

**THE NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY ORDINANCES**

**OC-5**

**ON THE MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME**

*Under Section 26 (1)(b) of the NEHU Act, 1973*

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| <b>Objective</b>   | <p>1. i. The University shall organise M.Phil. programme with the objective of providing deeper insight in the relevant subject, broadening horizons, emphasising the unity of all knowledge normally divided in numerous disciplines, equipping scholars with necessary tools and practical experience for further researches in different fields. M.Phil. shall be the first research degree of the University.</p> <p>ii. The M.Phil. programme shall comprise two parts, viz., (a) course work and (b) dissertation/project work, both the parts shall have equal weightage.</p>  |
| <b>Course work</b> | <p>2. i. The course work shall consist of three courses offered by the Department. A teacher of this University having at least an M.Phil. degree shall be eligible to teach M.Phil. Courses.</p> <p>ii. The M.Phil. scholars shall be required to attend and participate in seminars which will be organised by the Department for the purpose of discussing new results, developments in the subject and/or interpretation of data. Each scholar shall be required to take at least two seminars, one in the early phase of his dissertation/project work and the other just before concluding his work.</p>  |
| <b>Admission</b>   | <p>3. i. The admission to M.Phil. programme shall be done preferably in the beginning of a semester.</p> <p>ii. The candidates with at least 55% (50% in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST) marks in the Master's Degree in the subject concerned shall be required to appear in a written test and/or an interview to be conducted by the Department. The candidates shall be selected according to merit determined after giving weightage to the following: (i) percentage in the Master's Degree or equivalent (at least 50% weightage) (ii) performance in the test and/or interview. The admission shall be finalised on the basis of the number of seats available and the performance of the candidates. A candidate shall be assigned a supervisor by the Department at the time of admission.</p> |

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|                     |           | iii. | A candidate who is awarded a fellowship on the basis of a National level examination recognised by University Grants Commission may be admitted to the M.Phil. programme directly without being required to appear at an internal test provided under this Ordinance.  |
|                     |           | iv.  | All teachers working in the constituent and affiliated colleges of the University and recognised as University teachers shall be eligible for admission to M.Phil. course. The teachers working in colleges under the jurisdiction of other Universities may also be admitted subject to availability of seats and their satisfying such conditions as may be laid down by the concerned School Board, preference being given to those working in the North Eastern Region.                            |
| <b>Registration</b> | <b>4.</b> |      | A candidate, during the course work, shall apply through the Department's BPGS for registration along with the synopsis which shall be considered for approval by the School Board. The date of registration shall be the date of approval by the School Board. The department shall appoint a supervisor. The supervisor shall be a Professor, Reader or Lecturer with Ph.D. and with at least three year's experience of research/teaching and should be a teacher of this University <sup>1</sup> . |
| <b>Duration</b>     | <b>5.</b> | i.   | A scholar shall normally complete his M.Phil. in not more than three semesters. An extension of only one semester shall be allowed in suitable cases on the recommendation of the supervisor submitted to the Department. In the case of college teachers undertaking M.Phil. programme, one extra semester time may be given for completing the programme over and above that allowed for regular candidates.   |
|                     |           | ii.  | If a candidate after clearing the course work discontinues his dissertation work for some unforeseen reason, the School Board may condone a break of not more than two semesters and the candidate be allowed to resume his work. If the break is for more than two semesters, the scholar shall seek fresh admission to the M.Phil. programme. The period of the break shall be computed from the date of publication of the Course work result.  |
| <b>Attendance</b>   | <b>6.</b> |      | An M.Phil. student is expected to attend all lectures pertaining to his course work. The attendance of the candidate shall be at least 75% in each course. In addition to course work an M.Phil. student shall deliver at least two seminars in the Department during his M.Phil. programme.   |

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| <b>Evaluation of course work</b>  | <b>7.</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The evaluation of the course work will be internal.</li> <br/> <li>ii. The performance of the scholar shall be evaluated in the following grades:<br/>           'O' (outstanding), 'A' and 'B' with grade point valuation in the 10 point scale, i.e. 7.00-10.00 corresponding to 'O' grade, 6.00-6.99 corresponding to 'A' grade, 5.00 to 5.99 corresponding to 'B' grade. Those securing less than 5 points shall be graded as 'C'. To clear a course, a candidate should secure at least grade 'B'.</li> </ul>     |
| <b>Pre-Submission Seminar</b>     | <b>8.</b>  | <p>When the Supervisor is of the opinion that the dissertation is in the final stage of completion, well in advance before the likely date of submission, the scholar shall be required to give a pre-submission seminar on his research findings. This seminar will be given in the presence of a Committee of at least three faculty members, of which one will be from the allied Department. The candidate may incorporate the recommendation of the Committee in his dissertation.</p>  |
| <b>Submission of Dissertation</b> | <b>9.</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An M.Phil. candidate shall be required to submit a dissertation in triplicate duly recommended by the Supervisor and forwarded by the Department to the Controller of Examinations.</li> <br/> <li>ii. The dissertation/project work shall contain a declaration from the candidate and a certificate from his supervisor stating that the dissertation/project work incorporates bonafide research of the student and that this has not been submitted for another degree of this or any other University.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Panel of Examiners</b>         | <b>10.</b> | <p>At least two months before the proposed date of submission of the dissertation, the supervisor shall present a panel of four names of examiners to the Department to be forwarded to the School Board for approval and submission to the Controller of Examinations. The School Board shall also submit a copy of the panel of Examiners to the Chairman of the Academic Council.</p>   |

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| <b>Evaluation</b>          | <b>11.</b> | <p>i. The dissertation/project work will be examined by two examiners (one of them being the Supervisor) to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council. At least one of the examiners should be from outside the University.</p> <p>However a supervisor shall not act as an examiner where a candidate is a wife or husband, son or daughter, brother or sister of the Supervisor. Where a candidate is related to the Supervisor as such, the dissertation submitted by a candidate for M.Phil. degree shall be sent to another examiner selected from the panel of examiners.</p> <p>ii. Evaluation of dissertation shall be according to OC-5, 8(2).</p>   |
| <b>Award of the Degree</b> | <b>12.</b> | <p>i. The Dissertation/project work shall be accepted for the award of the M.Phil. degree on the unanimous recommendation of the examiners.</p> <p>ii. If there is a difference of opinion the matter shall be referred to a third examiner to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel already submitted. The Third examiner will act as the adjudicator and his decision will be final.</p> <p>iii. In case the examiner suggests some modifications improvement of the dissertation/ project work on certain suggested lines or points out certain lacunae in the dissertation/ project work, the candidate shall be asked to reply or to modify the dissertation/ project work on the suggested lines and resubmit the dissertation/project work within a period of six months of the communication of the decision.</p> <p>iv. Both external and internal examiners shall award grade as well as grade point for dissertation. In the event of unanimous recommendation by both the examiners, the final grade point may be computed keeping in mind the average of both course work and dissertation grade points. In the event of one of the examiners for dissertation not recommending, the final grade point may be computed keeping in mind the average of the course work and the grade point awarded to the candidate by the third examiner.</p> |

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- v. All the reports of the examiners shall be submitted to the School Board, which, on being satisfied, may recommend to the Academic Council that the M. Phil. Degree may be awarded to the candidate. A copy of the recommendation of the School Board may be sent to the Controller of Examinations for declaration of the provisional result.

**Removal of  
Difficulties**

13. Notwithstanding anything contained in the above Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take such measures as may be necessary for removal of difficulties.

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1. Approved vide MHRD DO No. F. 8-15/91-Desk (U) of October 19, 1994.
  2. Amendments to clause 3 i and 5 vide AC and EC Resolutions No.AC:62:99:5:1(iv), dated 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1999 and EC:105:99:5:1(iv), dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1999 respectively.
  3. Amendments to clause 11 ii and 12 iii approved vide AC and EC Resolution No: AC:67:2002:5:1(iii), dated 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 and EC:113:2002:5:1(iv), dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2002 respectively.