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अध्यादेश

उच्च शिक्षा विभाग

मंत्रालय, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल

भोपाल, दिनांक 18 मई 2022

क्र. आर-43-सीसी-2020-अड़तीस.- मध्यप्रदेश निजी विश्वविद्यालय (स्थापना एवं संचालन) अधिनियम, 2007 की धारा 29(1) के अनुक्रम में अवंतिका निजी विश्वविद्यालय, उज्जैन, के संशोधन अध्यादेश क्रमांक 2,3,4,5,7 एवं 8 तथा पश्चातवर्ती अध्यादेश क्रमांक 10 एवं 13 राज्य शासन के निर्देशों के अनुसार अधिनियम, 2007 की धारा 35 अनुसार प्रकाशित किया जाता है. संस्था के उक्त अध्यादेश प्रकाशित होने की तारीख से प्रवृत्त होंगे.

संलग्न — संशोधन/अध्यादेश

मध्यप्रदेश के राज्यपाल के नाम से तथा आदेशानुसार,
वीरन सिंह भलावी, अवर सचिव.

Avantika University, Ujjain

AMENDMENT NOTIFICATION

No. R-414-CC-2017-38- In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 29 of the Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapna Avam Sanchalan) Adiniyam, 2007 the State Government hereby makes the following **AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDINANCES NO. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 AND 8 OF THE AVANTIKA UNIVERSITY, UJJAIN.**

1. They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Gazette of Madhya Pradesh.

2. Amendments in the **Ordinance No.2, FACULTIES, SCHOOLS, AND PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE UNIVERSITY**

i. In Sr. No. 1 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' **Diploma, PG Diploma** shall be added after the word PhD.

ii. In Sr. No. 1 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following shall be added after the word Communication Design,

User Experience Design, Interaction Design, Digital Experience Design, Product Design, Space Design, Urban Design, Transportation Design, Graphic Design, Ceramic and Glass Design, Interdisciplinary Design, Transdisciplinary Design, Multidisciplinary Design, Photography Design, Film and Video Design, Animation Design, Game Design, Digital Media Design, Information Design, Universal Design, Service Design, New Media Design, Sustainable Design, Instructional Design, Toy Design, Furniture and Interior Design, Retail and Exhibition Design, Fashion Design, Fashion Technology, Fashion Communication, Lifestyle Accessory Design, Leather Design, Jewellery Design, Textile Design, Knitwear Design, Apparel Design, Healthcare Design

iii. In Sr. No. 1 column no. 3 'School' **School of Fine Arts** shall be added

In Sr. No. 1 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Fine Arts,

BFA, BVA, BA, MFA, MVA, MA, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma

Applied Arts, Digital Arts, Fine Arts, Painting, Sculpture, Metal Work, Ceramics, Fashion, Textile Design, Interior Design, Museology, Art History, Set Design, Music, Dance, Film and Theatre, Graphics and Multimedia, Drawing and Painting

- iv. In Sr. No. 1 column no. 3 'School' **School of Film** shall be added
- v. In Sr. No. 1 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Film,
BA, BSc, MA, MSc, Diploma, PG Diploma
Acting, Cinematography, Direction, Script and Screen Writing, Editing, Production Design, Art Direction, Sound Recording and Design, VFX, Costume Design, Music Production and Composition
- vi. In Sr. No. 2 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' after the word BTech and before the word MTech, the word, **BTech (INTEGRATED)** shall be added. After the word MTech the words **Diploma, PG Diploma** shall be added. The word **Design Engineering** shall be added after the word Civil Engineering.
- vii. In Sr. No. 2 column no. 3 'School' **School of Computer Science** shall be added and in column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Computer Science,
BSc, BSc (Hons), BCA, BCA (Hons), MSc, MCA, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma
Computer Science
- viii. In Sr. No. 2 column no. 3 'School' **School of Science** shall be added and in column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Science,
BSc, BSc (Hons), BCA, BCA (Hons), MSc, MCA, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma
Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geology, Environmental Science, General
- ix. In Sr. No. 3 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following specializations shall be added after the word PhD,
Sustainable Architecture, Digital Architecture, Urban Design, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Conservation and Restoration, Interior Architecture, Architectural Engineering, Environmental Planning
- x. In Sr. No. 4 in column no. 4 'Programs Offered' after the word BA and before the word MA, the words, **BA (Hons)** shall be added.
- xi. In Sr. No. 5 column no. 3 'School' the title School of Economics and Finance shall be deleted and two separate schools namely **School of Economics** and **School of Finance** shall be added

- xii. In Sr. No. 5 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Economics
- BSc, BSc (Hons), BA, BA (Hons), MSc, MA, MPhil, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Economics, Economics and Finance, Financial Economics, Agricultural Economics, International Business Economics, Health Economics, History and Economics, Politics and Economics, Philosophy and Economics, Public Policy and Economics, Environment and Development**
- xiii. In Sr. No. 5 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Finance
- BSc, BSc (Hons), BA, BA (Hons), MSc, MA, MPhil, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Finance, Actuarial Science, Data Science, Financial Mathematics and Statistics, Financial Engineering**
- xiv. In Sr. No. 6 column no. 4 'Programs Offered' after the word BBA-LLB and before the word LLM, the words, **BCom-LLB, BA-LLB and LLB** shall be added
- xv. In Sr. No. 7 column no. 3 'School' **School of Pharmaceutical Science** shall be added and in column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Pharmaceutical Science,
- BPharm, MPharm, PharmD, PhD**
- Pharmaceutics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology, Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance, Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs, Pharmacognosy, Industrial Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Analysis**
- xvi. In Sr. No. 7 column no. 3 'School' **School of Paramedical Science** shall be added and in column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Paramedical Science,
- BSc, BMRSc, BPT, BPMT, BOT, MSc, Diploma, PG Diploma**
- Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Audiology and Speech Therapy, Ophthalmic Technology, Optometry, Radiography, Medical Lab Technology, Operational Theatre and Anaesthesia Technology, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiotherapy Technology, Dialysis Technology, Perfusion Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Critical Care Technology, Accident and Emergency Care Technology, Medical Imaging**

Technology, Pathology, Microbiology, Mould Room Technology, Cardiac Technology, Health Inspector Course, Medical Record Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Health Information Management, Nutrition and Dietetics

xvii. In Sr. No. 7 column no. 3 'School' **School of Nursing** shall be added and in column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Nursing, **BSc, MSc, Diploma**

Nursing

xviii. In Sr. No. 7 column no. 3 'School' **School of Ayurvedic Science** shall be added and in column no. 4 'Programs Offered' following programs shall be added under School of Ayurvedic Science,

BAMS, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma

xix. After Sr. No. 7 new Sr. No. 8, Sr. No. 9, Sr. No. 10, and Sr. No. 11 shall added as follows

SI. No.	Faculty	School	Programs Offered
8.	Faculty of Liberal Studies	School of Liberal Arts	BA, BA (Hons), BSc, BSc (Hons), MA, MSc, MPhil, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Liberal Arts, Psychology, Sociology, Literature, Philosophy, History, International Studies, Applied Mathematics, Applied Science, Management, Economic Studies, Financial Studies, Cultural Studies, Environmental Studies, Anthropology, Public Administration
		School of Psychology	BSc, BSc (Hons), MSc, MPhil, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Psychology, Behavioural Science, Forensic Science

		School of Mass Communication	BA, MA, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Mass Communication, Journalism
9.	Faculty of Business	School of Management	BBA, MBA, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Business Studies, Finance, Marketing, Supply Chain and Logistics, Business Analytics, International Business, e-Commerce, Human Resource, Operations Management, Retail Management, Foreign Trade, Entrepreneurship, Banking Financial Services and Insurance, Media and Communication, Digital Media Management, Branding and Advertisement, Event Management, Technology Management, Fashion Management, Design Management, Innovation Management, Strategy and Innovation, Creative Management, Project Management, Communication Management, Food and Agri-Business Management, Agriculture Management, Healthcare Management, Hospital Management, Rural Management, Sports

			Management, Market Research and Analytics
		School of Commerce	BCom, MCom, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Banking and Finance, Accounting, Financial Market, Capital Market, General
		School of Hospitality	BA, BSc, MA, MSc, MPhil, PhD, Diploma, PG Diploma Hotel Management, Tourism
10.	Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science	School of Food Technology	BTech, MTech, PhD, BSc, MSc, Diploma, PG Diploma Food Technology, Food Technology and Management
		School of Agriculture	BSc, BTech, MSc, MTech, PhD Agriculture, Horticulture, Seed Science and Technology, Agricultural Engineering
11.	Faculty of Education	School of Education	BEd, MEd, MPhil, PhD

6. Amendment in the Ordinance No.3, ADMISSION, ENROLLMENT, AND MIGRATION OF STUDENT

a. In Clause No. 6 under the heading, The application for admission shall be accompanied by, following document shall be added after Application Fee (DD/ Online Transaction Receipt)

- **Domicile Certificate (if applicable)**

subheading Additionally, the candidate is required to submit shall be modified as follows. the word 'is' shall be replaced by the word **may** in first line.

b. In Clause No. 7 the first para shall be modified as follows:

The word "shall" be replaced by **may** in first line of the para. The line "Admission to various degree and diploma programs shall be through Avantika Scholastic Test (AST) conducted in ONLINE mode" shall be replaced by **Scores of State and National entrance exams like JEE, PET, CET, DAT, etc, may also be considered for admissions to various degree and diploma programs.**

c. In Clause No. 9 under heading, The admission to various degree/ diploma programs may be applicable to, following subclauses shall be added:

(e) **lateral entry (admission to third semester) and inter university transfer, as applicable, for various courses of study at the university shall be as per the rules, regulations and procedures prescribed by the university from time to time**

(f) **University, if required may ask for completing some prerequisites before confirming the admissions to direct second year.**

(g) **NRI & PIO, CIO and Foreign Nationals students shall also be eligible for admission to various courses, according to the directives of the regulatory bodies provided that they satisfy the criterion of clause (1) & (3) above. International students shall follow and comply with the enrollment process and fee structure as defined by the University from time to time.**

d. In Clause No. 19 Sub Clause a) shall be modified as follows:

(a) the word "week" shall be replaced with the word **month** in the first line.

7. Amendment in the Ordinance No.4, REGISTRATION OF COURSES OF STUDY AND TEACHING METHODOLOGY

a. Clause No. 1 shall be deleted.

b. Clause No. 12 shall be modified as follows:

The sentence "The alphabets reflect the discipline and the level to which the course belongs. The numerals indicate the year and a running serial number" shall be replaced with **"The alphabets reflect the discipline while the first numerals indicate the semester, second numeral indicates type of course and last two numerals indicate a running serial number"**.

c. In the Clause No. 14 The second sentence "Each session will be of 3-hour duration" shall be deleted.

d. Clause No. 15 shall be deleted.

e. Clause No. 18 shall be deleted.

8. Amendment in the Ordinance No. 5, CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

a. In Clause No. 10 The sentence "The CEA will be in the form a jury evaluating the Course Project/s" shall be replaced by the following sentences "The student should secure **Minimum 50% marks in Continuous Assessment (CA) to become eligible for appearing in Course End Assessment (CEA). The CEA will be in the form a Jury. Jury will evaluate the students CEA based on work done student in the semester**".

b. In Clause No. 18 the words **or in summer term** shall be inserted after the word **semester** and before the word **and** in the last sentence.

c. Clause No. 19 Shall be replaced with "Once the student's grade gets improved it shall be reflected as a superscript to the improved letter grade as mentioned below,

* : Converted from N to regular Grade

i : Improvement in Grade

2..nth: Attempt to Credit Earned.

d. Clause No. 24 shall be deleted.

e. In Clause No. 31 in the first sentence the words "in digital format" shall be inserted after the word semester.

f. In Clause No. 45 the words in the parenthesis "scheduled during the inter-semester break" after the word Assessment shall be deleted. The following para shall be inserted after the last sentence, of clause no, 45 **The students who are fail in CEA but pass in CA shall be awarded with 'N' grade. All such students shall appear for CEA only to clear the 'N' grade. The CEA for such cases shall be conducted before beginning of next semester. Shall be added at the last.**

g. Clause No. 48 the following words "reappear for the examination to be conducted as scheduled in the following semester" are replaced by the following words, "**will have to repeat the course(s) either in summer term or in subsequent semester whenever the course(s) offered.**".

- h. Clause No. 49 after the words "special provision" to of the first para and before the sentence, "Extra classes will be conducted during the Summer Term to provide for the time required to complete the coursework" the following para is substituted "**repeat the course(s), for students who have obtained 'F', 'FR', and 'N' grade in courses of the previous semesters. The course(s) shall be offered at an accelerated pace, but with same rigor and completeness of the Course Plan and Evaluation Scheme for the Course as prescribed Curriculum. The total number of contact hours for the courses remains the same as that during the regular semesters**".

9. Amendment in the **Ordinance No.7, DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE STUDENTS**

- a. In Clause No. 6 the words **of all years** in the second bullet point shall be deleted. In the Avantika Disciplinary Committee (ADC) **Warden of concerned Hostel** shall be added after the fourth bullet point "Chief Warden of the Hostel" and before the last bullet point "Two Representatives of Student's Council
- b. In Clause No. 11 the words **of all years** in the second bullet point shall be deleted. **Warden of concerned Hostel** shall be added after the fourth bullet point "Chief Warden of the Hostel" and before the last bullet point "Two Representatives of Student's Council

10. Amendment in the **Ordinance No. 8, CONDITIONS OF RESIDENCE OF THE STUDENTS**

- a. Clause No. 10 shall be substituted follows:

Students going outside the campus in the designated time shall obtain prior permission from the hostel warden with valid reason and justification.

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Subsequent Ordinances

No. R-414-CC-2017-38- In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 28 of the Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapna Avam Sanchalan) Adiniyam, 2007 the State Government hereby makes the following **SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCES 10, 11, 12 AND 13 OF THE AVANTIKA UNIVERSITY, UJJAIN.**

1. They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Gazette of Madhya Pradesh.

ORDINANCE NO. 10

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)

(Ordinance as per UGC Regulation 2009 and Subsequent Amendments Thereafter)

1. Eligibility

Candidates for admission to the PhD program shall have a

- a. Master's degree in relevant discipline from an approved university/institution
 - at least 55% marks or
 - a minimum CGPA/CPI of 6.0 on a 10 point scale or
 - an equivalent grade 'B' wherever grading system is followed or
- b. Professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with
 - at least 55% marks or
 - a minimum CGPA/CPI of 6.0 on a 10 point scale or
 - an equivalent grade 'B' wherever grading system is followed or
- c. 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 of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- d. The equivalent degree from a foreign university shall also be with
 - at least 55% marks or
 - a minimum CGPA/CPI of 6.0 on a 10 point scale or

- an equivalent grade 'B' wherever grading system is followed or
- e. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of CGPA/CPI/Grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy)/Differently-Abled and other categories of candidates as decided by Government of India from time to time.
- f. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other Rule or Regulation, for the time being in force, the University shall not conduct Ph.D. Programs through distance education mode.
- g. Part-time Ph.D will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D Regulations are met.

2. Duration

- a. The minimum duration for Ph.D program is three years, and maximum is six years including course work
- b. The duration may be reduced in case of exceptional performance by the scholar after approval from the Research Council
- c. The duration may be extended maximum by one year, on a case to case basis by the Research Council, after which the registration shall stand cancelled automatically
- d. The research scholar is required to submit an application to Doctoral Committee, for extension of PhD on or before the last date for completing the progress seminar prior to the year for which extension of PhD registration is required.
- e. The Women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. up to 240 days.

3. Admission

- a. Avantika University shall admit PhD. students through Avantika Research Test (ART), an entrance test in line with the guidelines of UGC
- b. The admissions to different Doctoral programs may be recommended based on the performance in the qualifying examination and performance in written test and interview for all categories recommended by the duly constituted Selection Committee approved by the Vice Chancellor.
- c. The university may decide separate terms and conditions for PhD Entrance Test for those students who qualify UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship holder or have passed M.Phil. program.

- d. The number of seats for PhD shall be decided on an annual basis well in advance and notified on the university website. A predetermined and manageable number of PhD scholars shall be admitted depending on the number of available Research Supervisor/Advisors and other academic and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar- teacher ratio, laboratory, library, and such other facilities.
- e. The candidates shall apply for the admission to the PhD program in prescribed format available on the university website or portal. The application form dully filled by candidate should be submitted along with required fee as decided by the university.
- f. The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the university, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.
- g. The candidates shall be notified well in advance through the university website, the number of seats for admission, discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination center(s) where entrance test(s) shall be conducted and all other relevant information for the benefit of the candidates. The university may publish an advertisement in at least two national newspapers, of which at least one shall be in the regional language, to intimate about the admissions.
- h. The university shall admit candidates by a two-stage process through:
- **Avantika Research Test (ART): 50% weightage**
An entrance test as per the guidelines of UGC with 50% as the qualifying mark
The syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% on specific domain and discipline.
 - **Presentation and Interview: 50% weightage**
 - to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Research Committee.
 - to identify whether candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.
 - to confirm whether research work can be suitably undertaken at the university and is in line with the vision of the university.
 - to identify whether proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.
- i. The University shall maintain the list of all the PhD registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, topic

of his/her research, name of his/her Supervisor/Advisor/co-Supervisor/Advisor, date of enrollment/registration.

4. Allocation of Research Supervisor/Advisor

- a. A regular faculty of the university at Professor level with at least five research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor/Advisor. Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals.
- b. A regular faculty of the university at Associate/Assistant Professor level with at least five research publications in refereed journals and with a PhD degree may be recognized as Research Supervisor/Advisor.
- c. Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the University may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor/Advisor with reasons recorded in writing.
- d. A full-time regular faculty of the university can only act as a Supervisor/Advisor/. However, Co-Advisor/Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other universities with the approval of the Research Council.
- e. The allocation of Research Supervisor/Advisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Research Council concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor/Advisor, the available specialization among the Supervisor/Advisor and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview.
- f. Number of seats per supervisor shall be as fixed in UGC regulations and amended from time to time. The allocation of candidates to the Supervisor/Advisor will be as per number of seats available with him and keeping in view the available laboratory/ infrastructure, specialization and the research interest of the student.
- g. In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the in-house expertise has to be supplemented from outside, the Research Council may appoint Co-Supervisor/Co-Advisor/ from outside the university on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting universities/institutions.
- h. A Research Supervisor/Advisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor/Advisor can guide up to a maximum six (6) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor/Advisor can guide up to a maximum of four (4) Ph.D. scholars.

- i. In case of relocation of an Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the university to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the Supervisor/Advisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and the institution for the part of research already done.
- j. A faculty of any recognized university/institution or an equivalent professional from industry/research organization willing to act as a Co-Supervisor/Co-Advisor to guide Ph.D. scholars shall submit his/her request on prescribed application form along with a detailed CV mentioning experience, research work, publications, etc.
- k. The Research Council will consider the application of external experts and faculty/industry/research professionals and shall submit its recommendations to the Academic Council for its approval.
- l. If the Supervisor/Advisor of a candidate leaves the university before the completion of the research work or is otherwise unable to see the work through, due to some valid reason(s), the Research Council may allow the change of the Supervisor/Advisor, on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee.

5. Research Council

- a. The Research Council shall be the principal research body of the university and shall, coordinate and exercise general supervision over research, development, and consultancy policies of the university.
- b. The constitution of Research Council (RC) will be
 - Vice Chancellor
 - Dean – Academics
 - Dean – Research and Development
 - Two experts from Academics/ Industry/Research nominated by the VC, out of two at least one expert of the subject shall be from outside the university.
- c. The Vice Chancellor shall be the ex-officio Chairman of Research Council. The chairman shall preside at all the meetings of Research Council. In absence of research Council, his nominee shall preside over the meeting. The Dean – Research and Development shall be the ex-officio Member Secretary.
- d. The Vice Chancellor may nominate additional members from within the university, at times only for specific meetings. The said members shall take part in the deliberations relating to specific topics but shall have no right to vote.

- e. The term of nominated members of Research Council shall be three years from date of their nomination till such time the person hold their respective position by which they become members of Research Council. Members other than the ex-officio members shall have a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination.
- f. The Research Council shall meet at least two-times in a year and one-week notice shall ordinarily be required. The quorum for the meeting shall be one half of the total members including the Chairman.
- g. A member of Research Council can resign from his office by a letter addressed to the Chairman and such resignation shall take effect immediately on its acceptance.
- h. No member of the Research Council, who is nominated to other body in his capacity as a member of the Research Council, shall continue to be a member of that body after his removal or acceptance of his resignation from the Research Council.
- i. A member of Research Council shall automatically cease to be member on him being convicted by court of law for any offence including moral turpitude.
- j. Any vacancy arising because of death, resignation, cessation, and/or removal shall be filled at the earliest from the respective category. The member so nominated shall be a member of the remaining period of the term of the member due to whom the vacancy has resulted.
- k. The Research Council may invite experts from within the university or otherwise for advice on specific matters. The invitee is entitled to take part in the deliberations relating to topics of his expertise, but shall have no right to vote.
- l. The Research Council shall have the following duties and responsibility:
 - To inculcate the spirit and culture of research amongst all the stakeholders.
 - To enhance interaction and cooperation between researchers for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary work.
 - to streamline the research, development, consultancy, and professional activities and ensure the maintenance of highest standards.
 - to monitor and guide all research programs including Doctoral research.
 - to identify the thrust areas of research and development within the frame work of the objectives of the university.
 - to formulate regulations and procedures for research, development, and consultancy, and professional work.
 - to consider and recommend applications from teachers for recognition as Research Supervisor/Advisors.
 - to recommend names of distinguished persons from outside the university for guiding research work as a Co-Supervisor/Co-Advisor.

- to consider the cases for registration for doctoral degrees where there is change of faculty.
- to consider cases of difference of opinion between examiners of doctoral thesis and other exceptional situations not expressly covered by the Regulations.
- to monitor the progress of funded, consultancy and professional projects and ensure the delivery at highest standards
- to approve the list of reputed, refereed, indexed and cited journals which are acceptable for the purpose of publication as well as subscription.
- to consider any other matter referred to it by the authorities of university.
- to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

6. Doctoral Committee

- a. A Doctoral Committee shall be constituted for every research scholar which shall, coordinate and exercise general supervision over the research and associated work by the individual research scholar.
- b. The constitution of Doctoral Committee (DC) will be,
 - A Senior Faculty from outside the School/University (Chairman)
 - A Senior Faculty of the School
 - Research Supervisor/Advisor of the scholar (Convener)
 - Co-Advisor of research scholar (if any)
 - Additional member as per requirement with the approval of Vice Chancellor
- c. The recommendations of the Doctoral Committee shall be placed before the Research Council for approval.
- d. The Doctoral Committee may invite experts from within the university or otherwise for advice, assessment and grading on specific matters. The invitee is entitled to take part in the deliberations relating to topics of his expertise.
- e. The Doctoral Committee shall have the following duties and responsibility:
 - to review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;
 - to guide the research scholar to develop the study, design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
 - to periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
 - A research scholar shall appear before the DC once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further

guidance. The six monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the DC to the Research Council with a copy to the research scholar.

- In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the DC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the DC may recommend to the with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.

7. Registration

The applicants for admission to the PhD program shall be classified under any one of the following categories:

- a. Full Time Research Scholar shall be working full time in the university and also may be in receipt of PhD Assistantship awarded by the university or an outside agency like DST/DBT/CSIR etc.
- b. Sponsored Research Scholar shall be financed by the Government/Semi-Government Organizations or nominated by Government of India under a Exchange Scholarship Program for full-time engagement. Self-Financing foreign student/scholar or those admitted under an MoU may be admitted as full time scholars without Assistantship. All those who are working in the university/institutions/research organizations/industry and are spared/sponsored full-time by their parent organization, for doing the PhD work shall also come under the sponsored category. Such scholars will have to provide the required undertaking from their sponsoring organization.
- c. The Research Council shall decide on the conversions of various classifications of and which shall be granted only after following rules are compiled:
 - A full-time scholar may be allowed by RC to convert his registration into part-time registration only after completion of at least 2 years, or after comprehensive examination or after submission of synopsis or if he gets employed.
- d. Every student/scholar will be required to renew the registration every semester till the submission of the thesis. The renewal of registration every semester shall be subject to completion of specified number of credits/courses and/or satisfactory progress in his research work as recommended by the DC and approved by RC.
- e. A scholar who fails to register or renew his registration as per specified schedule as the case may be will cease to be a student/ scholar with immediate effect.

- f. In case a student wishes to temporarily withdraw from his PhD program, he may do so only after a period of two years following his date of confirmation of Registration with prior permission of the Vice-Chancellor.
- g. The application for temporary withdrawal must be endorsed by the RC. The duration of temporary withdrawal beyond the period of one year would normally not be encouraged, and may be granted by the RC on recommendation by the DC only under circumstances considered to be genuinely extraordinary. The period of temporary withdrawal will not be counted, when counting the number of semesters of PhD registration already completed by the student.
- h. If a student/scholar withdraws from his PhD Program or his registration is terminated, his student/ scholar status shall cease. If such a student/ scholar is re-admitted, he may be given weightage to the credits acquired during the previous registration on the recommendation of the RC, except in the case of termination on disciplinary grounds.
- i. Any student who concurrently registers for any postgraduate degree (registration for online or part time certification courses is excluded) at another organization shall be automatically de-registered at the university.

8. Minimum Requirements for completing the PhD program

- a. The minimum requirements for completing the PhD program shall be counted in the form of Credits as tabulated here,

Course Work	16
Comprehensive Examination	4
Registration Seminar	2
Thesis Research	70
Progress Seminars	8
Open Seminar	2
Research and Creative Outcomes	6
Professional Communication Skills	2
Total Credits	110

- b. Full time scholars will need to earn additional 10 Credits (maximum 2 per semester) through Teaching Work. The credits through teaching work will be evaluated by the Research Advisor and confirmed in the DC.
 - c. It is ideally recommended to register for 20 Credits in a semester. However the Research Advisor is authorized to allow an additional 20% Credits (i.e. 4 Credits) per semester in case of exceptional full-time candidates
 - d. Thesis Research can be registered on a per semester basis and preferably after the completion of course work. However, the Research Advisor may allow the same even concurrently with the Course Work in case of some candidates. A maximum of 18 Credits can be registered every semester for Thesis Research.
 - e. It is mandatory for all PhD scholars to credit a course on Professional Communication of 2 credits either through university or other online portals like SWAYAM, etc. In case of the scholar undertaking the course in online mode, a Certificate of Completion is mandatory to be submitted to DC.
 - f. The research and creative outcome may include publications in refereed journals, conference proceedings, books, whitepapers, technical reports, patents, copyright, trademarks, design registrations, etc, artefacts such as images, illustrations, film, fashion, music, design collections, models, samples, prototypes, digital media, etc, or other outcomes such as performances and exhibitions. The RC shall decide the admissibility of any other outcome on the recommendations of DC. The RC shall assign the credits admissible to individual outcomes.
 - g. Every PhD scholar is mandatorily required to have at least three disseminations (publications, conference, seminar) to earn the credits of Research and Creative Outcome, of which at least one should be a research paper in a refereed journal. A list of reputed, refereed, indexed and cited journals which are acceptable for the purpose will be approved by the RC and maintained by the PhD Cell.
 - h. This requirement may be relaxed by the Research Council on recommendations of the Doctoral Committee in case the scholar and advisor are registering for IPR instead of publications and the same shall be encouraged.
- 9. Course Work**
- a. The course work is mandatory for all students (except MPhil candidates as exempted by the UGC, if the course work was a part of MPhil degree.) admitted to the PhD program. They shall be required to undertake course work for a minimum period of one semester.

- b. On joining the university every student is required to plan his academic program in consultation with his Research Supervisor/Advisor. All the students in the PhD program are required to earn the prescribed credits (minimum 16) through coursework, which shall normally be completed as per specified time duration for respective programs.
- c. All PhD scholars need to compulsorily take the courses offered by the university at PhD/Masters level, as advised by the Doctoral Committee and complete the same with a minimum CGPA of 6.0. If not, the scholar shall repeat one or more courses till he achieves the prescribed minimum average.
- i. The PhD scholar can also complete a part of course work through online portals like SWAYAM, etc in consultation with the Research Advisor and confirmed by the Doctoral Committee. In case of the scholar undertaking the course in online mode, a Certificate of Completion is mandatory to be submitted to DC.
- d. The course work should preferably be completed within 12 months from the date of enrollment.
- e. PhD 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 Academic Council on the recommendation of the Research Council.
- f. The courses offered for the PhD Programs may be Lecture Courses, Laboratory Courses, Design Courses, Project Courses, Online Courses, Blended Courses, etc. The credit for a course depends upon the contact hours and self-study hours associated with it and duly approved by the Research Council.
- g. For all course work, students shall be governed by the rules and regulations for the level of courses as per respective Schools.
- h. All PhD students are to compulsorily register in some essential courses as may be specified at the time of registration/renewal of registration for the PhD research work till they submit the thesis. Each student will be required to take coursework as prescribed by the Research Supervisor/Advisor/ Course Advisor.
- i. For PhD programs, in addition to the course work in the relevant subject area, the student shall also be required to register and pass compulsory course on Research Methodology which shall be minimum of 4 credits, and could cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics, communication skills and review of published research in relevant field, training, field work etc.

j. Credit Distribution

Sl. No.	Course (Focus Area)	Credits
1	Research Methodology	4
2	Thinking Skills Critical, Creative, Computational, System	4
3	Discipline Specific	8

10. Comprehensive Examination

- a. Students enrolled in the Doctoral program must pass a Comprehensive Examination designed to test the overall comprehension of the student in various subjects relevant for his/her field of specialization.
- b. A student can appear in the Comprehensive Examination only after he/she has completed the minimum course requirements and satisfied the minimum specified CGPA requirement.
- c. The syllabus for the comprehensive examination shall include not only the courses already undergone by the Research Scholar but also other related courses in his / her major discipline.
- d. Students may appear in the Comprehensive Examination at the earliest at the end of the first semester but latest by the end of fourth semester from the admission and enrollment in the Doctoral program.
- e. The DC shall be the Examination Board of a Doctoral student for the Comprehensive Examination. The Research Supervisor/Advisor of the student shall be the Convener of the Examination Board and will be responsible for the overall coordination and completion of the examination.
- f. The Comprehensive Examination shall be conducted in written/oral/written+oral and the DC shall recommend the mode for onwards approval by RC.
- g. The DC after conduct of comprehensive exam based on the performance of the student in the examination will make one of the following recommendations:
 - Passed
 - Reappear (after a defined period of time)
 - Failed
- h. A student shall be considered to have passed the Comprehensive Examination if all members of the DC, except at the most one member, are satisfied with the student's performance in the examination. The convener of the DC shall be responsible to send the report of the Comprehensive Examination to the RC for approval.

- i. A student will be provided a maximum of two attempts to pass the comprehensive examination.
- j. No Research Scholar will be permitted to take the comprehensive examination unless
 - tuition and other fees as prescribed are paid
 - residence fees as prescribed are cleared.
- k. Every Research Scholar must pass the comprehensive examination and get his/ her candidacy confirmed before submitting the thesis for the research degree. The Research Scholar must make an application for the confirmation of the candidacy in the prescribed format.
- l. The RC after considering the report of the DC regarding the successful completion of the course work and the comprehensive examination by the candidate, will confirm the candidacy of the Research Scholar for research conferment.
- m. The scholar shall be allowed to present the research proposal only after the candidacy is confirmed by RC.

11. Progress Seminar

- a. All Doctoral students shall be required to register against progress seminar in every semester of their program after successful completion of the comprehensive examination and before the successful completion of open seminar
- b. The academic/research progress of each scholar will be monitored by the DC. For this purpose, each scholar will be asked to submit a progress report/synopsis at the end of each Semester to his Supervisor/Advisor(s). On receipt of the progress report, the Supervisor/Advisor(s) shall arrange with DC for a review.
- c. A Research Scholar shall submit within two weeks before the end of each six- month period from date of registration a written report of work done by him/her in the prescribed proforma to the Supervisor/Advisor. The report should clearly indicate the progress achieved and cover status of work, deliverables, publications/other outcome, and plans for further work.
- d. The DC shall meet at least once in a six months and the Research Scholar is to make a presentation of the progress of work to the committee. The DC would review the progress and suggest further needs if required.
- e. If progress of the Research Scholar is tardy, the DC shall record the reasons for the tardiness, warn the Research Scholar and suggest corrective measures. If the DC finds that the progress is not satisfactory even after two such warnings, the registration may be recommended for cancellation.

12. Open Seminar

- a. Each scholar shall be required to deliver an Open Seminar before proceeding to finalize the thesis.
- b. The scholar shall be eligible for Open Seminar only after the completion of all requirements of PhD program as mentioned in Clause 8.
- c. The seminar shall be delivered to the faculty and students and shall deal with research work done by the scholar with the objective of obtaining comments and criticism, if any, which may be incorporated in his/her thesis before its submission.
- d. A nominee of RC (internal or external) shall mandatorily be required to be present in addition to the Doctoral Committee and the recommendations of the committee be forwarded to RC for approval.
- e. The exact title of the thesis shall be confirmed in the Open Seminar and changes in the original title can be positively considered by the committee.

13. Synopsis

- a. On satisfactory completion of the Open Seminar, the scholar shall submit the synopsis of research work in the prescribed format to the DC. The title of the thesis shall be confirmed in the Synopsis and any changes in the original title can be considered only till the Open Seminar. The DC shall forward the synopsis with the confirmed title and with its recommendations for consideration by the Research Council.
- b. The scholar is also expected to submit 10-copies of Synopsis to the Student Office, for further process of evaluation.
- c. The scholar shall be required to submit fresh synopsis if he fails to submit his thesis within 3 months of the submission of the synopsis
- d. However, in case a scholar fails to submit his thesis within the stipulated time and has suitable justification for the same, then the following procedure is to be followed
 - The PhD Scholar may apply to the Vice Chancellor through the Research Advisor for grant of some more specific time for submission of the PhD Thesis.
 - The Research Advisor may forward the application to the Vice Chancellor either supporting the extension or rejecting it, with full justification in either case.
 - In any case, the extension for submission of the PhD Thesis cannot be more than a two months from the earlier given date for submission.
 - The decision of Vice Chancellor will give his final decision and approval.
- e. In case, a PhD scholar fails to submit the PhD thesis even within the granted extended period, his PhD synopsis and the seminar shall be treated as cancelled. The scholar

needs to start the process of submitting fresh PhD synopsis by giving a fresh Open Seminar following the normal procedure. No second extension will be granted.

14. Panel of Examiners

- a. The Research Council shall consider the appointment of Panel of Examiners only after the receipt of synopsis with a final title of thesis. The RC will appoint a Panel of Examiners for each scholar.
- b. A panel of examiners consisting of at least 9-experts having long experience and good standing in the relevant field of the PhD work, shall be proposed by the Doctoral Committee to the Research Council.
- c. A person working in the same laboratory/institution/university/industry/organization where the scholar is employed cannot, be appointed as examiner for evaluating the thesis. Further no person can be appointed as examiner from laboratory/institution/university/industry/organization to which the Co-Advisor of the scholar belongs. The Advisor while compiling the panel should consider the names of the examiners whose research work is referred in the Theses or who work in the same field/area.
- d. The panel of examiners shall mandatorily have six (6) experts from within the geographical spread of India and three (3) experts from outside India. It is the responsibility of Doctoral Committee to propose the board of examiners in the correct composition, and within the letter and spirit of ethics of research.
- e. The Research Council shall be authorized to amend the list by adding or deleting some names or recommend a complete different panel to the Vice Chancellor for approval.
- f. The Board of Examiners (all 9 Members) shall be shared the Synopsis by the Exam Office for obtaining their consent to evaluate the thesis.
- g. The Vice-Chancellor shall finalize the examiners, two from within India and one from outside, to whom the thesis will be sent for evaluation after obtaining their consent.
- h. The approved Examiners will be approached, along with copy of the thesis seeking their recommendations within a clear time frame of 60 to 90 days.
- i. The Supervisor/Advisor(s) shall be the internal examiner(s) and will be required to give an evaluation report on the thesis.

15. Thesis Submission

- a. The thesis shall be written in English in the specific format and shall contain a critical account of the scholar's research. It should be characterized by discovery of facts or fresh approach towards interpretation of facts and theories or significant contribution

to knowledge of development or a combination of these. It should bear evidence of the scholar's capacity for analysis and judgement as well as his ability to carry out independent investigation, design or development. A thesis may be supplemented by published work, if necessary. No part of the thesis or supplementary published work shall have been submitted for the award of any other degree. An undertaking/certificate to the above effect attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and the work has not been submitted for award of any other degree/diploma to any other Institute shall be provided by the scholar and Supervisor/Advisor.

- b. A scholar may submit his thesis within the time period as stipulated in rules provided that:
- he has completed the minimum period of registration as provided in rule
 - he has submitted the title and synopsis of the thesis at least one months prior to the submission of the thesis
- c. The scholar shall initially submit three copies of the thesis with a soft cover. In case of co supervision four/five copies of thesis may be required to be submitted by the scholar.
- d. The Research Council shall evolve a mechanism using well developed software and gadgets to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. While submitting for evaluation, the thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor/Advisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution.

16. Thesis Evaluation

1. Each examiner will be requested to submit a detailed assessment report and his recommendations, on the prescribed proforma, within 2-months of the date of receiving the thesis. An extension of 1-month can be considered in case the report is not received within the stipulated time-frame.
2. In the event that the thesis report is not received from an examiner within a period of four-months, the Vice Chancellor may appoint another examiner in his place for evaluating the thesis from the panel.
3. The views of examiners must specifically be sought on that the theses is a piece of research work characterized by:
 - The discovery of facts, or

- A fresh approach towards interpretation and application of facts or theories, or a distinct advance in technology.
 - On the scholar's capacity for critical examination and sound judgment.
 - Whether or not major findings of the Thesis have already been published in referred Journals/Conferences or worthy of such publications. In case revision of Thesis is recommended, suggestions for the improvement may also be given.
 - Quality of research work with respect to international standards of doctoral thesis.
4. The reports of thesis evaluation from the examiners shall be placed before the Vice Chancellor who shall categorize them in one of the following three categories:
- **Category I** - If an examiner suggests corrections regarding punctuation, grammar, spelling or language, the report shall be considered of Category I. In such a case, Supervisor/Advisor may use his/her/their discretion regarding incorporation of such suggestions.
 - **Category II** - If an examiner points out minor technical mistakes, raises some queries or suggests modifications but does not imply that the acceptance of the thesis is subject to removal of these defects to the examiner's satisfaction, the report shall be considered Category II. In such a case, the Supervisor/Advisor shall send the student's response to the queries raised to the Vice Chancellor and the same shall be incorporated in the thesis to the satisfaction of the Thesis Defense Board. The examiner(s) concerned shall be informed by the Exam Office of the changes made on the basis of their suggestions.
 - **Category III** - If an examiner raises technical points or suggests modifications which must be answered/ carried out to the examiner's satisfaction before the thesis is accepted the report shall be considered of Category III. In such a case, the Supervisor/Advisor shall send the student's response to the queries raised to the Vice Chancellor and, along with the examiner's comments which will be sent to the examiner with a request to respond within six weeks. If the examiner's response is not received within this period, a reminder shall be sent and if no reply is received within six weeks, further action will be initiated.
5. If one of the examiners outright rejects the thesis, the matter shall be referred to the Vice Chancellor for deciding the further course of action. If two or more examiners reject the thesis, the thesis shall be outrightly rejected.
6. In the event of dis-agreement between the external examiners, the Vice Chancellor may as a special case, appoint another external examiner, if the merit of the case so demands. This examiner will report independently to the Vice Chancellor.

- a. Provided that in the event of difference of opinion in the report, if out of three examiners two examiners suggest revision of thesis, the research scholar shall be asked to revise the thesis in accordance with the points raised by the examiners.
 - b. Provided also that thesis shall be accepted for the award of PhD degree only on following conditions,
 - Three examiners have given satisfactory report
 - Two out of three examiners have given satisfactory and third has rejected the thesis. The thesis shall be sent to fourth examiner for consideration and report of the fourth examiner shall be final. In the event of rejection, the final decision shall be taken by the Vice Chancellor as given in para of clause 6 above.
 - In the event of any of three examiners suggests revision or modification, the thesis shall be accepted only after incorporation of the same.
7. Re-Registration in case of rejection of thesis/requiring major revision:
- The candidate may, however, be allowed to renew his/her registration to continue the PhD work on the same topic and under the same Supervisor/Advisor(s) for another minimum period of one year. A fresh Thesis has to be submitted by the candidate within two years but not earlier than one year of renewal. The normal process of the evaluation will be followed afresh.
 - If a PhD scholar, who has been allowed to renew registration to continue for PhD degree after his/her thesis was rejected/required major revision, fails to submit the fresh thesis within two Years as specified above, his/her PhD renewal of registration will be totally terminated once for all.
 - The registration of a PhD scholar expires:
 - on completion of the allowed maximum period of registration even after granted extension, or
 - on the final rejection of the thesis, even after submission/re-submission of the PhD thesis.
 - No second renewal of registration is permitted.
8. The recommendations and the evaluation reports from all the examiners including the Supervisor/Advisor(s) will be placed before the Vice-Chancellor for further action.
9. If the Vice-Chancellor finds the recommendations and the evaluation reports from all the examiners (i.e. including internal examiners) satisfactory, the date of open defense will be decided in consultation with the External Examiner.

17. Open Defense

- a. A scholar who has been recommended for viva-voce examination on the basis of thesis evaluation shall be required to defend his work/thesis orally before a duly constituted committee during working hours of the university. The presentation shall be well publicized and open to all members of the university and outside.
- b. The open defense of the thesis shall be through a Thesis Defense Board (TDB) appointed by the Vice Chancellor. The said board shall comprise of
 - Chairman – Vice Chancellor or a Senior Faculty or Dean of Faculty nominated by the Vice Chancellor
 - External Examiner (one amongst the three who have evaluated the thesis)
 - Internal Examiner – Research Supervisor/Advisor of the student
- c. The defense of a thesis shall be required to be necessarily conducted within 3-months from the date of receiving of all the examiners' report. If the concerned student fails to appear for the defense within this period, the scholar needs to apply for extension to the Vice Chancellor.
- d. If a thesis is rejected by the TDB along with a recommendation for resubmission after incorporating any modifications/ corrections suggested, defense of the re-submitted thesis shall be conducted by the originally constituted Board. If the re-submitted thesis is also rejected, the matter shall be reported to the Vice Chancellor for an appropriate action.
- e. After successful defense, the student will submit an abstract, a hard bound copy and a soft copy of the final thesis to the library after incorporating changes suggested by the committee, if any and approval of the Chairman of TDB. The Supervisor/Advisor shall authenticate that all the suggestions of the Thesis Defense Board have been incorporated in the revised copy.
- f. The external examiner may participate in the examination by means of Video Conferencing in case he could not be physically present for whatsoever reasons. The Chairperson of the TDB shall be required to certify the acceptance of the Thesis and successful conduct of the open defense on behalf of the external examiner, when the external examiner is participating through Video Conferencing.
- g. On the completion of all stages of open defense, the TDB shall recommend to the Vice Chancellor, one of the following courses of action:
 - that the degree be awarded
 - that the scholar be re-examined at a later specified time in a specified manner
 - that the degree shall not be awarded

- h. In case of (1) and (2), the TDB shall also provide to the scholar a list of all corrections and modifications in the thesis (if required) including suggestions made by the examiners during the thesis evaluation.
- i. The candidate will be required to submit the final version of the thesis in the required format, incorporating all the suggestions of the TDB, both in hard as well as soft forms within 2-months of the open defense. The incorporation of the required changes will be certified by Supervisor/Advisor(s) and verified by Chairman of TDB.

18. Award of Degree

- a. On receipt of the final version of thesis, Registrar will present the same along with reports of all examiners to the Vice Chancellor who shall finally decide on award of PhD degree to the candidate or otherwise.
 - b. The Degree shall be awarded on approval of the Academic Council of the university, provided that:
 - the Thesis Defense Board so recommends;
 - the scholar produces a 'No Dues Certificate' in the prescribed form, and
 - the scholar has submitted the requisite hard cover copies of the thesis. The submitted Thesis should incorporate all necessary/ corrections/ modifications pointed out by the TDB duly certified by the Supervisor/Advisor.
 - c. The hard bound copies of the Ph.D. thesis, submitted after the open defense, must contain the copyright certificate in the beginning of the thesis, on a separate page on the left side: © AVANTIKA UNIVERSITY, UJJAIN, 200... ALL RIGHTS RESERVED
 - d. A Provisional Certificate would be issued to the candidate, within one-week of completing the requirements for award of Degree.
 - e. The final degree will be awarded in the Convocation.
19. Notwithstanding anything stated in this Ordinance, for any unforeseen issues arising, and not covered by this Ordinance, or in the event of differences of interpretation, the Vice Chancellor may take a decision after obtaining, if necessary, the opinion/advice of a committee consisting of senior faculty and external experts, if required. The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final and binding.
20. Notwithstanding anything contained in forgoing para of the ordinance, shall supersede this provisions of the UGC regulation 2009, 2016 and subsequent amendments thereon and any matter/ case whatsoever, is not covered under forgoing clauses, the same shall be taken as incorporated as given in the UGC regulation of PhD amended from time to time mutatis mutandis.

Ordinance No. 13

Diploma and Certification Programs

This Ordinance shall be applicable to candidates admitted to various Diploma Programs and other Certification Programs offered by the Avantika University, Ujjain.

1. The certification programs offered by the Avantika University Ujjain will include various specialised courses after 10th, after 12th, after graduation, or during graduation/post-graduation or for working professionals.
2. The program of study leading to Diploma Programs of School of Continuing Education of Avantika University shall be of one year to two-year duration.
3. The program of study leading to Certificate Programs of School of Continuing Education of Avantika University shall be for a duration of one month to eleven months.
4. The program of study leading to Diploma Programs of School of Engineering or School of Design of Avantika University shall be of three-year duration after 10th and two year after 10+2.
5. Course shall be delivered in online mode or in physical mode or in blended mode depending on the nature and requirements of the course.
6. Types of courses and number of the courses offered shall be as per the specializations available and as per the rules and regulation set by the Academic Council.

8. Eligibility Criteria for Admissions

In addition to the details mentioned in the Ordinance No. 3, following norms for Diploma and certification programs shall be applicable.

- a) Candidate must have passed minimum 10th from any stream (from any of the State Boards/ CBSE/ ICSE/ ISC/ CIE/ IB/ NIOS or equivalent exam)
- b) There will be no upper age limit for admission to these programs.
- d) The provisional admission to the Program shall be made in order of merit based on the candidate's performance in TEST/GD/PI, and academic record.

- e) The candidate granted provisional admission will have to deposit fee within the period prescribed by the Admission Committee failing which, the admission shall stand cancelled.
- f) Provisional admission of a candidate is liable to be cancelled at any time in following cases:
- i) if it is detected that, there is something against the candidate which would have prevented him/her from being admitted to the Program.
- ii) if the candidate is found at a later stage to have provided any false information, or concealed such information
- iii) if he/she has been punished for an act of gross misconduct, indiscipline or an act involving moral turpitude
- g) The admissions to these programs shall be governed by the rules and the criteria established by the Academic Council or authorized committee or the relevant statutory bodies of the university.
- h) The decision of admission committee shall be final and binding to the candidate.
9. Notwithstanding anything stated in this Ordinance, for any unforeseen issues arising, and not covered by this Ordinance, or in the event of differences of interpretation, the Vice Chancellor may take a decision after obtaining, if necessary, the opinion/ advice of a committee consisting of any or all the School Coordinators/Dean/Admission Committee/Student Office. The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.
10. All activities for the program shall be governed by the university ordinances, processes led down by the Academic Council of the university and subject to modification from time to time.
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