaxation for SC/ST candidates in the minimum eligibility marks) of marks and above in the Master's degree and working as Full-time Research Fellows/Technical Assistants/Research Assistants in time-bound Research schemes of one year duration or more in University Departments/Research Departments of Affiliated Colleges/Recognized Research Institutions.
- (b) Candidates belonging to the following categories are eligible to register for **M.Phil. (Part-Time)** programme:
 - i. Any person employed in any concern/organization/institution/ R & D Centres / Laboratories situated within the territorial jurisdiction of Bharathiar University or Research Institutions recognized by Bharathiar University with a minimum of 55% of marks in the Master's degree. Such candidates shall produce a No-objection certificate from the Employer or Head of the Institution (in case of Educational Institutions).
 - ii. All teachers working in colleges affiliated to Bharathiar University are eligible. Candidates working as guest lecturers on consolidated pay are also eligible to pursue M.Phil. (Part-time) programme provided they produce an NOC and service certificate from their respective colleges.
 - iii. Candidates working in colleges affiliated to Universities other than Bharathiar University have to produce a No objection Certificate and service certificate from the Head of the Institution/University.
 - iv. T.C. need not be insisted for admission to part-time M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes.

2. DURATION

FULL – TIME:

The duration of M.Phil. full time programme shall extend over a period of one academic year (12 months) commencing from 1st August.

PART – TIME:

The duration of M.Phil. part-time programme shall extend over a period of two academic years commencing from 1st August.

Maximum period for completion (including extension period) of the M.Phil. programme is two years in the case of Full-time candidates and three years in the case of Part-time candidates.

3. COURSE OF STUDY

The course of study for M.Phil. degree programme shall consist of three written papers under Part-I and a Dissertation under Part-II of the programme.

Written Papers (under Part-I)

Course I : Research Methodology (Research Methods of the concerned discipline)

Course II : Research Trends in the concerned discipline /
Advances in the concerned discipline

Course III : Special Paper (Pertaining to the area of specialization chosen by the candidate under a guide)

Note:

1. Guides committee meeting has to be held atleast once in three years to decide Paper I, II & III syllabi
2. The total number of special papers in each discipline shall not be more than TEN.
3. The syllabi for the three papers of Part I shall be those formulated in the guides committee meeting and duly approved by the Board of Research Studies and the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs.

Dissertation (under Part II)

Candidates shall be required to choose a research problem in his/her chosen area of research and submit a dissertation incorporating the results of his/her investigation, carried out under the supervision of a recognized supervisor.

4. Procedure for Admission

The university should issue the notification in the university website or advertise in the news papers for M.Phil./Ph.D. admissions. Admissions shall be made through an entrance test followed by an interview. However, UGC/CSIR(JRF)/SLET/GATE qualified/Teacher fellowship holders need not appear for entrance test. Such candidates shall be directly admitted to the doctoral programmes through interview. The interview committee should be formed with the following members.

- 1). Dean of concerned discipline
- 2). Head of the Department / Head of the Division
- 3). The recognized guides of the Department / Division

Common Entrance exam for M.Phil.,& Ph.D. programme shall be conducted during month of May/June. The awarded marks may be used by the candidates for one academic year or for the registration in the ensuing registration only. The entrance test may be conducted at four centers Coimbatore, Erode, Nilgiris and Pollachi.

Question Paper model:

Written Examinations Format (PG Syllabus):

Maximum Marks: 35; Time: 1.30 hours

Section A (15x1=15); Objective type (MCQ)

Section B (4x5=20); Answer Any Four out of Eight;

All Questions carry equal Marks; Answer should not exceed one page each

4.1. Allocation of Supervisor

Allocation of the supervisor for the selected candidates for Ph.D./M.Phil. programme shall be decided in a counseling by the Interview Committee where the research interest of the candidate, available specializations in the Department and vacancy position under each research supervisor shall be taken into consideration.

5. REGISTRATION

All candidates who are admitted into M.Phil. programme (Full-time or Part-time) will be registered under the supervision of recognized supervisors to do research in the chosen topics.

Candidates shall be registered for M.Phil. programme for one session only in a year, commencing on the first day of **August**, subject to the condition that the candidates so registered, shall be permitted to appear for Part I examination only after completing the minimum period of six months in the case of full-time registration and twelve months, in the case of part-time registration.

A candidate applying for registration shall do so, specifying the broad field of research, which shall normally be one related to the field of specialization chosen in his/her PG degree.

6. QUALIFICATION REQUIRED TO SUPERVISE M.Phil. PROGRAMME

The person under whom a candidate is registered for M.Phil. programme shall be required a minimum two years service after obtaining M.Phil. degree in the concerned or related discipline and working in any of the teaching Departments of the University or in any of the Affiliated Colleges/Recognized Research Institutions and recognized by the University as a research supervisor.

The candidates are permitted to have a Co-guide(s) with the recommendation of the guide.

No candidate shall be permitted to continue his M.Phil. programme with a guide who has left the service of the Bharathiar University area and if a Guide leaves, the candidate working under him shall be asked to choose a co-guide from among the teachers in the University area. However, this condition will not apply to the guides on transfer / retirement.

The age limit of Research Supervisors for registering fresh candidates shall be 57 years of age if the Research Supervisor is a Faculty / researcher in an Affiliated Institution of Bharathiar University and 59 years of age in the case of University teachers (i.e., one year prior to retirement).

An approved Research supervisor working in an unapproved Department in Recognized Research Institution/Affiliated College can guide candidates for M.Phil. provided another Research supervisor working in an Approved/recognized Department accepts to be a co-guide and the Approved/Recognized Institution issues a No Objection Certificate to this effect and the candidate so admitted will be considered as a student of the Approved/Recognized Institute for all purpose. This is applicable for non-lab subjects only.

7. NUMBER OF CANDIDATES UNDER A SUPERVISOR

A maximum of **FIVE** candidates be permitted to register under one supervisor at any point of time in addition to the permitted **EIGHT Ph.D.** candidates.

Maximum M.Phil. / Ph.D. strength for any college Department / Division of R & D Institution at any given time for non-laboratory courses shall be fixed by the inspection commission.

8. APPROVAL OF INSTITUTIONS FOR OFFERING M.Phil. RESEARCH PROGRAMME

All University Departments, Recognized Research Departments in Affiliated Colleges and all Recognized Research Institutions shall be approved to offer M.Phil. research programmes, in their respective disciplines or in the disciplines for which they have been recognized for or interdisciplinary areas.

No Department in an Affiliated College shall be approved to offer M.Phil. programme without a Bachelor's or Master's degree course in the discipline concerned (for laboratory subjects only).

A Department in an affiliated college may be considered for approval to offer M.Phil. program only after the completion of the first batch of Bachelor's or Master's degree course in the discipline concerned (Full-time & Part-time for laboratory subjects and Full-time for non-laboratory subjects).

The maximum intake of candidates for full-time and part-time M.Phil. programme in each Department of the Institution will be fixed by the inspection commission constituted by the University based on the facilities and paper publications in the research journals.

Research departments offering M.Phil. programmes shall have atleast one recognized M.Phil. guide to consider the grant of recognition to conduct M.Phil. programme.

9. CHANGE OF BROAD FIELD OF RESEARCH

Change of Broad Field of research is permitted in exceptional cases. An amount of ₹500/- be collected from the candidate for change of broad field of research. The time limit fixed for change of broad field of research in the M.Phil. programme is within six months from

the date of joining the course, in case of Full-time candidates and within twelve months from the date of joining the course, in case of Part-time candidates. For change of Broad Field of research, the candidate has to apply University with a 'Status change fee'.

10. CHANGE OF SUPERVISORS AND TRANSFER OF SCHOLARS

Transfer of M.Phil. scholars from one supervisor to another supervisor can be effected if mutual willingness was given by both the original and new supervisors by issuing NOC. An amount of ₹250/- be collected from the candidate for processing.

11. ATTENDANCE

- a) Candidate admitted to M.Phil. Full-time programme shall secure 75% attendance during the entire course, including short-term training programme, workshop, seminar, conference, etc. attended by them outside the University on the recommendation of the guide and with prior permission of the Head of University Department / Principal of affiliated college. The attendance may be calculated year-wise.
- b) The Head of the University Department/Principal of affiliated college shall have the power to condone 10% of shortage of attendance and the condonation may be granted on the merit of the case. It cannot be claimed as a matter of right.
- c) The Part-time candidates shall report to the guide at least thirty days in each year. This period may include holidays also.
- d) Attendance for M.Phil. part-time candidates shall be maintained by the respective guides and submitted to the HOD once in six months.
- e) The Part-time candidates shall take part in Departmental Seminars atleast twice in a year.
- f) If there is a shortage in attendance, due to availing of leave on medical grounds, the candidate's minimum period of research shall be extended accordingly, within the prescribed maximum period.

12. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

A) PART I – WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- i) The candidates are required to appear for the written examination under Part-I of the programme, at the end of six months after joining the course in the case of Full-time candidates and at the end of one year after registration, in the case of Part-time candidates.
- ii) The written examinations will normally be conducted twice in a calendar year in the months of March/April or October/November.
- iii) The duration and the maximum marks for each written paper are 3 hours and 100 marks respectively.

The question paper pattern for M.Phil. Part I - written Examination

- PART – A** : Answer any Five out of Eight
5x8 = 40 Marks (one compulsory problem or case study)
- PART –B** : Answer Any Five out of Eight
5x12 =60 Marks

- iv) The University will conduct the central valuation by inviting experts from outside Bharathiar University area and then by experts from the BU area for another valuation.
- v) The Convenor of the guides meeting shall be given the experts list consult with the other guides.
- vi) The requirement for a candidate to be declared as passed in Part-I of the M.Phil. Degree Examination shall be as follows:

Passing minimum in each paper is 50%

Any candidate who does not satisfy the above condition shall be declared as 'failed' in the Part-I of the examination and be required to reappear for the examination for the purpose of completing Part-I of M.Phil. Degree Course. During reappearance, candidates shall be exempted from appearing for paper(s) in which he/she has scored 50% or more marks.

Any candidate who is declared as 'failed' in Part-I of the examination must reappear in all the failed papers in which he/she has not been exempted and the marks obtained at the reappearance shall only be taken into account for declaring the result.

- vii) Candidates belonging to the both streams are permitted only three attempts, failing which they shall mandatorily go in for re-registration.
- viii) Candidates appearing for M.Phil. Part-I examination in different subjects should answer only in English, except while appearing for language-oriented subjects like Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, etc.

B) PART II - DISSERTATION

The candidates shall be permitted to submit their dissertation only after successful completion of Part-I examinations.

The candidates shall be required to submit three copies of the dissertation, under Part-II after 12 months from the month of admission in the case of Full-time candidates and 24 months from the month of admission in the case of Part-time candidates.

However, in exceptional cases, extension of time for submission of M.Phil. dissertation will be granted upto a maximum period of one year, on payment of the fees prescribed from time to time.

The existing rules for publication of dissertation of Ph.D. will be followed for publication of M.Phil. dissertation.

The supervisor while forwarding the dissertation shall submit a panel of names of three examiners from different Institutions in the concerned discipline. The examiners shall be from outside the state of Tamil Nadu or from within the state of Tamil Nadu, but outside the geographical jurisdiction of Bharathiar University.

The thesis can be submitted along with the panel of examiners (Hard and Soft copies to be enclosed)

Every candidate shall in his/her dissertation, include a declaration by himself / herself and a certificate from the supervisor under whom he / she worked, in the formats given below. An extra copy of each of the certificate and declaration have to be submitted along with the dissertation.

In arts subjects, the candidates shall be permitted to submit dissertations and face viva-voce examinations in Tamil.

DECLARATION

Ihereby declare that the dissertation, entitled “.....” submitted to the Bharathiar University, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Master of Philosophy is a record of original research work done by me during.....under the supervision and guidance of Dr..... Department of and it has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree / Diploma / Associateship / Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate in any University

**Countersigned
(Research Supervisor)**

Signature of the Candidate

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the dissertation, entitled “.....” submitted to the Bharathiar University, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Master of Philosophy in is a record of original research work done by Mr./Ms..... during the periodof his /her study in the Department of at(College / Research Institute / Bharathiar University) under my supervision and guidance and the dissertation has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree / Diploma / Associate ship / Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of any University.

**Countersigned
Principal / Head of the Dept. /Director
(College / University / Res. Institute)**

Signature of the Guide

13. EVALUATION OF M.PHIL. THESIS

- a) The dissertation submitted by the candidate shall be valued by two examiners, of whom one will normally be the supervisor. They shall separately evaluate the dissertation and

send their individual reports in the prescribed format, indicating their individual assessment as either “Highly Commended” or “Commended” or “Not Commended”. The comment, whichever is advantageous to the candidate, either “Highly Commended” or “Commended” shall be taken into consideration for declaration of the result.

- b) If the supervisor or external examiner does not submit his / her report even after the second reminder, he / she may be removed from the examinership and another examiner be appointed in his / her place.
- c) For non-receipt of panel of examiners from the supervisor within a month of submission of M.Phil. dissertation thesis by the candidate, the Vice-Chancellor is empowered to appoint a panel of examiners.
- d) In case of a dissertation, which has not been specifically “Commended” or “Not Commended” and revision suggested, the dissertation shall be revised within three months from the date of intimation and sent to the examiner, who had suggested the revision, for obtaining the commendation.
- e) In case, the examiners differ in their opinion on the suitability of the dissertation, the dissertation shall be referred to another examiner in the panel, whose opinion shall be deemed to be final.
- f) In case, the dissertation is assessed as “Not Commended”, or recommended by the examiner for “revision and re-submission”, the candidate will be permitted to resubmit his / her dissertation on a second occasion within a period of six months from the date of announcement of the result.

No candidate will normally be permitted to resubmit the dissertation on more than one occasion.

- g) Both internal and external examiners, whenever they recommend the dissertation either as “COMMENDED” or “HIGHLY COMMENDED” should provide five questions each relating to the dissertation. These ten questions should be asked by the Supervisor in the Viva-Voce Examination for the candidate to answer.
- h) A candidate must submit himself / herself for a viva-voce on the dissertation. A candidate, whose dissertation is commended / highly commended, shall be required to pass in the viva-voce examination. The viva-voce examination will be conducted for the candidate by the Supervisor at the Department concerned in the presence of staff and the students of the Department and the supervisor should send a report of the viva-voce to the university.
- i) A candidate shall be declared to have qualified for M.Phil. degree if he / she passes both Part I and Part II of the programme.

- j) There shall be only one viva voce notification. Viva voce examination will be conducted for M.Phil. students strictly within 15 days of receipt of reports by the controller of examinations. If viva voce could not be conducted within the specified period, the supervisor has to get permission from University by specifying the reasons.
- k) A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part-II, if the evaluation of the dissertation report is expressed as “Commended” or “Highly commended” and has satisfactorily completed the viva-voce examination.
- l) All the requirements for the award of M.Phil. degree shall be completed within a total period of two years from the date of admission in the case of Full-time programme and within a period of three years from the date of admission, in the case of Part-time programme.
- m) The guide is to furnish a certificate, as follows, along with the report of the viva-voce examination, in connection with the publication of the dissertation by the candidate, at a later date.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in the dissertation entitled “.....
.....” submitted by
“.....”.

- i) the corrections / modifications suggested by the examiners have been incorporated and
 - ii) the dissertation does not have any objectionable material.
- Hence, the dissertation is fit for publication, if the candidate so desires.

GUIDE / CONVENOR

- n) A candidate who is not successful in the Viva-Voce Examination be permitted to undergo the Viva-Voce Examination for the second time one month after the first viva-voce examination but within three months

14. CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE

A candidate shall be eligible for the conferment of M.Phil. degree, if he / she has undergone the prescribed programme for a period of not less than one year, in the case of Full-time programme and not less than two years, in the case of Part-time programme in an Institution affiliated to / approved by the University and passed all the examinations and fulfilled all such conditions, as have been prescribed therein.

The actual date of completion of Part I and Part II examination, whichever is later, will be mentioned in the M.Phil. provisional certificate, as the date of award / qualifying for the M.Phil. degree, subject to satisfying all other conditions.

Candidates who qualify for M.Phil. degree shall be awarded in the respective discipline in which the candidate has been permitted to register.

15. ADDITIONAL M.PHIL. DEGREE

A candidate who has already completed his / her M.Phil. degree in this University shall be permitted to register for an additional M.Phil. in another specialization, within the same discipline.

However, the remarks of the Supervisor shall be obtained regarding the exemption, if any, of Paper III of Part I already passed by the candidate.

16. CONVERSION FROM FULL-TIME REGISTRATION TO PART-TIME AND VICE-VERSA

Conversion from full-time to part-time and vice-versa of M.Phil. research will be allowed only under special circumstances, on payment of “status change fee”.

The following formula will be adopted for conversion of full-time to part-time and vice-versa of M.Phil. programme. The residual period that the candidate has to complete, at the time of his / her application for conversion (from full-time to part-time or from part-time to full-time, as the case may be), for fulfilling the requirement of the minimum duration for submitting the thesis under the existing category be taken note of, and the equivalent of the corresponding period, shall be determined and intimated to the candidate, without exceeding the maximum duration.

17. CONVERSION FROM PH.D. PROGRAMME TO M.PHIL PROGRAMME

Candidates registered for Ph.D. Full-time / Part-time programme may be permitted to convert their registrations to M.Phil. Full-time / Part-time programme on payment of prescribed fee (status change fee), provided,

- i) they have completed the Part-I of the programme, within the prescribed period
- ii) the supervisor is the same, and
- iii) the total time limit will be the same prescribed for M.Phil. programme.

18. TRANSITORY PROVISION

These regulations will come into effect from 1st January 2012. The University may from time to time revise, amend or change the regulations, scheme of examinations, syllabus and fee structure, if found necessary and such amendments, changes shall come into effect from the date prescribed.

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