



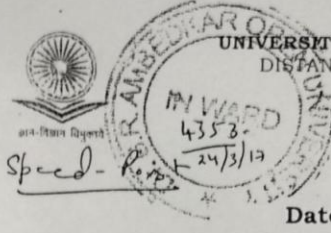
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Ph.D. Programme Prospectus-cum-Application 2023-24 (As per UGC Regulations, 2022)

<u>Faculty</u>		<u>Subjects</u>
Arts	:	English
Commerce & Business Management:		Commerce
Education	:	Education
Science	:	Chemistry Mathematics
Social Sciences	:	Economics History Public Administration

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Sub: Permission to start M.Phil/Ph.D programmes under Regular Mode as per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016- reg.

Sir,

This is with reference to your letter No.700/Estt./A.IV/UGC/2016-17 dated 21.02.2017 submitting therewith a duly notarised affidavit dated 21.02.2017 signed by Prof. C. Venkataiah, Registrar to the effect that University will strictly follow UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degrees) Regulations 2016 and will abide by all its clauses in toto.

In this context, I am directed to convey the approval of UGC to start M.Phil/Ph.D programme under Regular/Part-Time mode by the University subject to the condition that the essential clauses of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016 (Copy enclosed) pertaining to eligibility criteria for admission to M.Phil/Ph.D programme, duration of programme, procedure for admission, allocation of Research Supervisor, Course Work, Research Advisory Committee, Evaluation and Assessment Methods and Depository with INFLIBNET must be followed in letter and spirit. It may be noted that as per Clause 11 of the Regulations, no university is permitted to conduct M.Phil/Ph.D programmes through distance education mode.

In case if there is any deviation in implementing the clauses of UGC Regulations, 2016, the permission would be deemed to be treated as withdrawn. Above permission is subject to the condition that Act/Statute/Ordinance /Rule of the University provide for the same.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Megha Kaushik
(Megha Kaushik)
Education Officer

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1. THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (Dr. BRAOU) completed 40 years of service to the nation as the FIRST Open University in India, formerly known as Andhra Pradesh Open University, it was established by an Act of the A.P. State Legislature in 1982. The University's primary objective is to provide opportunities for higher education to all sections of society and cater to the changing individual and societal needs. The motto of the University is *EDUCATION FOR ALL*.

The University offers various academic programmes ranging from Diploma to Research programs leading to the highest degree Ph.D. through the Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Education, Sciences, and Social Sciences with an annual enrolment of over one lakh students. The University headquarters is located in the affluent Jubilee Hills area, quite close to the Hi-tech City of Cyberabad, situated in the lap of nature, known for its tranquil green spaces with trails and birdlife, and Durgam Cheruvu. The University serves both the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, having a vast network of 23 Regional Coordination Centers and more than 179 Study Centers.

The objectives of the University:

- To provide educational opportunities to those students who could not take advantage of conventional institutions of higher learning.
- To provide equality of higher educational opportunities through distance mode for a large segment of the population, including those in employment, women (including homemakers), and adults who wish to upgrade their education or acquire knowledge and studies in various fields.
- To provide flexibility concerning the eligibility for enrolment, age of entry, choice of courses, methods of learning, the conduct of examinations, and operation of the programs.
- To complement the programs of the existing universities in the field of higher learning to maintain the highest standards on par with the best universities in the country.
- To offer degree programs and non-degree certificate courses to benefit the working population in various fields and those who wish to enrich their lives by studying subjects of cultural and aesthetic values.
- To make provision for research and the advancement and dissemination of knowledge.
- To serve as a source of continuing education and consultancy and to provide equal access to knowledge and higher education.

2. DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS

The Directorate of Academics is the University's principal academic body which controls general regulations and is responsible for maintaining standards of teaching, learning, education, instruction, and development of Programmes, Courses in the University and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes. The Directorate of Academics is a University division devoted to academic discipline. The Directorate, headed by one of the senior professors, is the co-ordination Division engaged with managing the affairs of Faculties, Academic Programmes, and instructional design of the University. The Directorate coordinates all the issues related to academics and facilitation of policy formulation of all academic matters of the University following the provisions of the Act and Statutes of BRAOU. The Directorate comprises five faculties *viz.*, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Commerce, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Social Sciences. The faculty members plan, design, develop and maintain

various academic programs of the University according to the needs and requirements of the students and the job market.

2.1 Course Delivery

The University adopts a multi-media approach for instruction by:

- supplying printed course material prepared by experts in the field;
- arranging contact-cum-counseling classes;
- broadcasting radio lessons;
- telecasting video lessons;
- teleconference programs;
- making available audio and video lessons; and
- making available OER materials.

3. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Research has been a part of the academic activity of the University since its inception. Initially, the M.Phil., / Ph.D. Programmes were organized in collaboration with the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) in Developmental Studies. As a part of system-based research, the University has also launched a Research Programme leading to the award of M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Distance Education in 2002. Further, on public demand and also to provide an opportunity for research in popular academic disciplines, duly obtaining necessary approvals from DEC, the University has launched M.Phil. / Ph.D. Programmes in the limited academic disciplines such as Economics, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Commerce & Management, and Mathematics during 2009-2010 and these programs were discontinued for a while on some administrative grounds.

The University once again launched the M.Phil. / Ph.D. Programs in all the faculties of the University from the Academic Year 2018-19 after obtaining necessary approvals from UGC vide UGC letter No. F.No. 2-1/2017 (DEB-III), dated 21st March 2017. Now the University is offering only Ph.D. Programmes in the disciplines as mentioned in 4.1.

The University identified some of the institutions as Research Centers and Collaborative partners based on the availability of infrastructure related to academic research, such as laboratories and other facilities, including qualified faculty members to supervise the research activities as co-guides/ co-supervisors. Based on the facilities and potential of the institutions to conduct the research, the University shall notify such Research Centers from time to time.

3.1 Committees Concerned with Research Programmes

The University constituted several committees to coordinate and monitor the academic aspects related to research Programmes which are mentioned below:

I. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE (RPC)

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| (i) The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. BRAOU | Chairperson |
| (ii) Deans of all five Faculties | Members |
| (iii) One External Expert from each faculty
(Not below the rank of Professor suggested
by the Dean of the faculty) | Member |
| (iv) Director, Learner Support Services Branch | Special Invitee |
| (v) Controller of Examinations | Special Invitee |
| (vi) Director (Academic) | Convener |

The Research Coordination Committee is responsible for calling applications from the candidates, scrutinizing all the applications received, and forward the same to the respective faculties. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint the Research Coordinator for tenure of two years and other members are the ex-officio members.

Duties and responsibilities of the Research Coordinator:

- (a) Sending of call letters to the candidates
- (b) Arranging subject-wise interviews
- (c) Notifying selected candidates, the confirmation of admission / Joining Reports
- (d) Information about payment of Fees
- (e) Scheduling Personal Contact Programmes (PCP) of each Faculty
- (f) Obtaining the list of PCP subject experts arranging PCP classes and payment of remuneration and Hospitality
- (g) Furnishing a list of eligible candidates to the Examination Branch
- (h) Reviewing the Progress Reports at regular intervals
- (i) Arranging seminar presentations/ Pre-submission seminars
- (j) Arranging Viva-Voce Presentations
- (k) Redressal of grievances of Research Scholars

The Dean of the Faculty:

The Dean of the faculty plays a crucial role in the academic affairs of Research Programmes offered by the University. The Dean will be the Chairperson of DRC of all the departments in the faculty. He admits the eligible candidates and supervises the entire research activity in the Department. The Dean may permit the modification in the research topic, provided the candidate had applied for it within one year from the date of admission or before he/she passed the pre-Ph.D. examination, whichever is earlier. The candidate's request for such change shall be recommended with due justification by the Research Supervisor and the Departmental Research Committee of the concerned Department. **However, such a modification is permitted only once.** Any change in the research topic shall not be permitted after the candidate has passed the Pre-Ph.D. examination. (Note: **The "topic of research" is the broad area of research, whereas the "title" refers to the caption of the Thesis**).

Once approved, the Supervisor / Co-supervisor of the candidate shall remain the same. However, after ascertaining the facts, the Dean may permit such change of Supervisor/ Joint Co-supervisor in exceptional circumstances like the demise / non-availability of the approved supervisor / Co-supervisor for six months or more due to ill health or residence outside India. Such a change in Supervisor / Co-Supervisor is permitted only once. All requests for a change of Supervisor / Co-Supervisor should originate from the candidate with necessary documentary evidence.

The Dean of the faculty concerned shall forward all the applications received in response to the notification. The Dean concerned shall constitute an Admissions Committee for each department/ subject to select the candidates for admission. The Admissions Committee will comprise the concerned Dean of the Faculty as Chairperson, the Head of the Department, and two/ three senior Ph.D. Supervisors from the concerned Department. In case recognized Supervisors are not available in the concerned Department, the Dean may include recognized Supervisors from an allied subject or external subject experts who are the recognized supervisors of the University.

IV. SEMINAR PRESENTATION COMMITTEE (SPC)

Seminar Presentation Committee shall be constituted of the following members:

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| (i) Dean of the Faculty concerned | Chairperson |
| (ii) Other Teachers of the Department concerned | Members |
| (iii) Head of the Department concerned | Member |
| (iv) Co-Ordinator | Convener |

The Committee's activities are:

- To finalize the Research Proposals of the candidates based on the presentation(s) made by the candidate at the time of the first Seminar presentation (Research Design Seminar) and the synopsis submitted
- To recommend whether the Dissertation / Thesis prepared by the candidate is fit for submission based on the presentation made by the candidate at the time of submission of the Dissertation / Thesis, i.e., Second Seminar Presentation (Pre-submission Seminar).
- The tenure of the office of the external members of the above-said committees usually is two years.

4. DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) PROGRAMME

4.1 Departments offering Ph.D. Programme

The University offers Research Programme leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the following disciplines/departments (Table-1).

Table-1

Name of the Faculty	Discipline/Department
Faculty of Arts	English
Faculty of Commerce & Business Management	Commerce
Faculty of Education	Education
Faculty of Science	Chemistry
	Mathematics
Faculty of Social Sciences	Economics
	History
	Public Administration

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

A candidate should possess a Master's Degree with a minimum of 55% marks (50% in the case of SC/ST categories) in the subject concerned or in any allied subject (Table-2) from a recognized university. The University admits the candidates into the Ph.D., Programme through a two-stage process, i.e., through qualifying at National level/State-level entrance tests conducted by the competent bodies and the equivalent tests conducted by the University (Dr.BRAOU), which is as follows:

A candidate should have passed JRF / UGC-NET/CSIR-NET / SET /SLET/ M.Phil. etc.,

OR

A candidate should have qualified at the Ph.D., Entrance Test 2023-24 conducted by Dr. BRAOU.

Among the notified vacancies, 60% shall be filled by NET/SET/SLET/JRF qualified candidates and the remaining 40% through the University Entrance Test followed by the Interviews. In case of an unfilled vacancy in either category, candidates from another category can be requisitioned to fill the vacant slots in the order of merit and duly following Reservation norms.

However, a candidate satisfying one or more of the eligibility criteria as per the rules is not guaranteed admission into the Ph.D. program. The Ph.D. admission is subject to the availability of vacancies in the Department and with the Research Supervisor(s) in the concerned Department, availability of physical facilities in the subject concerned (in the case of science subjects), the candidate's academic record and the performance of the candidate in the Ph.D. admission interview.

Table-2
Core/Allied Subjects

S.No.	Subject for Entrance Test	Core/Allied Subjects
1	Public Administration	M.A. Public Administration
		M.A. Public Policy and Governance
		M.A. Public Personal Management
		M.A. Human Resource Management
		M.A. Rural Development
2	History	M.A. History
		M.A. Archaeology
		M.A. Museology
		M.A. Tourism Management
		M.A. Cultural Studies
3	Economics	M.A. Economics
		M.A. Applied Economics
		M.A. Financial Economics
		M.A. Public Policy
4	Mathematics	M.Sc. Mathematics
		M.Sc. Applied Mathematics
		M.Sc. Mathematics with Computer Science
5	Chemistry	M.Sc. Chemistry
		M.Sc. Inorganic Chemistry
		M.Sc. Organic Chemistry
		M.Sc. Physical Chemistry
		M.Sc. Pharmaceutical Chemistry
		M.Sc. Medicinal Chemistry
		M.Sc. (Analytical Chemistry)
		M.Sc. Pharmaco Informatics
6	English	M.A. English
		M.A. Comparative Literature
		M.A. Women's Studies
		M.A. Cultural Studies
		M.A. Translation Studies

7	Education	M.Ed. (Master of Education)
8	Commerce	M.Com. (Master of Commerce)
		Chartered Accountancy (Final)
		Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI)(Final)
		Institute of Cost and Management Accounting (ICMA)
		M.B.A (with all specializations)

5.1 Admission Procedure

Admission into the Ph.D., Programme shall be made through a Computer Based Test (CBT) (MCQs-objective type). The Entrance Test will be conducted by following the UGC/CSIR/NET syllabus. The syllabus is available in the University website www.braouonline.in.

The Entrance test consists of two papers, as shown in the Examination Pattern mentioned below.

EXAMINATION PATTERN

Paper	Pattern of Paper	Number of Questions	Marks	Duration
Paper-I	The questions will be generic in nature, intending to assess the teaching & research aptitude of the candidate	50	100	03 hours (180 minutes)
Paper-II	This is based on the subject selected by the candidate and will assess domain knowledge	100	200	
Total		150	300	

- (i) The Entrance test will be conducted at the University headquarters. The qualifying marks in the written test are 50% (P-I: 50 marks & P-II: 100 marks), in the case of SC/ST categories 45% (P-I: 44 marks & P-II: 90 marks) in each paper.
- (ii) JRF/UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/SET/SLET/M.Phil., Qualified applicants shall be exempted from the written test provided they register with the University for the Programme by paying the prescribed registration fee. However, they have to appear for the interview.
- (iii) Those who qualify in the written test and the applicants qualified in JRF / UGC-/CSIR-NET / SET / SLET/M.Phil., shall be called for an interview, which carries 30 marks.
- (iv) At the time of the interview, the candidate has to submit a research proposal along with the research design on the topic of his/her choice of the concerned discipline. However, the proposed area of research must be socially relevant/locally need-based/nationally important/globally significant/create value to the society or in cutting edge areas or contribute to new/additional knowledge in emerging concerns worldwide.
- (v) The candidates who qualify in both the written test and interview shall be considered for admission into the Ph.D. the Programme of the subject concerned is based on the availability of seats and adhering to the state government's rule of reservation (ROR).
- (vi) Admissions into the Ph.D. the Programme shall be made once a year based on the availability of seats and physical facilities (in the case of science subjects) under a qualified research supervisor of the subject concern. Table-3 depicts the vacant position of seats for the current academic year 2023-24.

5.2 Timeline / Calendar

1. Entrance Notification : First week of April, 2024
2. Date & Time of Entrance Examination : 25-05-2024 (from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.)

Table – 3: Availability of Seats for Ph.D., Programme

Name of the Faculty	Department/Subject	No. of seats
Faculty of Arts	English	05
Faculty of Commerce & Business Management	Commerce	06
Faculty of Education	Education	07
Faculty of Science	Chemistry	01
	Mathematics	02
Faculty of Social Sciences	Economics	01
	History	02
	Public Administration	02

Note: The right to increase or decrease the number of seats is reserved with the University.

- (vii) University adheres to the state-level reservation policy in allotment of seats and applicable relaxations in the percentage of marks for admission into Ph.D. Programmes. Accordingly, the seat reservation matrix is worked out, as indicated in Table-4, for allotment of subject-wise/discipline-wise seats. In case of non-availability of a particular reserved category of a candidate in a particular department/subject in the first notification, the same will be notified on the University website within one month to benefit the candidates of that particular category. In case of no response in the second notification, the available vacancy of seats (reserved categories) will be adjusted interchangeably either within the same group/s or to the open category.

Table – 4 : Seat Allotment

Intake	Seat Matrix for Admission
1	OC(G) :1; (Open to all)
2	OC(G) :1; BC/SC/ST: 1
3	OC(G) :1; BC:1; SC/ST: 1 one (W) among all
4	OC(G):1; OC (W): 1; BC: A/B/D : 1; SC/ST: 1
5	OC(G):1; OC(W): 1; BC: A/D : 1; BC:B:1; SC/ST – 1
6	OC(G):2, OC(W): 1; BC: A/D: 1, BC B:1, SC/ST: 1, one (W) among BC
7	OC(G): 2, OC(W): 1; BC:A/D-1, BC: B:1,;SC: 1, SC/ST: 1 One (W) among BC
8	OC (G):2, OC(W): 2; BC: A/D: 1, BC: B: 1; SC: 1, ST: 1 One (W) among BC
9	OC(G):2, OC(W): 2; BC:A:1, BC: B: 1, BC:-D: 1; SC: 1, ST:1 One (W) among BC
10	OC(G):3, OC(W): 2; BC:A: 1, BC:B 1, BC:D: 1; SC:1, ST: 1 One (W) among BC

5.3 Duration of the Programme

- (i) The minimum period of Study for a Ph.D. shall be three (03) years from the date of admission, out of which one semester is allotted to the course work and the remaining period is for writing the Thesis. However, for the candidates admitted with M.Phil., degree, the duration of the Programme is two years only.
- (ii) The maximum period allowed is six years in both cases.
- (iii) The women candidates and Persons with Disability (PWD) (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of their Ph.D., up to 240 days.

5.4 Medium

The medium of instruction and examination for the Ph.D. entrance test, Pre-Ph.D., and for writing the Thesis shall be in English only.

5.5 Fee Particulars/ Payment of Fee

- (i) The candidate has to pay an amount of Rs.15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) per annum for three years for Ph.D., towards the tuition fee. An amount of Rs.5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only) shall be paid towards the admission fee for the Programme. In addition, the Science students having laboratory components have to bear the cost of consumables/fieldwork/equipment hire.
- (ii) Candidates who could not submit the Thesis within the maximum period prescribed will be allowed an extension of one more year on the payment of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only).
- (iii) Candidates have to pay Rs. 15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as adjudication fee at the time of submission of the Thesis.

Note: The fee is subject to revision from time to time.

5.6 Study Schedule/Programme of the Study

- (i) The Ph.D. Program of Study shall consist of two parts: Part-I: Course Work, i.e., Pre-Ph.D., and Part-II: Thesis Work;
- (ii) The coursework involves the Study of two courses, viz.,
(a) Research Methodology and (b) Narrow Field of Research.
- (iii) The course work shall be organized over a semester consisting of 60 hours in each of the two papers/courses viz., Research Methodology and Specific Area of Research.
- (iv) Pre-Ph.D. examination shall be conducted after the coursework.
- (v) All the candidates admitted into the Ph.D. Programme shall have to appear and pass the Pre-Ph.D. examination with 50% marks on both papers. A maximum of two attempts will be allowed to pass the Pre-PhD examination and the candidates have to secure the minimum marks in both the papers in each attempt. However, the M.Phil. degree holders are exempted from Part-I (Pre-Ph.D.) coursework and examination.
- (vi) After passing the Pre-Ph.D. examination, every scholar has to make a seminar presentation on the research topic highlighting the relevance of the subject/theme, topic, methodology proposed and contribution to the domain of knowledge, etc.
- (vii) The DRC undertakes periodic reviews of research and seminar presentations of the candidates and suggests changes/improvements to strengthen their research work.
- (viii) All the research scholars should visit the Department weekly once and sign in the attendance register made available with the Dean of the Faculty concerned.
- (ix) Every Ph.D. candidate should submit to the Dean concerned his/her research progress report duly signed by the research supervisor and Head of the Department every month.

- (x) Every Ph.D. candidate should present the research design, progress, and pre-submission seminars (THREE SEMINARS IN ALL).

5.7 Course Work and Teaching methods

- (i) Multi-media teaching methods are used for instruction and research guidance.
- (ii) The University will organize Personal Contact Programmes (PCP) for one semester for course work. *Attending this PCP is mandatory* for all the candidates admitted through enhancement or with JRF/UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/SET/SLET. M.Phil awarded candidates however are exempted from PCP sessions.

5.8 Pre-Ph.D. Examination

- (i) The examination of the Ph.D. Programme shall consist of two parts:
Part - I: Examination of the coursework; and Part -II: Adjudication of the Thesis.
- (ii) The Pre-Ph.D., examination shall consist of two courses.
Research Methodology; and b) Specific Area of Research
- (iii) The Research Methodology course is typical for all the concerned candidates. A Specific Area of Research implies the detailed area of the research topic in which the candidate proposes to do the research work for a Ph.D.
- (iv) The examination of each paper shall be of three (3) hours duration and carries 100 marks. The pass marks shall be 50 percent on each paper.
- (v) The Pre-Ph.D. examination shall be conducted within one year from admission.
- (vi) The candidate shall be allowed/given only two chances to complete the Pre-Ph.D. examination.

5.9 Submission of Thesis

- (i) The candidate is allowed to submit his/her Thesis only after passing Pre-Ph.D. examination. The Thesis for the Ph.D. degree must significantly contribute to the subject's knowledge and bear the evidence of originality and scholarship.
- (ii) The candidate must present seminars from time to time before making a final presentation (i.e., pre-submission seminar) on the progress of the research work. The final presentation (pre-submission seminar) on the research work shall be before submitting the Thesis.
- (iii) The candidate should produce a final draft copy of the Thesis as evidence of completion of the work before the Pre-submission Seminar Committee.
- (iv) The candidate, while submitting the Thesis, has to take care of the following points (checklist):
 - (a) Six copies of hard-bound computer typed Thesis along with soft copy along with Plagiarism check certificate;
 - (b) Ten copies of the abstract of the Thesis;
 - (c) Receipt showing that the prescribed fee has been paid;
 - (d) 'No Dues Certificate from the competent authority;
 - (e) Copy of the Memorandum of Marks of the Pre-Ph.D. Examination/ M.Phil., Degree Certificate
 - (f) A certificate from the supervisor to the effect that the Thesis is based on the original work done by the candidate under his /her supervision;
 - (g) A declaration from the candidate that the Thesis does not constitute part of any Thesis/Dissertation/Monograph submitted for any degree or diploma of this or any other university/institute.

5.10 Viva-Voce Examination

After receiving the reports from the adjudicators, the Dean of the faculty concerned would conduct the open viva - voce examination.

5.11 Revision / Re-submission of the Thesis

- (i) The candidate has to revise and resubmit the Thesis thoroughly:
- If all three adjudicators recommend revision.
OR
 - If one adjudicator recommends revision
OR
 - If two of the three adjudicators recommend revision.
OR
 - If one adjudicator recommends the award, the second recommends revision and the third recommends rejection.
- (ii) The Thesis of the candidate will be rejected:
- If all three adjudicators unanimously recommend the rejection of the Thesis.
OR
 - If two of the three adjudicators recommend rejection of the Thesis.
- (iii) A candidate whose Thesis is recommended for revision may be permitted to resubmit the revised Thesis within six months.
- (iv) The comments and suggestions of the adjudicators for revision shall be communicated by the Controller of Examinations to the candidate, through the Dean, HOD concerned supervisor.
- (v) No resubmission shall be permitted after a lapse of one year.
- (vi) The candidate shall have to pay the prescribed fee of **Rs.10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only) for resubmission of the Thesis.

5.12 Cancellation of Registration

- (i) The registration of a Ph.D. scholar stands cancelled if the Chairperson, RPC, accepts the application for cancellation submitted by the candidate through the proper channel.
- (ii) The Chairperson, RPC, may cancel the registration of a Ph.D. scholar on the recommendation of or after consulting the supervisor if the progress of his / her research work is satisfactory.
- (iii) The registration stands cancelled, if the candidate fails to pass the Pre- Ph.D. examination after availing the prescribed number of chances (TWO) given to him/her or does not submit the Thesis within the prescribed period.
- (iv) The registration stands cancelled if the adjudicator rejects the candidate's revised Thesis.
- (v) The registration of a research scholar is cancelled at any time for proven behavior/misconduct reasons.

5.13 Award of Degree

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University shall award the Ph.D. degree to all the eligible candidates only after the successful completion of course work, approval of the Thesis by the adjudicators, and conduct of viva-voce examination by the faculty concerned.

5.14 Depository with UGC

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and announcement of the award of the Ph.D., Degree, the University submits a soft copy of the Ph.D. Thesis to the UGC within thirty days for hosting the same in INFLIBNET, accessible to all institutions/universities.
