

## ORDINANCE RELATING TO MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M. Phil) PROGRAMME

*(Under Section 31 (1 (a) of the Rajiv Gandhi University Act, 2006)*

1. The ordinance shall be called the Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) hereinafter called the M. Phil programme.

The M. Phil programme shall be an advanced course in different disciplines at Post-Master's Degree level of this University. It is designed as the first research degree of the University, aiming at providing deeper insights in the relevant subject, broadening horizons and equipping scholars with required competence for further research in different fields.


The M. Phil programme shall comprise of two parts: Course Work (including theoretical papers) and Dissertation. The M. Phil course work should be of high standard and in the dissertation the students are expected to show evidence of independent work with some originality in approach.

Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies (AITS) offers M. Phil programme in Tribal Studies. For admission to M. Phil in AITS, students with postgraduate degree from different disciplines are eligible in view of the interdisciplinary nature of the course. The candidates will be awarded the M. Phil Degree in Tribal Studies. However, their specialization will be mentioned in the certificate which will be related to their Postgraduate Degree.

### 2. Duration of the Course:

- 2.1 The duration of the course shall be spread over one and half academic year comprising three semesters, the first two semester shall consist of theory papers, and third semester is for writing the dissertation.
- 2.2 Two theoretical papers shall be offered as course papers in each semester. There shall be a research methodology paper in the first semester.
- 2.3 The Department/Institute/Centre concerned shall prescribe the course and syllabi structure and shall specify the methodology and instructional devices to be adopted.
- 2.4 Admission to the course in all the programmes shall be made at the beginning of each semester. The admission shall be made on merit basis or any other criteria fixed by the University Admission Committee.

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### 3. Eligibility for Admission

A candidate shall be eligible for admission to the course leading to the Degree of Master of Philosophy, if he/she had taken the Master's degree of the University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose as its equivalent thereto of the concerned subject.

3.1 Candidates who have obtained postgraduate degree or equivalent grade point under the pattern of 10+3+2:

- (i) Candidate who have secured at least 55% or equivalent grade point in average in the qualifying examinations. 5% relaxation for SC/ST candidates, the criteria for reservation seats will be as per university norms.
- (ii) The intake capacity shall be decided by the concerned Department/Institute/Centre in consultation with the Vice Chancellor subject to approval of Academic Council.
- (iii) To be eligible in the end semester examination, each student must attend at least 75% of the classes in the course work.


3.2 Candidates seeking admission to the course shall be selected on the basis of their performance in written test and interview. There shall be two parts in the written test and each part shall comprise of 50 marks. The first part will be common to all the candidates and will evaluate the candidates' research ability. The second part shall consist of questions from the concerned subject. The interview shall be of 50 marks. The test shall be conducted by the concerned Department.

### 4. Procedure of Admission

All applications for admission shall be considered by the Admission Committee of the Department/Institute/Centre, and forward them, with its recommendation and shall determine on the matters specified below:

- 4.1 Whether candidate should be admitted to the M. Phil course. Provided that if a candidate is found fit for admission to the M. Phil course, his/her admission shall be made to that course by the Admission Committee.
- 4.2 No candidate shall be eligible to register for the programme/course; he/she is already registered for any full time programme of study in this university or in any other University/Institute.
- 4.3 No candidate admitted to the M. Phil. course shall undertake any employment.
  - (i) No candidate shall join any other course of study offered by the University; and

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- (ii) Appear in any examination other than those prescribed by the Department/Institute/Centre concerned without the prior permission of the Departmental Board of Studies (DBS) and the Dean of the Faculty.

4.4 The prospectus of the course containing application form for admission may be obtained from the university office and the duly filled in forms with self-attested copies (in duplicate) of the following certificates and mark-sheets are to be submitted in the office of the concerned Department/Institute/Centre:

- (i) The AISCE passed certificate and mark-sheet (Class X)/any other recognized Board.
- (ii) The AISSCE passed certificate and mark-sheet (10+2)/any other recognized Board.
- (iii) B.A., B.Sc., B. Com., passed certificate and mark-sheet or any other equivalent examination passed from any recognized university.
- (iv) M.A., M.Sc., M. Com., B.Ed. passed certificate and mark-sheet.
- (v) Four copies of the recent passport size photographs.
- (vi) The Scheduled Caste / Tribe Certificate / OBC / Physically challenged / NES / NCC / Sports / Ex-serviceman, etc.
- (vii) Migration certificate in original in case of applicants who have passed the qualifying examination from other than Rajiv Gandhi University.


## 5. Appointment of Supervisor for the M. Phil Courses

- 5.1 There shall be a Supervisor for every student of the M.Phil course who shall be appointed by the Departmental Board of Studies/concerned Departmental Research Committee.
- 5.2 In case a supervisor ceases to be a teacher of the university on superannuation or leaving the university for new assignment to other organizations, may continue to supervise if he/she expresses his/her willingness in writing or the Departmental Board of Studies/Departmental Research Committee may appoint another supervisor from among the teachers of the concerned Department/Institute/Centre.

## 6. M. Phil Committee

- 6.1 There shall be an 'M. Phil Committee' in each faculty to monitor and maintain the quality of M.Phil programme of the university and shall be constituted by the Vice Chancellor for a period of three years, comprising the following members.
  - (i) Dean of the Faculty concerned shall be the Chairman. In case the Dean of the concerned Faculty is not present, the senior-most Professor of the Faculty will chair the meeting.
  - (ii) Senior-most Professor of the Faculty.

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- (iii) Two Professors on rotation (Seniority basis).
- (iv) One Associate Professor on rotation (Seniority basis).

There has to be a meeting of M. Phil Committee for admission.

**7. Reservation:**

- 7.1 50% of the seats in each M. Phil course will be reserved for ST/SC candidates and the remaining 50% for general candidates, subject to availability of eligible candidates. Otherwise the seats in any category shall be treated as unreserved.


**8. Topic of Dissertation**

The topic of dissertation and seminar papers to be offered by a student shall be approved by the Departmental Board of Studies through the Supervisor concerned.

**9. Paper setting and Evaluation**

- 9.1 For the theoretical papers in the course work, the panel of examiners shall be prepared by the Departmental Board of Studies (DBS) and shall be submitted to the Controller of Examinations.
- 9.2 To evaluate seminar performance pertaining to course work, there shall be an expert from outside the Department/Institute/Centre selected by the DBS of the concerned Department/Institute/Centre in consultation with the supervisor concerned.
- 9.3 For evaluation of dissertation script and viva voce examination on the dissertation, the concerned external examiners shall be appointed on the basis of departmental recommendations by the Controller of Examinations in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor.
- 9.4 In the case of M. Phil course, a student must obtain a minimum of 50% marks in each paper.
- 9.5 In each semester, there will be two papers of 100 marks each. One paper of each semester will carry 75 marks for end semester examination and 25 marks for seminar presentation or any other mode of internal evaluation. M. Phil dissertation shall carry 200 marks and out of which 50 marks shall be for Viva-Voce.
- 9.6 An M. Phil candidate shall be required to submit a dissertation script in triplicate, duly certified and recommended by the Supervisor, and forwarded by the Head of the Department/Institute/Centre to the Controller of Examinations.
- 9.7 Dissertation script shall be evaluated by two examiners, one of whom shall be the concerned Supervisor and the other shall be from outside the University.

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9.8 The minimum pass mark in the dissertation script is 50%, out of a total of 150 marks. These will be calculated on the basis of the average marks awarded by the two examiners. However, if the candidate is awarded less than 50% by any of the two examiners, the average shall not be calculated and the student shall be considered as having failed in the dissertation script. However, he/she may be allowed to re-submit the dissertation within six months with the approval of FBS/DBS.

9.9 There will be a viva voce test (for 50 marks) in which the qualifying marks shall be 50%.

*(Note: In order to qualify in the M. Phil examination, a candidate shall have to secure qualifying marks, i.e. 50% in the course work and 50% in the Dissertation independently).*

9.10 The Viva-Voce on the dissertation may be held after the receipt of the marks of examination within the stipulated time period, even before the evaluation of the dissertation script. However, the candidate has to qualify independently in the script and in the Viva Voce for computation of the result.

9.11 The Viva-Voce on the dissertation shall be conducted by a board of three examiners, consisting of the following members:

- (i) Supervisor;
- (ii) The External Examiner, an expert, the rank of Professor nominated by the Vice Chancellor from outside, the Department / Institute / Centre and
- (iii) The concerned the Head / Director shall act as the Chairman of the Board.

#### 10. Grading:


On the basis of the marks obtained by a candidate, the M.Phil degree shall be awarded in the following grades:

50% - 59.99%	:	'B'
60% - 74.99%	:	'A'
75% and above	:	'A'+

#### 11. Number of Chances

If a candidate fails to get the qualifying marks in the different components (i.e. course work, dissertation script and viva on dissertation), the student shall be given only one chance, immediately following the examination in which the candidate has appeared, to clear the component(s) in which the candidate has failed.

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**12. Fees**

Every M. Phil candidate shall have to pay admission fee (one-time payment at the time of admission); monthly tuition fee; examination fee; library fee; laboratory fee (in case of science subjects) and other fees at rates to be prescribed by the University from time to time.

**13. Removal of Difficulties**

Notwithstanding anything contained in the above ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take such measures as may be necessary for removal of difficulties subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

  
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