



**PERIYAR UNIVERSITY**  
**REGULATIONS OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.Phil.)**  
**(As per UGC 2016 Regulations)**

**With effect from 2018-2019 onwards**

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**FULL – TIME**

**1. Eligibility**

Candidates who have qualified for Post Graduate Degree of this University or any other University recognized by the Syndicate as equivalent thereto shall be eligible to register for the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in their respective subjects and undergo the prescribed course of study in an approved institution or Department of this University.

Candidates who have qualified for their Post Graduate Degree on or after 19<sup>th</sup> September 1991 shall be required to have obtained a minimum of 55% of marks in their respective Post Graduate Degrees to become eligible to register for the degree of the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and undergo the prescribed course of study in an approved institution or Department of this University.

For the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) /Differently Abled and those who have qualified for the Master's degree before 19<sup>th</sup> September 1991 the minimum eligibility marks shall be 50% in their Master's Degree.

**2. Duration**

The duration of the M.Phil., course shall be one year from the date of commencement of the course.

**3. Course of the Study**

The course of the study for the degree shall consist of (a) Part I comprising three written papers according to the syllabus prescribed from time to time; and (b) Part II Dissertation.

Part I shall consist of Paper I Research Methodology and Paper II Advanced Paper (Common Paper) in the main subject and Paper III shall be the Guide Paper relating to the proposed Dissertation.

**4. Scheme of the Examinations**

**Course – I Written Examination:** Papers I, II & III

The examination of the Papers I,II & III shall be held at the end of the first six months. The duration of examination for each Paper shall be 3 hours.

4.1 The allotment of Marks for Theory, Internal, External, Dissertation and Viva Voce are as follows.

Part – A

(i) Theory Papers,

Internal: 25 Marks

External: 75 Marks

Total Marks =100

Part - B

(ii) Dissertation: Recommendation of Examiner

(a) Highly Commended.

(b) Commended.

(c) Rejected for resubmission.

**(Amendment as per the order of the vice chancellor date: 07.02.2019)**

4.2 The following procedure to be adapted to award Internal Marks.

i) Seminar : 10 Marks.

ii) Test : 10 Marks

iii) Attendance : 05 Marks

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25 Marks  
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4.3 The following credits are allotted to the theory Papers and Project.

Credit for Theory Papers

Part I

Paper I ----- 4 Credits

Paper II ----- 4 Credits

Paper III ----- 4 Credits

(Guide Paper)

Part II

Project –Dissertation and Viva Voce = 12 Credits

(Dissertation: 8 Credits; Viva Voce: 4 Credits).

4.4 The Viva Voce to be conducted with the following Members.

i) Guide - Chairman of the Viva Board.

ii) External Examiner from other Universities – Member of the Viva Board.

4.5 The Examiners will be appointed from the panel of four names for each paper (I and II) submitted by the College/Department concerned. If one Examiner awards a pass mark and the other awards fail mark then the Paper will be valued by a third Examiner whose award of marks will be final.

- 4.6 The Paper III (Guide Paper) will be commonly conducted by the University to all the colleges/University Departments along with the Papers I and II.
- 4.7 The respective Research Guide should send two sets of question papers for Paper III along with the syllabus to the University, a month before the Commencement of examinations.
- 4.8 Double valuation procedure is adopted for all the 3 papers. One internal and one external valuation. 3<sup>rd</sup> paper shall be evaluated by the respective guides and external examiners.
- 4.9 The following Question Paper Pattern will be adopted.

Total Marks : 75 Marks

Part A	5 x 5 =	(25Marks)	(Internal choice)
Part B	5 x 10 =	(50Marks)	(Internal choice)

### **Course II Dissertation**

The broad area of research shall be intimated within one month after the completion of the written examination. Upon satisfactory completion of the course work, M.Phil., scholars shall undertake research work and produce a draft thesis. Prior to submission of thesis, the students shall make pre-M.Phil., presentation in the Department that may be open to all faculty members and research students for getting Feedback and Comments received may be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis under the advice of the Supervisor. Candidates shall submit the Dissertation to the University through the Supervisor and Head of the Department at the end of one year from the commencement of the course along with the panel of four names (from other Universities) suggested by the supervisor.

Submission or resubmission of the Dissertation will be allowed twice a year. On receipt of satisfactory evolution reports M.Phil., students shall undergo a Viva voce Examination which is open to the department scholars /faculties.

### **4.10 Plagiarism**

Plagiarism check for the M.Phil dissertation is brought in to effect from 2018 – 2019 onwards. The certification formats are given in the Annexure of M.Phil. regulations.

## **5. Evaluation and Assessment Methods**

The M.Phil. dissertation submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by his / her Research Supervisor and at least one external examiner who is not in the employment of the Institution / College. The viva-voce examination, based among other things, on the critiques given in the evaluation report, shall be conducted by both of them together, and shall be open to all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts / researchers.

## **6. Passing Minimum**

A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part A of the Examination if he /she secures not less than 55% of the marks in each Paper including Paper III. A candidate shall be declared to have passed Part B of the Examination only if the examiners rated the dissertation **commanded / highly commanded** in the evaluation report as well as Viva Voce.

All other candidates shall be declared to have failed in the Examinations.

**(Amendment as per the order of the vice chancellor date: 07.02.2019)**

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

No candidate shall be permitted to reappear for the Written Examination in any Paper on more than 2 (two) occasions or to resubmit a Dissertation more than once.

Candidates shall have to qualify for the Degree passing all the Written Papers and Dissertation within a period of two years from the date of commencement of the course. The University may grant extension of time for not more than one year on the recommendation of his/her supervisor for submission of dissertation only.

## **8. Conferment of Degree**

(1) No candidate shall be eligible for conferment of the M.Phil., Degree unless he/she is declared to have passed both Part I and II of the Examinations as per the Regulations.

The Degree and Provisional certificate certifying that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of 2016 Regulations of the UGC.

(2) Howerer, the award of degrees to candidates registered for the M.Phil. programme during 23.04.2013 to 05.04.2018, the date of adaptation of UGC Regulations 2016 in Periyar University shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil. Degree) Regulations 2009.

If the M.Phil. degree is awarded by a Foreign University, the Indian Institution considering such a degree shall refer the issue to a Standing Committee constituted by the concerned institution for the purpose of determining the equivalence of the degree awarded by foreign University.

## **9. Procedure for Admission**

All Departments of University and recognized M.Phil centers of Colleges/Institutions affiliated to University shall admit M.Phil., students through an Entrance Test (Written Test + Interview) conducted at the level of University. Those who have qualified for UGC/CSIR(NET)/SET/GATE Examinations and Teacher Fellowship holders are exempted from Entrance Test. It shall be followed by an interview to be organized by the School/Department/Institution/University as the case may be. Written test shall be conducted for 40 marks and Oral Interview for 10 marks. Rank list should be prepared based on entrance test (50%) & P.G. marks (50%).

Only the Sanctioned Strength of students may be admitted to M.Phil., Course. While granting admission for students to M.Phil., Course the Department/ Institution/ School will pay due attention to the State Reservation Policy.

**9.1. Selection Procedure (Addendum):**

Admission to be given to the candidates who qualified in the NET/SET/GATE examinations and the remaining candidates may be admitted based on the rank list.

**10. Qualifications for Supervisor**

Any regular Professor of the University / College / Institution / with at least five research publications in refereed journals out of which three from SCI/SCI-E/SSCI listed journals, any regular Associate Professor of the University / College / Institution with 2 years teaching experience / PDF experience after the award of Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications from SCI/SCI-E/SSCI listed journals and any regular Assistant Professor of the University / College / Institution with 2 years teaching experience / PDF experience after the award of Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals out of which one from SCI/SCI-E/SSCI listed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor. Provided that in areas / disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the Institution may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.

The total number of candidates registered for the M.Phil., programme, at any point of time shall not exceed three in case of Professor/ Two in the case of Associate Professor/ One in the case of Assistant Professor working in the Departments of the University/ Affiliated Colleges / Research Institutions.

Only the Post Graduate Departments of affiliated Colleges and Departments of the University will be recognized for conducting the M.Phil., Course, provided however, the Syndicate shall have the power to decide any other Institutions of Higher Learning/Research within the University jurisdiction for conducting the M.Phil., Course on merits.

**11. Specifications of requirements for according Institution/ Department recognition for offering M.Phil. Programme.:**

Post Graduate Departments of University / Colleges / Research Institutions with:

1. Minimum two approved Ph.D. guides in the area(s) of research in the Department/Institution as approved by the University.
2. Library facilities with adequate books, journals in the area of Research literature retrieval facility through CD-ROM/Internet facilities.
3. Laboratories with equipments as required for the discipline of research for which recognition sought (specific details provided by the respective Boards of Studies for the disciplines concerned)

4. Adequate working space for the research students in terms of laboratories, study rooms, seminar room facilities etc.
5. Proportionate increase of hostel, canteen and student amenities.
6. Details of existing infrastructure facilities of the Department / Institution.

## **12. Soft copy of the dissertation to UGC**

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and announcements of the award of M.Phil, the University shall submit a soft copy of the M.Phil dissertation to the UGC within a period of thirty days, for hosting the same in INFLIBNET, accessible to all Institutions/Universities.

## **PART - TIME**

### **1. Eligibility for Part Time**

- (i) Technical Staff/ Research Assistants working in the University Departments.
- (ii) Teacher candidates working in the Polytechnics approved by the Director of Technical Education or in Higher Secondary Schools and High Schools/Schools approved by State Board or Central Board of Secondary Education or Educational Institutions of IAF (within Periyar University jurisdiction) who possess a Master's Degree.

Eligibility Criteria is the same as that of Full – Time.

### **2. Duration**

The course of study shall be two years (for Part-Time) from the date of commencement of the course. The Examinations for Part I shall be taken at the end of the first year and Part II Dissertation at the end of the second year.

### **3. Scheme of the Examinations**

The Regulations governing the Full-Time M.Phil., Course with regard to Course of Study, Scheme of Examinations Passing Minimum, etc., and Qualifications of Guide conducting the M.Phil., Course shall apply to Part-Time candidates also.

#### **4. Restriction in Number of Chances**

No candidate shall be permitted to reappear for the Written Examination in any Paper for more than two occasions or to resubmit a Dissertation more than once. Candidates shall have to qualify for the M.Phil., Degree passing all the Written Papers and Dissertation within a period of three years from the date of commencement of the Course. The University may grant extension of time for not more than one year on the recommendation of his/her supervisor for submission of dissertation only.

#### **5. Allocation of Supervisor**

The allocation of the Supervisor for a selected student shall be decided by the Department Committee in a formal manner depending on the number of students per Faculty Member and the available specialization among the Faculty Supervisors and the research interest of the student as indicated during interview by the student. The allotment/allocation of Supervisor shall not be left to the discretion of the individual student or teacher.

### **ADMISSION GUIDELINES**

1. Each College/Department may have One Departmental Committee in each subject to scrutinize the applications and the certificates for admission and to recommend to the Principal/Head of Department for Selection of candidates but the ultimate responsibility for admission made shall rest only with the Principals/Head of Department of the Colleges/University. The Principals/Head of Department should note that along with the Admission List they should send all the lists and particulars indicated in Para-12 of this communication to the University for perusal and approval on or before the date prescribed by the University time to time.
2. The minimum marks for admission to Full-Time M.Phil. Degree Course shall be 50% for the candidates who have qualified for the Masters Degree prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September 1991 and 55% for the candidates who have qualified for the Master's Degree on or after 19<sup>th</sup> September 1991.

For the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer) and Differently Abled shall be 50% in their Masters Degree.

3. The admission may be made on the basis of the marks scored by the candidates in the qualifying examination and in the Entrance Test. The Entrance Examination may be conducted on the following lines.
  - a) The Entrance Test will be for 50 marks. The other 50 marks is for the qualifying examination in the subject concerned.

b) The Entrance Test will be conducted at the level of University and not by the College/Department.

4. The conditions for admission prescribed under the regulations in respect of M.Phil. Degree Course should be strictly followed. All candidates should have passed two year P.G. Degree Course after 3 years Degree Course (B.A., B.Sc., B.Com.,) and Higher Secondary of 12 years duration or Pre-University under 11 year SSLC +1 year or 10 + 2 course.

**Candidates who have passed the PG Degree Examination with less than 17 years of total duration of the course are not eligible for admission to M.Phil. Course.**

5. The Principals/Head of the Department should insist on the candidates, who require recognition of the qualifying examination passed by them at Other Universities/Bodies, to produce an eligibility certificate obtained from the Registrar of this University before granting admission to them.
6. The admission should be made purely on merit subject to the reservation rules of the Government of Tamil Nadu (i.e.)

Open Competition (Merit-GT)	-	31%
SC	-	18% (Ariunthathiyar-3%)
ST	-	1%
MBC & DNC	-	20%
BC	-	30% (Muslim-3.5%)

(With 3% in each of these categories for physically handicapped)

Candidates from States other than Tamil Nadu shall be considered Under Open Competition except SC & ST candidates.

7. Since OC is meant here as Open Competition, OC Waiting List will contain candidates in accordance with overall rank list (e.g.) OC waiting list may contain candidates of BC/MBC & DNC/SC/ST, even if they might have already been included in the Selected List of respective community. In the overall rank list, OC Selection List and OC Waiting List, communities other than BC/MBC & DNC/SC/ST may be denoted by FC (not by OC).
8. With regard to number of seats allotted to each department supervisors permitted to guide M.Phil., candidates should not exceed the strength prescribed in the M.Phil., guidelines.
9. If some candidates who have been selected for admission and did not turn up within the prescribed date or if any candidate drops out after admission, the vacancies so caused, should be filled up immediately from the Waiting List only in the order of Merit under each category.



10. If no MBC & DNC candidates are available such vacancies may be recommended with BC, SC, ST, OC, candidates in that order. If no BC candidates are available, vacancies may be recommended with MBC & DNC, ST, SC, OC candidates. The unfilled SC/ST seats shall be filled by MBC/DNC candidates. The unfilled MBC/DNC seats shall be filled from BC candidates as well as unfilled BC vacancies can be filled by other communities. Unfilled Muslim/Christian BC vacancies can be filled by other BC.
11. While forwarding the Admission list the following should be furnished.
  - (a) i. Rank List of candidates (Annexure – I)  
ii. List of candidates Selected/Waiting List (Annexure – I)
  - (b) Selected List:
    - i. Candidates Selected for Admission under OC
    - ii. Candidates Selected for Admission under BC
    - iii. Candidates Selected for Admission under MBC & DNC
    - iv. Candidates Selected for Admission under SC
    - v. Candidates Selected for Admission under ST
  - (c) Waiting List:
    - i. Candidates Selected to be kept in the Waiting list under OC
    - ii. Candidates Selected to be kept in the Waiting list under BC
    - iii. Candidates Selected to be kept in the Waiting list under MBC & DNC
    - iv. Candidates Selected to be kept in the Waiting list under SC
    - v. Candidates Selected to be kept in the Waiting list under ST
  - (d) List of candidates Admitted (Annexure I)  
(Together with the applications of the candidates and Xerox copies of their PG Mark Statements).
  - (e) List of Physically Challenged candidates (in separate format II -Annexure I)
  - (f) List of recognized Guides available (with the sanctioned strength) and candidates under their guidance with date of admission of each

NOTE:

In respect of Part-Time M.Phil. Course, the particulars should be furnished as per the Annexure II enclosed.

12. For Part-Time M.Phil course preference should be given to
  - i. Teachers working in the Colleges affiliated to this University and in the Departments of this University.
  - ii. Teachers working in Polytechnics approved by the Directorate of Technical Education.

- iii. Teachers working in approved Higher Secondary Schools as well as High Schools under State Board or Central Board.

It may be noted that only the teachers whose appointment has been approved by the competent authority should be selected.

**a) Teacher Candidates**

**Competent Authority**

For College Teachers	- Employer
For Teachers working in Polytechnics	- Principal/Director
For Teachers working in Hr. Sec./High Schools	- Headmasters/Headmistress

The admission guidelines are applicable to the Part-Time Candidate also.

**b) Non-Teaching Candidates**

**- Certificate from the Employer**

**(d) While selecting the Part-Time candidates the following should be verified:**

- i. The applications of the candidates should have been sent through proper Channel.
  - ii. The appointment of the candidates should have been approved by the Competent Authority.
  - iii. The candidates should have enclosed the Service Certificates along with the application form.
  - iii. The candidates should have enclosed the certificate from the DTE/DEO., that the Polytechnic/Higher Secondary/High School in which the teachers employed are recognized by the Government.
14. The Principals/Head of the Department are requested that the candidates may be admitted as per these guidelines, subject to the approval by the University.

I am to inform you that the ultimate responsibility of admission rests only with the Principals/Head of the Department of the Colleges/University concerned. **If it is observed at a later stage that the admission given by the College is incorrect, the same will be cancelled by the University at that stage of the course. The Principals/Head of the Department should certify that the Selections are made strictly on the basis of the guidelines issued by the University**

**CERTIFICATE FOR PLAGIARISM CHECK**

**APPENDIX – A**

**PERIYAR UNIVERSITY**



**Declaration by the Candidate**

I hereby declare that the thesis entitled ..... submitted by me for the award of M.Phil. degree in..... is not plagiarized or copied from any other thesis/books/ any other copy right materials.

Signature of the candidate

**APPENDIX – B**

**PERIYAR UNIVERSITY**



**Certificate by the Supervisor**

I hereby declare that the candidate Mr/Ms.....has carried out the M.Phil. programme under my supervision during the period .....to .....and the thesis entitled ..... submitted by him/her is verified and it is not plagiarized or copied from any other thesis/books/any other copy right materials.

Signature of the Supervisor

APPENDIX – C

**PERIYAR UNIVERSITY**



**Certificate by the Librarian**

It is certified that the thesis entitled ..... submitted by the candidate Mr./Ms....., Department of ..... under the supervision of Prof/Dr....., Department of ..... is verified for plagiarism through the software's and the thesis is within the permissible limits of plagiarism rules and the percentage of plagiarism of the thesis is found to be .....%.

Signature of the Librarian

APPENDIX – D

**PERIYAR UNIVERSITY**



**Certificate by the R & D Coordinator**

It is certified that the thesis entitled ..... submitted by the candidate Mr./Ms....., Department of ..... under the supervision of Prof/Dr....., Department of ..... is verified by the anti-plagiarism software and the percentage of plagiarism is within the permissible limit.

Signature of the R & D Coordinator.

**PERIYAR UNIVERSITY, SALEM 636 011.**

ADMISSION TO **M.Phil** PROGRAMME  
(FULL-TIME /PART-TIME) 20 -20

NAME OF THE COLLEGE:

SUBJECT:

- I** LIST OF CANDIDATES SELECTED/WAITING LIST (Under OC/BC/MBC & DNC/SC/ST)
- II** LIST OF CANDIDTES ADMITTED (under OC/BC/MBC&DNC/SC/ST)  
(together with the applications and xerox copies of PG mark statement)
- III** LIST OF PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CANDIDATES.
- IV** LIST OF RECOGNISED GUIDES AVAILABLE WITH SANCTIONED STRENGTH.

Signature of all the Members of the  
Departmental Committee.

Signature of the Principal /  
Head of the Department with seal.

**M.Phil. Regulations - 32<sup>nd</sup> BORS - 05/04/2018 & 100<sup>th</sup> Syndicate - 27/06/2018**

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