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(Amendment in Ph.D. Ordinance)

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યુનિવર્સિટી ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટના વડાશ્રીઓ, યુનિવર્સિટી કેમ્પસમાં ચાલતા સ્વનિર્ભર અભ્યાસક્રમનાં કો-ઓર્ડિનેટરશ્રીઓ, વહીવટી વિભાગોના વડાશ્રીઓ, યુનિવર્સિટી સંલગ્ન તમામ કોલેજોના આચાર્યશ્રીઓ, તમામ પીએચ.ડી. ના માર્ગદર્શક શિક્ષકો તેમજ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને જણાવવાનું કે, અગાઉ યુનિવર્સિટી દ્વારા આ સાથે સામેલ પરિપત્ર ક્રમાંક: ઓથોરીટીઝ/ઓર્ડિનન્સ/૬૨૮૯/૨૦૨૫ (તા. ૧૫-૦૩-૨૦૨૫) થી પીએચ.ડી. ઓર્ડિનન્સ જાહેર કરવામાં આવેલ પીએચ.ડી. ઓર્ડિનન્સની જોગવાઈઓમાં નીચે મુજબના સુધારા મંજૂર કરવામાં આવેલ છે, જેનો અમલ કરવા વિનંતી છે.

Amendments to the Ph.D. Ordinance:

| Clause No. | Existing Provision | Amended Provision | Amended vide Resolution number and Date of BOM |
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| 2.7 | University shall decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available. | All the candidates who qualify entrance test as well as all the candidates who are exempted from entrance test shall be called for an interview. | BoM Dt. 19-02-2026 Resolution No. 8 |
| 8.2.2 | To propose the draft curriculum for the coursework to the Academic Council for approval. | To review the curriculum of the coursework periodically. | BoM Dt. 19-02-2026 Resolution No. 9 |

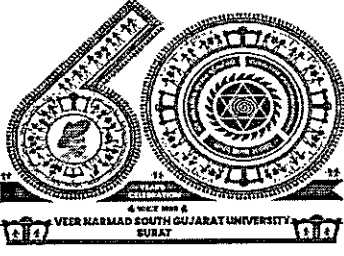
નોંધ: આ સાથે સામેલ પરિપત્ર ક્રમાંક: ઓથોરીટીઝ/ઓર્ડિનન્સ/૬૨૮૯/૨૦૨૫ (તા. ૧૫-૦૩-૨૦૨૫) થી જાહેર કરવામાં આવેલ પીએચ.ડી. ઓર્ડિનન્સની ઉપર દર્શાવ્યા સિવાયની અન્ય તમામ જોગવાઈઓ યથાવત રહેશે.

કુલસચિવવતી

ક્રમાંક: PG/Ph.D/Amended/ઓર્ડિનન્સ/૭૩૯૬/૨૦૨૬ તારીખ: ૯/૪/૨૦૨૬

પ્રતિ,

યુનિવર્સિટી ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટના વડાશ્રીઓ, યુનિવર્સિટી કેમ્પસમાં ચાલતા સ્વનિર્ભર અભ્યાસક્રમનાં કો-ઓર્ડિનેટરશ્રીઓ, વહીવટી વિભાગોના વડાશ્રીઓ, યુનિવર્સિટી સંલગ્ન તમામ કોલેજોના આચાર્યશ્રીઓ, તમામ પીએચ.ડી. ના માર્ગદર્શક શિક્ષકો તેમજ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ



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ક્રમાંક : ઓથોરીટીઝ/ઓર્ડિનન્સ/૬૨૮૯/૨૦૨૫
તા. ૧૫-૦૩-૨૦૨૫


કુલસચિવ

બિડાણ : ઉપર મુજબ

પ્રતિ,

- (૧) યુનિવર્સિટીના તમામ ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટના વડાશ્રીઓ.
- (૨) યુનિવર્સિટી કેમ્પસમાં ચાલતા તમામ સ્વનિર્ભર અભ્યાસક્રમનાં કો-ઓર્ડિનેટરશ્રીઓ.
- (૩) યુનિવર્સિટીના તમામ વહીવટી વિભાગના વડાશ્રીઓ.
- (૪) યુનિવર્સિટી સંલગ્ન તમામ કોલેજોના આચાર્યશ્રીઓ.
- (૫) અંગત મદદનીશ મા. કુલપતિ તથા મા. કુલસચિવશ્રી કાર્યાલય.

Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat

Ph.D. Ordinance

1. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme.-

The candidates meeting the following eligibility criteria are eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme in the university:

1.1. Educational Qualifications:

Candidates must have successfully completed:

Candidates seeking admission after completing a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme (Honours with Research) and must have obtained a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever a grading system is applicable.

OR

A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme,

OR

A 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme,

OR

Any qualification equivalent to a master's degree as recognized by the competent statutory regulatory body. In all cases, candidates must have achieved at least 55% marks in aggregate or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever a grading system is followed. Additionally, candidates with equivalent qualifications from foreign educational institutions are eligible, provided the institutions are accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency that is approved, recognized, or authorized by an authority established under the law of the respective country, or by any other statutory authority responsible for assessing and assuring the quality and standards of educational institutions.

- 1.1 A relaxation of 5% marks or an equivalent grade may be granted to candidates belonging to SC/ST/SEBC (Non-Creamy Layer), Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), and other categories as per the decisions of the Commission from time to time.
- 1.2 Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- 1.3 A relaxation of 5% marks or an equivalent grade may be provided to candidates belonging to SC/ST/SEBC (Non-Creamy Layer, with a valid certificate), Differently-abled (with a minimum of 40% disability), and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).
- 1.4 Candidates are eligible for admission to Ph.D. in any subject regardless of their subject in aforementioned qualifying examinations i.e. master's degree and/or 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree. However, they are required to pass the Entrance Exam/UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR/SLET for the subject in which they seek admission to Ph.D.

2. Procedure for Admission:

- 2.1 The University shall publish admission notice for admission to Ph.D. programme on its official website and/or newspapers.
- 2.2 The University shall conduct a Ph.D. Entrance Test (VNSGU-PET). The syllabus for the entrance test shall comprise 50% Research Methodology and 50% subject-specific content.

2.3 The University shall adhere to the roster-based reservation policy of the Government of Gujarat.

2.3.1 The University shall adhere to the roster-based reservation policy of the Government of Gujarat. A 200-point roster shall be maintained, with each Ph.D. subject considered as a unit for roster implementation.

2.3.2 Admissions shall be granted based on merit, commencing with the allocation of General category seats from the general merit list (which includes all candidates), followed by the allocation of seats reserved for specific categories.

2.3.3 If the seats allotted for SC/ST/SEBC (Non Creamy layer)/EWS Differently-Abled categories remain unfilled due to unavailability of candidates, the University shall launch a Special Admission Drive, for that particular category within one month from the date of completion of admission process.

2.4 University shall admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED/G-SET and similar National level tests in relevant subject based on an interview/vivā-voce and/or research proposal presentation.

and/or

University shall admit students through an Entrance Test (VNSGU-PET). The VNSGU-PET syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology, and 50% shall be subject-specific.

2.5 Students who have secured 50 % marks in the VNSGU-PET are eligible to be called for the interview.

2.6 A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time

2.7 University shall decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

2.8 Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the VNSGU-PET/Recognized National or State Agency (UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED/G-SET etc.) a weight age of 70 % for the entrance test and 30% for the performance in the interview/viva-voce/ presentation shall be given .However, the students qualified by the recognized national or state agency without having valid score shall be evaluated out of hundred in their Interview/ viva- voce/ presentation.

2.9 The Research and Recognition Committee (RRC) shall recommend the list of students to be admitted to the Ph.D. programme, along with the names of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) members, to the University for the Registration Process.

3. Recognition of Supervising Teachers for Ph.D.

3.1 Eligibility Criteria for recognizing faculty members as Supervising Teachers for Ph.D.

3.1.1 Permanent faculty members, including those on probation, serving as Professors or Associate Professors with a Ph.D. and at least five research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals, are eligible for recognition as Ph.D. Supervising Teachers. Similarly, permanent faculty members, including those designated as Assistant Professors (even during their probation period), with a Ph.D. and at least three research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals, are also eligible.

3.1.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in 3.1.1, only the following faculty members are eligible for recognition as Ph.D. Supervising Teachers, provided they fulfil the educational qualifications and research publication requirements mentioned.

- a) All the Faculty members employed with the University Departments.
- b) Only those faculty members employed with government or grant-in-aid colleges where university-approved postgraduate centers in the relevant subjects are functioning.
- c) Faculty members employed with government, grant-in-aid, and self-finance colleges where a university-approved Research Center in relevant subject.

Fulfilment of any one of the aforementioned criteria i.e. a) to e) is mandatory for Ph.D. supervisor recognition.

- 3.1.3 Faculty members must meet both the educational and publication criteria outlined in Clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2. Those who do not meet these criteria shall not be eligible for recognition as Ph.D. Supervising Teachers.
- 3.1.4 Faculty members who were recognized as Ph.D. Supervisors before the notification of "The University Grants Commission's Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations, 2022," dated 7th November 2022, shall continue to be recognized as Ph.D. Supervisors and may be assigned new Ph.D. scholars.
- 3.1.5 Faculty members recognized as Ph.D. Supervisors on or after 8th November 2022 who do not meet the new criteria outlined in Clause 3.1.2 may continue to supervise Ph.D. students already assigned under the previous regulations but shall not be allocated new students under the UGC Regulations, 2022.
- 3.1.6 For programmes/subjects governed by professional councils, national commissions, or other statutory regulatory authorities, the eligibility criteria for recognizing faculty members as Ph.D. Supervising Teachers in those programmes/subjects shall be determined under the regulations of the respective professional council, national commission, or other respective statutory regulatory authority.

3.2 Manner and Procedure to be followed for recognizing faculty members as Supervising Teachers for Ph.D.

- 3.2.1 Any faculty member appointed to the position of Professor or Associate Professor at University Departments, where the eligibility criteria for said position mandates "recognition as a Ph.D. supervisor," shall be deemed to have been granted such recognition effective from the date of their appointment. This recognition is conferred by virtue of their designation and does not require any formal application or approval procedure.
- 3.2.2 Professors and Associate Professors employed in affiliated colleges who seek recognition as Ph.D. Supervising Teachers must submit an application in the

prescribed format. The application should be forwarded to the respective Dean for recommendation. Upon receiving the Dean's recommendation, the application will be presented to the Academic Council for approval. Following approval by the Academic Council, the application will be submitted to the Board of Management for informational purposes. After the Board of Management acknowledges the resolution, a letter of recognition will be issued.

3.2.3 Assistant Professors seeking recognition as Ph.D. Supervising Teachers must apply in the prescribed format. The application shall be forwarded to the respective Head of the University Department. The Head will scrutinize the application, particularly fulfilling research publication criteria. If the Head deems the applicant eligible, the application will be forwarded to the Dean of the concerned faculty. The Dean will then assess the application and, if dean determine the Assistant Professor meets the criteria for Ph.D. supervision, he/she will propose a panel of experts in the relevant subject from outside of VNSGU to the Vice Chancellor. In the subjects wherein the University Department is not available, the application shall be forwarded directly to the Dean of respective faculty.

3.2.4 The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint two referees from the proposed panel or experts outside the panel, to evaluate the application. In the event that both referees submit positive recommendations, the application shall be placed before RRC for recommendation and the board of deans for approval and a formal letter of recognition shall be issued.

3.2.5 If both referees submit negative recommendations, the application for recognition as a Ph.D. Supervising Teacher shall be rejected.

3.2.6 In cases where one referee provides a positive recommendation and the other a negative recommendation, the application shall be referred to a third referee. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint the third referee from the proposed panel or an expert outside the panel. Recognition shall be granted only if the third referee provides a positive recommendation. If the third referee also submits a negative recommendation, the application shall stand rejected.

3.2.7 In the event of rejection due to negative recommendations from the referees, the applicant shall be permitted to submit a fresh application with different research credentials.

4. Allocation of Research Supervisor to Research Scholar

4.1 A Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor who is recognized as a Research Supervisor shall be eligible to supervise, and/or as a Co-Supervisor,

up to eight (8), six (6), and four (4) Ph.D. scholars, respectively, at any given time. However, for international students, the provisions of the relevant clause 11.1 shall apply.

4.2 The number of available seats, as specified in Clause 4.1, shall be considered vacant upon the submission of the synopsis by the research scholar. The vacated seat shall thereafter be made available for allocation to a new Ph.D. scholar.

4.3 In case of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/ School/Centre/College/ University may be appointed with the permission of the university.

4.4 Recognised Ph.D. Supervisors with less than three years of service remaining before superannuation shall not be assigned new research scholars under their supervision. However, such Ph.D. Supervisors/Co-Supervisors can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered, until they attain the age of 70 years.

5. Fees for the Ph.D. Programme:

5.1 Recommended students shall be required to pay the prescribed registration fees, admission fees, term/semester fees, library fees, laboratory fees, and any deposits as determined by the University from time to time. These fees must be paid within the stipulated time frame.

5.2 All admitted Ph.D. scholars must pay the term/semester fees as determined by the University at the beginning of each new term/semester. This payment must be accompanied by the progress report of the preceding term/semester, duly signed by the members of the Research Advisory Committee.

5.3 In the event that a research scholar fails to pay the prescribed fees within the stipulated time, they shall be required to pay the term/semester fees along with a late fee as determined by the University from time to time.

5.4 The research scholar shall pay the prescribed examination fee at the time of submitting their synopsis.

5.5 In cases of re-registration, the research scholar shall pay the re-registration fees in addition to the term/semester fees, as determined by the University from time to time.

6. Course Work.-

6.1 The credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework shall be a minimum of 12 credits. The Research and Recognition Committee may also recommend UGC-approved online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.

6.2 All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme must complete the coursework prescribed by the University within the first year (two semesters).

6.3 A Ph.D. scholar is required to secure a minimum of 55% marks or an equivalent grade on the UGC 10-point scale in the coursework to remain eligible to continue in the programme and to submit their thesis.

6.4 Ph.D. scholars may be assigned 4 to 6 hours of teaching or research assistantship per week, which could include conducting tutorials, assisting in laboratory work, or performing evaluation duties.

7. Duration of the Ph.D. Programme.-

7.1 The Ph.D. programme shall have a minimum duration of three years (six semesters), including coursework, and a maximum duration of six years (twelve semesters) from the date of registration to the Ph.D. programme.

7.2 An additional two years (four semesters) may be granted through the process of re-registration (registration number and date shall remain unchanged) upon the request of the research scholar, recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), and approval of the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC). However, the total period for completing the Ph.D. programme shall not exceed eight years (sixteen semesters) from the date of registration.

Provided further that female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two years (four semesters). In such cases, the total period for completing the

Ph.D. programme shall not exceed ten years (twenty semesters) from the date of registration.

7.3 Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

8. Research and Recognition Committee (RRC)

8.1 There shall be a Research and Recognition Committee (RRC) for each Board of Studies or a group of subjects, as determined by the University, in accordance with the provisions of Statute 24 (A) (2) of *The Gujarat Public Universities Uniform Statutes, 2024*.

8.2 The powers and functions of Research and Recognition Committee (RRC):

- 8.2.1 To evaluate research proposals, conduct interviews/viva-voce and/or research proposal presentations, and recommend the list of admitted candidates, including the approved research titles, allocation of Research Supervisors, and constitution of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each recommended candidate, as prescribed in clause 9.1.
- 8.2.2 To propose the draft curriculum for the coursework to the Academic Council for approval.
- 8.2.3 To appoint a panel of paper setters and examiners for the purpose of question paper setting and evaluation of coursework examination.
- 8.2.4 To forward the evaluation report of the coursework examination to the Controller of Examinations for preparation and declaration of results.
- 8.2.5 To recommend a panel of referees for the evaluation of the thesis.
- 8.2.6 To appoint the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each admitted Ph.D. scholar. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor, in consultation with the Dean of the concerned faculty and/or the Chairperson of the Research Advisory Committee, may appoint or substitute an expert in the RAC.
- 8.2.7 To undertake any other academic, research, or development-related tasks as may be assigned by the Board of Deans, the Faculty, or the Academic Council.

9. Research Advisory Committee:

9.1 The composition of Research Advisory Committee for a Ph.D. Scholar:

- 9.1.1 The Research Supervisor of the concerned Ph.D. scholar shall act as the Convener of the Committee.
- 9.1.2 Two experts, who are recognized Ph.D. Supervising Teachers, shall serve as members of the Committee. These experts may be drawn from this University and/or other universities. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint a research scientist or a scholar with expertise in the relevant research area from a reputed and recognized research organization.

9.2 The powers and functions of Research Advisory Committee (RAC):

- 9.2.1 To periodically review, at least once every six months, the progress of the Ph.D. scholar's research work and provide appropriate recommendations to improve the study design and research methodology.
- 9.2.2 The Ph.D. scholar shall present and submit a brief report on the progress of their research work during the periodic review meetings. The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall evaluate the work, provide guidance, and submit its recommendations, along with the scholar's progress report, to the University. A copy of these recommendations shall also be shared with the Ph.D. scholar.
- 9.2.3 In case of any need to change or modify the research topic or title, the RAC shall approve the revision and communicate the same to the University for execution. The University shall intimate the change to the Ph.D. Supervisor, the concerned Ph.D. scholar, and the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC).
- 9.2.4 If the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) finds the progress of the Ph.D. scholar unsatisfactory, it shall document the reasons and propose corrective measures. If the scholar fails to implement these measures, the RAC may recommend, with specific justifications, the cancellation of the scholar's registration in the Ph.D. programme to the university for its execution. The University shall intimate the cancellation of the registration to the members of the RAC, the concerned Ph.D. scholar, and the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC).

- 9.2.5 The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) will evaluate the progress of research of its concerned Ph.D. Scholar and submit its report to the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC).
- 9.2.6 Before submitting the thesis, the Ph.D. scholar shall make a pre-thesis submission presentation before the Research Advisory Committee, which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars.
- 9.2.7 The Research Advisory Committee of the candidate may suggest modifications, updation, and omissions if required, at the time of the pre-thesis submission presentation which may be complied by the candidate and approved by the Supervising Teacher before the submission of final thesis.
- 9.2.8 The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall submit a detailed report of the pre-thesis submission presentation to the University.
- 9.2.9 The university shall accept the thesis of a Ph.D. candidate along with the positive report of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC).

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10. Evaluation and Assessment Methods, minimum standards/credits for award of the degree, etc.-

- 10.1 Upon satisfactory completion of course work and obtaining the marks/grade as prescribed in clause 6.3, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a thesis.
- 10.2 The research scholar can submit synopsis, as determined by the university in terms of number of copies and mode of submission, on the recommendation of the RAC to the university, at the earliest during the sixth term/semester.
- 10.3 The research scholar shall make a presentation of thesis as pre-thesis submission presentation before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) not before the completion of six terms/semesters.
- 10.4 The research scholar shall have to submit the thesis, as determined by the university in terms of number of copies and mode of submission, within the period of six months from the date of submission of the synopsis. The Ph.D. scholar shall submit the final thesis, as per the university's guidelines regarding the number of copies

- and mode of submission, within six months from the date of synopsis submission.
- 10.5 Ph.D. scholars must publish at least one (01) research paper in a referred journal and make one (01) paper presentations in conferences/ seminars before the submission of the thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/ or reprints/ photocopies of the papers published.
- 10.6 If a Ph.D. scholar fails to submit the thesis within stipulated time, he may be granted extension of a semester upon his/her request and recommendation of the Ph.D. supervisor and approval of the RAC. The university shall issue an extension letter to the Ph.D. scholar subject to the payment of the term/semester fees and late fees, if any. A Ph.D. scholar may be granted extension for submitting the thesis, subject to duration as prescribed in clause 7.
- 10.7 The thesis, along with any other submitted material, including articles, research papers, or monograms etc., must comply with the university's ordinance for academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism.
- 10.8 A Ph.D. scholar shall submit the thesis for evaluation, along with the following documents :
- (a) An undertaking from the Ph.D. scholar regarding adherence to research policy as mentioned in ordinance for academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism, annexure - B
 - (b) Research Supervisor's Certificate, as mentioned in ordinance for academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism, annexure - C
 - (c) Plagiarism Detection Certificate, as mentioned in ordinance for academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism, annexure - D
 - (d) a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the thesis and that the thesis has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma to any other Higher Educational Institution.
- 10.9 The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners appointed by the Vice Chancellor, one from within the state and one

from out of the state/country, from the panel recommended by the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC).

The university shall forward the Ph.D. thesis to the external examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. The examiners shall submit detailed evaluation reports within the stipulated time frame, along with their clear recommendations, which shall be one of the following four options:

(a) **Accepted as it is:** The thesis will be accepted as submitted and recommended for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

(b) **Accepted with minor modifications:** The scholar shall incorporate the suggested minor modifications. After approval by the Research Supervisor, the thesis shall be accepted for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

(c) **Revise and resubmit:** The scholar shall revise the thesis based on the examiner's suggestions. The revised thesis shall be sent to the same examiner for further evaluation, and the thesis will be processed according to their decision.

(d) **Rejected:** The thesis will not be considered for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

10.10 In exceptional cases, such as when the thesis is written in Gujarati or a language other than English, or when there is an unavailability of examiners in a particular subject or research area, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint both external examiners at his discretion, in consultation with the Dean of the respective faculty and/or the Research Supervisor of the concerned research scholar.

10.11 The viva-voce board shall consist of the Research Supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. The viva-voce shall be open to all.

10.12 In special circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor may permit the viva-voce to be conducted online at the request of the Research Supervisor of the concerned research scholar.

10.13 The viva-voce of the Ph.D. scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted if both the external examiners recommend acceptance of

the thesis after incorporating corrections, if any, suggested by them. If one of the external examiners recommends rejection, the university shall send the thesis to third external examiner appointed by the Vice Chancellor from the panel of examiners submitted by the RRC. The viva-voce examination shall be held only if the third examiner recommends acceptance of the thesis. If the third examiner does not recommend acceptance of the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected, and the Ph.D. scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of a Ph.D.

- 10.14 The university shall complete the entire process of evaluating the Ph.D. thesis, including the viva-voce result declaration, within six months from the date of submission of the thesis.
- 10.15 Upon successful completion of the viva-voce, the Registrar shall issue a notification with the Vice-Chancellor's approval.
- 10.16 After issuance of the notification, on request of a candidate, the university shall issue a provisional certificate prior to the actual award of the Ph.D. degree.
- 10.17 All successful candidates shall be awarded the Ph.D. degree during the convocation as scheduled by the university.
- 10.18 Upon successful completion of the evaluation process, the university shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph.D. thesis to INFLIBNET.

11. Admission of International students in Ph.D. programme.-

- 11.1 Each Research Supervisor may guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis, in addition to the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as prescribed in clause 4.1.
- 11.2 International students seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme shall follow all procedures outlined in clause 1 and 2. However, the students sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) shall be exempted from the requirements of the National Eligibility Test (NET), Ph.D.

Entrance Test (PET), State-Level Eligibility Test (SLET), Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), or any similar examinations.

- 11.3 The fees for international students shall be as determined by the university from time to time.

12. Cancellation of Ph.D. Registration:

- 12.1 In case the progress of the Ph.D. scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend, with specific reasons, the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. scholar from the Ph.D. programme.
- 12.2 A candidate wishing to cancel his/her registration of Ph.D. shall have to submit application along with the permission of the research supervisor and No Due Certificate from the concerned Department / College. On receiving such application a cancellation letter shall be issued to the candidate after the approval of Vice-Chancellor.

13. Mode of Ph.D. Programme

The university shall offer Ph.D. Programme in following modes:

- I. Full Time Research Mode
- II. Part Time Research Mode

However, all conditions concerning eligibility, admission procedures, fees, and other requirements as mentioned in this ordinance must be fulfilled.

- 13.1 **Full Time Research:** The full time scholars shall have to work full time for entire duration of Ph.D. programme at the place assigned by the university.
- 13.2 **Part Time Research:** The scholars who are employed shall be considered as part time research scholar and allowed to work in part

time mode and shall have to submit No Objection Certificate from the employer where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:

- a) The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis;
- b) His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research;
- c) If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

14. Applicability:

Ph.D. scholars who were already registered prior to the implementation of this ordinance will be governed by the ordinance or regulations that were in force at the time of their registration.

15. In any difficulty arises in application, implementation and interpretation of these ordinances, the Vice-Chancellor shall be competent authority to take the decision and his decision shall be final and binding.