



INDRASHIL UNIVERSITY

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Ph. D. Regulations-2020-21

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In exercise of the powers conferred by and in discharge of duties assigned under the relevant provisions of the Indrashil University Act, 2009, Statutes and Regulations, made there under, the Academic Council hereby approves the draft policy of Ph. D. Regulations, namely;

1. PRELIMINARY

Short Title and Commencement

1. This ordinance shall apply to the Ph.D. courses conducted in various disciplines in the University for Ph.D. studies.
2. They shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. DEFINITIONS

I. 'Candidate' for Ph.D. study' means a candidate, who has obtained Master Degree in any recognized discipline and has submitted his candidature for the purpose to enrol and pursue Ph.D. study.

II. 'Blood Relation' means a relation which relates the supervisor and the research scholar by any relations mentioned hereunder:

- a. Father and Son/Daughter to the extent of three degrees
- b. Mother and Son/Daughter to the extent of three degrees
- c. Father-In-Law and Son-In-Law/Daughter-In-Law to the extent of three degrees
- d. Mother-In-Law and Son-In-Law/Daughter-In-Law to the extent of three degrees
- e. Husband and wife which includes divorcee spouse also
- f. Two Brothers
- g. Two Sisters
- h. Brothers and Sisters
- i. Children of two brothers
- j. Children of two sisters
- k. Children of brothers and sisters

Explanation: Relations falling between clause (f) and (k) includes the full blood relation, half-blood relation, uterine blood relations from both, the maternal and paternal sides, step relations and cousin relations.

I. Wife of father's brother or mother's brother or

2. Any other relation, which is adequate in ordinary course of nature to bring or produce undue influence between the Principal Supervisor/Supervisor and the Research Scholar.

III. '**Course Work**' means the course or study programme conducted by the university in the respective subject after enrolment of the candidate for Ph.D. to teach and guide the basics of relevant subject and specialization required for the purpose to conduct research.

IV. "Direct Contact" means a live contact between research supervisor and research scholar for supervision, monitoring and guidance concerned with Ph. D study.

V. "Enrolment" means an enrolment of research scholar for the purpose to conduct research study for the Ph.D. degree programme after fulfilment of relevant statutory requisites.

VI. (a) Inter-disciplinary means involving and combining of two or more academic fields into one single discipline. An interdisciplinary field crosses traditional boundary between academic disciplines or schools of thought, as new needs and professions have emerged.

(b) Multidisciplinary refers to an approach to problem solving by drawing approximately from multiple disciplines to redefine problems outside of traditional boundaries and reach solutions based on a new understanding of complex situations.

VII. "Ordinance" means the Ordinance of the University.

VIII. "Ph.D. Degree" means the degree of 'The Doctor of Philosophy' in any discipline conducted by the University.

IX. "Principal Supervisor" means a Ph. D. Supervisor who supervises or guides Ph. D. scholar along with any other Co-supervisor. In absence of Co-supervisor, the research scholar will be supervised only by one supervisor and he will not be called a "Principal Supervisor" but only "Supervisor". In this document, the terms Supervisor and Guide are used interchangeably.

X. "PET" means Ph. D. entrance test, a written eligibility test conducted to determine the eligibility of the candidate for Ph. D. study.

XI. "DRC" means 'Departmental Research Committee' constituted for subjects as stated in UGC NET/ GSET examination to conduct the interview to enrol candidates in Ph. D. and to carry out other matters related to research.

XII. "Research Scholar" means a scholar, who satisfies all the mandatory requisites for the purpose to enrol as Ph. D. scholar in the discipline as specified by the university and has been enrolled as a Ph. D. scholar.

XIII. "Teacher" means a teacher, as defined under the Act in any Central or State University situated in the territory of the Union of India and imparting education for the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy or a Scientist not below the rank of Assistant Professor.

XIV. "University" means Indrashil University' as established by the Gujarat State Private University Act, 2009.

XV. 'University Research Committee' means a committee to conduct entrance test and other research related policies. The committee shall be chaired and constituted by the Director-Research/ Provost. It shall consist of Dean/Professor and Head, School of Sciences (SoS) and 2 faculties from each department as decided by the Chairman, University Research Committee.

XVI. 'IU' indicates Indrashil University.

XVII. "External" means person not working with IU or its sister institutes.

XVIII. A scientist placed in the pay-scale and grade pay of Associate Professor will be treated as equivalent to Associate Professor.

3. Ph. D. ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENTS:

Students registering for Ph.D. in IU will be known as Research Scholars.

3.1 The University shall not allow any student to conduct Ph. D. study through the mode of distance education.

3.2 It shall be mandatory for Ph.D. research scholar to conduct the study at the University where he/she is enrolled for the purpose to conduct research in any discipline which requires experiments/practicals. Provided that such student with the permission of the concerned Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor may conduct research in any other University or Institute, or college, when there is no provision for such practicals and experiments in their own Institute.

Provided further, that a student may be allowed to conduct research study outside the university in all the disciplines, subject to the requirement of the nature of the said research or the availability of the resources. Field work, literature survey, participation in seminar/ workshop/ school etc. will be considered as direct contact.

3.3 It shall be mandatory for Ph. D. research scholar to be in direct contact with his supervisor through the year. Explanation: The research study conducted outside the University or an Institution subject to the requirement of O. Ph.D. 3.2 shall fall within the meaning of direct contact for this ordinance.

3.4 Candidates for admission to Ph. D. program shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory/regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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 for assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions. The grades obtained should be without grace marks.

3.5 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September 1991. The qualifying degree marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying degree marks without including the grace mark procedures.

3.6 The determination of subject for PET will be conducted in subjects explicitly prescribed in UGC/CSIR/NET/SET/GATE/equivalent National examinations.

Subsequent DRCs will also be constituted in the same manner of the subjects prescribed in the said examination.

3.7 Notwithstanding anywhere in this Ordinance, a candidate wishing to register in inter disciplinary subject within the faculty of his master's degree, shall be allowed to pursue study under recognized Supervisor of the faculty while mandatorily having a Co-Supervisor of the subject in which he/she possesses master degree.

4. ENROLMENT FOR Ph. D. STUDIES

4.1 Subject to the provision of this ordinance, the university administration shall be required to respect the reservation policy formulated and changed time again by the Govt. of Gujarat/India in selection of the candidates for Ph. D. study and their admission based on DRC results.

4.2 The University shall conduct an entrance test to be called Ph. D. entrance test (PET) to determine the 'eligibility' of the candidate to conduct Ph. D. study in the respective subject.

4.3. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% subject specific. To be eligible for further process of admission, a candidate should have secured at least 50% in the entrance test. The syllabus of the subject specific shall be as per the UGC/CSIR NET subject specific syllabus.

4.4 AMMEDMENT:

"Provided that a relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers) /Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the Universities"

4.5 The result of PET shall remain valid for a period of one year for Ph. D. Program from the date of declaration of results.

4.6 PET examination shall be conducted only in the Subjects in which UGC/CSIR NET/GSET conducts examination, subject to availability of recognized supervisors in IU. This provision is for the Ph. D. program only and no inferences drawn from this would be applicable for any other academic endeavour. Therefore, it shall have no implication on any type of academic recruitment etc.

4.7 PET examination shall be of two hours duration and consisting of 100 MCQs.

4.8 University Research Committee (URC) shall decide the mode/procedure of PET Examination conduct.

4.9 A successful candidate in "PET", subject to the availability of the academic and infrastructural resources shall be interviewed by a committee named, DRC (O. Ph. D. 3). The DRC for the Ph. D. program admission shall conduct interview/viva voce and shall declare the result based on following criteria subject to the suitability of the research work at the Institution / availability of Supervisor in the proposed research area. Each criterion shall be of 10 marks.

(a) Nature and scope of the proposed research

(b) Quality of the proposed research and the competence of the candidate in the proposed research.

(c) Subject knowledge of the candidate.

(d) Extent of contribution of the proposed research to new / additional knowledge.

(e) Overall performance of the candidate.

To qualify for enrolment a candidate should have secured at least 25 marks out of 50 marks in the DRC. The decision of the DRC shall be final and no opportunity of appeal shall be considered.

4.10 Exemption from PET shall be given to a candidate who has cleared GSET/UGC-CSIR-NET/JRF or any other national level test conducted by any authority / institution approved by UGC for conducting Ph. D. M. Phil degree holders are also exempted from PET. Such exempted candidates can be admitted in Ph. D. Program round the year through DRC after an interview.

4.11 The registration of Ph. D. shall be considered from the date of payment of the fees of first term. The administration section of IU shall register the candidates for Ph D programme within a week of declaration of DRC result.

O. Ph. D. 5. DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE (DRC)

5.1 There will be a DRC of selected subjects as prescribed in UGC NET/GSET examination and availability of supervisor of the said subject for every department.

5.2 The DRC shall be constituted by the Director Research separately for the subjects as prescribed in the NET/GSET examinations and in which supervisors are available. It shall consist of the following

(a) Director Research (Chairman of DRC)

(b) All recognized Supervisors. Notwithstanding anywhere in this ordinance, in case in subject(s) where the number of recognized guides are more than five, the chairman of the DRC of the concerned subject shall be empowered to invite only selected members (recognized supervisors) in DRC meetings.

5.3 The eligible candidate shall submit application with research proposal to the concerned 'Chairman of DRC' for the purpose to initiate the process to call and coordinate the meeting of the DRC. The DRC Chairman shall inform the concerned members of the DRC to participate in the meeting of the DRC.

5.4 DRC shall be conducted round the year as per the need.

5.5 Enrolment of the candidate for Ph. D. study shall be subject to the approval of DRC and the availability of academic, infrastructural resources and consent of the supervisor.

5.6 The DRC shall have the authority to suggest changes in the title of the research problem in the meeting held for approval of the proposal of the research scholar. Provision: A candidate shall be allowed to change the title of the research problem without prejudice to the object and contents of the research study at any stage after his enrolment as research scholar and before the submission of the synopsis. However, this application must be processed with justifications approved and forwarded by the concerned Supervisor/Principal Supervisor with the approval of the Chairman of the concerned DRC.

5.7 The DRC shall be empowered to take appropriate decisions regarding post PET viva and other issues related to Ph. D. including the allocation of co-supervisor.

5.8 The DRC meeting shall be held as and when required. The chairman of the DRC shall be empowered to decide about the date and agenda of the DRC and shall also be responsible to inform the other members of DRC.

5.10 The DRC shall allocate supervisor and wherever necessary co-supervisor on recommendation of the DRC members and consent of the concerned supervisor.

5.11 The results of the DRC meeting for Ph. D. program shall be communicated to the candidates and administration section by the chairman of the DRC, within 15 days of conduct of DRC.

5.12 A research scholar shall appear before the DRC once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation, corrective measures and further guidance. These corrective measures need to be implemented by the research scholar and to be presented in the next six monthly progress report. The six monthly progress report shall be submitted by the DRC to the Institution with a copy to the research scholar.

O. Ph. D. 6. RECOGNITION AND ALLOCATION OF SUPERVISOR

6.1 Faculty of IU shall be recognized as Ph. D. Supervisors.

6.2 Any permanent faculty of the University shall be recognized to supervise Ph. D. study subject to the fulfilment of following conditions

- a) Must have Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject
- b) Any regular Professor with at least 5 research publications in refereed /UGC listed journals and a regular Associate Professor/Assistant Professor with 3 research publications in refereed/UGC listed journals can be recognized as a Ph. D. supervisor.
- c) An employee of Cadila Pharmaceuticals with 05 (five) research publications in reputed journals is also eligible for recognition as a Ph. D. supervisor.
- d) A supervisor will be allowed to guide only in the subject in which he/she possesses doctoral degree. In case where the masters and the doctoral degrees are in different subjects, the supervisor may be given choice to select one subject as Ph. D. supervisor.
- e) Research Papers submitted by a candidate for recognition as Ph. D. Supervisor will be evaluated by two (2) eminent experts (as reflected by high quality of publications and research output) and nominated by Research Director. Both the reports must be positive. In case of even one negative opinion, the candidate will be given the opportunity to re-apply only after a period of one year.

6.3 A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than eight (8) Ph. D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of six (6) Ph. D. and an Assistant Professor can guide up to a maximum of one four (4) Ph. D. scholars. The Director or equivalent positions have no limit for Ph. D intake.

6.4 In case of Ph. D. topics which are of inter-disciplinary in nature or where ever the DRC feels that the expertise in the proposed research area needs to be supplemented, then the DRC may appoint co-supervisor from IU or outside or from another university/institute. The decision of the DRC in this regard shall be final. The co supervisor should have expertise in the proposed field as evidenced by his/her research publications. The co-supervisor may be inducted at the time of registration or even after registration, subject to recommendation by DRC.

6.5. The faculty /department is eligible to conduct doctoral studies, only in case the department offering post-graduation in that course(s).

6.6 In case of relocation of Ph. D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and the institution for the part of research already done.

6.7 In case of death of a supervisor, the student shall be transferred to another supervisor of IU on recommendation of DRC. Notwithstanding anywhere in this ordinance, in such cases, the number of students to be guided at any point of time shall be relaxed under the O. Ph. D. 6.3.

6.8 In case of retirement of a teacher, he/she shall continue as a supervisor till the enrolled student(s) are awarded the degree / the students can be transferred to other supervisor in case where he/she is not willing to continue.

6.9 In case a teacher (recognized supervisor) of other university/institute relocates/joins IU as a teacher, then on the recommendation of the concerned DRC and NOC of the other University/Institute, his/her students would be transferred to IU. The student may mention in the thesis the name of the university where previous work was carried. The teacher may continue as a supervisor of IU in the concerned field, subject to ratification and acceptance of quality of publications of the said teacher by the DRC (including two experts of DRC). In case of a Ph. D. scholar being transferred from other University, the candidate will have to pay fees for four terms if he/she has completed two or more terms in other university. In case of a student who has paid only one term fees in the previous university, then the candidate will have to pay fees for all six terms.

O.Ph.D.7. SPAN/ DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

7.1 Ph. D. program shall be for a minimum duration of six semesters/three years, including course work and a maximum of six years. All candidates will have to pay fees for six semesters.

7.2 Extension beyond the above limits up to two years for Ph.D. may be given by the Director Research in consultation with the DRC.

7.3 Women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to 26 weeks.

O. Ph.D. 8. COURSE WORK

8.1: Ph. D. Course work

A candidate, who has been enrolled for Ph. D. study shall be required to undertake 'Course work' for one academic semester designed and conducted at the concerned department.

'Course work' shall consist of 'One paper' of 'Research Methodology and techniques' and 'Two Papers' in the subject of Ph. D. research.

(a) The course work will be conducted for each subject separately. The 'Chairman' of respective DRC may appoint a coordinator for such course from amongst the teachers. The course work must be conducted at IU with the permission of DRC.

(b) The entire course should be of	15 credits
1 Research Methodology	3 credits
2 Computer	3 credits
3 Statistical Methods for research	3 credits
Total	9 credits

'Two papers' on the subject 1) Instrumentation and Methods in the subject or an interdisciplinary subject, 2) Research topic specific each with 3 credits – Total 6 credits – 1C = 10 h

Students, who have completed M. Phil. with at least 55%, shall be exempted from the course work. However, if such students are interested in taking the course they can do so. For all other students, including GSET, UGC/CSIR NET/JRF, and others who are getting direct admission to the Ph. D., course work is compulsory. The department/school shall arrange for the course work of such students. The concerned department/school shall decide the details of the course work, teaching schedule and evaluation within the broad framework given below:

Syllabus: The details of the specific subject shall be decided by the DRC and the contents of the papers shall be determined by the chairman of the DRC in consonance with the respective senior supervisor of the department. The syllabus approved by DRC should be sent to Administrative section of IU for records.

Examination for Course work:

a. Passing Standards: A candidate shall be required to obtain minimum 50% of marks in all the Five papers (out of the 15 credit) to qualify and proceed for study in the form of dissertation. A candidate, who fails at any stage in the papers, shall be provided with a chance to reappear in the said paper after a gap of minimum two months from the date of declaration of result.

b. Written Test: A written test in each paper shall be conducted at the end of semester. Each paper shall be of 2-hour duration. The chairman of DRC will get the papers drawn and get them evaluated. The Chairman shall be responsible for the conduct of examination.

c. Result: University shall notify the results of the 'Course work' by a 'Notification' at the time of declaration of results of the 'Course work' and mention it in the Degree Certificate.

The DRC Chairman shall inform the results to the Director Research and the administrative section. This result shall be also published in the notification as marks secured in coursework. An official mark sheet of the coursework will be issued by IU.

Honorarium: If the coursework is carried out with the help of external experts, an honorarium as decided by the Director Research shall be given by the university.

Each department shall prepare a timetable for all the three papers and it shall be carried out in consultation with the DRC Chairman. The DRC chairman shall keep the records of the time table, attendance and examinations. The Chairman of respective DRC will submit the result of coursework.

Exemption from course work: As provided in O. Ph. D. 4.10

O. Ph.D. 9. Ph. D. STUDY, EVALUATION, ASSESSMENT AND AWARD

9.1 A research scholar shall be required to conduct and complete his Ph. D. studies in a period not less than six Academic Semesters. Not with standing anywhere in this ordinance a research scholar can submit her/his synopsis not before completion of six semesters

9.2 All research scholars will have to cite the name of “Indrashil University” in all their publications, published during Ph. D. study related to topic of research as stated below in form of an example: “Research Scholar, Indrashil University, Rajpur, Kadi, Dist Mehsana, Gujarat, India”.

9.3 As per provisions of O. Ph. D. 8, a research scholar shall be required to undergo a ‘Course work’ preferably in the first Year and his failure in completion of his coursework in the said semester will make him liable to complete the ‘Course work’ in the succeeding year. However, under certain unavoidable circumstances, course work should be completed before the submission of synopsis.

Explanation: Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions, a research scholar, who has passed M. Phil. with at least 55% in the concerned subject with an independent paper on ‘Research Methodology’ and successfully completed study in the form of ‘Dissertation / Research Project shall not be required to undergo the ‘Coursework’. But, he too will be required to conduct his research study in not less than six Academic Semesters. All research scholars will have to make a presentation of progress report at the end of each semester. The supervisor shall submit a copy of report to Chairman of DRC

9.4 A research scholar shall submit his/her synopsis before the Board of Studies (BoS) through his/her supervisor and forwarded by the Director Research to approve and finalize the panel of the names of Eight Experts not below the rank of an associate professor, which must consist of at least Four Experts from outside the State. The synopsis of the candidate will be placed in the BoS in the subject in which the supervisor or guide is recognized to guide.

9.5 Prior to the submission of the dissertation/thesis, the scholar shall make a presentation in the Department/Institute before the members of DRC concerned which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. Feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis where ever possible.

9.6 Ph. D. scholars must publish at least one (1) research paper in refereed journal and make two paper/poster presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication, and the candidate will have to produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints. A patent shall be treated as equivalent to papers.

9.7 Two Examiners with the Principal Supervisor / Supervisor and co-supervisor as internal examiner will evaluate the thesis submitted by a research scholar. The internal examiners, in case of co-supervisor, shall submit an evaluation report jointly.

Provision: If there will be no provision for evaluation of the Ph. D. thesis by the internal examiner, i.e. Principal Supervisor/co-supervisor in case when the said supervisor has direct blood relations with the Research Scholar who has submitted his Ph. D. thesis for evaluation. In such case, the thesis will be evaluated only by two external examiners.

Explanation 1: All the examiners who have evaluated the thesis must have recommended unanimously for the award of Ph. D. Degree to ensure eligibility of the candidate for viva-voce examination. One of the external examiners should be called for the viva-voce.

Explanation 2: In case where one examiner recommends and the other rejects, then the thesis will be sent to the third examiner. In case where one examiner recommends and other advises for revision then, the candidate will have to revise as per the suggestions. If the third examiner rejects, then the Ph. D. enrolment shall get cancelled.

Explanation 3: No candidate shall be eligible for viva-voce examination required for the purpose of Ph. D. degree unless all the examiners have recommended to conduct viva-voce examination to award the Ph. D. degree or the candidate has revised, incorporated or rewritten the Ph. D. thesis as desired by the concerned examiner who has evaluated the thesis and did said correction, revision, incorporation and/or rewritten the thesis. In such a situation, the thesis must be re-examined by the same examiner who recommended the said correction, revision or rewriting. Failure or negative result in this regard will amount to the cancellation of Ph. D. enrolment and the candidate shall be required to undergo the entire proceedings required for enrolment as a fresh candidate if he/she desires to conduct the Ph. D. research.

Explanation 4: The rejection of the thesis of the candidate by all external examiners will lead to the cancellation of enrolment.

9.8 The Principal Supervisor/ Supervisor of the concerned research scholar shall conduct open/public viva-voce after receiving satisfactory evaluation reports of all the Examiners. The Ph. D. open viva-voce examination shall be conducted by the Dean/HoD or his nominee, Principal Supervisor/ Supervisor and one external examiner. The Principal Supervisor/ Supervisor shall not be allowed to conduct open viva-voce as internal examiner when the candidate is related to him by the blood relation.

It is preferable to have both Principal Supervisor and Co-supervisor for the conduct of viva-voce. But principal supervisor can also conduct viva-voce with an external examiner in absence/ non-availability of Co-supervisor. Viva-voce examination can also be conducted on Skype under condition in which either the examiner (internal/external) or the candidate is abroad.

9.9 All the examiners (external and internal) shall be paid an honorarium of Rs 2000/- each for examining the thesis. The internal and external examiners who shall conduct the viva-voce shall be given an honorarium of Rs. 1000/- each. In case of Principal supervisor and co-supervisor, both shall be separately paid an amount of Rs 2000/- for thesis evaluation and Rs. 1000/- for viva-voce. The external examiner-supervisor (if from outside IU) shall be given Car/Air travel allowance or the actual travelling

expenses incurred in case not travelled by car. DA will be paid as per the prevailing rules.

9.10 The research supervisor shall have personnel responsibility to notify the date, time and place of 'open/public viva-voce' extending invitations to the members of different departments, research scholars and interested people. The viva-voce must be conducted in the respective university department or a place determined by the university at the university campus, preferably on working days.

9.11 While submitting for evaluation, the dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism/similarity of content and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution. The candidate will be held responsible for any plagiarism found in the thesis at a later stage.

9.12 The report of Ph. D. viva-voce shall be prepared in a prescribed format and signed by the examiner(s). It shall be submitted to the appropriate authority of the university by the research supervisor for further action.

9.13 No candidate shall be awarded Ph. D. Degree unless the examiners conducting viva voce recommend the award of the Ph. D. Degree.

9.14 In normal circumstances, the entire process of evaluation of Ph. D. thesis shall be completed within a period of Four months from the date of submission of the dissertation/thesis.

O. Ph. D 10. STUDY EVALUATION, ASSESSMENT AND AWARD

NOTIFICATION OF THESE REGULATIONS, OR DEGREES AWARDED BY FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

10.1 Award of degrees to candidates registered for the /Ph. D. programme on or after July 11, 2009 till the date of Notification of these Regulations shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for Awards of M. Phil./Ph. D. Degree) Regulation, 2009.

10.2 If the Ph. D. degree is awarded by a Foreign University, the Indian Institution considering such a degree shall refer the issue to University Research Committee for the purpose of determining the equivalence of the degree awarded by the foreign University.

O. Ph.D. 11. DEPOSITORY WITH INFLIBNET

11.1 Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Ph. D. degree(s), the administrative section of the university shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph. D. thesis to the INFLIBNET, for hosting the same on Shodhganga, so as to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.

O. Ph.D. 12. CANCELLATION OF Ph.D. REGISTRATION

12.1: Non payment of required fee within time limit: If a scholar fails to pay the prescribed fee within given time limits, without satisfactory reasons, his/her Ph. D. registration would automatically stand cancelled. The schedule of fee will be given to the scholar at the time of registration by the University.

12.2: Work not satisfactory report from supervisor : If a Supervisor does not submit six monthly progress reports or submits a report mentioning that the work being carried out by the scholar is not to supervisor's satisfaction, the Ph. D. registration may be cancelled.