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REGULATIONS FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) IN LAW PROGRAMME **with effect from 2022-2023 Academic Session.**

I. INTRODUCTION

01. Madhusudan Law University lays down the Regulations governing the conditions for imparting courses of instructions, conduct of examinations and the evaluation of performance of the candidates enrolled for the Doctor of Philosophy (herein after referred to as the Ph.D. Degree) in Law.
02. These Regulations shall be called the Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Law programme and shall be effective from the Academic Session 2022-2023 and shall come into force from the date of approval by the Academic Council/Syndicate of the University and further notified.

II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Subject to conditions stipulated in these Regulations, the following persons are eligible to seek admission into the Ph.D. programme of the University.

01. Candidates for admission into Ph.D. programme in Law should possess a Masters Degree in Law from any recognized University with at least 55% of marks in aggregate or equivalent grade.
02. Candidates belonging to SC/ST/Differently – Abled categories or other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time shall be given a relaxation of 5% of marks at Masters Degree in Law level.
03. Candidates who have obtained their Masters Degree in Law prior to 19th September, 1991 shall also be given a relaxation of 5% of marks at Masters Degree level.
04. A differently – Abled candidate belonging to any reserved category (SC/ST) cannot avail the double benefit of being SC/ST as well as Differently – Abled.

05. In-service candidates shall have to submit a no-objection certificate from their employer, failing which their application will be rejected. A copy of the same shall have to be submitted at the time of Registration if he is selected to enroll his/her name for the Ph.D. programme.
06. As a part of the faculty improvement programme, the Vice-Chancellor may permit the faculty members of the University to enroll for the Ph.D. programme along with the teaching assignment of the concerned faculty with the condition that teaching and other responsibilities of the faculty member are not hampered in any way provided that the such faculty members fulfill the conditions prescribed in these Regulations.

III. NOTIFICATION

01. Notification for admission into Ph.D. programme in Law shall be issued by the Chairman, Post-Graduate Council/Head of the Department depending upon availability of the Research supervisors.
02. The notification regarding number of seats available, date of entrance test, qualifying marks, eligibility criteria etc. shall be completed well in advance in the University website and also through in national news papers at least one shall be in the regional language.
03. The notification may be made preferably in the month of January/June every year depending upon the availability of seats inviting applications from desirous candidates for admission into Ph.D. programme scheduled to start from the month of February/July of that year.

IV. RESERVATION OF SEATS

01. 16.25% of the total number of available seats shall be reserved for SC candidates, 22.50% for the ST candidates and 3% for the differently – Abled candidates.
02. 2% of the total number of Ph.D. to be enrolled/offered in a year as per the notification will be made available for the persons of excellence from the fields of Administrative/Judicial Service of the State. The persons of excellence include judges of the High Court, Judges of the Supreme Court and Persons belonging to

Indian Administrative Service / Indian Police Service / Indian Revenue Service / Allied Officers and the Administrative / Police / Revenue Officers of the State with LL.M. Degree and having minimum ten years of experience.

03. In case of such persons, the University Research Committee (URC) shall take a final decision in the selection of the scholars in this regard after receiving applications in the prescribed format from them.
04. In case of any vacancy arising out of non-availability of reserved category candidates, the vacant seats shall be filled up by the candidates belonging to the General category.

V. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

01. Ph.D. programme in Law shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.
02. Extension of two years (one Year at a time) may be granted to a scholar under exceptional circumstance on the recommendation of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) by the Department Research Committee.
03. The women candidates and the Differently – Abled persons (with more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for the Ph.D. programme in the maximum duration. In addition to this, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave / Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. programme for a maximum period of 240 days. However, such candidates shall be allowed maximum eight years for submission of thesis from the date of their registration.

VI. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

01. As mentioned earlier, the Chairman, P. G. Council/Head of the Department shall notify inviting applications from the eligible candidates for admission into Ph.D. programme.
02. There shall be one semester of six months duration in a year for the Ph.D. programme, namely July to December.
03. This one semester includes course work, seminar presentation, examination etc.

04. A candidate may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme at the beginning of the semester subject to the results of the qualifying examination and eligibility criteria laid down in these Regulations.

05. The candidates shall submit the duly filled in application form to the Chairman, P. G. Council on or before the last date mentioned in the advertisement.

06. The Chairman, P. G. Council/Head of the Department shall forward the applications so received to the Chairman, Department Research Committee for further course of action.

VII. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

01. A candidate who has passed the qualifying examination with requisite percentage of marks as prescribed in clause – II of these Regulations is eligible for admission into Ph.D. programme of the University if she/he clears the Entrance Test conducted by the University at its level.

02. (a) All admissions into the Ph.D. programme of this University will be through an Entrance Test to be known as Research Eligibility Test (RET) and the same shall be held in three stages as mentioned below :

- i) Test in Research Methodology.
- ii) Test in specific subjects of Law.
- iii) Viva-Voce Test.

(b) The first two tests will be conducted on a single day at the Nodal Centre(s) and the Viva-Voce test will be held in the Department of the University on a date to be notified after the publication of the result of the entrance test.

03. Details regarding conduct of entrance test and viva-voce are enumerated in clause- X and XI respectively of these Regulations.

VIII. EXEMPTIONS

The following category of candidates are exempted from appearing the entrance test.

01. A candidate who is qualified in a National Level Test such as National Eligibility Test, NET/JRF, conducted / accredited by University Grants Commission.
02. A candidate who is a teacher fellowship holder from any institution recognized by Government of India / UGC.
03. Recipient of INSPIRE Fellowship, Maulana Azad Fellowship, UGC National Fellowship for SC, ST and OBC candidates and/or such other research fellowships awarded by the state and the central funding agencies.
04. Candidates who have passed M.Phil (Law) from any recognized University provided that their admission in M.Phil (Law) has been through an entrance examination and they have undertaken course work has been prescribed in these Regulations with Research Methodology as a paper.
05. The persons of excellence as mentioned in Clause-IV of these Regulations. [Such persons are also exempted from doing the course work as mentioned in these Regulations.]

IX. NODAL CENTRE

01. For all practical purposes pertaining to the Ph.D. programme of the University, P. G. Department of Law of Madhusudan Law University shall be the sole Nodal Centre.
02. If the University deems fit, it may declare one or more affiliated law colleges, affiliated to this University where P. G. teaching is available as Nodal Centres for the conduct of entrance test.

X. ENTRANCE TEST

01. The eligible candidates will have to appear at an Entrance Test to be conducted by the P. G. Council of the University as per the notification and schedule as mentioned in Clause – III of these regulations.
02. No separate or individual intimation in this connection shall be sent to the candidates.
03. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology and 50% shall be subject specific.

04. The subject means different areas of Law i.e. all major subjects of law like Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Law of Torts, Law of Contract, Human Rights Law, Law on Intellectual Property Rights, Environmental Law, International Law, Administrative Law, etc.
05. The entrance test shall comprise of two parts one multiple choice questions (MCQs) and the other short answers carrying 200 marks. There shall be 100 multiple choice questions out of which 50 from Research Methodology and 50 from specific subjects of law mentioned above. Each question shall carry two marks.
06. A candidate has to secure at least 100 marks for further consideration i.e. eligible to appear the viva-voce test. Relaxation of 5% of marks for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Differently abled category shall be given for clearing the Research Eligibility Test.
07. No scrutiny/revaluation of the answer books of the Research Eligibility Test shall be allowed.

XI. VIVA-VOCE TEST

01. After successful completion of the Entrance Test, the candidates securing minimum qualifying marks (i.e. 50% of the total marks) shall be called to attend a viva-voce test to be conducted at the P. G. Department.
02. All the candidates who are exempted from appearing the entrance test except the persons of excellence are also required to appear the viva-voce test.
03. The date for the viva-voce test along with the names of successful candidates eligible to attend the viva-voce will be uploaded in the University website. Intimation through e-mail provided by the candidates will also be sent to attend the viva-voce test.
04. In the viva-voce, the candidates are required to discuss their research interest / area through a presentation (through power point) before the duly constituted Department Research Committee.
05. For the purpose, as mentioned above the candidate will present a research proposal wherein he is required to provide a title, objective, methodology of research and the likely contribution to the existing knowledge/literature.

06. It is not necessary that the proposed research proposal may actually be the work/area of research to be carried out by the candidate if she/he is selected to register for Ph.D.

07. The Department Research Committee while conducting the viva-voce test, is expected to consider the following aspects i.e. whether –

- i) The candidate is competent enough to carry on the proposed research.
- ii) The research work can suitably be undertaken at the Nodal Centre/ Department, and
- iii) The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

XII. MERIT LIST

01. The final Merit List of the successful candidates shall be prepared by the Department/Nodal Centre on the basis of the recommendation of the Department Research Committee (DRC) after the viva-voce is over.

02. While preparing the merit list, a weightage of 70% to the written test and 30 percent to the performance in the admission interview shall be given.

03. The number of candidates to be selected for admission into the Ph.D. programme shall be determined on the basis of the Merit List prepared, total existing vacancies as mentioned in the admission notification.

XIII. ADMISSION

01. The list of candidates selected for admission along with wait listed candidates shall be sent by the Head of the Department to the Chairman, P. G. Council for approval of the Vice-Chancellor. The list of selected and wait listed candidates shall also be displayed in the University website.

02. After approval from the Vice-Chancellor, intimation for admission shall be sent to the selected candidates through registered e-mail by the Head of the Department. Intimation through Speed post / Registered post may also be sent to the selected candidates. Such letters shall also be uploaded in the website of the University.

03. The selected candidates are required to take admission within the due date mentioned in the intimation letter by paying the requisite fee at the Nodal Centre(s)/Department.
04. Process of admission is completed when a candidate deposits her/his prescribed fees for Ph.D. Registration within the stipulated date.
05. The Head of the Department shall send the complete list of admitted candidates alongwith necessary details to the Chairman, P. G. Council with a copy to the Dean, Faculty of Legal Studies and to the Controller of Examinations.
06. The records of the candidates in the Merit List of both Research Eligibility Test and candidates admitted directly along with their application forms shall be maintained by the Department/Nodal Centre.
07. After the admission process is over the Department Research Committee shall allot a supervisor to the candidate.
08. Every candidate shall be registered only at the beginning which shall continue till the candidate submits her/his thesis for adjudication.

XIV. STATUS OF REGISTERED CANDIDATES

There shall be provision for following three categories of registration to the candidates willing to register for Ph.D. programme under this University.

01. Full-Time Scholars with Fellowship :

- a) The University may offer scholarship to the candidates under this category subject to availability of funds and decision of the Academic Council as well as the Syndicate.
- b) If at all, it is permissible, the selected candidates shall be paid the fellowship as decided by the authorities for a period of maximum three years.
- c) Candidates with full time Fellowship are required to stay in the department in the working hours and also they are required to accept any assignment including teaching assignment allotted to her/him by the Head of the Department.

02. Full-Time Self-Sponsored :

- a) Enrollment for a full-time programme shall ordinarily mean a full-time.

- b) No fellowship/scholarship/stipend of any kind shall be provided to such candidates by the university.
- c) Such self-sponsored candidates are required to put minimum of three years residence out of which 18 months shall be in the University. During this period the candidate will be attached to a Supervisor and she/he is expected to assist the Department in teaching and any other assignment given to him by the Head of the Department.
- d) After these 18 months the candidate may carry on the research activities outside the University.

03. Part-Time Self-Sponsored :

- a) As mentioned in Clause-IV, the persons of excellence i.e. the Judges of the High Court, Judges of the Supreme Court can be permitted to carry on the research work on part-time basis.
- b) The judicial officers of the state having minimum 5 years of experience and having LL.M. Degree with minimum 55% of marks may also be permitted to conduct/carry on research on part-time basis.
- c) Further, Administrative, Police, Revenue and allied officers from the All India Service as well as from the state with LL.M. Degree may be allowed to carry on the research work on part-time basis.

04. However, all the three categories of candidates/Research Scholars are required to complete their research work and submit the thesis as per these Regulations within the stipulated period decided by the University.

05. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other Rules or Regulations, for the time being in force, the University shall not conduct Ph.D. programme through distance education mode.

XV. COURSE WORK

01. A candidate admitted to the Ph.D. programme, shall be required to undertake course work for a minimum period of six months and shall have to qualify as per the criteria prescribed.

02. For the purpose, the Head of the Department shall make a list of the candidates who are required to undergo the course work. Another list of the candidates who are exempted from undergoing the course work as mentioned in Clause-IV (the persons of Excellence) is also to be prepared by the Head of the Department. Both the lists are to be notified by the Head of the Department and a copy of the same is to be forwarded to the Chairman, P. G. Council and Controller of Examinations.

03. The Nodal Centre/P. G. Department of the University shall prepare the details of the courses, courses credits and other related matters which shall be approved by the Academic Council of the University.

04. The course structure so prepared by the Nodal Centre/P. G. Department shall consist of different courses including a paper on Research Methodology which may include Quantitative Methods and Computer Application, research ethics etc. It may also involve reviewing of Literature in the relevant field.

05. Further, the courses offered for the course work leading to Ph.D. programme may be lectures, design and self-study courses, short projects and seminars. Each of these courses shall be of at least Post-Graduate level.

06. Teaching/Credit Hours :

a) The credit of a course shall be based on teaching hours and contents of the course. Thus teaching shall be imparted at the rate of one hour per week per credit of each theory course.

07. Course Work Examination :

a) For each theory course, there shall be two internal assessment during the Semester which shall carry 40% of the weightage in total and the duration of each assessment shall be of two hours.

b) At the end of the Semester, there shall be a final examination in each course carrying 60% of the weightage. The duration of the examination for every course shall be of three hours.

c) The Nodal Centre/Department will conduct both the internal and final examinations.

08. Course Work Completion Certificate :

- a) On successful completion of the course work as per these Regulations, the Nodal Centre/Department shall issue a course work completion certificate to each candidate.
- b) Head of the Department shall sign the course work completion certification which shall be issued to the successful candidates.

XVI. PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

- i) The candidates who cleared the course work examination and the candidates who are exempted from doing the course work are eligible for registration into the Ph.D. Programme of the University.
- ii) Such candidates are required to apply for registration in the prescribed format of the University.
- iii) The dateline for application for registration will be as follows :
 - a) In case of candidates who successfully cleared the course work examination – 02 months from the date of admission.
 - b) In case of the candidates exempted from course work – 02 months from the date of admission.
- iv) In case any candidate fails to apply for registration within the stipulated dateline (as above), her/his application will not be considered.
- v) The application for registration shall contain the following :
 - a) A synopsis containing the area of the research, topic, title of the proposed research work, objective, methodology, literature review, research questions, reference etc.
 - b) The name, designation, qualification and publication details of the Research Supervisor allotted by the University.
 - c) The name, designation, qualification and publication details of the Co-Supervisor, if any.
 - d) The details of the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor are to be submitted in a separate prescribed sheet/format of the University.

- e) The endorsement of the Supervisor and the Co-Supervisor (if any) in the application form.
- f) A copy of the course work completion certificate issued by the Head of the Department.
- g) For the exempted category students, a certificate to that effect issued by the Head of the Department or the permission letter of the appropriate body.
- h) The requisite fee.
- i) The filled-in application with other supported documents and the synopsis showing the research proposal shall be submitted by the candidate in the office of the Head of the Department.

XVII. REGISTRATION

- a) After receiving the application from the selected candidates for registration, the Head of the Department shall notify a suitable date in consultation with the Chairman, Department Research Committee (DRC).
- b) The date so fixed shall be intimated to the candidate through e-mail provided in the application form. The intimation may also be sent through Speed post/Registered post.
- c) The candidate shall make herself/himself available on that date and present her/his Research proposal before the Department Research Committee (DRC) preferably through PPT mode.
- d) The Research Supervisor and the Co-Supervisor (if any) shall remain present during the presentation of Research proposal by the candidate/scholar. Accordingly they should be properly intimated by the Head of the Department/Chairman, Department Research Committee.
- e) The Department Research Committee (DRC) shall evaluate the research proposal presented by the candidate before it and if the DRC is satisfied with the presentation, then it may accept the proposal for registration.
- f) If the DRC is not satisfied with the presentation, it may ask the candidate to modify the proposal as per suggestions of the Members and after

incorporating all the recommendations the candidate will resubmit the proposal before the Chairman, DRC. The DRC may also recommend the candidate to come out with a new proposal which she/he shall submit in a later date to be fixed by the Head of the Department in consultation with the Chairman, DRC.

- g) As mentioned above, if the DRC is satisfied with the presentation, it will recommend the proposal for registration in the prescribed format and the Chairman, DRC shall forward the recommendation to the Controller of Examinations (CoE).
- h) After receiving the recommendation form the DRC, the Controller of Examinations (CoE) shall send the letter of registration to the concerned candidate with a copy to the Research Supervisor, Co-Supervisor (if any), Chairman, DRC, Head of the Department, concerned Sections and to the office of the Vice-Chancellor for his information.
- i) The list of all the candidates with the name of their Supervisors shall be displayed in the University website.
- j) The effective date of registration of the candidate shall be the date on which the candidate is admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the University. The date and registration number and other details shall be intimated by the Controller of Examinations through the intimation letter to the candidates.
- k) Extension of Registration :
 - i) As mentioned in Clause-V, the duration of the Ph.D. programme is six years from the date of registration. Hence, after six years, the registration will automatically lapse unless requested by the candidate for extension with due recommendation of the Research Supervisor.
 - ii) Such request for extension must be made six months before the lapse of the tenure which shall be placed before the Department Research Committee and if it is satisfied, then extension of registration may be allowed maximum for a period of two years (one year at a time).
 - iii) The candidate is required to deposit an extension fee alongwith the application for extension, as fixed by the University.

l) Cancellation of Registration :

- i) On the recommendation of the Department Research Committee (DRC), the registration of a candidate may be cancelled if the performance of the candidate is not satisfactory.
- ii) After the lapse of the tenure, unless extension is allowed, the registration of the candidate will be cancelled.
- iii) The registration of the candidate may also be cancelled by the University, at any time, if the conduct of the candidate is found to be unsatisfactory during her/his tenure of research.
- iv) If any disciplinary proceeding is initiated against the candidate by the University for any reason and after it the candidate is found guilty, the registration will also be cancelled.
- v) If the candidate fails to clear the dues of the University in time, the registration of the candidate will also be cancelled.

XVIII. CHANGE OF TITLE OF THE RESEARCH TOPIC

01. The title of the Research Proposal/Topic so approved by the DRC/University, shall be adhered to by the candidate till the submission of thesis.
02. Normally, the change of title is not allowed. However, if a candidate wishes to change her/his title of the thesis, she/he may be given one chance to change the title.
03. For the purpose, the candidate has to submit an application through the Research Supervisor to the Chairman, Department Research Committee at least before six months of submission of thesis. Such application should be approved by the Department Research Committee.
04. The candidate is also required to deposit the requisite fee at the University office alongwith the application.
05. The Department Research Committee (DRC) shall take a final decision regarding the change of title of the thesis so submitted by the candidate.

XIX. ALLOCATION AND CRITERIA OF RESEARCH SUPERVISORS

The following categories of persons may be declared to act as Research Supervisors, Co-Supervisors to guide the scholars registered for the Ph.D. programme of the University.

01. Any regular Professor of this University with Ph.D. Degree from a recognized University and with at least five research publications.
02. Any regular Associate Professor/Asst. Professor of this University with Ph.D. Degree from a recognized University and with at least two research publications in referred journals.
03. Full-time regular Professors with Ph.D. and five research publications in referred journals of colleges affiliated to this university.
04. Full-time regular Associate Professors/Readers/Assistant Professors/Lecturers having a Ph.D. Degree from a recognized University with two research publications in referred journals, of colleges affiliated to this University.
05. Only a full-time regular teacher of this University/Affiliated college (at least two years stay in the college) can act as a Research Supervisor.
06. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-Supervisors can be allowed in inter-disciplinary area from other departments from other universities/colleges with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC).
07. The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Department Research Committee (DRC) depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of viva-voce test.
08. The allotment of Supervisors should be made through mutual discussion by the Department Research Committee (DRC) within thirty days from the date of admission into Ph.D. programme.
09. A faculty member of the University who has two years of services before his retirement, can be allowed to supervise a research scholar and can continue to be the supervisor of already registered candidates even after her/his retirement provided the Department Research Committee is convinced of her/his availability for continued guidance to the candidate.

10. If the Department Research Committee feels that the services of the retired teachers of the university who has not attained the age of sixty five years can be taken as Research Supervisors, it can allow them provided the entire process of research work and examination is completed within the age limit of 70 years of the supervisor. Such supervisors, if taken, will be known as Honorary Faculties.
11. A Research Supervisor/Co-Supervisor, who is a Professor at any given point of time cannot guide more than 08 (eight) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor/Reader as Research Supervisor can guide upto 06 (six) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor/Lecturer can guide upto 04 (four) Ph.D. scholars as a Research Supervisor.
12. The persons mentioned above shall have to apply through the Dean/Head of the Department to the Controller of Examinations for recognition as Research Supervisors supported by documents that they fulfill the minimum requirements as mentioned above.
13. Recognized guides/Research Supervisors of the University/Affiliated colleges willing to act as Research Supervisors shall be required to submit their vacant positions to the Controller of Examinations and the Controller of Examinations shall forward the same to the Chairman, DRC with a copy to the Chairman, P. G. Council.
14. Taking in to consideration the vacant position of the Research Supervisors and other requirements as mentioned above, the Department Research Committee shall allot scholars to such supervisors.

XX. RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

01. There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each Ph.D. scholar under whose guidance the scholar is supposed to carry on her/his research work.
02. The following shall be the composition of the Research Advisory Committee :
 - i) Supervisor
 - ii) Two members recommended by the Supervisor
03. After the registration of the scholar and allocation of Research Supervisor is over, the Department Research Committee in its meeting shall approve the Research Advisory Committee of each scholar.

04. The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall have the following responsibilities.
- i) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;
 - ii) To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that she/he may have to do;
 - iii) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
05. The research scholar is to appear before the Research Advisory Committee once in a year to make a presentation of the progress of her/his work for evaluation and further guidance.
06. The Research Advisory Committee shall submit the annual progress report to the Chairman, DRC with a copy to the scholar.
07. In case, the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and shall suggest corrective measures to the scholar. In the next meeting, the scholar shall present his progress report along with incorporated suggestions made by the RAC.
08. If the Research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the Chairman, DRC with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.

XXI. CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR

01. The research scholar with consultation of the Supervisor may request the Chairman, Department Research Committee for change of her/his Supervisor or add a Co-Supervisor for valid reasons.
02. The Chairman, DRC in consultation with the Research Advisory Committee may place the matter before the Department Research Committee.
03. Based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee, the DRC shall consider the request of the scholar and take a decision accordingly.
04. In case of the absence of allotted supervisor for more than six months or upto one year, another supervisor shall be allotted by the Doctoral Research Committee in consultation with the Head of the Department.

05. In case the Supervisor leaving the University/College permanently or on deputation elsewhere or otherwise for a period of more than one year, the change of Supervisor shall be allowed and the DRC shall do the needful in this regard.
06. In case of death, termination/suspension from service of the Supervisor, the Department Research Committee shall take steps to allocate a new Research Supervisor to the scholar.
07. The decision so taken, along with the request letter of the scholar shall be sent to the Controller of Examinations with a copy to the Chairman, P. G. Council for information.

XXII. CONSTITUTION OF DEPARTMENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE (DRC)

01. The University shall have a Department Research Committee (DRC) to deal with all the matters/issues relating to research activities of the university and function as per these Regulations.
02. The DRC shall consist of the following :
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| i) | The Dean of the Faculty | - | Chairman |
| ii) | The Head of the Department | - | Member |
| iii) | All the Professors of the University | - | Members |
| iv) | Two Associate Professors of the University
on rotational basis | - | Members |
| v) | Two Asst. Professors having Ph.D., nominated
By the Head of the Department on rotation basis | - | Members |
| vi) | Three Professors nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
from other Universities | - | External Members |
03. For every candidate, the DRC will maintain a separate file and the same shall be sent to the Controller of Examinations who shall keep all records pertaining to the candidates progress.
04. Quorum : Fifty percent of the members with at least one external member either through offline or online mode shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Department Research Committee.

XXIII. PLACE OF RESEARCH

01. Normally the Post-Graduate Department of the University shall be the place of research for the research scholars.
02. The affiliated colleges which are recognized for offering Ph.D. programme shall also be considered as place of research provided they satisfy the availability of Research Supervisors, required infrastructure, supporting administrative and research promotion facility along with a well equipped library.
03. Post-Graduate Department of the affiliated colleges of this University with at least two Ph.D. qualified teachers and adequate facilities for research may be allowed to offer the Ph.D. programme.
04. Along with necessary facilities, the research centres/places of research are supposed to have adequate library resources including latest books, Indian and International journals, e-journals, wifi facility, extended working hours, computer facilities with required software and adequate space for research scholars.
05. Wherever possible/necessary, a Ph.D. scholar may be allowed to pursue her/his research in a Research Centre outside the Jurisdiction of this University on the recommendation of the Department Research Committee (DRC) and with due approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

XXIV. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

01. The Ph.D. programme culminates with the submission of thesis of a substantial work of original research carried out by the research scholar under the guidance of the Research Supervisor.
02. Before submission of thesis, the scholar is required to publish at least two research papers pertaining to her/his topic of research in referred journals.
03. Besides the publication in referred journals, the scholar is also required to make two seminar presentations on the area of her/his research before the Research Advisory Committee. During such presentation, all the faculty members may be invited by the Head of the Department/Chairman, RAC. The feedback/ recommendations if any

from them shall be incorporated by the scholar in the draft thesis to be presented in the pre-submission seminar.

04. At any time, after two years of the admission of the scholar in to the Ph.D. programme, a registered scholar can submit her/his thesis before the Chairman, Department Research Committee.
05. On completion of the research work and completion of the seminar presentations, the research scholar is required to present the work incorporated in the thesis in a pre-submission seminar, at least before six months of the final submission of the thesis. Accordingly, the scholar through his guide shall intimate the Chairman, DRC about the presentation. The Chairman, DRC shall intimate the Controller of Examinations about the pre-submission seminar.
06. On receiving the information from the Research Supervisor, the Chairman, DRC shall arrange a pre-submission seminar for the scholar in consultation with the Research Supervisor of the scholar. The pre-submission seminar shall be open to faculty members. Feedbacks/comments if any, received from them, shall be incorporated in the thesis by the scholar with due consultation with the Supervisor.
07. If the DRC is satisfied with the pre-submission seminar of the scholar, the Chairman, DRC shall forward the application of the scholar for final submission of the thesis along with a certificate about satisfactory completion of the pre-submission seminar.
08. The research scholar is required to submit the thesis within two months from the date of her/his pre-submission seminar.
09. The scholar shall submit with her/his thesis, a certificate from the Supervisor under whom she/he carried on the research work, that the work incorporated in the thesis is a record of original research work done by the scholar during the period of study under her/his supervision. Further, the scholar has to made a declaration in writing that the work incorporated in the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award to the scholar of any Degree, Diploma, Fellowship or other similar titles and the thesis represents her/his independent work.
10. The Supervisor and candidate shall certify that the thesis submitted is free from plagiarism and they shall submit a 'Similarity Report' tested with the "urkund" software.

11. The 'Similarity Test' of the thesis shall be done on a single file without Contents, References and Appendices. The cumulative similarity matching upto a maximum of 15% shall be permitted. Broadly the act of plagiarism will include all or any one of the following :
 - (a) Verbatim quotation without clear acknowledgement;
 - (b) Paraphrasing;
 - (c) Cutting and pasting from online sources;
 - (d) Collusion;
 - (e) Inaccurate citation and
 - (f) Failure to acknowledge.
12. The University is required to evolve a mechanism using well developed software and gadgets, preferably the "Urkund" software to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty.
13. The scholar is required to submit three hard copies (four hard copies if Co-Supervisor is there) and a soft copy of the thesis along with 10 hard copies of the abstract (500 words) and a soft copy of the abstract.
14. The final thesis and the abstract as mentioned above along with the requisite fee shall be submitted by the scholar in the office of the Controller of Examinations.
15. While submitting the final thesis, the scholar is also required to submit the following documents in the office of the Controller of Examinations :
 - i) Original registration letter.
 - ii) Original receipt of the provisional registration and confirmation of Ph.D. registration fees.
 - iii) Course-work completion certificate.
 - iv) Confirmation of the Ph.D. topic certificate.
 - v) Pre-submission presentation certificate issued by the Chairman, DRC.
 - vi) Copies of the two published research papers in referred journals.
 - vii) Evidence/proof of two seminar presentations from the research topic.
 - viii) Plagiarism/Similarity Test Report (10:90)
 - ix) Ten hard copies (500 words) and one soft copy of the abstract,(in the PDF format).

XXV. EVALUATION OF THESIS

01. After the pre-submission seminar of the scholar, the Supervisor shall submit a panel of eight examiners/subject experts from within the country for the consideration of the Department Research Committee. If the Supervisor, so feels, he may suggest a panel of two to four foreign examiners.
02. Before suggesting the names, the Supervisor shall obtain the consent of all members of the suggested panel with regard to inclusion of their names in the panel.
03. The Supervisor shall take utmost care while preparing the panel taking in to consideration their area of interest/specialization.
04. The panel of adjudicators should be finalized two months before the expected date of submission of the Ph.D. thesis and their consent obtained. The expected date should be communicated to the DRC by the Ph.D. student and/or her/his supervisor.
05. Present address complete in all aspects including E-mail Id, Contact number of all the panel members are to be submitted by the Supervisor.
06. The Department Research Committee in its meeting shall approve the Panel of Examiners suggested by the Supervisor and also the RAC. The DRC, if required, may also modify the panel. After approval of the panel, the same shall be sent to the Controller of Examinations for necessary action at his end.
07. The Board of Examiners shall consist of three members including the supervisor and two external members.
08. After receiving the panel of Examiners from the DRC, the Controller of Examinations shall place the list before the Vice-Chancellor for his approval.
09. After receiving the approval from the Vice-Chancellor, the Controller of Examinations shall contact the Board of Examiners through post or E-mail with a hard/soft copy of the abstract, as the case may be, to secure the acceptance of the examinership. The above exercise is to be completed by the Controller of Examinations maximum within a week from receiving the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.
10. The examiners consent via E-mail may be accepted by the Controller of Examinations.

11. If no communication is received within a period of fifteen days, a reminder may be sent and if no communication is received within fifteen days from the date of the reminder, his name may be cancelled and a new examiner shall be appointed from the panel of Examiners.
12. After receiving the consent from all the three examiners, the Controller of Examinations shall forward a soft copy/hard copy of the thesis to the Examiners within seven days of receipt of their consent.
13. The Examiners shall be requested to submit their individual reports within six weeks of the receipt of the thesis.
14. Follow-up action may be initiated after 30 days from the date of dispatch of the thesis to the adjudicators. In case of non-compliance beyond 45 days, correspondence with the third Examiner shall be initiated with prior approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

XXVI. EXAMINER'S REPORT

01. It is expected that the examiner shall examine the thesis with a view to judge whether the thesis is a piece of original research work and fit for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Law.
02. While judging the research work, the examiner shall take into consideration that
 - i) the work incorporated in the thesis is a substantial,
 - ii) approach towards interpretation is satisfactory,
 - iii) evidence of creativity and originality, and
 - iv) the candidates ability for critical evaluation.
03. The examiner shall submit the report on a prescribed format by clearly mentioning any one of the following :
 - i) The thesis be accepted for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Law, in the present form.
 - ii) The thesis be accepted for the award of the Degree, Subject to the candidate clarifies certain queries raised in the report at the time of Viva-Voce.
 - iii) The thesis be revised and resubmitted for evaluation.
 - iv) The thesis be rejected.

04. If the Board of Examiners recommend the acceptance of the thesis for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Law, the thesis shall be accepted.
05. If both the external examiners recommend rejection of the thesis for the award of the degree, the thesis shall be rejected.
06. If the examiners raise some queries/clarifications, the same may be answered satisfactorily by the scholar at the time of Viva-Voce.
07. If one or both the examiners recommend the revision of the thesis, the scholar shall be required to resubmit the thesis after revision. If any examiner requires that the revised thesis be sent to him for evaluation, then the thesis be sent to him and shall submit the report in the prescribed format.
08. If one examiner recommends rejection of the thesis and the other recommends the acceptance, then a third examiner from the approved panel shall be appointed.
09. Once, the third examiner is appointed any previous recommendation of the examiner, in whose place the third examiner is appointed, shall become null and void for all purposes.
10. In case the third examiner recommends the rejection of the thesis, his/her recommendation shall be final and the thesis shall be rejected.
11. After receiving the reports of recommendation from the Board of the Examiners, the Controller of Examinations shall take appropriate action.

XXVII. VIVA-VOCE

01. After receiving the reports of recommendation for the award of the degree, the Controller of Examinations in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor shall finalize one external examiner out of the two external examiners who evaluated the thesis, to conduct the Viva-Voce.
02. After finalizing the name of the external examiner, the Controller of Examinations shall intimate the Supervisor to fix a suitable date in consultation with the external examiner to conduct the Viva-Voce.
03. The Viva-Voce examination shall be conducted within fifteen days from the receipt of the reports from the adjudicators.

04. The Head of the Department shall be the Chairman of the Committee and the members of RAC, the external examiner, one member of DRC (to be nominated by the Chairman, DRC) and a nominee of the Vice-Chancellor and the Co-Supervisor, if any shall be members of the Committee. The Supervisor shall be the Convener of the Committee.
05. The Viva-Voce shall be open to all the members of the RAC, the faculty members and other research scholars and other interested experts.
06. The Viva-Voce shall be conducted on the basis of the report given by the examiners and such reports shall be made available to all the members of the Viva-Voce Committee.
07. During the Viva-Voce test, the scholar is required to defend his thesis and answer all the queries raised by the members of the Viva-Voce Committee to their satisfaction.
08. On being satisfied by the performance of the scholar, the Viva-Voce Committee shall recommend the award of the degree on the prescribed proforma.

XXVIII. AWARD OF THE DEGREE

01. The report of all the examiners and the Viva-Voce examination shall be placed before the Vice-Chancellor for his approval by the Controller of Examinations.
02. After the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the Controller of Examinations shall take steps to notify the award of the degree with a copy to the candidate, the Research Supervisor, the examiners and all others concerned.
03. Notification will be made within seven working days from the date of Viva-Voce examination.
04. The entire process of award of Ph.D. Degree starting from the date of thesis submission to notification is to be completed within 90 days.
In instances of revision of Ph.D. thesis, the result should be published within 60 days following submission of the revised Ph.D. thesis.
05. A provisional certificate indicating the award of the Degree shall be issued to the scholar by the Controller of Examinations.

06. The Ph.D. Degree certificate shall mention the title of the thesis, the discipline of Ph.D. of his/her research and the Department in which the candidate was admitted for the Ph.D. programme.

XXIX. PUBLICATION OF THESIS

01. The thesis is a public domain document and the research embodied in the thesis may be published in part in reputed journals and in the form of a book, with the permission of the University authority only when publication recommended by the examiner(s).

XXX. DEPOSITORY WITH INFLIBNET

01. Following the successful completion of the evaluation process, the University shall submit an electronic copy of the thesis to the INFLIBNET for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all other institutions.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE DRC FOR Ph.D. REGISTRATION

Name of the Nodal Centre :

01. Name of the Candidate :

02. i) Name of the Supervisor :

ii) Name of the Co-Supervisor (if any) :

03. Proposed Title of the Research Work :
(in capital letters)

04. Whether the proposed objectives are
within the framework of the outline of
the synopsis :

05. Specific suggestions/Recommendations
of the DRC : Recommended / Not Recommended

Signature of the Members

Signature of the Supervisor
Co-Supervisor (If any)

Signature of the Chairman,
DRC



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PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr./ Ms. / Mrs. _____
bearing the Ph.D. Registration Number _____ passed the Examination
for the Degree in Dovtor of Philosophy in Law held in the month of _____ 20

The title of the thesis is “ _____

_____”

Place :

Date :

Controller of Examinations



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RECOMMENDATION OF Ph.D. THESIS BY THE EXAMINER

PART – A (To be filled up by the Office)

01. Name of the Candidate :
02. Title of the Thesis :
03. Ph.D. Registration Number :
04. Details of the Examiner :

Examiner's Report

PART – B (To be filled in by the Examiner)

01. Examiners Report :

Please enclosed your detailed report on separate sheet(s) with your signature, name and address.

02. Please give your specific recommendations by choosing any one of the following :

- i) The thesis be accepted for the award of the Ph.D. Degree :
- ii) The thesis be acceptable for the award of the Ph.D. Degree subject to the clarification of certain points at the time of Viva-Voce :
(Please enclose the points to be clarified)
- iii) The thesis is may be accepted subject to modification (revisions). After modification the thesis need not be referred back to me. :
(Please enclose suggestions/modifications desired by you.)
- iv) The thesis may be accepted subject to modifications / Revisions. After modification the thesis should be referred back to me for final assessment :
(Please enclosed suggestions/modifications desired by you)
- v) The thesis be rejected :
(Please enclose your comments/opinion)

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Examiner

Name & Address of the Examiner



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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON THE VIVA-VOCE EXAMINATION

PART – A (To be filled up by the Office)

01. Name of the Candidate :
02. Title of the Thesis :
03. Name of the Department :
04. Date of Viva-Voce Examination :

PART – B (Report of the Board of Examiners)

01. Main contribution made by the Research Scholar :
- i) Whether in conformity with the Research Area :
- ii) Whether the work is an original one :
02. Brief summary of the opinion of the Examiners :
03. Incorporation of the Modifications / Revisions suggested by the thesis examiner(s) :
04. Performance of the scholar during Viva-Voce :
05. Specific final Recommendation of Viva-Voce : Recommended / Not Recommended
Please tick () (strike out which is not applicable)

Considering the report of the examiners and the performance of the candidate in the Viva-Voce, the Board certifies that the candidate has satisfactorily replied the queries raised by the examiners and revisions/modifications suggested by the examiner(s) have been incorporated. The thesis is a fit one for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Law of Madhusudan Law University.

Signature of the Chairman

Signature of the
External Examiner

Signature of the Supervisor

FEE STRUCTURE

01-Application fee Admission into Ph.D. Programme	:	Rs. 1,000/-
02-Fee for Entrance Examination	:	Rs. 700/-
03-Admission fee into the Programme	:	Rs. 2,000/-
04-Fee for course work Examination	:	Rs. 1,000/-
05-Fee for Registration	:	Rs. 5,000/-
06- Fee for Duplicate Ph.D. Registration	:	Rs. 1,000/-
07-Fee for change of title of Research Topic	:	Rs. 1,000/-
08-Fee for change of Guide	:	Rs. 2,000/-
09-Fee to be paid along with submission of Thesis	:	Rs.10,000/-
10-Fee to be paid along with submission of thesis (in case of Co-Guide)	:	Rs.15,000/-
11-Fees to be paid to the Examiners for Evaluation of Thesis	:	Rs. 3,000/- to each Examiner
12-Fee to be paid to the External Examiner conducting the Viva-Voce	:	Rs. 1,500/- Air fare in the Economy class or Second AC along with D.A. and other expenses as admissible.
13- T.A. / D.A. for the External Examiner	:	
14- Annual Renewal of Registration	:	Rs. 1,000/-
15-Pre-submission presentation	:	Rs. 1,000/-
16-First Extension after 5 Years	:	Rs. 5,000/-
Second Extension after 6 years	:	Rs. 5,000/-
17-Re-Registration after completion of Tenure	:	Rs.20,000/-
18-Provisional Certificate	:	Rs. 200/-
19-Original Certificate	:	Rs. 1,000/-
20-Re-examination fee in case of Re-submission of thesis	:	Rs.10,000/-



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DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE

This is to certify that I, have carried out the research embodied in the present thesis for the full period under the guidance of Prof./Dr..... as per the Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, no part of this thesis was earlier submitted for the award of the research degree of any University.

I declare that I have faithfully acknowledged, given credit to and referred to the works of others wherever their works have been cited in the text and the body of the thesis.

Signature of the Supervisor

Signature of the Candidate

Name :

Ph.D. Regn. No.:



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Date :

UNDERTAKING BY THE CANDIDATE

I, hereby declare that, I have carried out the research work embodied in the present thesis and that the work is original and without plagiarism. In case any such evidence is found, my degree shall be liable to be cancelled by the University.

Signature of the Supervisor

Signature of the Candidate

Name :

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