



Admission Guidelines for M.Phil./Ph.D. Students

University of Delhi

The admission of the candidates for the M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme is governed by Ordinance VI of the University of Delhi which is based on the UGC Regulations 2016.

1. Admission Portal

1.1 Online Registration

- All candidates applying for M.Phil./Ph.D. have to register on the online admission portal by the last date as advertised by the University.
- The candidate has to apply/register separately for each programme through online portal.
- No candidate shall be eligible to register for the M.Phil./Ph.D. programme if he/she is already registered for any full-time programme of study in any University/Institution.

1.2 Seat Availability and Display

- The number of M.Phil./Ph.D. students to be admitted in a Department/Centre shall be displayed on the website of the concerned Department/Centre as well as on the admission portal. The candidates are advised to check the admission portal, website of the Department/Centre applied to as well as M.Phil./Ph.D. Bulletin (as applicable) regularly for information and updates.

2. Eligibility for M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme

- The candidates should have Master's degree or a professional degree (M.Tech./LL.M./M.D./M.S. degree) in the same or allied subjects, 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 the purpose or assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

- A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, will be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of University Grants Commission from time to time, or for those who obtained their Master's degree prior to 19 September, 1991, based on intake in a given academic year. The eligibility 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 marks without including the grace mark procedures.

3. M.Phil./Ph.D. Admission Process

3.1 Entrance Examination and Interview

- A. M.Phil./Ph.D. Candidates will be admitted in a two-stage process through:
- (i) an Entrance Test to be held once a year. In Departments/Centres offering both the programmes, this entrance test for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programme will be a common one.
 - (ii) an interview (one or more if required for Ph.D.) in a year.
- B. The Entrance Test for Ph.D. Programme shall be conducted once in a year and the eligibility (for interview) of shortlisted candidates shall remain valid till the conduct of the next Entrance Test. The interview for admission to the M.Phil. programme will be held only once a year. The interviews for admission to Ph.D. programme may be held twice in a year or more, subject to the availability of vacant seats as determined by the department. The candidates who have not earlier registered but wish to participate in the second (or more) round of interviews, have to register on the online portal within the stipulated time frame mentioned on the admission portal.
- C. The Entrance Tests in various Departments shall be staggered to allow the candidates to appear in written test in more than one subject, if they so desire.
- D. The Entrance Test will be a qualifying examination with qualifying marks as 50%.
- E. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 50% to 45%, shall be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the University as per the UGC (Minimum standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. degrees) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

3.2 Exemption from Entrance Examination

- Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/DBT-JRF/ICMR-JRF/DST-INSPIRE/AYUSH-NET or equivalent national level examination/fellowship (as identified by DRC)/GATE/teacher fellowship holder can directly appear for interview.

- Teachers, who are in service in the University of Delhi, can directly appear for interview.
- Candidates holding Junior Research Fellowships or equivalent research positions in projects, satisfying the minimum eligibility conditions (subject to selection by duly constituted committee as per the University norms for research projects) can also appear directly for interview.
- Scientists/professionals working at R&D institutes of the Government of India/State Government with whom the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding can directly appear for interview subject to fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria.
- Faculty of Management Studies may shortlist candidates for appearing directly in interview for Ph.D. admission on the basis of CAT score.
- Candidates who have been awarded or are pursuing M.Phil. Programme under the following categories may directly appear for interview:
 - A. Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. coursework 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) and have successfully completed the M.Phil. degree with at least 55% marks shall be eligible for appearing directly for interview. 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.
 - B. Candidates who have cleared coursework of M.Phil. from University of Delhi with at least 55% marks in aggregate may directly appear for interview to Ph.D. even without completing the M. Phil. Dissertation, if the candidate is interested in registering for Ph.D. without completing M.Phil. Programme.
 - C. A candidate who's M.Phil. dissertation has been evaluated and the viva voce is pending can appear directly for interview to the Ph.D. programme.
 - D. Candidates possessing a degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution with 55% marks or 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 the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.
- Candidates who are exempted from the entrance also must get registered in the online admission portal to be eligible for interview.

3.3 Syllabus for Entrance Examination

- The syllabus for the entrance test will consist of 50% questions on research aptitude/methodology and 50% subject-specific questions.
- The syllabus for the written examination of each M.Phil./Ph.D. programme is as given on the respective Department's website.

3.4. Declaration of Results of Entrance Examinations and Interview

- The result of the entrance test will be displayed on the M.Phil./Ph.D. admission portal/University/Department website.
- The information related to the following shall be notified on the M.Phil./Ph.D. admission portal/Department/Centre website:
 - i) list of candidates shortlisted through entrance test for interview, as well as the candidates who are directly eligible for interview,
 - ii) dates and other details of the interview
- At the time of interview, the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before the interview panel. As per ordinance VI, the following aspects shall be considered during the interview:
 - a. Candidate's competence for the proposed research
 - b. Whether the research work can be suitably undertaken at the University
 - c. Whether the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge

4. Admission of Foreign Students

- Foreign nationals seeking admission in the University must get registered with the Foreign Students Registry (FSR- <http://fsr.du.ac.in>) in compliance with the schedule notified by the FSR. No foreign students will be admitted directly by the Department/Centre.
- Foreign nationals must provide evidence of language competence suited to the Department they wish to join. Foreign nationals are exempted from entrance test and interview. They may be admitted based on their research proposal, subject to fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria. The decision regarding the eligibility criteria rests with the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) subject to approval from Board of Research Studies (BRS) for the Ph.D. Programme and M.Phil. Committee for the M.Phil. Programme.
- Foreign nationals fulfilling the eligibility criteria can be registered for M.Phil./Ph.D. over and above the maximum admissible strength. However, at any given time, the total number of foreign students shall not exceed 10% of the total admissible strength of the Department.

5. Selection and Admission

- The merit list of the recommended candidates shall be displayed on the M.Phil./Ph.D. admission portal/University/Department website. There will be a waiting list in the order of merit.
- The Department (M.Phil. Committee/ Departmental Research Committee) reserves the right not to select candidates for all the vacancies advertised.

- The University of Delhi shall not conduct the M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes through distance education mode.
- No research scholar registered for the M.Phil./Ph.D. programme shall be permitted to undertake any other full-time Programme during the pendency of the M.Phil./Ph.D. programme.

6. Fees and Registration

- On the basis of the recommendation of the duly constituted DRC as per Ordinance VI, a memorandum for provisional registration and payment of fees of the selected candidates will be issued by BRS, after its due approval.
- The selected applicants have to pay admission fee on or before a specified date decided by the BRS/University through online admission portal.
- The date of fee submission (after the announcement of merit list) will be designated as the date of registration.