

REGULATIONS REGARDING AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

These regulations will replace all the previous regulations for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION.

- i. A candidate possessing HEC recognized degree of M.Phil or M.A (Hons)/MS(Hons) or equivalent/Eighteen years of education with a minimum of CGPA 3.0 (65% in case of annual system), may be admitted to PhD by the Advanced studies and Research Board on the recommendations of the Board of Studies concerned.
- ii. A candidate registered in this University for M.Phil/MA (Hons.)/MS (Hons.) may be admitted to the PhD degree Programme by the Advanced Studies and Research Board, (on the recommendation of the Board of Studies concerned), on the basis of passing at least 30 credits M.Phil degree with a minimum of CGPA 3.00 (in case of annual system, has passed all courses with minimum of 1st Division.)
- *iii. GRE (International)/GAT Subject (NTS) examination with following passing score will be necessary at the time of admission to PhD. The minimum acceptable scores are as follows:
 - i. 40% Percentile Score: Valid for Admission until December 31, 2009
 - ii. 45% Percentile Score: Valid for Admission until December 31, 2010
 - iii. 50% Percentile Score: Valid for Admission until December 31, 2011
 - iv. 60% Percentile Score: Valid for Admission thereafter.

For presently continuing students, the candidates must pass the GRE (International) Subject Test before submission of PhD dissertation.

(a) In the subjects listed below, “GRE (Subject) Test” is already available and therefore students must clear the international test:

1. Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology
2. Biology
3. Chemistry
4. Computer Science
5. Literature in English
6. Mathematics
7. Physics
8. Psychology.

All the students enrolled/converted into PhD program after 31st May, 2005 and before 31st July, 2008 are required to qualify GRE (International)/NTS Subject test with 50% (percent) whereas students enrolled/converted after 31st July, 2008 have to qualify GRE (International) Subject with percentile as per policy of HEC.

(b) In disciplines where this test is not available with ETS, the test will be made available locally by National Testing Service (NTS) and qualifying score for subject test conducted by NTS will be minimum 60% cumulative score. And if the test is not available in NTS subject list, the concerned university may develop and organize its own test by including in the committee at least two experts from outside the university and approved by the HEC as PhD supervisors or international eminent experts. Qualifying score for subject test developed locally will be 70% score. When such tests are developed by a Testing service authorized and notified by the HEC, only the test conducted by them will be considered as valid.

- iv. Recommendation will be made by the concerned Board of Studies and approval will be given by the Advanced Studies and Research Board.

Note: STUDENTS ALREADY ADMITTED

Those students (a) who have been admitted directly to PhD after 31st May, 2005, or (b) whose admissions have been converted from M.Phil. to PhD after 31st May, 2005, must clear the GRE (Subject) test before submission of PhD dissertation as defined above with special permission of the Vice chancellor.

- 1) For candidates who had submitted their dissertation before 1st June, 2005, the old rules being practiced by the University will be followed. However they may avail the maximum time limit provided in these new rules.

- *2) Dissertation submitted after 31st May, 2005 must be evaluated by two external Examiners from advanced countries and the condition of acceptance/publication of at least one research paper in an HEC approved "X" category journals is essential for the award of PhD degree ("Y" in case of Social Sciences only).
- 3) For all new admissions into M.Phil/PhD after 31st of May, 2005, all the new rules for the award of M.Phil/PhD will be applicable.

2. ADMISSION

- i. Application for admission to the PhD Program may be submitted at anytime during the academic session or within a fortnight of the start of the academic session. These applications shall then be scrutinized by the concerned Chairman/ Head of the Department/Institution and recommended to the Board of Studies in the relevant subject. The schedule indicating commencement of session will be as notified for the purpose.
- ii. A PhD student shall be full time student and shall pursue his course work at Bahawalpur. However, he may be permitted by his supervisor to do the research work at any other place, if required.
- iii. No candidate shall undertake any employment during the period of PhD Program. This clause, however, shall not apply to a teacher or and employee of any research organization..
- iv. No student, shall without the prior permission of chairman/Head of the Department/Institute, appear in other examination conducted by any University or Public Body.

3. PLAN OF STUDY

- i. The PhD student will select two areas of specialization in the relevant field.
- ii. Two courses of 3 credits each will be studied in one area of his/her specialization, in the first semester.
- iii. Similarly, two 3-credit courses be completed in the other area specialization, in the next semester.
- iv. Where PhD level courses in the area of specialization are not being offered, the student will be allowed Directed Study under the supervision of an expert. The faculty members, under whom the PhD student will undertake Directed Study courses, must be PhD degree holders; and will evaluate the performance of the student in Directed Study courses by giving a grade in each such course.
- v. In addition to the above, the PhD student will be required to take the following two courses of 3-credit hours each and one non-credit course in which the student must pass.
- a) Advanced Statistical Analysis/Hypothetical Testing/Research Methodology.
- b) Dissertation Writing including PhD Proposal Writing.
- c) Non-credit compulsory course of Philosophy/Sociology. The non credit course of Philosophy/Sociology will have course load equivalent to 2-credit hours and will be offered by the department of education for all PhD students of the University.

4. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

- i. Once the student has successfully perused the above course work, he/she would take PhD Comprehensive, written, and oral Examinations. [The comprehensive examination will be a test to demonstrate the doctoral level mastery in the Specializations offered by the student. Questions may be included therein to test the overall grasp of the relevant field achieved by the student].

- ii. To be declared successful, the student must pass the written and oral parts of the comprehensive examination. Students must obtain a GPA of 2.75 in each individual course at the Ph.D level. He must have CGPA 3.00 in the written portion.

5. AWARD OF M.PHIL DEGREE

When a PhD candidate obtains CGPA 2.0 to 3.00 in the course work or fails to pass the comprehensive examination or he/she decides not to pursue for the degree of PhD, will undertake a thesis of 6 -credit hours and will be awarded the degree of M.Phil after successful evaluation of the thesis and viva-voce examination.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

*i. The Advanced Studies and Research Board shall appoint a supervisor from this university or, if unavoidable, from another university where needed, on the recommendation of Board of Studies concerned. A supervisor must himself/herself be a PhD, a recognized scholar in the relevant subject not having more than five students under his/her supervision which may be increased to eight under special circumstances subject to the prior approval of Higher Education Commission (HEC).

- ii. There should be at least three PhD faculty members in a department to launch a PhD Program. However, in extraordinary cases, even one PhD teacher could start a PhD Program, if justified properly. In case of the subject in which a PhD or a recognized scholar is not available in the department/university, a supervisor having the required qualification in the relevant field may be appointed from any other organization/department. University may appoint a co-supervisor from other university/organization, if required, for that special field of research. If the supervisor is not available under special circumstances to guide the student, the Advanced Studies and Research Board may appoint a co-supervisor for the student.

7. The ABD Status

- i. Once the student has completed the above requirements, including GRE (subject) examination, he/she will be "Admitted to be a Candidate for the PhD Degree". The University would certify this status by issuing the certificate of ABD-"All But Dissertation," if so required by the student.
- ii. The University will have the discretion to award the degree of M.Phil to any Ph.D student who, having achieved the ABD Status, has failed in the final defence of his dissertation.

8. Dissertation:

- i. The student after ABD status, will approach/request a faculty member, who himself is possessing PhD degree from a recognized university, to get his consent to act as supervisor.
 - *ii. The PhD student would submit the formal dissertation proposal in English, except in languages like Urdu, Saraiki, Persian, and Arabic etc. evaluated and recommended by the Board of Studies concerned and finally approved by the Advanced Studies & Research Board. The students of Islamic studies have the option to submit the proposal in Arabic but they have to submit the abstract in English version along with the original proposal.
 - *iii. Once the Ph.D dissertation proposal is approved, the student will complete his/her research work and will write his/her PhD dissertation in English except in languages like Urdu, Saraiki, Persian, and Arabic. However, the students of Islamic Studies, if opt to write their dissertation in Arabic, will have to submit the abstract of the dissertation in English version along with the original dissertation.
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*Amended by the Syndicate at its meeting held on 11th October, 2010.

- iv. The candidate shall be eligible to submit his dissertation after completing at least three academic years from the date of admission provided that he/she has acceptance/publication of at least one research paper in referred journal of national or international repute.
- v. The maximum period of completing all requirements of the PhD program including submission of the final copy of dissertation will be eight years after the date of admission in any case.
- vi. Every candidate shall submit five error free copies of PhD dissertation and bank challan of examination fee to the Supervisor concerned. The Supervisor shall then endorse completion certificate and the certificate that the Dissertation format complies with research & dissertation standards. If found satisfactory then he shall forward the dissertation to the Controller of Examinations along with accompanying documents, for further action.
- vii. The entire dissertation typed with a margin of five centimeter quarto size on good quality white paper, must be bound in black cloth/binding with uncut edges bearing the title of the dissertation, full name of the author, and year of submission inscribed in gold colour.

9. Evaluation and Defence of the PhD Dissertation.

- i. Upon the approval of the PhD Dissertation in principle, by the Supervisor of the PhD student, the same will be sent to 2 international experts for evaluation, from a panel of at least ten experts from abroad, recommended by the concerned Board of Studies with consultation to the supervisor and approved by the Advanced Studies & Research Board. The Vice-Chancellor will select any two experts from the panel.
- ii. If both of the international experts find that the dissertation is wholly in-adequate, they may recommend that it be rejected without any further examination.
- iii. If the dissertation, though inadequate, is of sufficient merit in the opinion of the two international experts, they may recommend to the Advanced Studies and Research Board to permit the candidate to resubmit the dissertation in a revised form within a period of one year. Provided that in case of difference of opinion amongst the international experts, the dissertation shall be referred to a third expert, whose appointment shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor from the existing panel. If a candidate fails to obtain a recommendation in his favour from the third expert, his dissertation shall finally be rejected for the PhD or may be recommended for the award of the degree of M.Phil.
- iv. Upon the international expert's approval of the PhD Dissertation, the final stage of defending the Dissertation will be set in motion.
- v. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners including the supervisor (internal examiner), from a panel of at least three examiners, recommended by the concerned Board of Studies, to attend the defence of the dissertation.
- vi. Upon receipt of the international expert's approval of the Dissertation, a public notice will be printed in a local newspaper, announcing the date, time, and place of the public defence of the Dissertation.
- vii. During the public defence, in which the faculty of the University will be invited, any member attending the occasion will be free to ask a question on the Dissertation topic, its research methodology, or on the conclusions arrived. The student will be required to give satisfactory answers to questions asked.

- viii. If the majority of the examiners are of the view that the student has successfully defended his/her Dissertation, the student will be recommended for the grant of the PhD Degree to the Advanced Studies and Research Board.
- ix. After considering the report of experts and the report of public defence examination, the Advanced Studies and Research Board shall make recommendation to the Syndicate for the award of the PhD degree.
- x. The Registrar shall maintain Register of PhD candidates and shall assign a registration number to each candidate at the time of admission on payment of Rs.2500/= in case of local and Rs.5000/= in case of foreign student. Each candidate shall also pay Rs.15000/= in case of local and Rs.50,000/= in case of foreign student as examination fee or such other fee as may be prescribed/ revised from time to time. The University may decide from time to time, the amount of tuition fee payable by the student. However, the University may subsidize the PhD students by any percentage of the total fee of the program from its own resources or from grants/ student support received from HEC.

Tuition fee is as under for Annual System:-

Sr. No.	Field	Annual Fee	
		Local	Foreigner
1.	Chemistry, Pharmacy, Botany, Zoology, Agriculture Sciences, Computer Science / IT	Rs.20,000/-	\$1000
2.	Physics, Geography, Statistics, Mathematics, Economics, Mass Communication, Islamic Studies, History, Pak. Studies, Political Science, International Relations, Social Work, Fine Arts, Physical Education, Commerce, Education, Law, Library & information Science, Management Sciences,.	Rs.15,000/-	\$1000
3.	Languages & Literature: Arabic, English, Urdu & Iqbaliyat, Persian and Saraiki.	Rs.10,000/-	\$1000

- xi. A student registered for the PhD Program shall be called PhD Scholar.
- xii. In case the Chairperson/Head of a Department, Director of Institute is himself/herself a candidate for Ph.D degree, the functions and powers assigned to the Chairperson/Head of Department, Director of an Institute under the regulation for the award of PhD degree, shall be exercised by the Dean of Faculty concerned and he may, where necessary, act as the expert of a Board of Studies concerned.
- xiii. A candidate may, at least one year before the submission of dissertation, modify the subject and title of his research with the approval of the Board of Studies and Advanced Studies & Research Board on submitting an application recommended by the supervisor of research. Provided that this modification is within the scope of synopsis of the original research proposal.