

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section-54 of Calcutta University Act 1979, the University of Calcutta hereby makes the following Regulations, namely:-

Short Title, Application & Commencement:

1. These regulations may be called the **University of Calcutta (Regulation for the Degree of Master of Philosophy, M.Phil.), Regulations 2009.**

They shall apply to every candidate applying for admission registration, conduct and conferment of the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) of this University.

They shall come into force with the passing of the same by the Syndicate of the University.

Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Rule or Regulation for the time being in force, all admissions, registrations, course works and conferment of Degree shall be guided by these regulations.

2.00 GENERAL

2.01 The M.Phil degree shall be a preliminary research degree which will include course work. The relevant programme shall provide facilities for undertaking research.

2.02 Research findings for the M.Phil degree for the concerned candidates may be extended in the thesis for the Ph.D degree. However the M.Phil degree is not a prerequisite for admission to the Ph.D degree. Candidates shall not however be allowed to pursue both the courses simultaneously.

3.00 ADMISSION

3.01 The Notification for admission to M.Phil course will be published before .
.. Puja Vacation and the classes will start after the end of the Puja Vacation.

3.02 Any candidate who has passed the M.A./M.Sc./M.Com or equivalent examination of this University with 55% marks in aggregate (SC/ST with 50% marks) or with 60% marks in aggregate of any other recognized University may be admitted to the appropriate M.Phil programme on the recommendation of the M.Phil committee of the concerned department which will be determined by an admission test to be held by the Department. The admission test will be organised once a year. The admission test will be followed by an interview to be conducted by the concerned Department for all candidates who qualify in the admission test.

3.03 In case of a candidate qualified in NET, SET or equivalent national level examination exemption will be granted for the Entrance Test.

3.04 The University will lay down the criteria for the faculty to be recognised as Research Supervisor for M.Phil programme. (Refer 6.04)

3.05 The University will lay down and decide on annual basis, a predetermined and manageable number of M.Phil students depending on the number of the available eligible faculty supervisors. A supervisor shall not have, at any given point of time, more than five (5) M.Phil students.

3.06 The number of seats (maximum limit) for M.Phil programme shall be decided well in advance and notified in the University website.

4.00 COURSE STRUCTURE

4.01 The duration of the course will be of two academic years. The candidates shall take up four out of a number of specified papers on advanced topics and on research methodology and submit a dissertation or undertake a project work.

The 1st year of the course shall be devoted to course studies and at least one seminar to be delivered. The 2nd year of the course will be devoted for dissertation and term papers.

4.02 After having admitted each M.Phil student shall be required by the University to undertake course work for a minimum period of one semester of six months duration. The course work must include a course on research methodology which may include quantitative methods and computer applications. It may also involve reviewing of published research in the relevant field. The concerned Department shall decide the minimum qualifying requirement for allowing a student to proceed further with preceding with the course.

4.03 The courses shall be so designed that these not only enhance the capacity to take up research but also help the students' for deeper understanding of the subject/field. A candidate shall deliver at least two seminars, for the purpose of discussing new results and developments in his chosen subject/field.

4.04 The number of lectures/seminars per course shall be not less than 25 units and the same for the whole programme shall be at least 100.

4.05 The date of submission of dissertation be fixed and the same that be submitted within 1 year from the date of publication of Part-I result. Before submission of dissertation marks obtained by the candidate in Part-I examination be intimated. The result of the Part-I examination be published within 30 days from the date of completion of Part-I examination. No candidate shall be allowed to appear at the final comprehensive viva-voce examination till he submits his dissertation/project work.

4.06 Conventional lecturing shall be replaced as far as possible by seminars ensuring the students' active participation. Presentation of papers and group discussions shall also be encouraged. Attendance less than 75% and/or unsatisfactory performance at the seminars etc. shall disqualify a candidate from further studies. V.C will take the final decision in the matter in consultation with the concerned in this regard.

4.07 A candidate may be admitted into any of the following M.Phil programmes:- Bengali, English, Hindi, History, Economics, Sociology, South and South-East Asian Studies, Political Science, Philosophy, Commerce, Education, Sanskrit, Pali, Library and Information Science (Self-financed), Women's Studies (Self-financed), Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, M.Phil in Clinical Psychology, Statistics & Computer Applications, Urdu and Management provided that the University may introduce new M.Phil programmes or modify, if necessary, the existing programmes, subject to the provisions of these regulations. The University also reserves the right to offer or, not to offer, any or all of the M.Phil programmes in any academic year.

4.08 M.Phil in Clinical Psychology to be conducted following RCI rule and be accepted as exception.

5.00 EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION

5.01 Performance of an M.Phil student shall be evaluated on a continuous basis as prescribed by the M.Phil committee. The total marks allotted to a course, distribution of marks in each course to different components of performance, such as through terms papers, review essays, oral presentation in seminars, viva-voce, etc., shall be spelt out at the beginning of the session by the concerned M.Phil Committee.

5.02 The Scheme of examinations shall be as follows :-

Part – I - Examination (i) Course Work (Four papers of two hours each, each carrying 50 marks) - 200 marks

Part –II (A) Examinations (ii) Internal Assessment
(Based on review essays,
and at least 2 seminars) - 100 marks

Part-II (B) Examinations

(i) Dissertation/Project Work - 150 marks

(ii) Final comprehensive Viva-voce - 50 marks

Total - 500 marks

5.03 In order to pass, a candidate must obtain 50% marks in Part-I (in course work) & 50% marks in Part-II examination. Each successful candidate in Part-I examination is eligible for Part-II examination. Each successful candidate in both Part-I and Part-II shall be awarded the degree in the form as set out in the Appendix.

5.04 Only those candidates who have prosecuted the course of studies in the Ist year and passed the Part-I examination with 50% marks may submit the Dissertation / Project Work assigned to him in term of the regulations, shall be eligible for admission to the Part-II examination and sit for final comprehensive / Viva-voce Examination. Eligible candidates shall apply in the prescribed form for admission to this examination together with an examination fee as be fixed by the University from time to time. A student who has qualified in the Part-I examination shall be required to submit dissertation before he appears at the final comprehensive viva voce failing which his registration shall automatically stand cancelled.

5.05 Single examiner for course work and double examiners (one internal and one external examiner preferably from outside the home university) to assess the performance of the candidates at the viva voce examination as also to examine the dissertation / project work shall be appointed by the relevant P. G. Board of Studies on the recommendation of the M.Phil Committee.

5.06 Prior to the submission of the dissertation a student shall deliver preM.Phil presentation in the Department that may be opened to all faculty members and research students for getting feedback and comments , which may suitably incorporated in the draft thesis with the advice of the supervisors.

5.07 Review

A Candidate shall be eligible to apply for review for a maximum of two theoretical papers only provided he has appeared at the said examination as a whole and has obtained at least 50 % marks in aggregate in rest of the papers taken together in that examination . This shall not apply to a candidate who has partly appeared or has appeared in a supplementary examination.

Candidates seeking review may apply to the University in a prescribed form along with requisite fees as may be fixed by the University within such date as may be notified by the University.

In case marks awarded in a paper on review exceeds the original marks obtained by more than 15% of the total marks in the paper or falls 5% of the original marks in the paper, the script will be referred to a third examiner and the candidate will be awarded the average of the best two of the marks awarded by the two examiners.

Change in marks shall not be given effect if said change leads to decline in result status and in such cases reexamination result shall be declared as “No Change”.

6.01 ADMINISTRATION OF THE M.PHIL PROGRAMMES

6.01 The M.Phil programme shall be conducted by a University Department or a group of such departments. However, recognized Research Institute within the jurisdiction of the Calcutta University may collaborate and participate in these programmes with the approval of the relevant Faculty Council.

6.02 The M.Phil programme shall be administered by the M.Phil Committee consisting of the Head(s) of the concerned Department(s) five whole-time teachers of the University and not more than three external experts participating in the M.Phil programme to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Dept. Committee, if any. The Vice-Chancellor shall also appoint one of the members as the Programme Co-ordinator who shall act as the Convener of the M.Phil Committee.

6.03 The M.Phil Committee shall –

- (a) recommend to the Vice- Chancellor through the Secretary of the relevant Faculty Council , the candidates for admission to the M.Phil Course, and assign them to individual supervisors for guidance of their dissertation or project work;
- (b) draw up the syllabi and prescribe methods of evaluation for the course, define the limits of the subject and course contents, and modify them, as and when necessary, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Council;
- (c) make assignments to the teachers and the guides;
- (d) organise seminars/tutorials etc.
- (e) make all arrangements for evaluating the performance of the M.Phil students;
- (f) recommend names to the Vice Chancellor for appointment to the Board of Examiners;
- (g) recommend to the Vice Chancellor the award or otherwise of the M.Phil degree to the students, after considering the records of their performances, to be kept in the manner prescribed by the Syndicate; and
- (h) perform such other duties in connection with the administration of the M.Phil programme as may be directed by the Faculty Council.
- (i) the M.Phil committee will be of four years duration.

6.04 Teachers and guides for the M.Phil programme shall be invited by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Programme Co-ordinator and the Departmental Committee, if any, from amongst experienced teachers of the

University and senior academic staff of recognized research institutes who possess distinguished record of productive research work, to participate in the Programme.

6.05 Ordinarily not more than five M.Phil students shall be assigned to any individual supervisor for dissertation/project work and no individual shall ordinarily teach more than two courses in an M.Phil programme. The allocation of the supervisor for a selected student shall be decided by the Department in a formal manner depending on the number of students per faculty member, the available specialisation among the faculty supervisors, and the research interest of the student as indicated during interview by the student. The allotment/allocation of supervisor shall not be left to the individual student or teacher.

6.06 These Regulations shall come into effect from the academic session 2009-2010 and replace all the existing regulations for the M.Phil course of the University therewith.

6.07 All previous rules and regulation on the M.Phil Programme stand repealed.

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This is to certify that
obtained the degree of Master of Philosophy in the University in the year
the subject/field in which he/she was examined having been

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**Vice-Chancellor
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