

Full- Time Ph.D. Program Overview

Eligibility for admission: M.E/M.Pharm./MBA/ M.Phil of BITS or its equivalent with a minimum of 60% aggregate. Candidate with an M Sc/B.E or an equivalent with a minimum of 60% will also be considered for provisional admission to the Ph D programme. For Ph D programme in languages and humanities, candidates with an M.Phil/M A and with minimum of 55% aggregate may also be considered. Such candidates have to undergo a minimum of two semester course work prescribed by DRC. Candidates admitted under this scheme will work full time toward their Ph D research and will not take any other assignment till the submission of final thesis.

Admission Modality: A candidate is normally admitted to the Ph.D. programme after passing his/her Ph.D. qualifying examination. A few candidates may be admitted to the programme as provisional candidates before passing the Ph.D. qualifying examination. This provision is applicable to full time research scholars on the campus.

Course Requirement: Students will be required to attend classes and appear for evaluation components in order to complete the courses as required for the Ph. D. programme. All existing academic regulations will be applicable to part-time Ph D students, unless specifically mentioned otherwise.

Registration: All the candidates have to register in every semester till the submission of his/her thesis. In the beginning of each semester, all the candidates will sign the registration card confirming their registration for the semester. This card indicates the courses in which he/she is being registered in that particular semester. Registration of candidates will be done by Academic Registration and Counseling (ARC) Division on the day of registration. Semester fee and all other dues are to be cleared before registration in each semester.

Assigning Notional supervisor and DAC members: Department Research Committee (DRC) will appoint a notional supervisor and two member Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC) for each admitted candidate for guidance and monitoring.

Ph. D. Qualifying Examination: All student provisionally admitted to Ph.D. must clear Ph D qualifying examination. Each student in consultation with his/her notional supervisor, will choose two sub areas; from the list of qualifying examination areas of each department. One of these must be the sub-discipline in which he/she proposes to undertake research. Candidate has to clear both the sub area in order to qualify

Topic of Research and Supervisor:

Once a student clears Ph D qualifying examination, he/she, in consultation with his/her notional supervisor and the DAC members will decide upon the topic, the co-supervisor (if required), and prepare and submit a research proposal to Departmental Research Committee.

Leave: Leave Each "Full- Time" candidate is eligible for 30 days of vacation and 15 days of casual leave in an academic year (August to July). Special casual leave of 15 days is permissible for attending conferences/workshop/symposiums/training programmes, etc. For female candidates, maternity leave of 90 days is permitted.

Transfer between programs: Inter conversion of Full Time Ph.D. to Part Time A student admitted as Full Time scholar may be allowed to take transfer to Part time scheme provided- Students meet the basic eligibility criteria of Part Time student. Student has completed major part of his research work as certified by the supervisor and has completed at least 20 units of Ph D thesis course. The concerned

Ph D supervisor, co-supervisor and respective DRC agree for such transfer. The DRC may also recommend the transfer of a student from Part-Time to Full Time category, provided research positions are available. Approval for such transfers will be granted by Dean AGSRD in consultation with DCC.

Duration of Ph.D. A student must submit his thesis within ten semesters (excluding summer terms) to be counted from the semester next to passing the qualifying examination. If the student fails to submit his thesis within stipulated period he may request the respective DRC for extension of time. Such extension for submission of thesis are limited to a maximum of four semesters. Thus, the duration for submitting final thesis (including all extensions and semester withdrawals) are limited to 14 semesters. If a candidate fails to submit his/her final thesis during this period, he/she will be discontinued from the programme. The female candidates who have availed maternity leave during this period may be given one extra semester for thesis submission.

Semester-wise Registration Programme Pattern I: Semester-wise Registration Programme for On-campus Candidates and admitted after clearing qualifying examination (For Full time scholars holding Higher Degree)

Year	First Semester	Units	Second Semester	Units
I	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1
	BITS C791T Teaching Practice I	1	BITS E661 Research Methodology I	5
			BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10
II	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1
	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10
III	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1
	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10

Note: It is assumed that their research proposal is approved by the DCC in the First semester of admission.

Semester-wise Registration Programme Pattern II:

For Ph.D. candidates holding First Degree and doing courses before becoming eligible for Qualifying Examination (For Full time scholars on the Campus)

Year	First Semester	Units	Second Semester	Units
I	Course 1		Course 4	
	Course 2		Course 5	
	Course 3		Course 6	
II	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1
	BITS C791T Teaching Practice I	1	BITS E661 Research Methodology I	5
			BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10
III	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1
	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10
IV	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	1
	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10	BITS C799T Ph.D Thesis	10
V	BITS C799T Ph.D Seminar	1	BITS C797T Ph.D Seminar	

Note: It is assumed that their research proposal is approved by the DCC in the first semester of second year.

Pre-submission draft and Seminar:

On completion of research, the Ph.D. student will prepare a draft thesis, and will submit two copies of the same to DRC for preliminary but detailed assessment by DAC members. After assessment, the candidate will give pre-submission seminar in the department where DAC, DRC and other faculty members and students may also be invited. The exact title of the Thesis is also discussed at the time of pre-submission seminar. After the pre-submission seminar, candidate will submit a request for title approval to DRC, for title approval in the required format. The proposed title of the Ph.D. thesis is then approved by the DCC

Thesis submission:

The candidate can submit his/her Ph.D. thesis once the draft thesis has been approved by the DAC and his title is approved by DCC. Thesis along with synopsis and relevant documents are to be submitted to Convener, DRC. The DRC will also finalize a list of 6 to 8 potential thesis examiners, based on a list of examiners submitted by supervisor in the required format. Together with (i) the thesis, (ii) the synopsis, (iii) the reports of the DAC members, (iv) the list of potential examiners, (v) other related documents, the DRC will recommend to the Dean, ARD through the campus-based Associate Dean

that the evaluation of the thesis may begin. Semester-wise Registration Programme for Off-campus Candidates (Ph D Aspirants) admitted after clearing qualifying examination

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