

M.PHIL. REGULATIONS (INTEGRATED STREAM - 2018)
(w.e.f. the Academic Year 2018-2019)



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1.0 TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These regulations shall be called the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) Regulations, 2018 (Integrated Stream) hereinafter referred as the Programme.
- 1.2 Degree of Master of Philosophy shall be offered in those disciplines where the Institute is offering Ph.D. programmes.
- 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 School/ Department / Centre concerned.
- 1.5 These regulations shall come into force from the date of approval of the Academic Council.

2.0 DURATION

- 2.1 The duration of the Programme shall be for a minimum of three consecutive semesters and a maximum of 4 semesters.
- 2.2 In special circumstances, two extensions consisting of three months each shall be granted on payment of prescribed fees.
- 2.3 **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 may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of the Programme for up to 240 days.**
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 No candidate admitted to this programme shall undertake any full time employment or join a full time course of study before completing the minimum duration prescribed.

3.0 NUMBER OF SEATS

3.1 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 of the institute.

4.0 ADMISSION PROCEDURE

4.1 Admission to the Integrated 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 shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology and 50% shall be discipline specific.

4.4 In the interview conducted for admission, the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through oral presentation before the selection committee concerned.

4.5 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 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

5.1 Candidates seeking admission to the Integrated 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.

5.2 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.

6.0 ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS (INCLUDING NRIs)

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

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 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- 8.1 The M.Phil Programme can comprise of both theory and practical courses, a dissertation and viva-voce examination.

8.2 The course credit requirements for M.Phil Programme shall be the same as for the Ph.D. programme as given below:

8.3 The distribution of credits of the Programme is as follows:

Sl.No	Course Type	Course/Credit	Total credits
1	Core Courses	4 courses x 4 credits	16
2	Supportive Courses (a) Research Methodology (b) Quantitative Techniques	2 courses x 4 credits	8
3	Topical Research/Term Paper (1) + Seminars (3) (in the area of specialization)		4
4	Dissertation		16
Total			44

Notes:

- a) Languages and Science Departments may customize course work on Quantitative Techniques.
- b) Normally all the courses shall be completed by a scholar in the first two semesters of his / her M.Phil. Programme including the seminars and term paper / topical research.
- c) Three Core courses and the supportive course on Research Methodology will be conducted during the First Semester. The course on Area of Specialization and the second supportive course will be undertaken by the candidate during the Second Semester along with Seminars and Topical Research / Term Paper.
- d) Course work will be conducted by following the semester pattern of 90 working days.
- e) Course work examinations will be conducted along with the examinations of other academic programmes.
- f) The seminar papers / topical research / term papers shall be undertaken by the research scholar on the topics related to the area of specialization.

- 8.4 Those candidates who successfully complete course work examinations in the first and second semesters shall proceed with initiation of the dissertation work in the third semester.
- 8.5 The syllabus for the Course Work and panel of examiners shall be prepared by the respective Schools / Departments / Centres with the approval of the Board of Studies.
- 8.6 A candidate who completes all the course credit requirements as in 8.3 above shall be awarded the M.Phil., degree.
- 8.7 **The candidates who successfully complete the course work of the Integrated M.Phil. Programme (except dissertation as in 8.3) shall have an option to register for Ph.D. Programme in the same discipline subject to availability of vacancy and fulfilling of other norms as stipulated under UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedures for Awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016.**
- 8.8 After successful completion of the Integrated M.Phil. programme, the candidate shall be eligible to register for Ph.D. programme at a later date (within three years from the completion of the programme) subject to the following conditions:
- a) The candidate has secured CGPA the equivalent to 60% and above.
 - b) The Committee consisting of the external examiner who has evaluated the dissertation of the candidate, his/her Supervisor, Dean of the School/ Head of the Department / Director of the Centre concerned shall recommend for admission of the candidate to the Ph.D. Programme based on the merit of his/her dissertation work.
 - c) Such candidates as in 8.7 need not have to undergo the course work while registering for Ph.D. programme at any time.

9.0 EXAMINATION

9.1 The CoE will conduct the course work examinations and declare the results.

9.2 **Assessment**

Assessment of the scholars' attainment will be through an End Semester Examination (ESE) **for Core and Supportive courses.**

9.3 **End Semester Examination (ESE)**

ESE for each course will be of three hours' written examination and shall be conducted by the CoE after the completion of 90 working days in a semester.

9.4 **Setting of question papers for ESE**

9.4.1 Questions for ESE for Ph.D. coursework shall be set by the external examiners for all the courses and sent to the CoE along with the scheme of valuation.

9.4.2 Hard copy of the question papers shall be sent to the Dean / HoD / Director concerned and the same will be scrutinized for the coverage of syllabus, pattern of questions, correction of mistakes etc by a Question Paper Board consisting of the Dean / HoD / Director and two other Research Supervisors (on rotation) and will be forwarded to the CoE in a sealed cover.

9.5 **Valuation of Answer Scripts**

9.5.1 There shall be a single valuation by the course teacher concerned.

9.5.2 Appeal against ESE evaluation can be made by the candidate in the format prescribed within 10 days after the declaration of result, by paying the prescribed fee of Rs.500 per paper.

9.6 **Grading**

9.6.1 The marks scored by the candidates will be converted into Grades (G) and Grade Points (GP) as shown below:

Mark	Grade	GP
90 - 100	A+	10
80 - 89	A	9
70 - 79	B+	8
60 - 69	B	7

9.6.2 A candidate has to score a minimum of B grade to get a pass.

9.7 **Seminars**

9.7.1 All the seminars are to be presented in the respective School / Department / Centre before the RQC. It shall be evaluated by a committee of faculty members who are eligible to guide Ph.D.

programme, of whom one shall be the Dean / HoD / Director and two other faculty members on rotation, based on seniority.

9.7.2 Seminar paper presentation shall last for about 45 minutes followed by discussion/ question-answer session.

9.7.3 Seminars shall be presented every Thursday and each research scholar shall present at least one seminar in a month thereby completing all the three seminars in a semester. The seminar papers shall be evaluated by 75% for the contents and 25% for the presentation.

9.7.4 The mode of seminar presentation shall be powerpoint presentation along with the submission of the seminar paper.

9.7.5 The RQC shall grade all the three seminar paper presentation as satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (US) and send them to CoE. In case the seminar papers presented by the research scholar is graded unsatisfactory, then he / she has to repeat the seminar paper presentations in the next succeeding semester.

9.8. Term Paper / Topical Research

9.8.1 Each research scholar would submit a term paper / topical research paper at the end of the semester followed by a presentation.

9.8.2 The term paper / topical research paper shall be evaluated by the same committee of faculty members which evaluated the seminar. In such evaluation, 75% assessment shall be made for the contents of the term paper / topical research paper and the remaining 25% assessment will be based on the presentation.

9.8.3 The RQC shall grade all the term paper / topical research paper as satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (US) and send them to CoE. In case the term / topical research paper presented by the research scholar is graded as unsatisfactory, he/she has to resubmit the term / topical research paper in the next succeeding semester.

10.0 ATTENDANCE

10.1 All the candidates shall regularly sign the attendance register maintained in the Schools / Departments / Centres concerned during the entire period of the programme.

- 10.2 The progress report and attendance certificate shall be verified by the RQC periodically and the report of the RQC shall be submitted to the CoE in each Semester.

11.0 SUBMISSION OF DISSERTATION (For Candidates under 8.6)

- 11.1 The students who have completed two semesters successfully shall be allowed to submit dissertation at the end of third semester of the Programme.
- 11.2 Two copies of the dissertation along with a CD containing the full dissertation are to be submitted to the Controller of Examinations after payment of prescribed fee, if any, in this regard.
- 11.3 The candidate should have presented at least one (1) research paper in conference/seminar before the submission of dissertation for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificate.
- 11.4 The dissertation submitted by the candidate shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least one external examiner.
- 11.5 The viva-voce examination shall be conducted jointly by Research Supervisor and external expert.

12.0 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.

- 12.1 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/-.
- 12.2 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/-.
- 12.3 Those who do not submit their dissertations even after two extension as prescribed will have their registration cancelled.

13.0 AWARD OF DEGREE

- 13.1 Those candidates who complete all the course credit requirements including the submission of dissertation followed by successful completion of viva-voce examination shall be admitted to and conferred the degree of Master of Philosophy in the respective discipline.
- 13.2 The degree shall be awarded to the candidate, provided he/she has no disciplinary action pending against him/her and fulfilled such other conditions as prescribed under these regulations.
- 13.3 For those candidates who qualified for degree in disciplines which are interdisciplinary in nature, the Institute may issue the degree in the respective discipline in which they have registered and completed their Programme.

14.0 POWER TO REMOVE ANY DIFFICULTY

- 14.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, any question, which is not covered by these Regulations, or any difficulty arising out of these Regulation, shall be dealt with by the Academic Council.
- 14.2 The Vice-Chancellor may in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendations of the Centre / Department / School concerned or an appropriate Committee on the merits of each individual case consider, and for reasons to be recorded, allow relaxation of any of the provisions except those prescribed in the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedures for Awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016.

15.0 REPEAL

- 15.1 From the date when these Regulations come into operation, all previous regulations on the subject shall cease to be in effect, provided that this revocation shall not affect the previous batch of students.

16.0 REGULATIONS GOVERNING INTEGRATED M.Phil. LEADING TO Ph.D.

After completing the course credit requirements for the award of M.Phil degree under this scheme, the candidates who are to be admitted to the Ph.D. programme in the third semester or at a later date (within three years from the completion of the programme), shall thereafter be governed by the Ph.D. Regulations which will be in force at the time of their admission.

LIST OF M.PHIL. PROGRAMMES OFFERED AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Sl. No.	Offering School/Dept./Centre	Minimum eligibility requirements
1.	Education	Any PG degree with M.Ed.
2.	Mathematics	A pass in PG degree in Mathematics
3.	Physics	A pass in PG degree in Physics
4.	Biology	A pass in PG degree in Botany / Zoology / Microbiology
5.	Home Science	A pass in PG degree in Food Science & Nutrition / Home Science / Textiles & Fashion Design
6.	Chemistry	A pass in PG degree in Chemistry

FEE STRUCTURE

	Amount (in Rs.)
I. PER SEMESTER FEES	
Tuition Fee	3000
Examination Fee	1200
II. Special Fees	
Library	400
Games	100
Laboratory	1000
General Development Fee	5000
Total- I-II	10700
III. PER ANNUM FEES	
Health Service	200
Group Health Insurance	200
Calendar	80
Computer	1000
Magazine	100
National Science Day	0
Sports Tournament Fund	150
Association	50
Student Club	50
Khadi deposit	300
Youth Red Cross	20
Total- III	2150
IV. ONE TIME FEES	
Admission	100
SMART Card	150
TC & CC	100
Counseling	100
Shanti Sena	100
Village Placement Programme	0
Placement Services	100
Syllabus	50
Language Lab/Soft Skills Training	200
NSS	0
Students' Welfare Fund	100
Coop Stores Share Capital	100
Alumni Association*	100
Total- IV	1200
V. CAUTION DEPOSITS (REFUNDABLE)	
Library	300
Laboratory	200
General	400
Field Placement	300
Study Tour / Industry Visit	0
Total - V	1200
GRAND TOTAL (I - V)	15250

* only for last semester students of M.Phil programmes

Annexure I

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 II

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, this specifications as contained in the Ph.D. Regulations 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

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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.

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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
