

Annexure III

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS Revised Regulations for the Degree of D.Sc. / D.Litt. / LL.D (Effective date of Approval of Senate)

D.Sc. : Common to all Faculties of Science, Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Agriculture and Veterinary Science

D.Litt. : Common to all Faculties of Arts, Teaching, Commerce and Oriental Learning

LL.D : To Faculty of Law

1. PREAMBLE:

The Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.), Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) and Doctor of Law (L.L.D), the highest degree of the University of Madras, are 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, that makes a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in a particular topic or area, which is approved by Board of examiners as required. It should not be just a collection of research works of the candidate in a subject or discipline. The regulations framed is subject to modification from time to time by the competent University Authorities of this University.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. A candidate seeking admission to D.Sc./D.Litt./L.L.D programme of the University, must have pursued outstanding post-doctoral research in the concerned discipline and obtained the minimum qualifications required for admission as mentioned below.
- 2.2. The candidate must have obtained a Ph.D. or an equivalent degree from this University or from any Indian University recognised by the UGC or Foreign University in the world ranking(QS, Times Higher Education, Shanghai) recognised by the UGC/AIU.
- 2.3. The candidate shall have 10 years of Teaching/Research experience after obtaining Ph.D. degree
- 2.4. A minimum of THIRTY research papers for D.Sc and TWENTY papers for D.Litt/L.L.D in the UGC listed research journals with high impact factor or highly reputed journals in the area of his/her research. In subject like Indian Languages, candidate should have TEN journal articles in the UGC listed journals and TEN books published by reputed publishers. Further candidate should be the first author/corresponding author in these publications.

3. ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1. A candidates who are eligible for admission to D.Sc., D.Litt., LL.D degree as per section (2) above shall apply to the University in the prescribed application form in the month of June (1st - 31st June) every year with required documents as given in the application form along with application fee of Rs. 5000/-.
- 3.2. The Candidate must submit five copies of detailed synopsis of about 1500 to 3000 words on the proposed theme of research as per format given in the application form- showing how far his/ her work is original and is contributed to the advancement of knowledge, and its applicability to solve societal problem.

- 3.3 A Research Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor consisting of following members shall scrutinize the applications of the candidates and make recommendation for admission before end of July every year:
- Dean (Research) or Dean (Academic) or Dean (Student)
 - Director (Research Schemes & Projects or a Senior Professor in the relevant subject)
 - A Subject Expert (Chairman, Board of Studies (BoS) in the concern subject or a Senior Professor in the relevant subject)
 - The committee will evaluate the quality of the publications at the time of scrutiny.
- 3.4 The candidates whose application is recommended by the Research Committee for admission will be intimated and the candidate must registrar for the degree of D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D with completed application form for Registration with required documents original and a photocopy to the University with a registration fee prescribed by the Syndicate of the University of Madras within one month from the date of intimation of admission. The admission must be completed by August 31.
- 3.5 The Candidate shall submit the thesis after one year from the date of registration and before the completion of two years. A further period of one year extension can be obtained by submitting the prescribed fee by the Syndicate with application and a progress report of five pages. Under any circumstance no extension time for the submission of thesis will be given more than three years.
- 3.6 The Candidate shall submit the on-line continuation of Registration in the month of July every year and failing which the admission will be cancelled. The candidate has to apply again following the admission procedure and will be treated as new candidate.
- 3.7 The thesis should be on a particular topic or theme and content should be interconnected. The author should establish a collection of previously published papers cannot form the thesis unless (b) The Candidate shall state in his/her application the special subject on which he/she bases his/her qualification for the Doctorate. The topic of D.Sc / D.Litt / LL. D thesis may be related to his/her doctoral work or an interdisciplinary area of research. The thesis submitted for the Ph. D Degree or any other equivalent previous degree, shall not form part of the D.Sc / D.Litt. / LL.D, thesis.

4. **DECLARATION, PREFACE AND NOTES**

- 4.1 The thesis shall be accompanied by a declaration in the prescribed format signed by the candidate. The candidate shall certify the thesis is based on the authors original research work and has not previously formed the basis for the award of any Degree such as Masters Degree or Ph.D Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship or other similar title. No part of the thesis should be based on the author's published or unpublished PG, M.Phil and Ph.D or any other degree thesis or dissertation or project report.
- 4.2 The candidate shall indicate generally in a preface to his/her thesis and specially in notes the sources from which the material is taken and the extent to which he/she has availed himself/herself of the work of others; he/she shall also state in what respect his/her investigations appear to his/her to tend to the advancement of science or otherwise form a valuable contribution to the literature of the subject dealt with.

5. **SUBMISSION OF THESIS**

- 5.1 Six copies of the thesis along with a pen drive or CD containing the thesis in MS Word and in PDF for as perscribed in the application for submission of D.Sc., D.Litt. and L.L.D thesis must be submitted along with a prescribed fee as decided by the Syndicate

- 5.2 The thesis must be accompanied with one copy of Ph.D thesis
- 5.3 The candidate must submit one volume containing (i) copies of the author's published papers/ copies of the books which form part of the D.Sc., D.Litt. and L.L.d thesis and (ii) other papers published by the author independently or jointly in the UGC listed journals.

6. EVALUATION OF D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D THESIS

- 6.1 The Evaluation of D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D thesis is carried out in two stages namely screening and evaluation.
- 6.2 **Examiners Panel:** A Screening panel with six subject experts (3 from North India and 3 from South India) from Universities with NAAC grade A+ and above and nine subject experts (six from foreign countries and 3 from India excluding Tamil Nadu) will be obtained from the Chairman PG Board of Studies or a Professor in the Subject.
- 6.3 **Screening:** A copy of the Ph.D. thesis and the publications out of the thesis along with D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D thesis will be sent to two examiners in the screening panel (one from North India and another one from South India preferably not from Tamil Nadu) so as to compare and check how different and original is the D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D thesis/papers. Only if both the Examiners in the Screening panel recommend that D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D thesis is original and not forms part of the Ph.D, then the thesis will be considered for evaluation. Otherwise the thesis will be rejected at the screening stage itself and the rejected thesis will not be reconsidered under any circumstances. The Experts who screen the thesis will also be asked to submit a panel of 9 names (six from foreign and 3 from India excluding Tamil Nadu) for valuation of the thesis.
- 6.4 **Evaluation:** The thesis, together with any other contributions and papers submitted, shall be referred by the Board of three Examiners which consists three examiners (Two foreign and one Indian). The examiners will be selected from the panel of examiners submitted by the Chairman. Board of Studies or the Subject Expert and the two Screening examiners in such a way that the foreign examiners shall not be from the same country and the Indian examiner is from outside Tamil Nadu.
- 6.5 The Examiners will be requested to evaluate the thesis and to recommend as either commended or not commended for the award of the Degree with a detailed report highlighting the contribution of the candidate. The examiners will also requested to state whether any part of the thesis copied any portion from the candidate's Ph.D thesis. If the D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D thesis contains copied material from the previous Ph.D thesis of the candidate, then the thesis will be summarily rejected. The reports of the thesis must be sent to the Controller of Examinations. The candidate may be asked to give a reply if the examiners specifically raise questions and seeks a reply form the candidate.
- 6.6 The Dean (Research) will be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as the CONVENER for consolidating the reports along with a subject expert, which will be placed before the Syndicate. There is no viva-voce examination.
- 6.7 The degree will be awarded with the approval of the Syndicate if all the three examiners unanimously recommend the thesis for the award of the degree. If any one of the Examiners is not recommending the thesis for the award of degree, then the thesis will be summarily rejected. The decision of the Syndicate will be informed to the candidate.