

Guidelines for admission into M.Phil / Ph.D degree programmes of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University

- 1.1. The following recommended norms shall be applicable to both M.Phil and Ph.D programmes offered in the University Departments and Affiliated Colleges including autonomous colleges of this University.
- 1.2. In continuation of the resolution of the SCAA [Item No. : 45.7.1.4 (45.T5)] in its meeting held on 09.02.2017, there shall be a common entrance examination for admission into both M.Phil and Ph.D degree programmes of this University, conducted twice in every academic year in the months of May and November.
- 1.3. The syllabus for the entrance examination shall be available in the website and usually it is the same as for the NET examination unless otherwise specified.
- 1.4. The candidates willing to join M.Phil or Ph.D degree programme offered shall attend the entrance examination conducted by the University. However, admission into M.Phil programme shall be made only in the beginning of every academic year (in the month of July).
- 1.5. The validity of the results of a common entrance examination will be one year only.
- 1.6. Any faculty member working in a University Department or an Affiliated College shall be eligible as a supervisor (for both M.Phil and Ph.D) after getting recognition by fulfilling the prescribed norms.
- 1.7. A recognized supervisor who is a Professor (with Ph.D. degree) in a University Department, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than four (4) M.Phil and eight (8) Ph.D scholars. The above norms are also applicable to an Associate Professor with Ph.D and having four years of experience as an Associate Professor working in an Affiliated college of this University.
- 1.8. A recognized supervisor who is an Associate Professor (with Ph.D degree) in a University Department or an Affiliated College, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M.Phil and six (6) Ph.D scholars.
- 1.9. A recognized supervisor who is an Assistant Professor (with Ph.D degree) in a University Department or an Affiliated College, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than two (2) M.Phil and four (4) Ph.D scholars.

- 1.10. The number of seats for admission into M.Phil degree programme of various disciplines during every academic year shall vary depending upon (a) the number of recognized supervisors in that discipline and (b) the number vacancies with each of the supervisors of that discipline.
- 1.11. Further, the details of the University Departments, Affiliated Colleges, names of recognized supervisors and the number of vacancies etc. will be uploaded in the University website.
- 1.12. The applicants shall specify their option either for M.Phil or Ph.D degree programme at the time of submitting their application.
- 1.13. Applicants have to apply through online via the specified website of the University.
- 1.14. The colleges shall pay the prescribed affiliation fee for fresh affiliation of a M.Phil degree programme of this University.
- 1.15. a) There shall a Board of Studies for M.Phil and Ph.D programmes in each discipline and shall be constituted with the following members as nominated by the Vice-Chancellor :

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| (i) Member from University Department | - Chairperson |
| (ii) Member from the affiliated colleges | - Subject Expert |
| (iii) Member from outside the Institution | - Subject Expert |
| (iv) Director (Centre for Research, M.S.U.) | - Ex-Officio Member |
| (v) Director (Centre for Academic Affairs, M.S.U.) | - Ex-Officio Member |

b) Meetings of Boards of Studies for M.Phil and Ph.D in a discipline shall be convened whenever necessary as per the direction of the authorities.

c) At present the existing approved syllabus for various M.Phil programmes shall be followed from the academic year 2017-18.
- 1.16. Any student who has passed in the NET or equivalent examination shall be allowed to apply for the Ph.D programme without appearing for the entrance examination conducted for admission to M.Phil / Ph.D programme of this University.
- 1.17. All students including students with M.Phil from this University or any other recognized University shall have to clear the common entrance examination for admission into the Ph.D programme of this University from the academic year 2017-18.

- 1.18. (a) Any student who has cleared the entrance examination shall apply for M.Phil or Ph.D programme in a University Department or an Affiliated College.
- (b) Any University Department shall select candidates for admission into a M.Phil programme by following the existing admission norms of the University.
- (c) An affiliated college shall make admissions into an approved M.Phil programme in each discipline by constituting a committee with the Principal, Head of the concerned Department and a senior supervisor of that discipline nominated by the Principal.
- (d) After selection of candidates for a M.Phil programme, supervisors shall be allotted to the candidates by taking into consideration of the option of the candidate as well as supervisor.
- 1.19. M.Phil scholars admitted into the programme shall present at least one research paper in a conference / seminar before the submission of dissertation / thesis and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates / reprints.
- 1.20. The format for the preparation and submission of a dissertation / thesis for the award of M.Phil degree is available in the University website. The M.Phil scholars shall adhere to the guidelines given therein.
