

Regulations relating to Research Degrees Programme

I. ADMINISTRATION

By the Post Graduate Council constituted by the Vice Chancellor.

II. ELIGIBILITY

a) M.Phil Degree Programme

LL.M. or its equivalent, with 50% or its equivalent grade.

b) Ph.D. Degree (Law)

LL.M. or its equivalent with 50% ; or an M.Phil in Law from a recognised University.

c) Ph.D. Degree (Inter-disciplinary)

i) A Master's Degree in any subject relevant to the field of research with a Bachelor's Degree in Law ; or

ii) A Master's Degree in any subject relevant to the research with established research credentials by way of publications; or

iii) A Master's Degree in any subject relevant to the research with long term indepth practical experience in the area to be researched; or

iv) Passed the Company Secretaryship examination conducted by the ICS in India and been awarded Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS); or

v) Passed the Chartered Accountants examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants and been awarded Membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants; or

vi) M.Phil Degree in the relevant subject with excellent academic background; or

vii) MBL Degree from NLSIU only.

d) LL.D, Degree Programme

Ph.D. in Law from a recognised University with minimum 10 years of Teaching and exceptional academic achievement in the field of law.

III. DURATION

a) M.Phil Degree Programme

One academic year - to be completed within a maximum period of **three** years.

Failure to complete within the stipulated time will lead to cancellation of registration and the candidate can re-register for the course if interested. The candidate shall complete within one year from the date of re-registration.

b) **Ph.D. Degree (Law) & (Inter-disciplinary) / LL.D.**

Three years - to be completed within a maximum period of **five** years.

Failure to complete within the stipulated time will lead to cancellation of registration and the candidate can re-register for the course if interested. The candidate shall complete within two years from the date of re-registration. Failure to complete within two years from the date of re-registration, will lead to cancellation of registration.

IV. ADMISSION PROCEDURE (common to M.Phil / Ph.D. & LL.D.)

Application along with the research proposal of about 10 to 12 pages to be submitted within the stipulated time

The research proposal should contain:

- i) Title
- ii) Statement of the problem and the background information on the subject
- iii) A set of research questions along with Hypothesis & Methodology
- iv) A Research Design containing chapters

The research proposal for inter-disciplinary research ought to have components which have a bearing on legal theory, review and reform.

V. SCREENING OF APPLICATIONS AND RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The research proposals submitted shall be vetted normally by the faculty members for the consideration of PG Council. The shortlisted candidates after vetting of the research proposals shall be called for making presentation before a panel of experts.

VI SELECTION PROCESS

The candidates will be selected upon consideration of the research proposal and the report submitted by the expert panel on the presentation by the PG Council.

VII APPOINTING SUPERVISORS

The Post-Graduate Council shall identify the respective Supervisors.

VIII ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

4 days mandatory residential orientation to be conducted for the admitted candidates at their own cost, on *Research Methodology, Writing Research Reports, acknowledging sources, etc.* Candidates to simultaneously revise their research proposals and get the same approved by the Supervisor.

IX REPORT SUBMISSION & PRESENTATION

M.Phil

- a) Once in six months a report of progress has to be submitted. The candidates will be furnished with the suggestions on the report given by their guide. Two presentations will have to be made by the selected candidates before submission. The candidates are required to make the first presentation on the report incorporating the suggestions made by the Supervisor, if any. With the approval of the Supervisor, the final presentation shall be made before the submission of thesis.

- b) **First presentation** will have to be evaluated by the Supervisor as well as the internal faculty members specialized in the area.
- c) **Final presentation** will have to be evaluated by at least two external experts specialized in the area. There shall be a gap of minimum **three months** between First and Final presentation.

Ph.D. / LL.D.

- a) There shall be a minimum of **3 presentations** by each of the candidates admitted for the doctoral programmes. The **first presentation** would require the candidate to detail out the identified problem, research outline, a set of research questions, proposed methodological approach, besides survey of literature. The **second presentation** would be at the mid stage of the research work that would explain and analyse the progress made by the researcher. The **third and the final presentation** would give the details of the research findings, conclusions and suggestions.
- b) There shall be a gap of at least 6 months between each presentation.
- c) One external expert for 1st and 2nd presentations should be invited and at least three external experts should be invited to be on the panel to evaluate the final presentation. The comments and suggestions of the experts shall be consolidated and made available to the guide for suitably advising the candidate.

X EVALUATION

M.Phil

- a) The candidates are required to submit the dissertation in triplicate after paying the requisite fee.
- b) The dissertation submitted shall be referred to a panel of two external examiners for evaluation selected by the Vice Chancellor from out of a panel of external examiners. In case of difference of opinion among the external examiners on the merit of the dissertation, it shall be referred to a third examiner for his/her opinion.

Ph.D./ LL.D.

- a) The candidates are required to submit the thesis in quadruplicate after paying the requisite fee.
- b) The thesis submitted by the candidate will be sent to three external examiners selected by the Vice Chancellor, from out of a panel of ten external examiners submitted by the Supervisor. The majority opinion of examiners shall be taken into consideration for determining the award of Ph.D./ LL.D. programme. If the two of the external examiners recommend that there should be a Viva-voce, the same shall be held at the NLSIU with one of the external examiners along with the Supervisor.

XI AWARD OF DEGREE

M.Phil

- a) The Degree of M.Phil shall be conferred on a candidate who, having completed satisfactorily the other requirements, receives a favourable report on the dissertation from at least two examiners at the time of the Annual Convocation. However, the candidate is entitled to take a Provisional Certificate as and when the results are declared.
- b) In case the external examiners give negative report, the candidate shall be provided through the guide the copy of the suggestions / comments made by the examiners. The candidate is required to resubmit the dissertation after incorporating the suggestions / comments and submit the resubmitted dissertation within **two months** along with the prescribed fee.

Ph.D./ LL.D.

- a) On completion of the Viva-voce examination and on receipt of the report by the external examiners indicating whether or not the candidate is fit for the award of the Degree, the Degree shall be awarded at the time of the Annual Convocation. However, the candidate is entitled to take a Provisional Certificate as and when the results are declared.
- b) In case of two of external examiners not recommending the award of the Degree, the candidate shall be provided through the guide the copy of the suggestions / comments made by the examiners. The candidate is required to resubmit the thesis after incorporating the suggestions / comments and submit the modified thesis within **three months** along with the prescribed fee.

XII GENERAL

M.Phil

Each examiner shall submit the evaluation report in the prescribed form within one month of the receipt of the dissertation.

Ph.D./ LL.D.

Each examiner shall submit the evaluation report in the prescribed form within two months of the receipt of the thesis.

XIII FEE STRUCTURE

M.Phil

Rs. 10,000/-	:	Registration fee
Rs. 10,000/-	:	Examination Fee (at the time of submission of dissertation)
Rs. 5,000/-	:	Continuation fee upto 2 years
Rs. 5,000/-	:	Re-submission of dissertation
Rs. 5,000/-	:	Re-registration fee

Ph.D. / LL.D.

Rs.15,000/-	:	Registration Fee
Rs.10,000/-	:	Examination Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)
Rs. 5,000/-	:	Continuation fee upto 2 years
Rs.10,000/-	:	Re-submission of thesis
Rs.10,000/-	:	Re-registration fee
