



**BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY,  
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 024**

**DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.PHIL.)**

**REGULATIONS**

(with effect from the academic year 2009-2010 onwards)

**1. Categories of M.Phil. Scholars :**

- (i) Full - Time (FT)
- (ii) Part - Time (PT)
- (iii) Full - Time (FT) Interdisciplinary
- (iv) Part - Time (PT) Interdisciplinary

**1.1 Full - Time Scholars :**

Scholars within the definition of this category are those who pursue their full - time M.Phil programme in the Departments / Schools / Centres / Extension Centres of Bharathidasan University, approved Research Centres / Departments of the colleges affiliated to this University and National Institutions / Laboratories / Organizations / their Regional Laboratories / Centres located in any part of India / Abroad and recognized by Bharathidasan University as Centres for Research or training in the disciplines approved by the University. The M.Phil. Scholars studying under the Distance Education mode are also included under this category for all practical purposes. However, all these Institutions / Departments must have got prior approval of Bharathidasan University and got recognized for the purpose of conducting M.Phil. programme. The Research Supervisors in these Institutions / Departments should also have obtained the required / recognition of the University, subject to the fulfillment of other requirements mentioned below : given in para 10.

**1.2 Part - Time Scholars :**

Any citizen of India, irrespective of employment status, who wishes to pursue M.Phil. programme in the places mentioned in 2.1 are eligible to register under Part - Time Research, provided they fulfill the eligibility norms given in 2.0.

### 1.3 **Interdisciplinary Scholars (FT / PT)**

Candidate shall be normally eligible for registration for M.Phil. programme in the discipline in which he / she has obtained the Master's degree. It shall however, be open to a candidate to apply for admission into the M.Phil. programme in another discipline related to the subject in which he / she has obtained Master's degree. Such candidates should clearly specify in the application form the subject in which he / she would like to get the M.Phil. degree. Whether a subject is related or not shall be decided by the Research Committee of University, depending on the merit of the case.

## 2. **Admission process**

### 2.1 **Eligibility**

A candidate, who is qualified for the Master's Degree in Arts . Humanities / Social Science / Commerce through regular study / Distance Education mode / Open University System with not less than 55% of marks or 5.51 in a 10.00 grade point scale under CBCS, is eligible to register for the M.Phil degree programme in the respective areas of specialization at PG level. A candidate who is qualified for the Master's Degree prior to 19.09.1991, with not less than 50% of marks, is also eligible to register for M.Phil. programme in this University. The SC/ST candidates are given 5% relaxation from the prescribed minimum marks.

A candidate who is qualified with not less than 55% marks in the concerned subject for the Degree B.A. (Hons.) or B.Sc. (Hons.) or B.Com (Hons.) under the old regulations of any other University recognized by this University as equivalent thereto may also be permitted to register for the M.Phil. degree in any one of the places mentioned in section 1.1.

## 3. **Duration :**

3.1 The duration of the M.Phil. programme shall be one year consisting of two semesters for the Full - Time programme, and two years for the Part - time programme.

3.2 The full - time and part - time programmes shall commence from July and the August. Final Examination shall be conducted in January / February for the Full - time candidates and in April / May for Part - time candidates. The second terms Examinations shall be conducted in August / September for the Full - time candidates and April / May for the Part - time candidates.

4. **Programme of Study :**

4.1 **Framing Course Work for M.Phil.**

The M.Phil candidates shall take three courses (I). Research Methodology (2) Second paper in the area related to the area of research as on support for pursuing research (as elective) (3) Third paper on Topic of Research. Besides these three courses, which are aimed to equip the candidates for pursuing research, one more course (4) shall be offered on general skills required on teaching, learning process, such as (i) computer application skills (ii) Communicative skills and (iii) Educational skills (Pedagogical skill including practical training in teaching). For each course, 40% of marks would be allotted for the continuous internal evaluation and the remaining 60% would be allotted for the End Semester University Examination. The following components shall be adopted for continuous internal evaluation / assessment.

I	Two Tests (2x10)	20 Marks
II	Term Paper	10 Marks
III	Seminar	10 Marks
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		40 Marks
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4.2 The syllabi for courses - I, II, III, and IV shall be prescribed by the respective Adhoc Course Committees. The syllabi for all the 4 courses shall consist of five units.

For the full - time candidates course - I, course - II, course - III, and course IV will be covered in the first semester and dissertation will be covered in the second semester. For the part-time candidates course - I, course - II, course - III, course - IV will be covered in the first year and dissertation in the second year.

5. **Scheme of Examinations :**

(Credits and workload for the course shall be as per the P.G. norms)

**Semester - I**

		Marks		Credit
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		CIA	F.E.	
Course	I	40	60	4
Course	II	40	60	4
Course	III	40	60	4
Course	IV (Elective)	40	60	4

**Semester - II**

Dissertation	--	200	8
	(Thesis 150 + Viva-voce 50)		

## 5.1 **Final Examination (FE)**

The final examination for courses - I, II, III, & course – IV (Elective) shall be conducted at the end of the first semester (January / February) for full-time candidates and in the case of part-time candidates the final examination for course I, II, III, and course - IV shall be conducted in April / May completing a minimum of 10 months of class work. Each course shall have 60 marks for the Final Examination and 40 marks for continuous Internal Assessment. The duration for each written examination shall be 3 hours. Question papers for the final examination of Courses - I to IV shall be set externally and valued by external examiners who will form the Board of Examiners to pass the results. A candidate shall be declared to have passed course I, II, III and IV, if he / she secures not less than 40% of the marks in the University Examination and 50% of the marks in the aggregate (i.e. continuous internal assessment and the written Examination taken together).

5.1.1 Supplementary examinations for the theory courses shall be conducted depending upon the exigency.

## 5.2 **Part - II: Dissertation**

Candidates shall submit the dissertation to the University through the Supervisor and the Head of the Department / Principal not earlier than 5 months but within 6 months from the date of start of the second semester in the case of Full-time programme and not earlier than 10 months but within one year from the date of start of the second year, in the case of Part-time programme. If a candidate is not able to submit his / her dissertation within the period stated above, he / she shall be given an extension time of 4 months in the first instance and another 4 months in the second instance with penalty fees. If a candidate does not submit his / her dissertation even after the two extensions, his / her registration shall be treated as cancelled and he / she has to re-register for the programme. However the candidate need not write the theory papers again, if he / she has already passed these courses.

5.3 The dissertation shall be valued by one external examiner, who is within the respective University area where the Supervisor is located and by the Research Supervisor for Maximum of 150 marks by each examiner and the average of the marks awarded by both the examiners shall be taken. The external examiner shall be selected from a panel of 3 experts suggested by the Research Supervisor and working within the respective University area of the Research Supervisor. However, the University may ask for another panel, if necessary. The viva-voce examination shall be conducted by both the external examiners and the Supervisor and evaluated for the maximum of 50 marks. The valuation of M.Phil. Dissertations and the viva-voce examination shall be carried out on the same day at the place of the Research Supervisor (viva is to be conducted only if the student passes in the valuation of the dissertation). The mark should be sent to the Controller of examinations by the Research Supervisor.

5.4 The dissertation shall ordinarily be written in English. However, the option of writing the dissertation in Tamil is given to the candidates at the time of assigning the candidates to the Supervisor, in mutual consultation with the Research Supervisor and the Scholar.

**5.5 Viva-Voce Examination**

There shall be a viva-voce examination which shall be conducted by two examiners, one being the supervisor and the other who evaluated the dissertation. The maximum marks for the viva-voce examination shall be 50 (joint evaluation). A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part - II Examination if he secures not less than 50% of the marks prescribed for the dissertation and 50% of the marks prescribed for the viva-voce Examination.

5.5.1 If the examiner who values the dissertation makes a qualified recommendation such as revision of dissertation, the candidate shall be advised to revise the dissertation in the light of the suggestions made by the examiners and re-submit the dissertation, within a period of SIX months. A sum of Rs.1500/- shall be charged as fee for Re-submission of dissertation. The revised dissertation shall be sent to the same examiner who evaluated the dissertation in the first instance.

**6. Classification of successful Candidates :**

6.1 The candidates who passed written papers and dissertation in their first attempt shall be classified as follows.

<b>Total Marks secured in written papers and dissertation</b>	<b>Classification</b>
1. 75% and above	I Class with Distinction
2. Above 60% to below 75%	I Class
3. Above 50% to below 60%	II Class

6.2 Candidates who pass the programmed in more than one attempt shall be declared to have completed the programme under II Class.

**7. Restriction in Number of Chances :**

**7.1 Full - time Candidates :**

No candidate shall be permitted to appear for the written Examination in any course more than twice or to re-submit the dissertation or appear for the viva-voce examination more than twice. Resubmission of a dissertation shall be done with penalty fee, within 6 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the result of the first attempt is announced. The permitted attempts of semester-I & II Examinations shall be completed within a maximum period of 36 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the registration was done.

7.2 **Part - Time Candidates :**

No candidate shall be permitted to appear for the written Examination in any course more than twice or to re-submit the dissertation or appear for the viva-voce examination more than twice. Resubmission of a dissertation shall be done with penalty fee, within 6 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the result of the first attempt is announced. The permitted attempts of Part-I & II Examinations shall be completed within a maximum period of 48 months from the first of the month which follows the month in which the registration was done.

8. **Conferment of the Degree :**

No candidate shall be eligible for the conferment of the M.Phil. programme unless he / she is declared to have passed both written examinations and dissertation of the programme.

9. **Eligibility of Institutions :**

9.1 **Departments / Schools / Centres of this University :**

All the Departments / Schools / Centres functioning directly under the administrative control of Bharathidasan University are eligible for recognition as Research Centres. The Institutions desirous of getting recognition must apply to the University for securing recognition as centres of Research by remitting the affiliation fee as may be presented by the University from time to time. The University will get these institutions assessed through a committee and the recognition as Research Centre will be awarded based on the recommendation of the committee.

9.2 **Colleges / Institutions that are affiliated to this University :**

The departments of various affiliated colleges of Bharathidasan University shall offer M.Phil. programme in any Department subject of the conditions that

- (i) the college / Department has adequate facilities in the concerned departments of the subject areas for carrying out research,
- (ii) the college / Department has atleast two qualified M.Phil. Research Supervisors in the subject, of whom at least one shall be Ph.D. degree holder, with exception to the subject areas such as Computer Science, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Library Science and such other new subjects, where in the departments shall have two qualified M.Phil. Research Supervisors in the discipline, subject to the condition that the department should fulfill the requirement of having atleast one Ph.D. holder on or before December 2012.
- (iii) One batch of P.G programme in the concerned subject has passed out from the college.

## 10. **Eligibility for Guideship**

- 10.1 The guide should possess a Ph.D degree with two years of teaching experience and should have published at least one paper in a reputed National / International Journal. Teachers with M.Phil. and NET / SLET qualification with three years of PG Teaching experience and having atleast two papers published in the reputed journals shall also be eligible to guide M.Phil. students.
- 10.2 A supervisor will be allowed to guide not more twelve M.Phil candidates, who are guiding only M.Phil candidates and not more than 4 M.Phil candidates along with guiding Ph.D., scholars.
- 10.3 Only the Supervisors in University Departments and the Post Graduate Departments of affiliated colleges shall be recognized for conducting the M.Phil. programme. However, any other Institution of higher learning / Research within or outside the University area shall be considered for conducting the M.Phil. programme subject to the fulfillment of the requirements and with the approval of the syndicate.
- 10.4 Change of Supervisor may be permitted by the University based on the merit of the individual cases.
- 10.5 The Research Supervisors, serving as teachers, would be permitted to register candidates up to the age of 62 years.

## 11. **Re-Registration:**

- 11.1 The candidates shall be permitted for Re-Registration based on the merit of individual cases.
- 11.2 While Re-registering the candidates shall pay the following fees prescribed for Second semester / year :

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Science Subjects Rs.</b>	<b>Arts Subjects Rs.</b>
Tuition fee (per annum)	1500/-	1500/-
Special fee	400/-	400/-
Laboratory fee	2000/-	---
Special Laboratory fee (for subjects of Microbiology & Biotechnology)	1000/-	---
Re-registration fee	750/-	750/-

- 11.3 The Re-registered candidates are required to submit the dissertation not earlier than three months and not later than one year after the date of re-registration. No further extension of time shall be given.

12. **Fees for M.Phil. programme (Full-Time and Part-Time)**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Science Subjects Rs.</b>	<b>Arts Subjects Rs.</b>
Tuition fee (per annum)	3500/-	2500/-
Special fee	400/-	400/-
Laboratory fee	2000/-	---
Caution Deposit	1000/-	---
Registration fee	500/-	500/-
Re-registration fee	750/-	750/-
Matriculation fee	50/-	50/-
Library fee (University scholars only)	200/- 100/- (SC / ST only)	200/- 100/- (SC / ST only)
	1000/-	1000/-
Examination fee (4 x 250 papers I to IV)		
	1500/-	1500/-
Dissertation fee	1500/-	1500/-
Submission of revised dissertation		
Late Submission of Dissertation :	250/-	250/-
1. Fee for first extension	250/-	250/-
2. Fee for Second extension		
	250/-	250/-
Cost of Application		