

St. Peter's University
St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education & Research
(Declared under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
Avadi, Chennai 600 054, Tamil Nadu

REGULATIONS FOR M.Phil. PROGRAMME
(Revised as on 25-08-2011)

1. Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.) Degree Programme is offered by Departments of Science, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Management of the University.
2. The rules and regulations governing course registration, attendance and discipline of students for M. Phil. Programme shall be the same as for the Master's Programme other than those mentioned in this document.
3. **Eligibility:**
 - 3.1 Candidate who has qualified for Post Graduate Degree in the respective discipline of this University (or) of any other University recognized by this University as equivalent thereto shall be eligible to register for the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and undergo the prescribed course of study in the Department of the University.

Master's Degree in Arts (or) Science in the Faculty of Science (or) Basic Sciences including Material Science (or) Commerce (or) Education (or) Business Administration/Computer Applications.
 - 3.2 Candidate shall be required to have obtained a minimum of 55% of marks in their respective Post Graduate Degrees to register for the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.).
 - 3.3 Admission shall be based on combined merit of entrance examination and interview conducted by the University.
4. **Duration:**

The minimum duration for completion of M. Phil. in a discipline is one year comprising two semesters.
5. The M. Phil. Degree is awarded if a student has registered, undergone and secured the required minimum number of credits for the core and elective courses including Dissertation prescribed in the corresponding programme within the stipulated time;
6. **Structure of the Programme**
 - 6.1 The M. Phil. Programme consists of:

- (a) Part 1 comprising
- Core courses
 - Elective courses which students can choose from those offered within the department or in other departments of the University as approved.
- (b) Part 2
- Dissertation
- 6.2 The total number of credits for core and electives shall be 18. Within this broad framework, different M. Phil. programmes may prescribe and adopt one of the following two patterns:
- 2 core courses (12 credits) plus one elective (6 credits) or
 - 3 core courses (18 credits)
- and
- Dissertation (18 credits)
- 6.3 *Credit* defines the quantum of contents/syllabus prescribed for a course and determines the number of hours of instruction required per week. Thus, in each of the courses, credits will be assigned on the basis of the number of lectures/tutorials/laboratory work and other forms of learning required to complete the course contents:
- 1 Credit = 1 hour of lecture per week (1 Credit course = 18 hours of lecture per semester)
- 6.4 Instruction can take the form of lectures / tutorials / laboratory work / fieldwork or other forms. In determining the number of hours of instruction required for a course involving laboratory / field-work, 2 hours of laboratory / field work is generally considered equivalent to 1 hour of lecture.
- 6.5 The first semester consists of course work (Part 1), and second semester consists of dissertation (Part 2). If the candidates do not have adequate attendance in the first semester or do not appear or do not pass the prescribed examinations in the first semester, they are not permitted to do second semester. In such cases, they have to repeat the course with permission of competent authority.

7. Written Examinations for Core and Elective Subjects

- 7.1 Grading system on a 10-point Grade is used with the following grades and range of marks.

Grade	Grade Points	Range of Marks (1 Mark = 0.1 Grade Point)
O	9.00 to 10.00	90 to 100
A	8.00 to 8.99	80 to 89.99
B	7.00 to 7.99	70 to 79.99
C	6.00 to 6.99	60 to 69.99

D	5.00 5.99	50 to 59.99
F (Fail)		0 to 49.99

8. **Dissertation**

- 8.1 The research topic for the dissertation may be finalized during the first semester and a separate registration form shall be used for Registration.
- 8.2 The candidate shall submit the Dissertation to the University through the Supervisor and Head of the Department before the end of the second semester.
- 8.3 The Supervisor shall possess M.Phil. or Ph.D. degree.
- 8.4 The Supervisor shall not have, at any given point of time, more than five M.Phil. scholars.

9. **Evaluation of the Dissertation**

- 9.1 The dissertation shall be evaluated by the Supervisor and two External Examiners approved by the University from a panel of four names suggested by the Supervisor through the Head of the Department at the time of submission of the Dissertation.
- 9.2 The External Examiner is to be drawn from:
- i) A recognized college or
 - ii) Any accredited institution of higher education and/or research.
- 9.3 The Examiners who value the Dissertation shall report on the merit of the candidate as “Highly commended” or “Commended” or “Not satisfactory”. If one Examiner commends the Dissertation and the other Examiner does not commend, the Dissertation may be referred to a third Examiner and the third valuation shall be final.
- 9.4 Resubmission of Dissertation shall be done within one month.
- 9.5 The viva-voce examination on the Dissertation shall be jointly conducted by the Supervisor and one External Examiner. The distribution of marks shall be as under:
- 20% marks for Periodical presentation (to be evaluated and awarded by the Supervisor)
 - 60% marks for the Dissertation
 - 20% marks for Viva-voce
- 9.6 The last date for submission of Dissertation shall be intimated a month in advance. Those who do not submit the dissertation in time may be given an extension of a maximum of one month with a penal fee prescribed by the University. Any student failing to submit the dissertation within this period will be permitted to submit the dissertation only in the next academic year along with the subsequent batch of

students.

10. Evaluation

The process of evaluation, examination, grading, etc for the M. Phil. programme shall be the same as for Master's programme except for the dissertation; However, Final semester students of the M. Phil. may be allowed to appear for examinations in any arrear papers in the ensuing semester.

11. Conferment of Degree

- 11.1 Candidate shall be eligible for conferment of the M.Phil. Degree if he/she is declared to have passed both the parts of the examination as per the regulations with the approval of the Board of Management.

12. The Act of Plagiarism

- 12.1 In the case of a candidate who has copied a dissertation/thesis/book for M.Phil. degree, his/her dissertation shall be forfeited and his/her registration shall be terminated in this University and also he/she shall be debarred to register for any other programme in this University.
- 12.2 For the abetment of such a malpractice by a candidate, the recognition of his/her Supervisor shall be withdrawn for a period of 5 years and he/she shall be debarred from guiding candidates for any research programme in this University till such period.
