



Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women

(Deemed to be University under Category 'A' by MHRD, Estd. u/s 3 of UGC Act 1956)

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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

M.Phil. Degree Programme

Revised Regulations with effect from July, 2019

1. PREAMBLE

The Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) is awarded to a candidate who, as per these regulations, has submitted a thesis on the basis of original and independent research in any particular discipline or involving more than one discipline (inter-disciplinary) that makes a contribution to the advancement of knowledge, which is approved by the Board of Examiners as required.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The candidates should have completed 10+2+3+2 years pattern or 11+1+3+2 years pattern of study or any other equivalent stream of study in any one of the recognized Universities before being admitted to the M.Phil. programme.

2.1. Marks required

Not less than 55 per cent marks for a candidate who is qualified for the Master's Degree of the same or related subjects.

5.51 in a 10.00 grade point scale under CBCS, is eligible to register for the M.Phil. Degree Programme, in the respective area of specialization at Master's Degree level.
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Not less than 50 per cent marks for a candidate who is qualified for the Master's Degree prior to 19.09.1991.

SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer / differently abled) candidates are given 5 per cent relaxation from the prescribed minimum marks, from 55% to 50%.

3. COURSES OFFERED UNDER M.PHIL. PROGRAMME

Schools	Courses
Home Science	1. Resource Management 2. Food Service Management and Dietetics 3. Food Science and Nutrition 4. Textiles and Clothing 5. Human Development 6. Home Science Extension Education 7. Biotextiles 8. Women's Studies
Physical Sciences and Computational Sciences	9. Mathematics 10. Physics 11. Chemistry 12. Computer Science
Biosciences	13. Botany 14. Zoology 15. Biochemistry 16. Biotechnology 17. Bioinformatics
Arts and Social Sciences	18. Economics 19. Tamil 20. English 21. Hindi 22. Music 23. Counselling Psychology
Education	24. Education 25. Special Education
Commerce and Management	26. Business Administration 27. Commerce 28. Tourism Management

4. DURATION

The duration of the M.Phil. programme shall be one academic year consisting of two semesters. The programme shall commence from **August** of each year.

5. PROGRAMME OF STUDY

M.Phil. Programme Part - I shall consist of three courses (given below) and Part - II consists of Dissertation. Final Examination for Part - I shall be conducted in **January / February** each year. The second semester shall commence from February and the submission of M.Phil. dissertation will be at the end of **July each year** and subsequently final Viva-Voce for the Dissertation (Part II) will be conducted.

6. SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS

6.1. Part-I - Written Examination-Papers I, II and III

Course I : Research Methodology (shall consist of five units) – Common to candidates belonging to one or more departments

Course II : Advanced Paper in the Discipline (shall consist of five units) – Common to all the candidates in a particular discipline

Course III : Special Paper (shall consist of five units) – Pertaining to the area of specialization chosen by the candidate under the guide

For each course, 60% of marks would be allotted for the continuous internal evaluation / assessment (CIA) and the remaining 40% would be allotted for the end semester Examination.

6.2. The following components shall be adopted for CIA

I	Two Tests	(2 x 10)	20 Marks
II	Two Assignments	(2 x 10)	20 Marks
III	Two Seminars	(2 x 10)	20 Marks
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			60 Marks

The duration of examination and the maximum marks for each written paper shall be 3 hours and 100 marks respectively.

6.3. Dissertation under Part-II :

The research area of the dissertation shall be intimated within one month after the completion of the written examination. Each candidate shall be required to choose a research project under a supervisor / guide and submit the dissertation incorporating the results of her investigation and required to submit the dissertation at the end of one year after registration. Progress report has to be submitted by the candidate every six months. The format for the same is given in **Appendix A**.

Ordinarily the M.Phil dissertation shall not exceed **120 pages** including tables, illustrations, bibliography and appendices. The title page of the thesis, cover, format etc., should be strictly in the format of presentation as prescribed (**Appendix B**) and the thesis (two copies) should carry a declaration by the candidate (**Appendix C1**) and certificate (**Appendix C2**). Thesis submission is by the end of July. Extension for submission of M.Phil. dissertation period will be granted upto a maximum period of 12 months on payment of a penalty of ₹ 1000 /- for the first six months and ₹ 1000 /- for the next six months.

The maximum marks for the dissertation shall be **400**.

The submission of dissertation shall be once in a year (31st of July every year). The dissertation submitted by the candidate shall be valued by two examiners of whom one will be the supervisor and the other, an expert within or outside the State in the field of specialization. Each examiner has to give a detailed report of the dissertation apart from a duly filled in Proforma for adjudication in the format in **Appendix D**. The examiners shall report on the merit of the candidate as per the terms of the marks.

Total marks secured in Dissertation & Viva-Voce	Classification
75 percent and above	Highly Commended (> 300 marks)
50-74 percent	Commended (200 - 299 marks)
Below 50 percent (Failed)	Not Commended

The viva- voce examination will be attended by a representative from the Research Advisory Committee, all faculty members of the department and other research scholars.

If one examiner commends the dissertation and other examiner does not commend, the Vice Chancellor may refer to a third examiner and the third valuation shall be final.

If any examiner has in his/her report made some comments and suggested corrections/modification/alterations and asked the candidate to carry out the same in the dissertation, then the candidate will be informed accordingly through the Supervisor.

Dissertation should not be hard bound and it should have a **thin and flexible cover**. Two copies with soft binding and one CD have to be submitted to the Controller of Examinations. Prior to the submission of the dissertation / thesis, the scholar should make a presentation in the Department which is open to all faculty members and research scholars. The scholars shall present at least one research paper in a Conference / Seminar and publish one research article in the UGC listed journal.

6.4. Passing minimum

The requirement for a candidate to be declared successful in the M.Phil. degree examination shall be as follows:

- ★ A minimum of **50 percent** in each of the written papers and dissertation, in both internal and external assessments.
- ★ The candidate who does not satisfy the above condition shall be declared as 'failed' in the particular course(s) or dissertation under Part-II. The results thus obtained shall also be classified.

6.5. Attendance

Attendance of 80 percent is minimum each for writing the Part-I courses and submission of Part-II dissertation.

6.6. Restriction in the number of attempts

All candidates admitted to the M.Phil. programmes shall be required to complete the course work prescribed by the Department during the initial one or two semesters.

6.7. Classification of successful candidates

The candidates who passed written papers and dissertation in their first attempt shall be classified as follows:

Total marks secured in written papers and dissertation (Total 700 marks)	Classification
75 percent and above	I Class with distinction
60 - 74 percent	I Class
50 - 59 percent	II Class

Candidates who pass the programme in more than one attempt shall be declared to have completed the programme under II Class.

7. SUPERVISOR FOR RESEARCH

Every scholar registered for M.Phil programme shall work under the continuous supervision of a recognized Supervisor.

A Supervisor shall not guide her immediate or close relative and to this effect she shall furnish a declaration in the column provided in the application form for admission.

7.1. Qualification and recognition

Any regular Professor of the Institution (Deemed to be University) with research publications in refereed journals and any regular Associate / Assistant Professor of the Institution (Deemed to be University) with a Ph.D. degree and research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor, recommended by the Research Advisory Committee of the Institute and approved by the Academic Council.

7.2. Number of candidates under a Supervisor

The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Department concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor recommended in the UGC guidelines, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interest of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview. The number of M.Phil. Scholars for each Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and a Professor will be decided as per UGC guidelines.

8. CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE

An M.Phil. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation / thesis.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR M.Phil. PROGRAMME

Candidates desirous of doing the M.Phil. Programme offered in this Institute should apply for the same in the prescribed application form which may be obtained from the Registrar, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore – 641 043, at a cost of ₹ 500/- by cash, in person or by post or downloaded from the website (along with online payment of application fee) or by sending a Demand Draft of a Nationalized Bank drawn in favour of **The Registrar, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women**, payable at Indian Bank, Coimbatore - 641 043. Requisition should clearly indicate the programme (M.Phil.) for which the application is required. **For SC/ST candidates the application shall be issued for ₹ 250/- on production of two copies of community certificate duly attested by a Gazetted Officer with superscription as “for SC/ST Candidates only” made on such application forms.**

1.0. ADMISSION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS / NON-RESIDENTIAL INDIANS (NRIs)

1.1. Programmes of study and eligibility requirements

Applications of foreign nationals / NRIs nominated by the Government of India under scholarship scheme self-financial or foreign national shall be entertained for the M.Phil. programme of the Institute.

Foreign nationals shall appear through online mode for interview or entrance tests. They should have passed the equivalent qualification examinations from an Indian or Foreign University / Institution.

1.1.1. All the foreign nationals have to fulfil the following conditions :

- ★ They should submit their application along with the processing fee prescribed
- ★ They should hold a valid foreign nation passport with visa
- ★ The application of scholarship holder should be routed through Government
- ★ They should have adequate knowledge of English

1.1.2. At the time of Admission

They should have valid residential permit in India granted for studies or a student visa for the prescribed duration of the concerned programme.

2. HOW TO APPLY?

Candidates should submit their applications on or before **10th of July**. Admission to M.Phil. programme shall be completed in the month of July every year.

The application form, complete in all respects, should be submitted to the **Registrar, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore – 641043**, on or before the stipulated date. The application should be submitted along with the attested xerox copies of the following certificates :

1. Mark/Grade certificate of the qualifying PG programmes
2. Provisional / Degree certificates of the UG and PG programmes
3. Transfer certificate, conduct certificate (issued by the Institution in which last studied) and migration certificate wherever applicable.

4. Community Certificate from the relevant government departments of the respective states in the case of SC / ST / OBC and Denotified Tribes (two attested copies) and in case of OBC, recent certificate as per Government of India norms to be produced.

3.0. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Entrance test for admission to M.Phil Programme

An entrance examination and interview will be administered for all the applicants and the performance in these will be taken into account along with the marks scored in the PG programme. Entrance test qualifying marks shall be 100. The syllabus of the Entrance test shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology and 50% shall be subject specific. After Entrance test, an Interview will be conducted in which the candidates are required to discuss their research area / interest through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee. The marks secured in written test and interview will be added to the marks obtained in the PG degree examinations and the rank list will be prepared accordingly. Candidates who possess UGC / CSIR / JRF will be exempted from appearing for the entrance test.

The candidates selected for admission to M.Phil. programme in the Institute shall submit their original Transfer Certificate / Migration Certificate, Conduct Certificate (issued by the Institution in which last studied), Statement of Marks and Provisional / Degree Certificates of PG Degree Programme.

The list of selected candidates will be uploaded in the Institute website. The Registrar will issue the provisional registration card on payment of the prescribed fee.

APPENDIX - A

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE M.Phil. PROGRAMME

[To be submitted once in six months by the candidates]

- ★ The progress reports shall be submitted by the candidate in triplicate, to the Supervisor accompanied by a report by the candidate about the work carried out during the period of this report (in about 300 words) duly signed by the candidate and countersigned by the Supervisor.
 - ★ The Supervisor shall fill her part, sign it and get it countersigned by the Head of the Department of the Supervisor.
1. Particulars about the candidate
 - [a] Name :
Roll No. :
 - [b] Period of the report :
 2. Registration Details
 - [a] Category of registration : Full-time
 - [b] Date of provisional registration
with University reference :
 - [c] Whether the provisional
Registration has been confirmed : Yes / No
(If yes, give reference)
 3. Particulars of the Supervisor(s)
 - [a] Name :
 - [b] Designation :
 - [c] Institution(s) where employed :
 4. Name of Department / Institution
where research is conducted :

5. Area of work and tentative title of the proposed thesis :
 6. Details of the progress
 - [a] Whether the candidate's report in triplicate is enclosed? : Yes / No
 - [b] Whether papers have been published? : Yes / No
(if yes, furnish details)
 - [c] Whether seminars/conferences attended? : Yes / No
 - [d] Whether the prescribed course work has been completed? : Yes / No
If yes, how many?
 7. Whether the tuition fee has been paid for the years? : Yes / No
 8. Whether the registration fee has been paid? : Yes / No
- Date : Signature of the Candidate
9. Remarks of the supervisor.
 - [a] Attendance : Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory
 - [b] Progress : Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory
 - [c] Expected time of completion :
 10. Whether the Supervisor agrees with the scholar's report?
If yes, give details :
- Date : Signature of the Supervisor
- Place : Signature of the HOD
- Signature of the Dean

APPENDIX – B

Model for Cover and Title of the M.Phil. Thesis

TITLE OF THE THESIS

Thesis submitted in

Partial Fulfilment of the

Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)

By

(Name of the Candidate)

Roll No. _____

(Name of the Department)

(Name of the Institution)

(Name of the Place)

(Month and Year)

Note: Cover page colour- Silver Grey, do not place any photos

APPENDIX – C1

DECLARATION

I declare that the dissertation entitled _____
submitted by me for the degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)
is the record of work carried out by me during the period from _____
to _____ under the guidance of _____
and has not formed the basis for
the award of any Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship, Titles
in this University or any other University or other similar institution
of Higher Learning.

Signature of the Candidate

APPENDIX – C2

CERTIFICATE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I certify that the dissertation entitled _____
submitted for the degree of Master
of Philosophy (M.Phil.) by _____ is the record
of research work carried out by her during the period from _____
to _____ under my guidance and supervision, and that this
work has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree, Diploma,
Associateship, Fellowship or other Titles in this University or any
other University or institution of Higher Learning.

Signature of the Supervisor with designation

APPENDIX - D

PROFORMA FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE M.Phil. DISSERTATION

1. Name of the candidate :
2. Title of the Dissertation :
3. Discipline and subject :
4. Name and address
of the examiner :
5. Recommendations
of the examiner :
(Please strike out whichever
are not applicable)
 - [a] Thesis is highly commended (> 300 marks out of 400)
or
 - [b] Thesis is commended (200 - 299 marks out of 400)
or
 - [c] Thesis is commended and the degree may be awarded
subject to the candidate's furnishing satisfactory
clarification to my queries during the Viva-voce
Examination.
or
 - [d] Thesis is commended and the degree may be awarded
subject to the condition that the corrections / modification
suggested by me are carried out in the thesis and duly
certified by the Supervisor – Convener before the Viva-
voce Examination.

or

[e] Thesis to be resubmitted after revision for revaluation.

or

[f] Thesis is not commended and the degree may not be awarded.

Note: Please enclose your detailed report on the thesis. Please also enclose a list of questions, if any, to be asked at the Viva-voce Examination.

6. Any other remarks

Place :

Date :

(Signature of the Examiner with Designation)

Address :