



**MAULANA AZAD UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR**  
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**M.Phil./Ph.D. Entrance Exam and Course:**  
**Eligibility Criteria**

**1. Eligibility criteria for admission to the M.Phil. programme as per UGC 2016 Guidelines:**

Candidates for admission to the M.Phil. programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

**2. Eligibility criteria for admission to Ph. D. programme as per UGC 2016 Guidelines:**

Subject to the conditions stipulated in UGC Regulations, the following persons are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

1. Master's Degree holders satisfying the criteria stipulated under Clause 2 of UGC Act 2016.
2. Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or



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an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and successfully completing the M.Phil. Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D. Degree in the same Institution in an integrated programme. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

A person whose M.Phil. dissertation has been evaluated and the viva voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the same Institution; Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, from a Foreign Educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.

Admission through M.Phil. Programme: Candidates who have passed M.Phil. programme of this University or other recognized Universities may be admitted directly to Ph.D. programme without the need to take entrance exam after due consultation with members of academic council/RAC/President or any other competent authority of this University. However, such candidates have to face an interview in front of Research Advisory Committee. At the time of interview, every Ph.D. candidate is expected to discuss their research interests/plans in front of the members of concerned Research Advisory Committee (candidates may prepare a Power Point Presentation also for this purpose).



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**3. Additional Guidelines which may be helpful in deciding the eligibility of a candidate for Appearing in M. Phil./Ph.D. Entrance Examination:**

Masters (Post-Graduate) Degree [a recognized PG/Masters degree as defined in Gazette notification of UGC (THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, JULY 5, 2014 –ASADHA 14, 1936, PART III-SEC.4)] and this Degree must be issued by a Recognized University whose nomenclature, syllabus and examination scheme is according to the guidelines issued by one/more than one of the INDIAN Government constituted regulatory bodies such as AICTE/PCI/DCI/MCI/MHRD/UGC/MHE etc. established under Central/State Government Acts in relevant discipline(s) like- Arts / Commerce / Science / Pharmacy / Computer Science / Education etc. (whichever is applicable) with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate secured in post-graduation (A relaxation of 5% marks in aggregate shall be permissible for SC/ST and Physically

- a. Handicapped candidates upon due submission of relevant certificates issued by competent authorities).
- b. In case of applicants/candidates holding a Masters (Post-Graduate) Degree from new/less-known/unpopular/doubtful Universities of India or abroad, permission to appear in Ph.D. entrance test will be given after determination of validity of their degree and equivalence of their degree/course curriculum with that of reputed Universities.
- c. Foreign students holding a Masters (Post-Graduate) Degree will be required to produce clearance from the government of India and/or other appropriate authorities and must have obtained and are holding study/research visa for appearing in the Ph.D. entrance test. Further permission to appear in M. Phil./Ph.D. entrance test will be given after determination of validity of their degree and equivalence of their degree/course curriculum with that of Indian Universities.
- d. For sponsored candidates holding a Masters (Post-Graduate) Degree:



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The applicant must have been in continuous service with the sponsoring organization for at least two years at the time of submitting the application form for admission and he/ she must submit a 'No Objection Certificate' from the employer stating that (i) He/ she is on the regular payroll of the organization, (ii) He/ she is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis, and (iii) His/ her official duties will permit sufficient time for research. Sponsorship letter (on letterhead of the sponsoring organization) should include an undertaking stating that the period of study of the candidate will be treated as 'on duty' with usual salary/ allowances, and he/ she will be relieved for the period of studies. The candidate should also submit a certificate stating that the research facilities exist in his organization (which can be self-certified). He/ She will be required to reside at the Faculty/Institute for a period of not less than one semester i.e. six months' duration which is mandatory in the first year of Ph.D. Programme.

- e. The students holding a Masters (Post-Graduate) Degree, who have additionally cleared UGC / CSIR (JRF) Examinations / NET / SET / SLET / GATE / GPAT /Teacher Fellowship or equivalent examinations, may be exempted from appearing in the M. Phil./Ph.D. entrance test. However University reserves the right to conduct entrance test and/or interview for such candidates.
- f. Reservation of seats for SC/ ST/ PWD candidates shall be provided as per Govt. norms applicable from time to time.
- g. Full-time candidates with scholarship coming on study leave must show proof of at least 3 years study leave before being allowed to register after the selection.
- h. In case an eligible degree does not bear the awards in marks percent, the following Conversion Formula will be used to convert CGPA into percentage of marks:



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Percentage of Marks = CGPA x 10, on 10-Point Scale.

- i. The minimum prescribed percentage will be based on the marks obtained in aggregate of all the years/ semesters of the qualifying examination as per the weightage followed by the concerned University.
- j. All Non-GATE/Non-NET/Non-GPAT qualified candidates have to qualify a M. Phil./Ph.D. entrance exam of the University. However, P.G students who were admitted to P.G. Courses on basis of such scores may be exempted from the M. Phil./Ph.D. entrance exam.
- k. For admission to M. Phil./Ph.D. Programmes in Pharmacy / Science / Humanities / Management, etc. if the candidate does not have a NET Fellowship (UGC/ CSIR) / GATE/GPAT Score valid for the current year in relevant area, the candidate has to qualify the M. Phil./Ph.D. Entrance Test of the institute.
- l. Only the predetermined number of students may be admitted to any M. Phil./Ph.D. programme. As per the provisions of the UGC Regulations, Ph.D. program will not be conducted through distance education mode.
- m. If a candidate seeks to be admitted to the Ph.D. degree in a subject other than the one in which he has obtained his Master's or equivalent degree, the Research Advisory Committee concerned shall consider the registration of such a candidate, taking into account the relationships of his chosen topic to the courses he has already done also its inter disciplinary aspects, if any.
- n. In such a case of M. Phil./Ph.D. in interdisciplinary subject the supervisor shall be of a department in which synopsis of thesis is submitted and co-supervisor of related department may be appointed by the President in consultation with the supervisor.

University may change/amend eligibility criteria time to time depending upon the legal requirements of UGC/State Government/Indian Judiciary.