

**REVISED REGULATIONS RELATING TO M.PHIL. (MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY)
DEGREE IN LAW**

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1. Constitution of Research Committee

Research Committee consisting of the faculty of the University and external experts to supervise doctoral degree constituted by the Vice-Chancellor under Ph.D. Regulations shall also look into the admissions and other issues relating to M.Phil. Degree.

2. Eligibility for Admission:

The candidate shall have an LL.M. Degree from any recognised University securing not less than 'B+' grade or an aggregate of 55% marks or its equivalent.

3. Procedure for Admission

- a. The admission shall be through a written test to be conducted by the university.
- b. The candidates who have qualified for UGC NET / JRF, SLET and the exchange students from Foreign Universities are exempted from taking the Admission Test.
- c. However, all qualified candidates including foreign students shall make a presentation on the proposed topic of research on a date notified by the University.

The Vice-Chancellor may permit a member of the NALSAR faculty to take up M.Phil. Degree course along with his / her teaching assignment in the interest of faculty improvement on the condition that his / her teaching and other responsibilities are not hampered in any way, provided such candidates fulfill the conditions prescribed in the M.Phil. Regulations.

4. Duration of the course

The M.Phil. course shall be for a period of twelve months.

5. Supervisors for Research:

- a. The Research Committee shall appoint one or more faculty member(s) to supervise the M.Phil. scholars.

When the programme of study so requires, an external supervisor possessing expertise and experience in the area of study may be appointed, in addition to internal supervisors who shall be full time faculty members.

The Research Committee shall ensure that supervisors be competent to supervise the scholar and also that they be available for supervision for the expected duration of the scholar's period of study.

- b. A scholar shall pursue a programme of study and research as approved by supervisor / supervisors. Such programme shall include the presentation of a dissertation embodying the results of scholar's research work.

- c. For the award of degree of Master of Philosophy the dissertation must form a distinct contribution to the knowledge in the subject and afford evidence of originality shown either by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical analytical power.
- d. M.Phil. Degree holder in law or other disciplines can supervise provided that he / she has completed at least one year after obtaining M.Phil. Degree;
- e. A supervisor can not have more than five M.Phil. scholars at any given point of time.

6. Course Work

The scholars should undertake course work for a minimum period of one semester on the following:

- a. A paper on Research Methodology including computer applications and
- b. A paper focusing on the research area / review of scholarly work.
- c. The scholars shall secure atleast 50% of marks in each paper.
- d. The course work shall be completed within six months from the date of registration.
- e. Scholars failing to secure 50% of marks in the courses mentioned above, may be provided an opportunity to re-appear one or more time(s) within three months of the publication of results.
- f. The scholar shall be allowed to continue further research work only after completing the course work as mentioned above.

7. Evaluation of dissertation and award of degree

- a. Prior to submission of the dissertation the scholar shall submit a draft dissertation to the Registrar through the supervisor and make a presentation which is open to all the faculty and research scholars for comments which may suitably be incorporated into the draft dissertation on the advice of the supervisor.
- b. At the end of the course, the candidate shall submit the dissertation, in triplicate, alongwith a soft copy on a CD, to the Registrar, after paying the prescribed fee. The dissertation shall be in English and shall be the result of scholar's own work attaining a satisfactory standard of literary presentation.
- c. Before a scholar submits dissertation, the supervisor must be satisfied that the dissertation conforms to the requirements of Regulations 7 (a) and (b) and a certificate to this effect from the supervisor shall accompany the dissertation when it is submitted. If the supervisor does not so certify, the Research Committee shall determine whether the dissertation shall be submitted or not for evaluation and take appropriate action in this regard.
- d. After submission of the dissertation by the scholar, the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the supervisor concerned, shall appoint two external examiners, of whom one shall be from outside the State.

- e. The examiners shall report in writing indicating either as 'Satisfactory' or 'Not Satisfactory' in the prescribed form to the University. In case of difference of opinion it shall be referred to a third examiner.
- f. If the two examiners recommend the award of the Degree there shall be a viva-voce examination conducted by one of the two examiners who evaluated the dissertation. After successful completion of viva-voce examination the award of the degree is recommended by the Research Committee to the Academic Council. If a scholar fails to defend his dissertation at the viva-voce examination, the candidate may be given one additional opportunity to defend the dissertation which shall be final.
- g. Once the Research Committee recommends award of the Degree to the scholar to the Academic Council, a notification will be released and the scholar may be given a Provisional Certificate specifying that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions to the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil. / Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2009. The award of the degree will be made at the annual convocation with the approval of the Academic Council and the Executive Council.
- h. The University shall submit a soft copy of the M.Phil. dissertation to the UGC within a period of thirty days after the award of the Degree.

8. General

A candidate admitted to the M.Phil. Degree Programme shall have to complete all the prescribed requirements within a period of two years from the date of registration. However, the maximum period of two years may be extended by one more year on the request made by the scholar to the Research Committee, after payment of such fee as may be prescribed by the University from time to time.

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