

BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY: COIMBATORE – 641 046

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) / DOCTOR OF LETTERS (D.Litt.)
Revised Regulations with effective from the academic year 2013-14

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) Minimum requirement of registering D.Sc. degree :
He/she should have 50 research publications in the SCI journals.
(Web of service evidence to be produced for SCI journals)
- ii) Minimum requirement of registering D.Litt. degree :
He/she should have 40 research publications in the referred journals and 10 books in standard publications. (Evidence to be produced for referred journals)
- iii) He / She has been doing post-doctoral work for a minimum period of five years in the Department of this University or Affiliated colleges or Institutions to conduct Ph.D. programme or departments of the government.
- iv) 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 and shall not form part of any research work which have been already considered for the award of any degree/diploma's of this University.
- v) 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.
- vi) The candidate must have been actively working in the state of Tamilnadu, atleast for 2 decades in a position not less than Associate Professor or above in a manner that he/she is continuously they working in that discipline.

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 focused 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.10,000/- be collected from the candidate for registration.

3. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

The candidate shall submit his / her thesis after a period of one year 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 Chairperson, BOS (U.D.). The Chairperson BOS (UD) will be convenor to conduct the Viva-voce examination and the Indian examiner is the Viva-voce examiner.
- (iii) 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 The Chairperson BOS (UD) should be consulted by the Vice-Chancellor to nominating the other member of the examiner.
- 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 favourable reports from the adjudicators, the convenor shall initiate and complete the Public viva voce examination within a period of three months.

8. For additional clarification/guideline if any part of this regulation is silent, the candidate must refer to the general regulations to Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) applicable from the academic year 2013-14 onwards.