



Dravidian University

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Admission Policy for the Ph.D., Programme

1. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme: The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D., programme

(a) Ph.D. through Full-Time mode:

Candidates who have completed:

- (i) A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.
- (ii) A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) Differently Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
- (iii) Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
- (iv) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(v) In case of institutions of national and international eminence, the Academic Senate may recognize them as research centres for offering Ph.D. programmes based on the information provided by the institutions and the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for examining the infrastructure and other facilities.

(b) Ph.D. through Part-time Mode:

Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

i) Candidate satisfying the eligibility conditions noted under 1.1 above can be admitted as Part-time candidate through, RCET, as per the following order of priority.

ii) Regular Faculty working in the University or the P.G. Centers.

iii) Faculty working in Post Graduate and Professional Colleges having completed at least two years of service.

OR

iv) Faculty/Librarians/Asst. Librarians working in affiliated degree /PG colleges and Faculty teaching Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics & Humanities in professional colleges having completed at least two years of service.

OR

v) Faculty working in Polytechnic/Government or private aided Junior Colleges having completed at least four years of service. Seniority for candidates under each category shall be calculated with the following weightage.

vi) Teaching at P.G. level / Professional - five points for each completed year of service in colleges

- vii) Teaching at graduate level/Professional - two points for each completed year of service in colleges.
- viii) Teaching at Polytechnic/ junior college - one point for every completed year of service.
- ix) Teaching at School-one point for every completed 2 years of service
- x) Technical employees working in research institutes having completed at least 5 years of service.
- xi) Teachers working with PG Degree working in Govt./Aided High Schools/ recognized Schools by the Govt. with not less than 6 years of service, as teacher.
- xii) The candidate shall submit a "No Objection Certificate" seeking to pursue Part-Time Ph.D. programme, from the competent authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:
 - a. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - b. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
 - c. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.
- xiii) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other law, for the time being in force, no Higher Educational Institution or research institution of the Central government or a State Government shall conduct Ph.D. programmes through distance and/or online mode.

2. Procedure for admission to the Ph.D. programme:

Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods:

- i) Universities shall admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC- NET/UGC CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview.and/or
- ii) Universities shall admit to the Ph.D. programme students through Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test (APRCET) conducted at the State level on behalf of the Universities concerned as per the G.Os issued by the government from time to time.

- iii) In the case of Kannada and Tamil departments as approved in the **Executive council meeting dated 27.10.2021**, Dravidian University may admit students through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the university. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject-specific.
- iv) Students who have secured 50% marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview.
- v) A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the U.G.C from time to time.
- vi) University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D., seats available.
- vii) Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the HEI, a weightage of 70% for the entrance test and 30% shall be given for the performance in the interview.
- viii) University to conduct Ph.D. programme, shall:
- a) Notify a prospectus well in advance on the institution's website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates.
 - b) Adhere to the National/State-level reservation policy, a applicable.
- ix) The Higher Educational Institutions shall maintain a list of Ph.D. supervisors (specifying the name of the supervisor, his or her designation, and the department/school/centre), along with the details of Ph.D. scholars (specifying the name of the register Ph.D. scholar, the topic of his/her research and the date of admission) admitted under them on the website of the institution and update this list every academic year.

3. Admission of International students in Ph.D., programme

- a. Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in clause 9 and 12.
- b. The Universities may decide their own selection procedure for Ph.D. admission of international students keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by statutory/regulatory bodies concerned from time to time.
- c. At any point, the total number of Ph.D. scholars under a faculty member, either as a supervisor or a co-supervisor, shall not exceed the number prescribed in clause 12.

4. Registration of Candidates:

- a. The Registration of Candidates into Ph.D., programme shall be done by the office of the Dean Academic Affairs based on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of a particular Department.
- b. All such Candidates recommended for admission into Ph.D., programme shall pay stipulated fees for confirmation of their admission.
- c. Registration proceedings shall be issued to the candidate by the office of the Dean Academic Affairs based on the recommendations of the DRC concerned specifying his / her research topic along with research proposal and allotment to a particular recognized research supervisor.

5. Departmental Research Committee (DRC)

- Every academic department must have a Departmental Research Committee (DRC).
- All recognized Research Supervisors shall be the Members of the DRC.
- The Head of the Department is the Convener of the Committee.
- The Chairman, Board of Studies is the Chairman of the Committee.

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