

M.Phil., REGULATIONS (REGULAR STREAM - 2018)
(with Amendments)



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1.0 TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These regulations shall be called the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) Regulations, 2018 hereinafter referred as the Programme.
- 1.2 Degree of Master of Philosophy shall be offered in the disciplines given in annexure -I.
- 1.3 The degree of Master of Philosophy shall be awarded to those fulfilling the conditions as laid down under these regulations.
- 1.4 Subject to the overall direction of the Academic Council, the programme shall be administered by the concerned School /Department / Centre.
- 1.5 These regulations shall come into force from the date of approval of the Academic Council.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 2.1 Candidates seeking admission to M.Phil Programme shall hold a Masters degree or Professional degree declared equivalent to the Masters degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, 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 systems are 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.
- 2.2 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50% or an equivalent relaxation of grade, shall be allowed to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non creamy layer)/Differently Abled and other categories of candidate as per the decision of the UGC from time to time or for those who had obtained their Masters degree prior to Nineteenth September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible

based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

- 2.3 **In the case of candidates belonging to related discipline other than the discipline on which M.Phil Programme is offered, the School / Department / Centre shall decide the admission of such candidates and on satisfying other conditions as laid down under these regulations.**

3.0 DURATION

- 3.1 The duration of the Programme shall be two consecutive semesters. The women candidates and persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year for M.Phil Programme. In addition, the women candidates shall be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of the Programme for up to 240 days.
- 3.2 In special circumstances, two extensions consisting of three months each shall be granted on payment of prescribed fees.
- 3.3 Those candidates who do not either complete their course work or submit dissertation within the duration prescribed including extensions granted, the admission shall stand cancelled automatically.
- 3.4 No candidate admitted to this Programme shall undertake any full time employment or join a full time course of study before completing the duration prescribed for the programme.

4.0 ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- 4.1 Admission to M.Phil Programmes shall be conducted once in an academic year through entrance test as prescribed for this purpose.
- 4.2 The candidates seeking admission to the programme shall apply through online.
- 4.3 The entrance test conducted for admission to M.Phil Programme shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology and the remaining 50% shall be discipline specific.

- 4.4 A minimum of 50% in each component is a must to become eligible for provisional admission. Question papers for Research Aptitude Test (General) and Subject Test will be set and evaluated by a Board consisting of the HoD and the Research Supervisors concerned.
- 4.5 A relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the Institute. Provided that, if in spite of the above relaxation, the seats allotted for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled categories remain unfilled, a Special Admission Drive shall be launched by the Institute, for that particular category within one month from the date of closure of admission of General category.
- 4.6 In the interview conducted for admission, the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through oral presentation before the selection committee concerned.
- 4.7 Those students who qualified UGC-NET (including JRF) / UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF/SLET/GATE/Teacher Fellowship holder shall be admitted directly to the Programme after an interview.

5.0 ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS (INCLUDING NRIs)

- 5.1 In case of foreign students (including NRIs), the admission shall be done through online entrance test and interview through video conferencing.
- 5.2 The equivalence of degree possessed by foreign students / NRIs shall be settled well in advance by the Equivalence Committee.
- 5.3 The foreign students / NRIs shall be admitted within the vacancies as permissible under UGC regulations.

6.0 NUMBER OF SEATS

The number of seats in each M.Phil. Programme, shall be as permissible under UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedures for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 and as adopted by the Academic Council.

7.0 SUPERVISION

- 7.1 Full time regular faculty of the Institute who possess Ph.D. degree shall supervise the M.Phil. candidates.
- 7.2 The permissible number of candidates supervised by the faculty at a given point of time shall be as follows
- Professor - 3 candidates
 - Associate Professor - 2 candidates
 - Assistant Professor - 1 candidate
- 7.3 The allocation of Research Supervisor for selected candidate shall be decided by the School / Department / Centre concerned depending on the number of candidates per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisor and research interests of the candidates as indicated by them at the time of interview for admission.
- 7.4 A Co-Supervisor from other departments of the Institute or from related Institutions from outside shall be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas with the approval of authorities.

8.0 CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

- 8.1 The M.Phil Programme will have 28 credits (16 credits for research work and the remaining credits for course work). The courses shall be decided by the HoD and the faculty members of the concerned discipline.
- 8.2 The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) shall be followed broadly for all M.Phil Programmes. The students shall be continuously evaluated for academic performance in a course through Continuous Formative Assessment (CFA) and the End Semester Examinations (ESE). The students shall also be engaged in practical work in the field and laboratory, assignment(s), term paper(s) and seminar(s).
- 8.3 A student has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or the equivalent grade in the 10 point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the Programme and submit the dissertation.

- 8.4 Depending upon the nature of the discipline and the dissertation, the courses shall be distributed either in the first semester itself or both in the and second semesters and as decided by the departments.

9.0 SUBMISSION OF DISSERTATION

- 9.1 Dissertation can be submitted after the completion of 90 working days in the second semester provided, the candidate concerned published in a refereed journal or presented one paper in a national conference / seminar / workshop relevant for his/her field of study.
- 9.2 Two copies of the dissertations along with a CD shall be submitted to the institute. Of the two copies, one copy will have to be sent to the Office of the Controller of Examinations for evaluation.
- 9.3 The dissertation submitted by the candidate shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least one external examiner.
- 9.4 The viva-voce examination shall be conducted jointly by Research Supervisor and external expert.

10.0 EXTENSION FEE

The candidates shall submit dissertation anytime after the completion of number of working days as prescribed by the Institute for second semester of the programme or within the period (s) of extension prescribed under these regulations and after the payment of fess prescribed hereunder.

- 10.1 First extension of 1-3 months after the completion of prescribed working days from the commencement of the second semester of the programme shall be granted subject to the payment of extension fee of Rs. 3000/-.
- 10.2 Second extension of 1-3 months from the date of completion of first extension shall be granted subject to the payment of extension fee of Rs.5000/-.
- 10.3 Those who do not submit their dissertations even after two extension as prescribed will have their registration cancelled.

Annexure - I

LIST OF M.PHIL. PROGRAMMES OFFERED AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Sl. No.	Offering School/Dept./Centre	Programmes	Minimum eligibility requirements
1.	Tamil and Indian Languages	Tamil	A pass in PG degree in Tamil / Literature and related disciplines (Folklore / Mass communication / Linguistics / Translation)
2.	English and Foreign Languages	English	A pass in PG degree in English
3.	Development Studies	Rural Development Studies	A pass in PG degree in Arts / Science
4.	Economics	Economics	A pass in PG degree in Economics / Rural Economics and Extension Education / Business Economics / Development Economics / Econometrics / Applied Economics / Mathematical Economics
5.	Political Science and Development Administration	Development Administration	A pass in PG degree in Development Administration / Political Science / Public Administration / Public Affairs / Governance and Development
6.	Gandhian Studies	Gandhian Studies and Peace Science	A pass in PG degree in Gandhian Studies / Social Work / Sociology / Rural Sociology / Social Science / Humanities / Science
7.	Sociology	Development Sociology	A pass in PG degree in Sociology / Rural Sociology / Social Science / Humanities / Science
8.	Applied Research	Research and Development	A pass in any PG degree
9.	Women's Studies	Women's Studies	A pass in PG degree in Women's Studies / Social Science / Humanities / Science
10.	Chemistry	Chemistry	A pass in PG degree in Chemistry
11.	Computer Science and Applications	Computer Science	A pass in Master of Computer & Applications / M.Sc. Computer Science / M.Sc. Information Technology / M.Sc. Software Engineering
12.	Education	Education	Any PG degree with M.Ed.
13.	Mathematics	Mathematics	A pass in PG degree in Mathematics
14.	Physics	Physics	A pass in PG degree in Physics
15.	Biology	Botany / Zoology / Microbiology	A pass in PG degree in Botany / Zoology / Microbiology
16.	Home Science	Home Science	A pass in PG degree in Food Science & Nutrition / Home Science / Textiles & Fashion Design
17.	Applied Geology	Geology	A pass in M.Sc. Geology / Applied Geology / Geophysics / Marine Geology / Geoinformatics / M.Tech. Geological Technology and Geoinformatics or its equivalent
18.	Future Studies	Futurology	A pass in PG degree in Humanities / Science / Engineering

FEE STRUCTURE

	Amount (in Rs.)
I. PER SEMESTER FEES	
Tuition Fee	3000
Examination Fee	1200
II. Special Fees	
Library	400
Games	100
Laboratory	500
General Development Fee	5000
Total- I-II	10200
III. PER ANNUM FEES	
Health Service	300
Group Health Insurance	200
Calendar	100
Computer	500
Magazine	100
Sports Tournament Fund	200
Association	100
Student Club	50
Khadi deposit	300
Youth Red Cross	20
Total- III	1770
IV. ONE TIME FEES	
Admission	100
SMART Card	150
TC & CC	100
Counseling	100
Shanti Sena	100
Placement Services	100
Syllabus	50
Students' Welfare Fund	100
Coop Stores Share Capital	100
Alumni Association*	100
Total- IV	1000
V. CAUTION DEPOSITS (REFUNDABLE)	
Library	300
Laboratory	200
General	400
Field Placement	300
Total - V	1200
GRAND TOTAL (I - V)	14170

* Second semester only

Annexure III

QUESTION PAPER PATTERN FOR COURSE WORK OF M.PHIL

QUESTION CODE : _____

SEMESTER : _____

Title of the Course

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

5 x 20 = 100

I A.
(OR)

B.

II A.
(OR)

B.

III A.
(OR)

B.

IV A.
(OR)

B.

V A.
(OR)

B.

Note: Each Question may contain any no. of subdivisions with the specification of mark distribution for each subdivision.

Annexure IV

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR M.Phil. DISSERTATION

(Prescribed format for submission of final dissertation for M.Phil.Programme)

i) COVER / FACE SHEET

<p>Title of the Dissertation (Title of the Dissertation should not exceed fifteen words)</p>
<p>Dissertation Submitted to The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Master of Philosophy</p>
<p>By (Name of the candidate)</p>
<p>The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) Gandhigram – 624 302 Tamil Nadu India</p>
<p>Month and Year</p>

Note : General Conditions only.

- i) The dissertation shall be presented in A4 size paper.
- ii) The maximum number of pages of a M.Phil thesis excluding the bibliography and the appendices (i.e. from page one to the last page of the text only of the thesis) shall not exceed 300.
- iii) Xerox copies can be made from the original script. Copies of the M.Phil thesis should be with calico binding using flexible white boards.
- iv) No insertion of “dedication” is allowed in the dissertation.
- v) Other specifications as are not mentioned in this regulations, these specifications as contained in the Ph.D. Regulations of the Institute shall apply to the extend it is applicable for the programme.

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Name of the Research Supervisor
Designation
Department / Centre / School
The Gandhigram Rural Institute
(Deemed to be University)
Gandhigram.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the Dissertation titled “ _____ is the bonafide record of the original research work carried out by Mr/Ms. _____ under my supervision and that it has not been submitted elsewhere earlier for the award of any degree / diploma.

Place:
Date :

Signature of the Supervisor

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DECLARATION

I _____ declare that the Dissertation titled _____ is a bonafide record of the original research work carried out by me under the guidance of _____, and that it has not been submitted earlier elsewhere for the award of any degree / diploma.

Place:
Date:

Signature of the candidate

DECLARATION AGAINST PLAGIARISM

I, _____, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the thesis / dissertation titled “_____” and submitted for the degree of M.Phil to the Gandhigram Rural Institute is my own work to the extent that all sources have been properly acknowledged and the work contains no plagiarism.

Further, I submit a soft copy (PDF format in CD) and acknowledge that the above work may be checked for data-matching and if found to be plagiarized of any part I may be subjected to any disciplinary action including to either rejection of the work or cancellation of the registration from the entire programme of the study.

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

Counter Signature of the Research supervisor/Guide.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Dissertation shall carry an acknowledgement of not more than two pages, wherein the candidate shall thank the Supervisor, the institute specifying the department and the Faculty, other persons / institutions who helped academically and those who helped non-academically in the course of the study and in the preparation of the dissertation. Thanking the typist / Xerox company and others should be avoided.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the candidate

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CONTENTS

The table of contents shall list the chapters of the thesis and the bibliography in their order along with the numbers of their first pages. In the case of the dissertation, wherein chapters are subdivided into distinct sections, the sectional subdivisions may also be listed in their order with the numbers of their first page under each subdivision. The Appendix may be listed in their order after bibliography.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATION

The symbols and abbreviations used in the dissertation, wherever applicable, shall be listed with their explanation / expansion.

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LIST OF TABLES

The tables shall be listed in the contents with their respective page numbers. Within the body of the dissertation, the figures should have captions with explanations for the symbols used therein.

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LIST OF FIGURES

The figures shall be listed in the content with their respective page numbers. Within the body of the dissertations the table should have self explanatory captions.

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ABSTRACT

The abstract of the Dissertation shall not exceed two pages (a soft copy of the same in a CD should be handed over to the Office of the Controller of Examinations).

BIBLIOGRAPHY

List of publications, journals, monographs, books etc.

List of publications out of this work.

OTHER SPECIFICATIONS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR DISSERTATION

Paper	:	A4 size paper (any brand)
Book format	:	B – 5 size
Font size	:	10 to 14
Font type	:	Times New Roman / Gothic
Line Spacing	:	1.5 space (or 2 spaces)
Top margin	:	0.75 inch
Bottom margin	:	1 inch (with page no. at the
centre) Left margin	:	1.5 inch
Right margin	:	0.75 inch
Binding	:	With flexible Whiteboards
