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Ph.D. PROGRAM REGULATIONS

As per the UGC Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations, 2022

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLYING Ph.D. DEGREE:

The candidate must possess Master's Degree in Law/LL.M/ etc Social Sciences like M.A., M.Com, MBA or natural sciences like M.Sc., M.Tech for interdisciplinary research (from any recognized University or its equivalent from an accredited institution /Foreign University) with a minimum of 55% of marks or B+ grade.

*Relaxation of 5% marks will be given to SC/ST/BC/Specially Abled and other categories of candidates as per the UGC Regulations, 2022.

2. CATEGORIES OF Ph.D.: Full-Time and Part-Time:

2.1. Full-time candidates: the above rule 1. would be applicable.

2.2. Part-time candidates (Internal/External): In Part-time, the candidate can be either an Internal or External.

2. 2.1 Internal:

Faculty working in the DSNLU will fall under this category. They can be both permanent as well as contractual Faculty.

2. 2.2 External:

(i) Persons working as academicians will come under this category.

(ii) Candidates should have 3years of full-time teaching experience in Law at the time of applying for the Ph.D. program with other minimum qualifications as per the regulation.

2.3. Executive:

(i) Eligibility for admission under Executive category shall be as follows

(ii) 2.3.1 Executive candidates: the above rule 1. would be applicable

(iii) 2.3.2 Judicial Officers and Advocates/ Law Officers Executives / Administrators having completed at least 3 years of service.



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3. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION:

3.1 All the Full Time and Part Time candidates should appear for Entrance Test conducted by the University. However, the following candidates are exempted to appear for the Entrance Test.

3.1.1 Candidates who have qualified in JRF, if they apply within two years of their date of eligibility.

3.1.2 Candidates who have qualified UGC- JRF (after two years) /NET/SLET and having a minimum of two publications in any referred Journal of National/International standards i.e., ISBN/ Books or ISSN/eISSN.

3.1.3 Candidate applying under the Executive category are exempted from entrance test.

3.2 MODE OF ADMISSION TEST : (Entrance and Interview.)

3.2.1 The Entrance Test will be conducted by the University as per the specifications in Notification of Admission into Ph.D. The entrance Test will have objective as well as descriptive questions to test the research and legal aptitude of the candidate.

3.2.2 The Entrance Test shall have Legal Research Methodology, Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, IPC, Law of Torts, Contracts Laws, Family Law and Transfer of Property and labor Laws.

3.2.3 The Admission test will be conducted for 100 Marks and the candidate should secure minimum 40% of marks to be eligible for interview. After qualifying the Test, the eligible candidate will have to attend the interview for 50 marks. The Admission will be given on the basis of entrance and interview.

3.2.4 Submission of preliminary research proposal is mandatory on which interview will be conducted.

4. The candidates who have been admitted are required to submit their preliminary research proposal at the time of interview.

4.1.1 RESEARCH PROPOSAL GUIDELINES:



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It should contain an outline of the Research Topic and demonstrate command of the state of the ability in the relevant area. The Research proposal shall be submitted at the time of interview with a minimum of 2000 words and a maximum of 3000 words along with the application form. The Research Proposal shall include: -

- i. Introduction:
- ii. Scope and Objectives:
- iii. Hypothesis:
- iv. Review of Literature:
- v. Conclusion:

4.1.2 WRITING GUIDELINES:

- i. To be in English
- ii. Times New Roman
- iii. Font Size 12
- iv. Spacing 1.5
- v. Citation Method- Bluebook/Indian Law Institute
- vi. Left Margin 1.5; Right Margin 1; Top Margin 1.5 and Bottom 1; with page No.
- vii. Details of the candidates including address for correspondence e-mail ID & phone no (mobile number) shall be provided.

4.2. Research Scholars have to present a seminar based on research proposal for presentation before the DRC on the date Notified by the University after getting into admission.

4.3. Consequent to the presentation, the DRC shall consider acceptance or review or resubmission within a stipulated time.

4.4 Research registration number will be allotted to provisionally admitted candidates on the recommendations of DRC mentioning the research topic (.....) and name of the Research Supervisor/Guide.



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5. COURSE WORK AND DURATION:

5.1. It is mandatory that all Research Scholars (Full-time & Part-time or Executive) after their admission must attend compulsory 'Course Work' as per UGC Regulations-University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations, 2022) within one year after admission.

5.2. Course Work shall have 16 Credits.

5.3. ATTENDANCE: Full time Research Scholar shall regularly sign the attendance register maintained by the University. Part time /Executive shall sign the attendance register maintain by the respective guide.

5.4. DURATION OF THE PROGRAM: (Commences from the day of the Admission)

CATEGORY	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM*
Full-time	3 Years	4 Years
Part-time	3 Years	6 Years
Executive	3 Years	6 Years

***Special Extension:**

In case, if the Research is not completed within the maximum period of program for reason, the Research Scholar *may* be permitted for re registration for another 4 years or 6 years as the case may be for extension of time for on the recommendations of the DRC with Full time Rs. 30,000/- for Part time and Executive Rs. 50,000/-.

6. DOCTORAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

7.1. The Vice Chancellor shall constitute DRC. DRC shall comprise of five members excluding the Chairman of which three members shall be the senior faculty from the University and two external member as nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

7.2. The Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be the Ex-Officio Chairman of the DRC

7.3. The Vice Chancellor shall constitute DRC. DRC shall comprise of five members excluding the Chairman of which three members shall be the senior faculty from the University and two external member as nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. For a minimum period of 3 years as per the Regulations.



7.4. The DRC will review every year the process of the research work submitted by the Research Scholar and may suggest to make additions/ alterations in the nature and scope of the research proposal.

8. RESEARCH SUPERVISOR:

8.1. Professor/ Associate Professor /Assistant Professor of DSNLU/ or outside law teacher who is recognized as external supervisor by DSNLU as per UGC rules and are appointed as a Research Supervisor/Guide.

8.2. The number of Ph.D. candidates registered at DSNLU shall be allotted to each faculty is as follows:

8.2.1. Research Supervisors in the cadre of Professor, are permitted to have maximum number of (10), an Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to maximum of (6) and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of (4) full time or part time Ph.D. Scholars at any given point of time as per UGC rules.

8.2.2. 2 Part time scholars or / Executive scholars are equivalent to one Full time scholar. There is no limitation for research supervisor to guide part time and executive research scholars regarding maximum number.

8.2.3 Vice Chancellor shall allot the Research Supervisor for the Research Scholar on the recommendations of DRC.

8.3. A Scholar shall pursue his or her research as per the Rules of the University which are framed from time to time as per the UGC regulations.

8.4. External Supervisors/Guides can be appointed as the main supervisor/ co supervisor for any scholar on the request of the scholar.

8.6. If a Research Supervisor retires or takes up an assignment outside the University on deputation/lien, the candidate will be permitted to continue his/her research under the same Research Supervisor OR he/she may be permitted to change his/her Research Supervisor if he/she desires so, with the permission of the Vice Chancellor.



9. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE RESEARCH WORK:

The research scholar shall submit a Research Progress Report (RPR) every six months with the endorsement of research supervisor. The same will be reviewed by the DRC. The review report will be intimated to research scholar and research supervisors.

9.1. In case the progress of the Research Scholar is unsatisfactory, the DRC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures which are to be followed.

10 GUIDELINES FOR SEMINAR PAPER (After the Course Work Is Completed)

10.1 Research Scholar shall make Final thesis submission;

10.2 The First presentation requires the Research Scholar has to converse about the statement of problem, scope and limitation to the research, Review of literature, Research Methodology and Hypothesis after one year or and one year before final presentation.

10.3 At the mid-duration of the program **the research scholar would explain** and analyze the progress made by the Researcher in furtherance of the Research work;

10.4 The final presentation would give the complete description of the research findings, conclusions and suggestions;

10.5 All the presentations should be made in the presence DRC appointed by Vice Chancellor as panel members to evaluate the Research work and suggest changes if any which are to carried out by the research scholar before submission.

11. EVALUATION PROCESS AND AWARD OF Ph.D. DEGREE:

For the submission of the thesis, the Research Scholars are required to observe the following guide lines

11.1 Ph.D. scholars shall publish minimum of two research papers in a referred journals before pre-Ph.D. presentation;

11.2 The thesis shall be in English and it shall be the result of Scholar's own work that attains the standard of literary presentation;

11.3 Scholars have to submit a draft thesis to the Research Supervisor and make a pre-Ph.D. presentation open to DRC and other faculty members and research scholars of DSNLU for suggestions which may be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis on the advice of the Supervisor;



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- 11.4 Research Scholar has to make a second presentation after the incorporating the suggestions if necessary;
- 11.5 The scholar should obtain a certificate from the Research Supervisor and the thesis should contain the same;
- 11.6 The scholar shall be required to submit five copies of his/her thesis along with a softcopy.
- 11.7 Subsequent to the submission of the thesis by the scholar, the thesis will be sent to three external examiners.
- 11.8 The University shall adopt appropriate method for evaluation of Ph.D. within 6 months from the date of the submission of the thesis.
- 11.9 The examiners shall give their opinion with a report in writing to the University giving their assessment of the thesis and their recommendations as to whether the degree shall or shall not be awarded to the scholar.
- 11.10 If any examiner suggests any changes/alterations in particular area or any additional work to be undertaken by the Research Scholar, the researcher shall resubmit the thesis; Subsequent to receiving the satisfactory assessment report and unanimous recommendation of all the evaluators for the award of the Degree, the open Viva voce examination will be conducted on a scheduled date with one of the external examiners who evaluated the thesis.
- 11.11 After successful completion of Viva voce examination, the award of the degree may be recommended by the viva voce committee. (The Research Supervisor/Guide and Dean, Academic Affairs and one DRC member nominated by the Vice Chancellor and one of the evaluator to the University and Vice Chancellor as a chairman;
- 11.12 **Once the Viva Voce committee** recommends the award of the Ph.D. Degree to the scholar, a notification will be released and the scholar may be given a Provisional Certificate specifying that the Doctoral Degree has been awarded in accordance with the University Guidelines and provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016.
- 11.13 The award of the degree will be presented at the annual convocation or in absentia.

12. **FEE STRUCTURE:** The fee Structure, including the adjudication fee, will be decided by the University from time to time. In case of re-registration, the fee structure prevailing as on that date shall be applicable.

12.1. FEE STRUCTURE (2023-2024 Onwards)

Fee Particulars	Full-Time	Part-Time (Internal/External)	Executive
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Application and Registration Fee	Rs.5,000	Rs.5,000	Rs.10,000/-
Fee for Pursuing Ph.D.(1st Year)			
1st Year Fee	Rs.50,000	Rs.75,000	Rs.1,00,000
Facilities Fee (Every Year)	Rs.15,000	Rs.15,000	Rs.20,000
Library Fee (Every Year)	Rs.10,000	Rs.10,000	Rs.10,000
Library Deposit (Refundable)	Rs.5,000	Rs.5,000	Rs.5,000
Total	Rs.80,000/-	Rs.1,05,000/-	Rs. 1,35,000/-
Continuation up to maximum no. of years (Every Year)			
2 nd Year	Rs.75,000/-	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.1,30,000
3 rd Year	Rs.75,000/-	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.1,30,000
4 th Year	Rs.75,000/-	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.1,80,000
5 th Year	Rs.75,000/-	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.1,80,000
Re Registration Fee	Rs.20,000	Rs.20,000	Rs.30,000 + 30,000/-
Examination Evaluation Fee	Rs.20,000	Rs.20,000	Rs.20,000

Note: In addition to the above Fee, Mess charges are as per the agreement with the service provider and as may be fixed by the authorities from time to time. Final amount will be settled as per actuals at the time of leaving the University.

12.2. Full Time scholar may opt for Halls of Residence. Part Time or Executive scholar are not entitled for Halls of Residence, but they can be provided accommodation on payment in University guest house on availability.

13. The Decision of Vice Chancellor is final regarding any dispute related to Ph.D. program in DSNLU.
