

Mewar University

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MEWAR UNIVERSITY PH.D. ADMISSION GUIDELINES-2009 (PH.D. REGULATIONS)

Effective from July 2010 Batch Onwards



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1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION:

Mewar University, Chittorgarh (hereinafter called the University), on biannual basis, shall decide a predetermined and manageable number of Ph.D vacancies depending on the number of available eligible Faculty Supervisors. A Candidate seeking admission/registration for the degree of Ph.D in a university must hold a PG Degree with minimum 50% marks or equivalent grade or a Professional degrees like CA/ICWA/CS. Foreign Nationals registering for Ph.D programme with Mewar University must obtain 50% marks or equivalent grades in the qualifying PG degree and shall be eligible as per UGC/AIU guidelines in this respect. Notwithstanding anything contained in the above-mentioned rules, the eligibility criteria/guidelines prescribed and/or issued by AICTE and/or UGC and/or AIU from time to time shall also be applicable for admission/registration to Ph.D programme(s) of the University.

2. ADMISSION/REGISTRATION:

- (a) The University shall invite applications for admission to the Ph.D. programme twice a year and notify on the University website well in advance for wider publicity. However, candidates may download the application form from the University website and submit it directly to the University.
- (b) A candidate seeking admission for Ph.D. programme must apply to the University on the prescribed application form along with relevant supporting documents and academic transcripts/certificates (from higher secondary onwards), and application fee (as mentioned on the application form).
- (c) A candidate shall normally be registered for a Ph.D. programme in the relevant subject in which he/she has passed his/her qualifying examination. The decision of the Board of Research Studies shall be treated as final related to the topic/subject of research.
- (d)(i) The Ph.D candidates with a Master's degree (clause 1) shall be admitted through an entrance test conducted at the level of the University, followed by an interview/pre-RDC interaction, where a candidate discusses their research interest/area. A candidate who secured a minimum 50% marks in the entrance test shall be called for an interview. Overall, the minimum qualifying marks in the entrance and interview will be 50% in each. Admission will be based on a subject-wise merit list prepared.
- (ii) A candidate possessing an M.Phil degree in a relevant discipline (clause 1) will be directly called for the interview/pre-RDC interaction. A separate merit will be prepared based on interview marks, and 20% of the seats in the seat matrix



will be reserved for such candidates, which can be transferred to candidates mentioned in d (i) if seats remain vacant. In case M.Phil candidates applied under the entrance test category, they will be included in the merit list prepared for d(i).
(iii) A Master's degree candidate (clause 1) qualified UGC/CSIR/ARS NET/SLET/GATE will be directly called for the interview/pre-RDC interaction. A separate merit will be prepared based on interview marks, and 30% of the seats-matrix will be reserved for such candidates, which can be transferred to candidates mentioned in d (i) if seats remain vacant.

(e) National/State reservation policy shall be paid due attention.

3. SUPERVISOR(S) AND SEAT-ALLOCATION:

- (a) The faculty members (Regular/Visiting/Adjunct/Guest) possessing Ph.D degree and having demonstrable research experience shall be recognized as Research Supervisors for Ph.D. programmes.
- (b) A Supervisor shall not have, at any given point of time, more than eight Ph.D. Scholars.
- (c) The seat matrix prepared in advance based on the availability of the number of available eligible Faculty Supervisors and shall be notified on the website during the call for "Ph.D applications" for wider publicity.
- (d) The BRS through the Director of Research will allocate a supervisor to the candidate in a formal manner, based on the number of students per faculty member, the available specializations among faculty supervisors, and the student's research interests as indicated during the interview. The Director Research can also recommend a co-supervisor to the candidate in case of interdisciplinary work. The allotment of a supervisor shall not be left to the individual student or faculty member.
- (e) In case a duly approved supervisor leaves the institute for any reason, he/she may act as co-supervisor for the candidate and the President (Vice Chancellor) through Director Research will allot a new supervisor/co-supervisor to the candidate based on his/her area of research from the approved list of supervisors. Co-supervisors can also act as Supervisors under such circumstances.

4. COURSE WORK AND RDC:

- (a) After admission, each Ph.D student shall undertake coursework for a minimum period of one semester, with a maximum of two allowed attempts. This shall be considered pre-PhD preparation and must include a course on research methodology, which may include quantitative methods and computer applications. It may also involve a review of published research articles in the relevant field. The coursework consists of 12 credits divided into three papers: Paper I: Research Methodology (4 Credits); Paper II: ICT (2 Credits); and Paper

III: Dissertation and Presentation related to the proposed area of research (6 Credits). Candidate securing a minimum 40% marks or equivalent grade to be declared a pass in the coursework.

- (b) M.Phil/PGRI candidates admitted to the Ph.D programme shall be exempted by the BRS from the coursework requirement, provided they have undertaken a mandatory paper on research methodology during their M.Phil/PGRI.
- (c) The candidate, after being admitted to the Ph.D. programme, shall also appear at least once before the 'Research Degree Committee' (RDC) to discuss his/her research topic and potential work opportunities. Upon the supervisor's recommendation, the RDC meeting can be held before the candidate completes the coursework, provided he/she is prepared with the research proposal in the prescribed format. The RDC meeting can be held more than once upon the committee's recommendation. The date of successful appearance of the candidate before the RDC shall be treated as the date of registration in such cases.

5. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT METHODS:

- (a) The student must satisfactorily complete the coursework and RDC to undertake research work. The candidates will do quality work and publish at least one research paper in a referred journal before the submission of the thesis/monograph within a reasonable time for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or the reprint.
- (b) The student can submit the Ph.D. thesis after two years of completion of the coursework and RDC as per 'Ph.D Thesis Preparation Manual of Mewar University'. Before the final Ph.D. thesis submission, the candidate shall do a pre-submission and presentation before the committee that may be open to all faculty members and research students, for getting feedback and comments, which may suitably be incorporated into the draft thesis under advice of supervisor. A student may have to reappear for pre-presentation if the committee suggest the work is not suitable for final presentation.
- (c) The thesis submitted by the Ph.D candidate shall be evaluated by at least two experts as examiners, out of which one may be from outside the state and the other examiner may be selected from outside the country, if possible.
- (d) On receipt of satisfactory evaluation report, Ph.D candidates shall undergo a viva-voce examination which shall also be openly defended.
- (e) After successfully completing the evaluation process and announcing the awarding of the Ph.D., the University will submit a soft copy of the Ph.D. thesis to the UGC within thirty days for hosting in INFLIBNET, making it accessible to all institutions/universities.



- (f) Following a successful defense of the viva voce, the University will issue a provisional certificate confirming that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provision of the UGC and University guidelines.

6. THESIS PREPARATION GUIDELINES:

- (a) The thesis must be written in English other than for the subjects like Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu etc. The use of Hindi as a medium of expression may be allowed only after obtaining specific approval from the BRS through Director of Research if deemed necessary
- (b) The thesis shall comply with the following conditions:
- (i) The thesis must constitute original research characterized by either the discovery of new facts or a fresh interpretive approach to existing theories. In either case, it should demonstrate the candidate's ability for critical analysis and sound judgment.
- (ii) Additionally, the thesis must be satisfactory in terms of its literary presentation.
- (iii) The document should be typed on one side, adhering to the format and specifications outlined in the "Manual for Preparation of Ph.D Thesis" provided by the University.

The detailed guidelines regarding thesis preparation are available of the university website.

- For further details please refer to the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degree) Regulation, 2009 available at UGC Website
- Thesis Preparation Manual and Evaluation formats attached

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