

Existing Ordinance	Proposed amendment
<p>Clause 3.3.A student of Assam University, whose M.Phil. Dissertation has been evaluated and the <i>viva voce</i> is pending, may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the University.</p>	<p>Clause 3.3. A student of Assam University, whose M.Phil. Dissertation has been evaluated and the <i>viva voce</i> is pending, may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the University.</p> <p>A certificate of completion of evaluation of dissertation obtained from COE should be produced before the DRC by the candidate at the time of Personal Interview (ref. Clause 5.5.2).</p>
<p>Clause 4.1. M.Phil. programme shall be for a minimum duration of two (2) consecutive semesters/ one year and a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters/ two years, excluding course work.</p>	<p>Clause 4.1. M.Phil. programme shall be for a minimum duration of two (2) consecutive semesters/ one year and a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters/ two years, excluding regular course work period.</p>
<p>Clause 6.2 For recognition of any external expert as a co-supervisor for a Ph.D. candidate, a person should be a regular faculty in a University/ College/ Institute (PG Teaching) or a scholar/expert/ Scientist in a National/ Regional Research Institute with at least five (5) publications in refereed journals after obtaining Ph.D. degree and ten (10) years of teaching/ research experience, barring that spent for obtaining Ph.D. degree.</p>	<p>For recognition of any external expert as a co-supervisor for a Ph.D. candidate, a person should be a regular faculty in a University/ College/ Institute (PG Teaching)/ Teachers from affiliated colleges of AUS / expert/ Scientist in a National/ Regional Research Institute with at least five (5) publications in refereed journals after obtaining Ph.D. degree and ten (10) years of teaching/ research experience, barring that spent for obtaining Ph.D. degree.</p>
<p>Clause 7.3 Coursework syllabi will be designed by a department for its M.Phil./ Ph.D. programme, except the Research Methodology paper, which will be common for a school of study and will be designed by the Dean of concerned School with necessary consultation. The Research Methodology paper of four (4) credits will cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, fieldwork, etc. Of</p>	<p>(7.3) Coursework syllabi will be designed by a department for its M.Phil./ Ph.D. programme, except the Research Methodology papers. One methodology paper of two (2) credits entitled ' Research and Publication ethics' will be dealt at university level as per syllabus suggested by UGC. Another methodology paper of four (4) credits entitled ' Research methods and Computer applications' will be common for a school of study and will be designed by the Dean of the concerned</p>

<p>the three remaining courses of four (4) credits each, one shall comprise advanced level topics in concerned subject. Another paper will be an optional paper on the specialized research area. Choice of this paper by a scholar will be made under the guidance of RAC. There will be a term paper of four (4) credits which will involve both a report as well as a presentation on the subject area of her/ his M.Phil./ Ph.D. topic including objectives/ specific methodology/ literature review, etc. The term paper shall be prepared under the guidance of the supervisor and evaluated by RAC concerned. All courses prescribed for M.Phil. and Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour, instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. They shall be duly approved by the relevant academic bodies and revised periodically, at least every three years.</p>	<p>School with necessary consultation. The paper will cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications and review of published research in the relevant field, training, fieldwork, etc. Of the three remaining courses, one of three (3) credits shall comprise advanced level topics in concerned subject. Another paper of three (3) credits will be an optional paper on the specialized research area. Choice of this paper by a scholar will be made under the guidance of RAC. There will be a term paper of four (4) credits which will involve both a report as well as a presentation on the subject area of her/ his M.Phil./ Ph.D. topic including objectives/ specific methodology/ literature review, etc. The term paper shall be prepared under the guidance of the supervisor and evaluated by RAC concerned. All courses prescribed for M.Phil. and Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour, instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. They shall be duly approved by the relevant academic bodies and revised periodically, at least every three years.</p>
<p>Clause 7.5 Candidates already holding M.Phil. Degree with a four-paper coursework with minimum 55% marks in aggregate, or those who</p>	<p>In compliance with the 79th Academic Council held on 25th October 2017 resolution No.AC:79:10-17:05</p> <p>Resolution (2nd para): It was also resolved that para 3.2 to be read with para 7.5 of the Assam University Ordinance on M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees, 2017, which makes it clear that exemption may be considered only for those candidates who have done M.Phil from Assam University, Silchar.</p> <p>Clause 7.5. Candidates already holding M.Phil. Degree from Assam University with a four-paper coursework with minimum 55% marks in aggregate, or those who have already completed</p>

<p>have already completed the course work in M.Phil. as per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, and admitted to the Ph.D. programme or those permitted to proceed to pursue Ph.D. degree in an integrated programme, may be exempted from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.</p>	<p>the course work in M.Phil. from Assam University as per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, and admitted to the Ph.D. programme or those permitted to proceed to pursue Ph.D. degree in an integrated programme, may be exempted from the Ph.D. course work. Such an exemption can be sought for within five years of award of M.Phil Degree from Assam University. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.</p>
<p>Clause 7.6. Grades/ marks in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the RAC and the Department.</p>	<p>Clause 7.6. Grades/ marks in the course work, including research and publication ethics (RPE) and research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the RAC and the DRC / Department.</p>
<p>Clause 8.2. The RAC shall consist of the Head of the Department, one teacher from the department and two teachers from other departments of the university, and Supervisor as Convener. Where there Supervisor is the Head another senior most teacher of the department should be included in the Committee. In departments where there are no sufficient numbers of teachers eligible to be supervisor, teachers from other departments may be included. All the members have to be eligible to be supervisors as per norms laid in point 6.</p>	<p>Clause 8.2. The RAC shall consist of the Head of the Department, one teacher from the department and two teachers from other allied departments of the university, and Supervisor as Convener. Where the Supervisor is the Head, one of the senior teachers of the department should be included in the Committee. In departments where there are not sufficient numbers of teachers eligible to be supervisor, teachers from other departments may be included. All the members have to be eligible to be supervisors as per norms laid in point 6. In case of event of lien / long leave / demise/ resignation /retirement of a RAC member, supervisor should propose the change to HOD and modified notification should be issued.</p>
<p>Clause 8.3. Meetings of the RAC will be notified by the Head of the department in consultation with the concerned supervisor.</p>	<p>Clause 8.3. Meetings of the RAC will be notified by the Head of the department in consultation with the concerned supervisor. Atleast four members should remain present in a RAC meeting</p>

<p>Clause 8.4. This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:</p> <p>(8.4.1) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;</p> <p>(8.4.2) To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that she/he may have to undertake during course work or later.</p> <p>(8.4.3) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the concerned scholar.</p>	<p>Clause 8.4 (addition of sub clause 8.4.4)</p> <p>(8.4.4.)To monitor the regularity of the scholars exempted from course work classes in matter of assignment submission.</p>
<p>Clause 8.5. Every research scholar must appear before the RAC once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of her/his work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the RAC to the Department with a copy to the research scholar.</p> <p><i>Note - The six monthly meeting of the RAC shall be notified by the supervisor in consultation with HOD.</i></p>	<p>Clause 8.5 (omission of the Note which is contradictory to Clause 8.3)</p> <p>Clause 8.5. Every research scholar must appear before the RAC once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of her/his work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the RAC to the Department with a copy to the research scholar.</p>
<p>Clause 9.1. A Departmental Research Committee (DRC) shall be constituted for each academic department offering M.Phil. /Ph.D. programme. All teachers of the department eligible to supervise shall be member of the committee. One member shall be opted from another department of the same School of Studies and another member from an allied School of Studies as a Vice-Chancellor’s nominee. Head of the Department shall chair the proceedings of the DRC.</p>	<p>Clause 9.1A Departmental Research Committee (DRC) shall be constituted for each academic department offering M.Phil. /Ph.D. programme. All teachers of the department eligible to supervise shall be member of the committee. One member shall be opted from another department of the same School of Studies and another member from an allied School of Studies as a Vice-Chancellor’s nominee. Head of the Department shall chair the proceedings of the DRC.</p> <p>The external member should be freshly nominated every 3 years.</p>

<p>Clause 10.2. Upon satisfactory completion of coursework and obtaining the required marks/grade, a scholar shall be required to undertake research work and go for registration of title of the dissertation/ thesis.</p> <p>A presentation on the proposal should be made before RAC, on whose recommendation the scholar shall submit a synopsis. Thereafter, the scholar shall submit an application (in prescribed format) to the Department along with the recommendation of RAC based on the presentation.</p> <p>The application, complete in all respects, shall be forwarded to BRS through the relevant statutory bodies within twelve months of successful completion of coursework, barring which admission will stand cancelled.</p>	<p>Clause 10.2. Upon satisfactory completion of coursework and obtaining the required marks/grade, a scholar shall be required to undertake research work and go for registration of title of the dissertation/ thesis.</p> <p>A presentation on the proposal should be made before RAC, on whose recommendation the scholar shall submit a synopsis. Thereafter, the scholar shall submit an application (in prescribed format) to the Department along with the recommendation of RAC based on the presentation.</p> <p>The application, complete in all respects, shall be forwarded to BRS through the relevant statutory bodies within twelve months for Ph.D. and six months for M.Phil. of successful completion of coursework, barring which admission will stand cancelled.</p>
<p>Clause 10.6.3. The M.Phil. Dissertation submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by her/his Research Supervisor and at least one external examiner who is not in the employment of the Assam University. An expert panel containing names of at least four experts, excluding supervisor(s), on the relevant field must be submitted by the supervisor at the time of title registration for approval of relevant statutory bodies.</p> <p>The open <i>viva-voce</i> examination shall be conducted by the external and internal examiners, and shall be open for attendance by members of the RAC, all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars</p>	<p>In compliance with the 82nd Academic Council held on 14th September 2018 resolution No.AC:82:09-18:33</p> <p>Resolution : The panel of examiners should be submitted at least 6 (six) months in advance prior to pre-submission.</p> <p>10.6.3. The M.Phil. Dissertation submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by her/his Research Supervisor and at least one external examiner who is not in the employment of the Assam University. An expert panel containing names of at least four experts, excluding supervisor(s), on the relevant field must be submitted by the supervisor at least six months prior to pre-submission for approval of relevant statutory bodies.</p> <p>The open <i>viva-voce</i> examination shall be conducted by the external examiner/VC's nominee and internal examiner, and shall be open for attendance by members of the RAC, all faculty members of the</p>

<p>and any other interested experts/ researchers.</p> <p>Each examiner shall evaluate the performance of the scholar in the following grades: 'O' corresponding to 9.00-10.00, 'E' corresponding to 8.00-8.99, 'V' corresponding to 7.00-7.99, 'A' corresponding to 6.00-6.99, 'B' corresponding to 5.50-5.99 and 'C' corresponding to less than 5.5 grade points. A candidate shall be awarded the average of grades awarded by both the Dissertation examiners and degree will be awarded to candidates securing 'B' grade and above.</p> <p>The Dean of the concerned school shall notify the date of <i>viva-voce</i> in consultation with supervisor within a week of receiving papers from the COE office. This notification shall be done at least one week prior to the scheduled <i>viva-voce</i>.</p> <p>The RAC should be supplied with the evaluation reports (blind) and the same should be communicated to the scholar along with the date of <i>viva-voce</i>. The <i>viva-voce</i> may be deferred or fixed on a later date by the Dean of the concerned school on written request of the candidate/supervisor.</p>	<p>Department, other research scholars and any other interested experts/ researchers.</p> <p>Each examiner shall evaluate the performance of the scholar in the following grades: 'O' corresponding to 9.00-10.00, 'E' corresponding to 8.00-8.99, 'V' corresponding to 7.00-7.99, 'A' corresponding to 6.00-6.99, 'B' corresponding to 5.50-5.99 and 'C' corresponding to less than 5.5 grade points. A candidate shall be awarded the average of grades awarded by both the Dissertation examiners and degree will be awarded to candidates securing 'B' grade and above.</p> <p>The Dean of the concerned school shall notify the date of <i>viva-voce</i> in consultation with supervisor within a week of receiving papers from the COE office. This notification shall be done at least one week prior to the scheduled <i>viva-voce</i>.</p> <p>The RAC should be supplied with the evaluation reports (blind) and the same should be communicated to the scholar along with the date of <i>viva-voce</i>. The <i>viva-voce</i> may be deferred or fixed on a later date by the Dean of the concerned school on written request of the candidate/supervisor.</p>
<p>Clause 10.6.4.The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by her/his Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners, who are not in employment of Assam University, of whom one examiner may be from outside the country. A panel containing the names of at least six (6) external experts,</p>	<p>In compliance with the 82nd Academic Council held on 14th September 2018 resolution No.AC:82:09-18:33</p> <p>Resolution :The panel of examiners should be submitted atleast 6 (six) months in advance prior to pre-submission.</p> <p>Clause 10.6.4.The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by her/his Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners, who are not employees of Assam University, of whom one examiner may be from outside the country. A panel containing the names of at least six (6) external experts,</p>

<p>excluding supervisor(s), on the relevant field should be submitted at least one (1) year prior to pre-submission for approval of relevant statutory bodies. A submitted panel will remain valid for two and a half (2.5) years.</p>	<p>excluding supervisor(s), on the relevant field should be submitted at least 6 (six) months prior to pre-submission for approval of relevant statutory bodies. A submitted panel will remain valid for two and a half (2.5) years.</p>
<p>Clause 11.2. Part-time Ph.D. will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D. ordinance are met. A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from competent authority in the format prescribed by the authority needs to be submitted at the time of personal interview during admission by all employed candidates. In addition, an employed candidate needs to submit leave sanction order from competent authority for at least a period of six (6) month for attending course work.</p> <p>Teachers of Assam University and its affiliated colleges would be exempted from attending regular classes during coursework. They will have to write an assignment in each paper and earn credit through seminars, fieldwork, etc.</p>	<p>Clause 11.2. Part-time Ph.D. will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D. ordinance are met. A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from competent authority in the format prescribed by the authority needs to be submitted at the time of personal interview during admission by all employed candidates. In addition, an employed candidate needs to submit leave sanction order from competent authority for at least a period of six (6) month for attending course work within one month of date of admission in the course.</p> <p>Teachers of Assam University and its affiliated colleges would be exempted from attending regular classes during coursework. They will have to write an assignment per unit of each theory paper (to be evaluated by concerned teacher) and earn credit through seminars, fieldwork, etc.</p>

Perused and may be placed in Academic Council with the approval of the authority.



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