

RIMT UNIVERSITY: Ph.D. Regulations
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RIMT University)

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1. **Short Title:** These Regulations will be called RIMT Ph.D. Regulations 2017.
2. **Commencement:** They shall come into force from 1st-April 2016 onwards.
3. **Extent of Application:**
 - 3.1. These regulations are applicable to the RIMT University and to any matter relating and incidental thereto.
 - 3.2. These Regulations are in conformity with the provisions of the RIMT University's Academic Ordinances and UGC (minimum standards & procedures) programmes of Ph.D./ M.Phil degree regulation 2016.
 - 3.3. If there is any contradiction in the provisions of the RIMT University Act or the Statutes or the Ordinances and the Regulations, the Act/Statutes/Ordinances, as the case may be, will prevail.
 - 3.4. Nothing in these Regulations shall be deemed to debar the University from amending the Regulations subsequently, and the amended Regulations, if any, shall be applicable.
4. **Definitions:** All terms and expressions used herein have their meaning assigned to them in the RIMT University Act 2015 and Statutes, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations made there under, unless the context otherwise requires.
5. **University Research Authorities:** To facilitate Research Activities in the University, it will create following authorities:
 - 5.1. University Research Board (URB)–Annexure -I
 - 5.2. Research Advisory Committee (RAC) – Annexure -II
 - 5.3. Departmental Research Committee (DRC) – Annexure-III
 - 5.4. Panel Committee – Annexure-IV
 - 5.5. Oral Defence Committee (ODC) – Annexure V.
 - 5.6. Research Degree Award Committee (RDAC)- Annexure VI
 - 5.7. Doctoral Committee*
6. **Eligibility : Any of the following:**

* Introduced as per decision of Academic Council, April 2022

- 6.1.** Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in 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 or recognized 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 or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- 6.2.** A relaxation of 5% of marks, 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 decision of the University/Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th 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.
- 6.3.** Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. Course Work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in UGC 7- point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or are completing the M.Phil. Degree in RIMT University in an integrated programme are also eligible for admission. A relaxation of 5% of marks, 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 decision of the University/Commission from time to time.
- 6.4.** A person who's M.Phil. Thesis has been evaluated and the viva voce is pending may be admitted to Ph.D. programme.
- 6.5.** Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, from a Foreign Educational Institution accredited by

an Accreditation and Assessment 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 accessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programme.

- 6.6.** Associate/ Fellow members of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India or Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or Institute of Cost and Work Accountants of India can be admitted to the Ph.D Programme in Commerce/Management discipline, if they meet other requirements of the programme.

7. Duration of the Programme:

- 7.1.** Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and maximum of six years.
- 7.2.** After three years, on a formal request of the candidate, duly recommended by the supervisor, the Dean Research may sanction an extension of one year for the submission of thesis.
- 7.3.** In case the candidate needs further extension after the fourth year, he/she will have to submit the application to the Dean Research and Dean Research may sanction a further extension of one year.
- 7.4.** In exceptional cases a further extension of maximum one year can be given by the Vice-Chancellor, if he is satisfied that the delay had been caused due to abnormal circumstances. For this, the candidate should give a detailed account of research work already done and justification for further extension. The case will be considered by V.C and if the V.C is satisfied an extension up to one year (Sixth Year) may be granted by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 7.5.** In each case of extension the application has to be submitted on the prescribed form along with extension fee if any, fixed by the university from time to time. If a candidate fails to submit thesis within the extended period her/his registration shall lapse automatically.

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- 7.6. The women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to 240 days.
- 7.7. Any further extension shall be subject to the approval of the Academic Council of the University.

8. Seats for Ph.D. Programme:

- 8.1. Time to time the University Research Board shall approve the number of seats available for Ph.D. Programme in each discipline / subject depending upon the number of available Research Supervisors and norms of scholar-supervisor ratio (as indicated in clause 16.1.1 & 16.1.3), laboratory, library and such other academic and physical facilities.
- 8.2. The University reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of seats from time to time depending upon the available research facilities.

9. Reservation of Seats:

- 9.1. University shall adhere to the National/State reservation policy, as applicable.
- 9.2. Candidates who have qualified for UGC/CSIR/JRF/ INSPIRE/Fellowship awards and/or those who are sponsored by Government (State/Union/UT)/Public Enterprises/ recognized research labs can be admitted irrespective of reservation category.
- 9.3. The guidelines of the UGC and other statutory bodies as applicable from time to time shall be applicable.

10. Procedure for Admission:

10.1. Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET):

- 10.1.1. Admission to Ph.D. program shall be made in various disciplines of the Engineering/ Technology/ Science/ Architecture/ Management/ Computer Applications/ Pharmacy/Law/Humanities/Social Sciences and in those other

areas, in which RIMT University decides to undertake the Ph.D programme on the basis of Ph.D. Entrance Test(PET)

10.1.2. University shall notify well in advance in its website the number of seats for admission subject/discipline wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centre(s) where entrance test (s) shall be conducted and other relevant information for the benefit of the candidates. The admission schedule may be notified in the news papers also.

10.2. Structure of PET:

10.2.1. The aspirant candidates shall be required to qualify the written Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) which will be conducted by the University normally twice a year. This test shall be of 100 marks. The main objective of the test shall be to examine the student's depth of knowledge in the concerned discipline / subject, research related aptitude, analytical capability and language skills. Candidates securing 50% marks or above shall be eligible for the interview. The test score shall remain valid for one year only from declaration of result.

10.2.2. The syllabus of the entrance test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and aptitude (as prescribed by the university) and 50% shall be subject specific (as prescribed by UGC for National Eligibility Test for various courses/ subject/disciplines).

10.2.3. The entrance test shall be conducted at the centre(s) notified in advance (changes of centers, if any, also to be notified well in advance) by the University.

10.3. Merit List:

10.3.1. All candidates who qualify the test will be required to appear in the personal interview for admission. The interview will be conducted by Dean Research/PVC. The HOD or a senior faculty member of the concerned department will be associated with the Interview Committee

10.3.2 During the interview, the candidates will be required to discuss their

research interest/area before the Committee

10.3.3 The committee shall also consider the following aspects, viz whether:

10.3.3.1 The Candidate possesses competence for the proposed research work.

10.3.3.2 The research work can be suitably undertaken in RIMT or its sister concerns or in organizations with whom the University has an MOU for this purpose.

10.3.3.3 The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

10.3.3.4 The admission is based on the criteria as notified by the University

10.3.4 Merit list for admission to Ph.D. programme shall be prepared out of 100 marks.

The weight age for various parameters shall be as follows:

S. No.	Parameter	Maximum Weight age
1	Score in Entrance Test*	20 marks
2	Score in Post graduate Degree *	40 marks
3	Teaching Experience	2 marks per year, maximum 10 marks
4	Publications	One Publication = 5 marks, Two or more than 2 publications = 10 marks
5	Personal Interview	20 Marks
	Aggregate percentage marks obtained by a candidate in the concerned examination will be multiplied by the respective weightage to the determine the marks.	

10.4 Entrance Test Exemption:

10.4.1 **Following candidates are exempted from appearing in Entrance Test:**

10.4.1.1 Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF/UGC CSIR- NET).

10.4.1.2 Those who have passed M.Phil. Programme under regular mode.

10.4.1.3 Those who have been sponsored by the Government (State/ Union/ UT)/Public Enterprises/DRDO/CSIR recognized research labs.

10.4.1.4 Foreign Scholars

10.4.2 Merit list for admission of such candidates (exempted from PET) shall be prepared out of 100 marks (Weightage: UG Score:20; PG Score: 40;Teaching experience:10 (2 marks/year); Referred Journal publications: 10 (5 per publication as author / co-author) personal interview:20)

10.4.3 However, all test exempted candidates are required to appear for the subsequent interview.

10.4.4 Candidates as per clause 10.4.1 above shall be given preference over other categories.

10.4.5 Similarly Full Time Research Scholars shall be preferred over Part Time Research Scholars.

10.5 Departmental Research Committee (DRC):

10.5.1 Every department conducting Ph.D. programme shall constitute subject/area wise Departmental Research committee (DRC)

10.5.2 Dean of concerned faculty shall be the Chairperson of DRC and all the teachers in the subject/area having Ph.D. degree shall be the members. In the absence of Dean, the HOD shall be the Chairperson of DRC.

Provided that the V.C will have the authority to constitute a special committee to work as DRC

10.5.3 Majority of the members shall form the quorum for meeting of DRC.

10.5.4 Vice Chancellor shall have the right to nominate additional members of DRC or constitute Special Research Committee for the Departments.

10.5.5 The DRC will monitor the progress of research work of the research students in the Department

10.5.6 All Research students will be required to present their annual presentations before the DRC from time to time.

11 Sponsored/Fellowship Awardees:

11.1 UGC/CSIR/INSPIRE/ AICTE fellowship awardees or those sponsored by Government (State/Union/UT)/ Public Enterprises/ CSIR/DRDO research labs or

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candidates who have been awarded fellowships directly by any funding agency for the purpose of pursuing Ph.D., can be registered any time during the session. NET/GATE/GPAT qualified project fellows appointed against financed projects of at least two years duration can also be registered for Ph.D. at any time during the session.

- 11.2 Such candidates will be required to join and complete the course work in the session beginning immediately after they have joined the programme.
12. **Fees & Charges:** Students admitted in Ph.D. program have to pay fee & charges as prescribed by the University from time to time.
13. **Migration:**
 - 13.1 Students shall be allowed to migrate from other universities to RIMT University and from RIMT University to other universities as per University Migration Policy.
 - 13.2 Such students can be exempted from course work, provided they submit authenticated proof that they have already completed the course work as per the guidelines of the UGC.
14. **Fellowship/ Scholarship:** Select Ph.D. research scholars may be provided fellowship/ scholarship as per guidelines of the RIMT University, funding agencies from time to time in accordance with the UGC norms.
15. **Eligibility Criteria for being a Research Supervisor:**
 - 15.1. All regular Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors on the rolls of the University with Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals shall be eligible for being appointed as Supervisor for Ph.D. students. Provided that in the areas/disciplines where there is no or limited number of refereed journals, the University Research Board may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.
 - 15.2. Only a full time regular teacher of the University can act as a Supervisor. The external Supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the University or from other

related institutions with the approval of URB.

15.3. The Supervisor (s) must also figure in the list approved by the University for the purpose.

15.4. No Supervisor/Co-Supervisor shall be an immediate relative such as wife/ husband, father/ mother, son/daughter, sister/ brother, wife's/husband's brother and sister, brother's/sister's son and daughter, first cousins, grand-son, grand-daughter, etc of the research student.

16. Allocation of Supervisor/Co Supervisor:

16.1 Supervisor:

16.1.1 The allocation of Research Supervisor/Co Supervisor shall be decided by the University Research Board depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization(s) area among the supervisors and research interest of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview.

16.1.2 Before allocating a Supervisor/Co-Supervisor to a candidate, Dean Research shall seek consent from him/her and place the same before URB. The person, to be appointed Supervisor/Co-Supervisor, may interact with the concerned student before submitting his/her consent.

16.1.3 A Research Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor who is a professor ordinarily cannot guide more than three (3) M.Phil. and Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars at any given point of time.. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to maximum of two (2) M/Phil. and six (6) Ph.D. scholars. An Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum one (1) M.Phil. and four (4) Ph.D. scholars. The candidature shall normally remain in force till the successful defence of viva-voce examination of the Thesis. Provided that foreign students and those who are in receipt of any fellowship from UGC or any other organization will not be counted in the above number.

16.1.4 If there is a co-supervisor, the candidate will be counted as ½ each for the supervisor and co-supervisor

16.1.5 In case of relocation of an Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the university to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/supervisor from a funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent institution and supervisor for the part of research already done.

16.2 Co-supervisor:

16.2.1 In addition to the supervisor, a candidate may be allocated a co-supervisor, especially where the research work is interdisciplinary in nature with adequate justification by the supervisor. The Co-supervisor may be from the same/other University or from the Institutions having MOU with the University, or from Institutes of National importance (like IIT/IIT/IISER/IISc /NIT) or any other institution having adequate research resources. In case a Co-supervisor is from outside the University/Institution (s), he/she must fulfill the laid down norms of a Research Supervisor.

16.3 Change of Supervisor/Co-supervisor: Change shall not be permitted, except under the circumstances mentioned below:

16.3.1 Change of Supervisor / Co- Supervisor is allowed in case the supervisor has left his affiliation with the University or by the mutual consent of the supervisor and the candidate. The Vice-Chancellor will approve the change if he/she is satisfied that the change is necessary. In such a case the earlier date of registration shall stand.

16.3.2 The change is allowed in case of extreme hardship and where it becomes impossible for a candidate to work with the existing Supervisor and the Vice chancellor (VC) has analysed the situation at his / her own level. This clause is to be used sparingly and only invoked under exceptional circumstances.

16.3.3 In case a supervisor/co-supervisor retires or expires or leaves the affiliation of the University during the course of the work, then the URB can approve the appointment of some other supervisor/ co-supervisor/ care-taker cum administrative supervisor (to look after the administrative needs of the candidate's research work), depending upon the amount of work completed, including publications.

16.3.4 In case the supervisor/co-supervisor of a candidate leaves the university or retires on attaining superannuation, the University will provide a new supervisor to the candidate. But if the candidate has already completed substantial part of the research work, he/she may be allowed to continue his/her research work with the same supervisor provided both the candidate and supervisor are interested with the arrangement.

17 Full Time (External) Research Scholar:

17.1 Following persons shall be considered as Full time Research Scholars:

17.1.1 A person who is getting scholarship/fellowship/study leave from an organization.

17.1.2 A person who is not getting any scholarship/ fellowship and is neither employed nor pursuing any other course of studies (he shall be required to submit a declaration in this concern).

17.2 Candidates registered for full time program in the university shall be available during the working hours for all curricular, co-curricular and related activities.

17.3 Part-time (external) candidates in employment, who want to pursue full-time studies, may be allowed to convert as full time candidates during their research work, provided they are sponsored by their employer. Such students are required to avail leave for the research period and/ or get them formally relieved from their duty to join Ph.D. research program.

17.4 The full-time program shall be undertaken in the departments of the University. Candidates shall be required to mark their attendance daily and their presence shall

be recorded and maintained in the concerned department.

17.5 Full-time candidates shall not involve themselves in any kind of remunerative academic work/duty outside the University premises without the written permission from the supervisor and the HOD concerned.

17.6 Full-time to Part-Time (External) conversion shall not be allowed normally and will be considered only on merit by University Research Board (URB), but not before successful completion of Course Work.

18 Part-Time (Internal) Research Scholar:

18.1 Full time regular teachers of the University pursuing Ph.D. shall be called 'part time (Internal) candidates.

18.2 Candidates working in the University in projects undertaken from State/Central/Quasi Government and totally funded through the projects shall also be called Part time (Internal) candidates.

18.3 The place of research for Part Time (Internal) Research Scholar shall be the concerned Department of this University.

19 Part-Time (External) Research Scholar:

19.1 Candidates working in Colleges/R&D Departments/Research laboratories in Units of Government/Quasi-Government/Industrial units and sponsored by the respective employer/Organization, shall be called 'Part time (External)' candidates.

19.2 The place of research for such candidates shall be the respective institution or unit or organization, as the case may be.

19.3 All part-time candidates shall be present in the University for at least 20 days in a year for consultations and research work and their attendance shall be certified by the concerned Supervisor and HOD.

20 Attendance and Leave:

20.1 Full time Ph.D. Scholars (External):

20.1.1 They shall be required to be present in the University on all working days. Their presence shall be duly recorded and maintained in the Department, except on the days when they are permitted to be away from the campus on duty/sanctioned leave.

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20.1.2 They cannot avail more than one month's leave in a year. (15days per semester). Leave not availed shall not be accumulated and will lapse at the end of each semester.

20.2 Part time (Internal) Ph.D. Scholars: They shall be governed by RIMT University Leave Policies prescribed for University employees.

20.3 Part Time (External) Ph.D. Scholars: They shall be granted leave subject to the provision given under clause 19.3

21 Course Work:

21.1 The Course Work shall be treated as pre - requisite for Ph.D preparation.

21.2 It will contain courses on Research Methodology Quantitative Methods, Computer Applications, Research Ethics, Review of published research in the relevant field, etc.

21.3 It will also give an opportunity to the students to go in for a detailed study of the concerned subject related to his/her Ph.D. research work.

21.4 All the candidates, unless exempted by competent authority, are required to complete the prescribed Course Work as per guidelines issued by the University from time to time.

21.5 The Course work will be of 12 credits, or as may be prescribed by the university from time to time.

21.6 Scheme of Studies of Course Work shall be as follows or as approved by the university from time to time*:

* As per academic council meeting of April 2022, the course work has been revised as under :

S.No.	Paper	L	T	P	Credit
1	Research Methodology & Statistical Techniques	3	-	2	4.0
2	Core Subject – I	2	2	-	3.0
3	Core Subject- II	2	2	-	3.0
4	Research & Publications Ethics	2	-	-	2.0
	Total	9	4	2	12.0

* The earlier Scheme of the study of course work was as under:

S. No.	Subject	L	T	P	Credit
1	Research Methodology & Statistical Techniques	3	2	-	4.0
2	Computer Applications in Research	1	-	2	2.0
3	Core Subject	3	2	-	4.0
4	Individually Supervised Essay/ Mini Research Project	1	2	-	2.0
	Total	8	6	2	12.0

21.7 Scheme of evaluation of Course Work shall be as follows:

S. No.	Subject	IA	EA	Total	Credit
1	Research Methodology & Statistical Techniques	40	60	100	4.0
2	Core Subject -I	40	60	100	3.0
3	Core Subject -II	40	60	100	3.0
4	Research & Publication Ethics	40	60	100	2.0
	Total	160	240	400	12.0

21.8 All the candidates registered for Ph.D. Programme are required to complete the prescribed course work during initial one or two semesters.

21.9 The University Research Board/ the concerned Board of Studies / Academic Council shall prescribe the requisite course work for research scholars keeping in view the candidate's area of research, before the commencement of actual teaching.

21.10 The Course Work is normally conducted in the RIMT University Campus, however, if found necessary, Course Work can be carried out in Departments/Institutions of sister concerns or in Departments/Institutions of the organizations with whom the University has an MOU. Due credit will be given by the University to such Departments / Institutions.

22 Exemption from Course Work:

The following categories of candidates may be exempted by the vice-chancellor on the recommendation of Dean Research.

22.1 Candidate already holding M.Phil Degree and admitted to Ph.D Programme or those who have already completed the coursework in M.Phil and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D in integrated course.

22.2 Students who have migrated from some other university after completion of course work provided such student submits authenticate proof of having completed the coursework as per UGC guidelines before migration.

22.3 Foreign scholars holding passport of some other county on the following conditions:

- a) They will be required to submit one term paper for each subject of the course work.
- b) Such scholars will not be issued the certificate of compliance relating to various requirements

23 Conditions for successful completion of Course Work:

23.1 Candidates are required to attend 75% of class sessions, lab periods and field work arranged for the subjects under course work, however, due relaxation can be given as per policy of the University.

23.2 For successful completion of course work, the candidate shall have to secure at least 'P' grade by securing at least 40% marks in external assessment and 40% in aggregate in each subject/paper and at least 60% marks or equivalent

grade of (6.0 GPA) in the aggregate or as decide by university from time to time.

(The Grading System is given in Annexure-VIII)

24 Synopsis and Registration

24.1 After the successful completion of the prescribed Course Work, the candidate shall submit through his/her supervisor synopsis, giving the problem statement, an outline of the research area, topic of research/thesis, review of literature, aims and objectives, methodology, plan of work, and bibliography within 3 months.

24.2 In case the candidate is not in a position to submit his/her synopsis in the stipulated time, he/she may apply for extension of time up to a maximum of six months which may be allowed by Dean Research considering the merits of the case.

24.3 The submitted synopsis shall be subjected to scrutiny by the Research Advisory Committee within a period of six months. Candidates shall also be required to give an open presentation of her/his Research Proposal before the Research Advisory Committee, in which the faculty and research scholars of concerned departments may also be present.

24.4 If the synopsis is approved without any modifications by the Research Advisory Committee, the candidate shall be allowed to pursue his/her Ph.D. research. If RAC desires some modifications in the synopsis, these shall be explicitly mentioned in the Research Advisory Committee Report. The candidate shall submit the modified synopsis within next one month to his/her Supervisor. If the modifications are to the satisfaction of Supervisor, the candidate can peruse his/her research work.

24.5 If the synopsis proposal is not approved by the Research Advisory Committee, the candidate shall be required to resubmit the synopsis afresh within the next three months.

24.6 Two copies of approved synopsis along with one soft copy shall be submitted in the office of Dean Research for official record.

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24.7 All cases approved by respective Research Advisory Committees will be placed before University Research Board (URB) for consideration and approval.

24.8 A candidate shall be deemed to have been registered in the Ph.D. programme with effect from the date of his/her admission/enrolment to the programme.

24.9 The URB will generally meet at least two times in a year.

24.10 The candidates will be issued final letter of registration after the approval of research synopsis by the URB.

25 Review of Progress:

25.1 After the approval of Synopsis the research scholar shall appear before the Departmental Research Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance.

25.2 One of the six monthly progress reports, usually the second every year, should be in the form of an annual presentation where other research scholars and faculty members of the concerned Department may be encouraged to join.

25.3 In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Departmental Research Committee shall record the reasons for same and suggest corrective measures.

25.4 In cases of non-receipt of two consecutive progress reports or two consecutive unsatisfactory reports or use of unethical practices in research work committed by the student or misconduct by the student, the Research Advisory Committee, can recommend any action including the cancellation of the registration.

25.5 The Ph.D. student will maintain a complete record of the research data collected or generated during the research work and drafting of the thesis.

26. Modification of the Title/Scheme:

- 26.1 A Candidate may, within two years of his /her registration modify the title/scheme of his/her research proposal with the approval of Research Advisory Committee and payment of prescribed fee. Provided that the RAC will allow only such modifications which will not involve any major change in the original scheme and scope of the subject.
- 26.2 The date of registration and the maximum period allowable for research completion will generally remain unchanged.

27. Research Paper/ Publications:

- 27.1. Every Ph.D. scholar must publish at least two (2) research papers in refereed journals and make two paper presentations in Conferences/Seminars before the submission of the thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.
- 27.2. The Publication/Presentation required as above from the candidate shall also be put before concerned supervisor for scrutiny before submitting it for publication/ Presentation.
- 27.3. The affiliation of the University is mandatory on these publications/ Presentation.
- 27.4. Two hard copies and one soft copy in pdf form on CD of these publications shall be submitted to the office of Dean Research, so that these can be put on the University website and/ or the Knowledge Centre Portal and can also be reproduced in its own publications or of Institutes / Think Tanks with whom it has a MOU.

28. Pre-Submission Report:

- 28.1. A Research candidate is required to submit pre-submission report on her/ his research findings not before three months of submission of her/his dissertation in the office of Dean Research, duly signed by concerned Supervisor, along with its four (04) copies and its soft copy.

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- 28.2. The candidate shall make a presentation before the Research Advisory Committee, which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars of the Department.
- 28.3. The attendance of all present during the presentation shall be recorded.
- 28.4. During the presentation candidate's research contribution and accomplishment of the proposed research objectives will be examined by the Research Advisory Committee.
- 28.5. If the RAC is satisfied with the research work then the candidate will be allowed to submit his/her Thesis.
- 28.6. In case Research Advisory Committee is not satisfied with the contributions made towards the approved research objectives the candidate will have to revise the pre-submission report and submit it again along with resubmission fee within a period of six months.
- 28.7. In case a candidate has to revise and resubmit his/her pre-submission report as per Clause 28.6 the date of submission of thesis may have to be extended.

29. Submission of Thesis:

- 29.1 The candidate shall submit the Thesis within 3 months of successful pre-submission presentation, but in no case before three years from the date of enrolment. The Supervisor shall evaluate the Thesis and if he/she finds it satisfactory, will allow the candidate to submit it in the office Dean Research.
- 29.2. If the Supervisor is not satisfied with it, then the candidate shall submit the Thesis to the satisfaction of the Supervisor. The Thesis must satisfy the objective that it is a research work characterized by either the discovery of new facts or by fresh interpretation of facts or theories, or of the development of innovative technique, product, idea or technology. It should reveal the candidate's capacity for critical examination, original thinking and astute judgment. Its literary presentation should also be satisfactory and in accordance with prescribed standards.
- 29.3 Along with the Thesis, an undertaking from the candidate and a certificate from the supervisor shall also be submitted attesting the originality of the work and vouching

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that there is no plagiarism and the said work has not been submitted for award of any other degree/diploma of the same institution where the work was carried out or any other institution.

29.4. Before the submission of Thesis, it shall have to pass through the anti plagiarism software test as per mechanism developed by the University.

29.5. The application for the submission of the Thesis shall be forwarded by the Supervisor/HOD to the office of Dean Research, along with a satisfactory anti-plagiarism test report duly recommended by the Supervisor.

29.6. If any candidate wishes to submit his/her thesis for Ph.D. degree before three years but not earlier than two years, the candidate will be required to submit a copy of his research thesis and publications with his request for early submission. The thesis and publications will be referred to an external expert appointed by the vice-chancellor who will submit a report on the suitability of research work for early submission. The condonation of period for submission of thesis, up to a maximum of one semester may be allowed by the vice-chancellor if it is recommended by the external expert.

The candidate will have to pay special evaluation fee prescribed by the University. The University will complete all formalities and take a decision within two months from the receipt of such request.

30. **Medium of Thesis:**

30.1. The medium of Thesis shall be English only; however, Thesis pertaining to Modern Indian Languages can be in the language concerned.

30.2. Special permission can be given by the Vice Chancellor on case to case basis to allow the Thesis in any other language.

31. **Submission of Soft-Bound Thesis for Evaluation:**

31.1. The candidate shall submit Four copies of the Thesis as per the University guidelines in regard to Thesis format, and also a soft copy (pdf file) on a CD within three months from the date of satisfactory pre Thesis seminar..

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These copies are required for the following:

31.1.1 One copy for Office record

31.1.2 Two copies for external examiners

31.1.3 One for Library

31.2 The candidate should keep a copy for his/her reference.

31.3 The candidate shall submit an Extended Abstract of the Thesis also.

32 Panel of Examiners:

32.1. After successful Pre-Thesis Presentation, the panel Committee (PC) shall submit a panel of six reputed examiners from widely covered geographical areas/ different states of Indian Universities/Institutes. Out of these six one or two should be preferably from outside India from reputed Foreign Universities/Institutes. The panel should be submitted in the office of Dean Research along with Examiners' particulars in regard to research interests and experience to enable a thorough, impartial and unbiased evaluation of the work.

32.2 The Examiner need to be from broad area of candidate's research work' and preferably whose work is referred by the candidate in his/her thesis.

32.3 If the Research Scholar is working in an outside laboratory(s)/ Institution(s), any person from that laboratory/Institution cannot appear in the panel of examiners.

32.4 Any person related to the candidate or supervisor(s) can not appear in the panel of examiners (to be declared by the Supervisor(s) while submitting the panel to Dean Research).

33 **Examiners' Remuneration:** Remuneration to examiners for Thesis evaluation and re-evaluation and viva-voce examination shall be paid as approved by the University from time to time.

34 Nomination of Board Of Examiners:

34.1 Dean Research will get the approval of the VC to appoint two external examiners.

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34.2 The VC shall be free to select the examiners either from the list of the experts submitted by the panel committee or from the panel of UGC or from her/his own references.

34.3 The consent of appointed external examiners shall be sought electronically or otherwise, by the Dean Research on the basis of the extended abstract submitted by the candidate before sending the Thesis for evaluation to them.

34.4 If any of the examiners shows his/her inability, Dean Research shall appoint another examiner with the approval of VC.

35 Thesis Evaluation:

35.1 Dean Research shall forward the Thesis submitted by a research scholar to two examiners appointed by VC for evaluation. Another copy of the thesis shall be forward to the concerned supervisor. .

35.2 The external Examiners shall examine the thesis individually with a view to judge the suitability of the thesis as a piece of research work worth awarding Ph.D. degree. Each examiner will send detailed comments on the research work to the office of Dean Research, along with a clear recommendation on the prescribed Performa stating one of the following comments:

35.2.1 The thesis is satisfactory and recommended for the award of Ph.D. Degree subject to satisfactory ORAL DEFENCE Presentation during open Viva-voce.

35.2.2 The thesis needs RESUBMISSION in the REVISED FORM, as per suggestions made and the thesis after revision be sent for RE-EVALUATION.

35.1.3 The thesis is REJECTED.

36 Decision on Evaluation Reports:

36.1 Reports received from all the examiners shall be opened simultaneously by Dean Research in the presence of supervisor/co-supervisor and they will prepare the gist of reports. In case all the examiners are unanimous in recommending the award of Ph.D. Degree as per clause 35.2.1, the recommendations shall be accepted and the process of oral presentation is initiated as per clause 37.1.

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- 36.2 In case all the external examiners are unanimous in recommending the revision of the thesis as per clause 35.2.2, then the Thesis in revised form is submitted to all the examiners once again and further process is repeated.
- 36.3 In case one of the external examiners recommends the award of Ph.D. Degree as per clause 35.2.1 and other recommends the resubmission as per clause 35.2.2, then the Thesis in revised form is submitted to the examiner who had recommended revision and further action is repeated.
- 36.4 In case all the external examiners unanimously reject the Thesis as per clause 35.2.3, then with the permission of VC, the student can submit his/her Thesis within one year, which will be evaluated by a fresh panel of experts. In such case the observations and comments of the examiners, if any, shall be given to the candidate through the supervisor on request. In no-case resubmission of the thesis without modification along the lines of criticism made by the earlier examiners will be allowed. In case, any one of the external experts reject the revised thesis again, the thesis will stand rejected and the research scholar is declared ineligible for award of degree.
- 36.5 All above provisions shall be applicable subject to condition that all the activities shall be completed within maximum duration of Ph.D. as per clause 7.
- 36.6 Ph.D. Degree shall not be awarded to a candidate, unless the Thesis is satisfactorily approved by at least two external examiners.
- 36.7 In case the deadlock continues to prevail, the Dean Research may propose further action to VC based upon its observations on the reports received; the decision of the VC shall then be final. This procedure shall also be followed if the examiner who has suggested revision/modification rejects the revised thesis.
- 36.8 For re-submission of Thesis, the student is required to pay the Thesis re-submission fee as prescribed by the University.
- 36.9 In case both the external examiners or one of the examiners recommend the revision and resubmission of the thesis as per clause 35.2.2 the candidate shall revised the thesis in the light of the observations of the examiner(s). The revised thesis will be referred to the Doctoral Committee which will satisfy itself that the revised thesis and the Defence submitted by the candidate cover various

issues/objections/deficiencies pointed by the examiner(s). One the recommendations of the Committee the revised thesis will be forwarded to the examiners(s) for reassessment*. ²

37 Oral Thesis Defence:

37.1 Once the reports of the external examiners are accepted as satisfactory, the case file of the candidate shall be put before the VC for deputing the external examiner for the Oral Defence Committee (ODC). This Committee shall comprise the Supervisor(s), one of the external examiners (normally from India) and the Head of the concerned Department. The candidate will have to defend the Thesis before the ODC. The defence of the Thesis shall be in the form of an open viva-voce conducted in the University. All the members of ODC shall be Ph.D. degree holders.

37.2 During this viva-voce faculty and research scholars from same and other related departments shall also be invited. The attendance of all present shall be recorded. For this purpose Viva-voce examination will be widely notified atleast three working days in advance and well-coordinated by the convenor.

37.3 The Supervisor(s) shall certify that the comments of the examiners in their report, if any, have been incorporated in the Thesis, before the viva-voce examination.

37.4 In case, the external examiner is unable to come for conducting the Viva-Voce (clause 37.1), a set of questions would be obtained from her/him by the Dean Research and viva-voce will be conducted by an examiner from (within or outside the University having knowledge in the area of Thesis) appointed by Vice-Chancellor

38 Thesis Defence Report:

38.1 The performance of the student in the viva-voce shall be duly recorded in the report submitted by the Supervisor(s) and the external examiner in the office of Dean Research.

38.2 If the Thesis is suitable for publication in the form of a book, it will be explicitly mentioned in the report with suggested modifications, if any.

*The provision for Doctoral Committee incorporated as per decision of Academic Council Meeting, April 2022.

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38.3.If the ODC is not satisfied with the defence, the candidate has to appear again before ODC within the next three months. Further, if the ODC suggests certain modifications/alterations to be done in the final Thesis before submission, It shall be duly recorded in the report and the supervisor shall certify that the necessary modifications have been incorporated before final Thesis submission.

39. The entire process of evaluation of Thesis shall be completed within a period of six months from the date of submission of Thesis.

40. Hard-Bound Thesis Submissions:

40.1 After the successful completion of Oral Defence Presentation the candidate is required to make all changes as suggested by the examiners of ODC, if any.

40.2 The final submission of Thesis shall be in hard bound form with colour and format as specified by the University.

40.3 The candidate's declaration page as prescribed by the University in the final Thesis shall bear the signature of the candidate and all the members of ODC. The supervisor will take the signature of all the members of Oral Defence Committee on the prescribed Performa of ODC Report at the time of viva-voce examination.

40.4. Before signing the Thesis in the hard bound form, the Supervisor(s) will certify that the candidate has made all the changes as suggested by ODC.

40.5.Finally the candidate shall submit the following documents in the office of Dean Research

40.5.1 Hard bound 2 copies of final Thesis in which modifications have been made as recommended by ODC, if any.

40.5.2 Soft copy of Final Thesis in the form of pdf on CD.

40.5.3 A copy of pre-Thesis and synopsis.

40.5.4 No dues certificate from competent authority.

41 Deposition with INFLIBNET: Following the successful completion of the evaluation process for the award of Ph.D. degree, the University shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph.D. Thesis to INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all

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Institutions/ Universities/Colleges.

42 Pass Formula

42.1 To pass a subject/ paper a candidate is required to score ‘P’ grade by securing at least 40% marks in External assessment and 40% in aggregate.

42.2 To pass Course Work/Research work a candidate has to score ‘P’ grade in all the subjects/papers and is required to score at least 60% marks or equivalent Grade with 6.0 GPA as a whole in the aggregate. (Details of grading system are given in Annexure –VIII)

43. Conditions for award of Ph.D. Degree: The Ph.D. Degree shall only be awarded, if the candidate fulfils all the following conditions:

43.1 The progress of the candidate during course of studies is found to be satisfactory.

43.2 The candidate has successfully completed the prescribed course work& research work within stipulated time.

43.3 The candidate has successfully defended his/her Oral Defence Seminar.

43.4 The candidate has paid the fee/dues in time and even in the extended period with late fee, as applicable.

43.5 The candidate has not committed plagiarism or adopted unethical practices in his/ her research against the university policy, as framed from time to time.

43.6 The candidate has not indulged in activities of indiscipline.

43.7 The Thesis of the candidate has not been rejected as per clause 36.4

43.8 The Candidate has submitted requisite number of copies of his research papers and Thesis.

43.9 The candidate has followed all the rules prescribed by the University for award of Ph.D. Degree.

44. Issuing Provisional Degree:

44.1 On the request of the candidate, provisional degree can be issued, provided he / she has fulfilled all the conditions as per clause 42 and 43

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44.2 If the above said request is accepted by the VC, provisional degree and certificate that Degree is being awarded as per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D Degree) Regulations 2016 shall be issued to the candidate.

45. Award of Ph.D. Degree: The Degree of Ph.D. shall be awarded by the Highest Academic Body of the RIMT University during the University convocation.

46 Change in the Regulations:

46.1 The University Research Board may change the Regulations as and when required. The Vice-Chancellor will have the right to change any clause of these Regulations including relaxation in any clause in anticipation of the approval by the Research Board/Academic Council.

46.2 **Interpretation:** Any doubt or dispute about the interpretation of these Regulations shall be referred to the VC, whose decisions shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Annexure I

University Research Authorities

1. University Research Board (URB)

1.1. Powers and Functions:

- 1.1.1. The University Research Board (URB) shall be the highest research body of the University for monitoring, modifying, Interpreting and arbitrating on any dispute pertaining to the University Ph.D., M.Phil. and any other research related project.
- 1.1.2. URB shall be competent to propose and issue amendments/addendum to these regulations as per need and to comply with UGC guidelines from time to time.
- 1.1.3. URB shall be responsible to issue Guidelines, Policies, Rules and Regulations pertaining to any of the following and to approve/recommend them the Academic Council or any other competent authority for its approval:
 - 1.1.3.1. Introduction of Ph.D. and M. Phil. Program in various disciplines
 - 1.1.3.2. Approval of number of seats in Ph.D. & M. Phil in various disciplines.
 - 1.1.3.3. Approval of Research and Innovative Projects and to forward Research Projects to competent bodies for grant of financial aid and collaboration.
 - 1.1.3.4. Incentives and honours to achievers in the field of research and innovation.
- 1.1.4. Forward cases for patent registration.
- 1.1.5. Grant of exemption from attending mandatory course work.
- 1.1.6. Grant of relaxation in the eligibility criteria of appointment of Supervisors.
- 1.1.8 Grant of permission for publication of Thesis, Dissertations, Project Reports and other research related documents.
- 1.1.9. Cancellation of registration of Ph.D. & M.Phil. candidates.
- 1.1.10. Permission to change the Supervisor / Co-supervisor
- 1.1.11. Permission to change status of a candidate from part time to full time & vice-versa.

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1.1.12. Permission to shift from Ph.D to M.Phil or Vice – Versa..

1.1.13. Permission to change the subject/discipline of research.

1.1.14. Action against students adopting plagiarism & unethical practices during research period.

1.2. **Formation:**

1.2.1 URB shall be constituted by the Vice Chancellor.

1.2.2. It shall have the following members:

S. No	Member	Status
1	VC (ex-officio)	Chairperson
2	PVC (ex- Office)	Member
3	Director/Dean Academic (ex-office)	Member
4	All Faculty Deans and HODs (ex-officio)	Members
5	One External Expert from Academia / Industry to be nominated by the PVC/VC	Member
6	Dean Research(ex-officio)	Member
7	Coordinator, Research Department*	Member- Secretary

1.2.3. All the members of URB should be Ph.D. degree holders.

1.2.4. Apart from ex-officio members, term of other members shall be two years.

1.2.5. Presence of Chairperson and majority of members will be quorum for the meeting.

1.2.6. In case of tie, chairperson has an additional casting vote.

1.2.7. URB shall meet at least twice in a year.

*as per orders of Vice Chancellor Dated: 1st Jan 2023 the name of the Research Department has changed to Doctoral Research Centre & the Coordinator has been designated as Head, Doctoral Research Centre

Annexure-II**2. Research Advisory Committee (RAC):****2.2. Powers and Functions of RAC:**

2.1.1 To evaluate the following documents submitted by Ph.D./M.Phil. Candidate:

2.1.1.1 Research Proposal

2.1.1.2 Synopsis

2.1.1.3 Pre-submission presentation

2.1.1.4 Plans Pertaining to research & innovation.

2.1.2 Promotion of Ph.D./ M.Phil. and other research related activities.

2.1.3 To recommend Supervisor and Co-supervisor for Ph.D./ M.Phil. and other experts for research related programs.

2.1.4 To guide the research scholar and develop the study design and methodology of research and identify course (s) that he/she may have to do.

2.1.5 To ensure compliance of mandatory Course-Work in accordance with the approved procedure of Ph.D. and M.Phil. programs.

2.1.6 Any other matter pertaining to Ph.D. and/or M.Phil. programs as assigned to it by the competent authority.

2.2 Formation of Research Advisory Committee (RAC):

2.2.1 RAC shall be constituted by Vice Chancellor for every department or group of

Departments having Ph.D./M.Phil.or any other research programme and will consist of following members:

1.	PVC or his nominee	Chairperson
2.	Dean Faculty /School	Member
3.	Head of the concerned Department	Member
4.	An External expert nominated by PVC/V.C	Member
5.	Concerned Supervisor	Member
6.	Dean / Head Research	Member- Secretary
7.	Coordinator, Research Department*	Member- Secretary

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2.2.2 All the members of RAC shall be Ph.D. Degree holders.

2.2.3 Quorum for RAC meetings will include the supervisor, external expert, and at least one more member of RAC

2.2.4 Dean Research cannot be Chairperson/member of the RAC, when a case pertaining to her/his own candidate/s is to be discussed. In such case concerned faculty Dean shall act as Chairperson of the RAC.

2.2.5 In the event of absence/non-availability of the Dean Research concerned Dean Faculty shall act as the Chairperson.

2.2.6 Meetings of RAC's shall be normally held in RIMT University Campus, however, with the permission of VC, these can be held outside Campus in special cases.

2.2.7 RAC shall submit its reports to the office of Dean Research.

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3. Departmental Research Committee (DRC)

3.1 Functions

3.1.1. To recommend details of course work for Research Programme.

3.1.2. To monitor the progress of research work of Ph.D/M.Phil candidates in the concerned department.

3.2 Formation of DRC:

3.2.1 D.R.C. will be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor. It will have the following members.

Sr.No.	Member	Status
1	Dean of the concern Faculty	Chairperson
2	Head of Department	Member Secretary
3	All teachers in the subject/area.	Member

3.2.2. All members will be Ph.D Degree holders.

4. Panel Committee (P.C.)**Annexure-IV****4.1 Function and Power of Panel Committee**

4.1.1 The Panel Committee (PC) will be responsible for preparing panel of experts for evaluation of the dissertation submitted by Ph.D./M.Phil candidates.

4.1.2. The PC will prepare the panel in line with the approved guidelines regarding the status and number of person to be included in the panel.

4.1.3. The experts recommended on the panel should generally be of the rank of Professor.

4.2 Formation:

4.2.1 PC shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.

4.2.2 It shall have the following :

S.No.	Member	Status
1	PVC / Dean Research	Chairperson
2	One Senior most faculty member of the Department	Member
3.	A nominee of the PVC/V.C.	Member
4.	Supervisor of the candidate	Member Secretary
5	Head of Department	Member

4.2.3 All member of PC should be Ph.D.Degree holders.

4.2.4 Presence of chairperson and majority of other members will be quorum for the meeting.

4.2.5 PC will meet as and when required.

4.2.6 PC will submit its report to office of Dean Research.

Annexure-V**5. Oral Defence Committee (ODC)****5.1 Functions**

To organize and conduct the Oral Thesis Defence (Viva-Voce) of the research students

5.2 Formation

5.2.1 ODC will be constituted by the V.C.

5.2.2 It will have the following:

Sr.No	Member	Status
1	Dean Research / PVC	Chairperson
2	HOD*	Member (Convener)
3	One of the external examiner who has evaluated the thesis	Member
4	Supervisor of the Candidate**	Member Secretary
5.	Coordinator, Research Department ***	Member Secretary

*HOD of the department whose case is on the agenda.

** Supervisor of the candidate whose case is on the agenda.

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The Faculty members and other research students of the concerned department will be invited. Their attendance will be marked, But they are not treated as members of the Committee.

6. Research Degree Awards Committee (RDAC)**Annexure-VI****6.1 Functions and Power**

6.1.1 To approve the award of M.Phil/Ph.D degree to the candidates

6.2 Constitution of the Research Degree Awards Committee (RDAC)

S.No.	Member	Status
1.	Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	P.V.C	Member
3.	Dean Research	Member
4.	Director Academic	Member
5.	HOD of the concerned Dept.*	Member
6.	Supervisor of the candidate**	Member
7.	Coordinator, Research Department ***	Member Secretary

*Head of the department whose case is on the agenda.

** Supervisor of the candidate whose case is on the agenda.

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7. Doctoral Committee

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7.1 Function and Power

7.1.1 To consider the revised thesis submitted by a candidate in the light of observations of the examiners

7.1.2 To Recommend the revised thesis for reassessment by the examiner(s)

7.2 Formation:

7.2.1 Doctoral Committee shall be constituted by the Vice Chancellor

7.2.2 It shall have the following:

Sr. No.	Member	Status
1.	Pro Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Dean of the Concern Faculty	Member
3.	Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
4.	Supervisor of the Candidate	Member
5.	Coordinator, Research Department *	Member Secretary

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Annexure-VIII**GRADING SYSTEM****A. Grading Formula For Course where minimum passing marks is 40%**

1. The score of internal and external assessment are added for conversion into a Letter Grade as follows:

Range	Grade	Grade Point	Qualitative Meaning
≥ 90 & ≤ 100	O	10	Outstanding
≥ 80 & ≤ 90	A	9	Excellent
≥ 70 & ≤ 80	B	8	Very Good
≥ 60 & ≤ 70	C	7	Good
≥ 50 & ≤ 60	D	6	Above Average
≥ 45 & ≤ 50	E	5	Average
≥ 40 & ≤ 45	P	4	Pass
< 40	F	0	Fail
Detained	F	0	Fail
Absent	AB	0	Fail
	S/US	---	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

2. If the number of students in a subject is 10 or less, then Absolute Grading System will be followed. If it is more than 10, then Relative Grading System will be followed. In Relative Grading System, grades will be awarded according to performance of students relative to their top peers in the same Subject.
3. **Credit Point:** Performance of a student in a subject will be measured in terms of Credit Points (Credit Point = Grade Point earned in a subject x Credit allotted in that Subject).
4. **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):**
 - 4.1 Performance of a student in a semester will be measured in terms of SGPA rounded up to two decimal points.

4.2 "Semester Grade point Average" (SGPA) means weighted average of grades in a semester $= (\sum G_i * C_i) / \sum C_i$, where G_i is the grade in the i^{th} course, and C_i are the credits in the i^{th} course.

5. Cumulative Grade Point Average: Performance of a student in a course will be measured in terms of CGPA rounded up to two decimal points.

B. Grading Formula For Courses where minimum passing marks are more than 40%

'F' grade will be awarded if marks obtained are less than minimum passing marks. Other grades will be same as in above table.