

Kannur University

Regulations for Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) Programme

Under Credit & Semester System (CSS)

Effective from 2012 admission

- 1.0. Commencement:** The Scheme and Syllabus provided herein shall come into force with effect from 2012 admissions to the M.Phil. Programmes offered in Kannur University.
- 2.0. Objective of the Programme:** The programme for the Master of Philosophy Degree under the Credit Semester System based on the syllabus prescribed from time to time, aims to train the students in the Methodology and Theory, pertaining to the subject of study and a multi-dimensional, holistic and comparative perspective and prepare the students to undertake studies on an area of specialisation.
- 3.0 Duration of the Programme:** The duration of the programme shall be one Academic Year with two semesters. Each Semester shall have 450 contact hours, distributed over a period of 15 weeks, starting from July/August every year. If a candidate does not successfully complete the Programme **within the regular schedule of one year**, fulfilling all the requirements, **he/she shall be given an extension of six more months to complete the programme by the HOD.** If he/ she could not complete the programme within a period of eighteen months, extension could be granted by the University for an additional period of eighteen months maximum, in batches of six months, on recommendation of the Supervisor, and forwarded by the HOD, and on payment of 'Progressive Extension Fee' (incremental fee for every additional extension) fixed by the University from time to time. (with all extensions including extension granted for submission of dissertation (in clause 6.2.2), the duration for M. Phil programme shall not exceed 36 months). The registration for M. Phil Programme will be automatically cancelled on completion of three years.

4.0 Eligibility for Admission:

A Master's Degree from Kannur University or from any other University recognised by Kannur University as equivalent thereto, with not less than 55 percentage marks in the qualifying degree examination. However, for those belonging to SC/ST categories, a pass in the qualifying degree examination would suffice, for applying to the Programme and there will be a 5% relaxation in marks for the teachers of the affiliated colleges.

4.1 Admission Procedure: The rank list for admission to the programme shall be based on the index marks calculated as per the following criteria

Criteria	Weightage
a) Qualifying Examination	50
b) Entrance Test	40
c) Interview (Sports Achievement in case of M. Phil Programme in Physical Education)	10
Total	100

4.2 Indexing Marks: The index of marks for the preparation of the rank list would be based on the scores acquired from the qualifying degree as well as from the entrance examination in the ratio as mentioned above.

4.3 Reservation: Reservation rules for admission to various programmes of studies in the Kannur University Teaching Departments will be applicable.

5.0. Programme Structure

Semester-wise Programme Details are given below:

COURSE CODE	Title of the Course	Credits
First Semester		
Course 1	Research Methodology	6
Course 2	Theory/ Approaches/ Sports Management	6
Sub Total		12
Second Semester		
Course 3	Specialization	6
	Dissertation	22
	Viva voce	
Sub Total		28
Grand Total		40

1 st semester will have 2 courses of	6 credits each
2 nd semester will have 1 course of specialization with	6 credits and
Dissertation and Viva will have	22 credits
Total	40 credits

6.0 Scheme of Evaluation: The evaluation scheme for the Core Courses shall contain two parts, namely, 1) Continuous Assessment (CA) and 2) End Semester Assessment (ESA), with a weightage ratio of 50:50. **Specialised courses, would be subjected only to the CA while the Dissertation and Viva Voce would be subjected only to the ESA.**

6.1.0. Continuous Assessment (CA)

6.1.1. Core Courses: The Continuous Assessment for the Core Courses would have four components namely,

- 1) Test (20 marks)
- 2) Group Discussion/Viva-Voce (10 marks)
- 3) Assignment/Review Article (10 marks) and
- 4) Seminar (10 marks).

6.1.2. Specialisation: The Continuous Assessment for the specialisation will be based on the following four components namely, Assignment/Research Design, Presentation on Assignment/Research Design, Review Article, Presentation on Review Article, with equal weightage of 25 marks each:

- (1) Writing a Research Design/ Assignment on one's chosen topic and presenting the same in a Department Seminar, with a maximum of 25 marks for the Research Design and another 25 marks for Presentation.
- (2) Writing a Review Article based on an Extended Literature Review pertaining to one's chosen topic and presenting the same in a Department Seminar, with a maximum of 25 marks for the Research Paper and another 25 marks for Presentation.

In all these four components, the evaluation will be done by the concerned Supervising Teacher. The student would have to submit a copy of one's research design/ Assignment after due modifications, based on the feedback received at the time of its presentation.

6.2.0. End Semester Assessment (ESA) Pattern

Question Type	No. of Questions (Out of)	Value of Score		Approx. No of Words		Approximate Time Allocation (In Minutes)	
		Each question	Each Set	Each question	each Set	Each question	Each Set
1. Objective	10	1	10			1	10
2.Short Answer	4 (6)	5	20	150	600	8	35
3.Short Essay	4 (6)	10	40	300	1200	16	65
4.Essay	2 (4)	15	30	600	1200	35	70
Total	20 (26)	-	100	-	3000	-	180 (Three Hours)

6.2.1. Core Courses: The ESA for the first semester will be conducted by the Department. The concerned Faculty would prepare two sets of question papers, out of which one will be selected by an external examiner after due scrutiny. Each

question paper would be set for 100 marks which would be converted to the respective weightage allocated for ESA. The Chairman of Examinations/HOD shall conduct the examinations.

6.2.2. Dissertation: The ESA for the Dissertation will have two components namely, Valuation of the Dissertation and Viva-Voce, in the ratio of 75:25 respectively. The Dissertation, which shall be approximately of 20000 words (roughly about 100-120 pages) including Bibliography, based on original research in the area of specialisation, prepared under the supervision of Faculty in the Department is to be submitted at the end of the Second Semester for External Evaluation and Viva Voce. The supervisor may recommend a student's request for extension of the submission of Dissertation for a period of not more than Six Months, which may be approved by the Head of the Department. Valuation of the Dissertation and the conduct of the Viva Voce will be carried out by a Board of Examiners comprising two members including the HOD, and one External Examiner, nominated by the University from the Panel of examiners, submitted by the HOD, after due approval by the Department Council (DC).

6.3.0 Component Weightage: The distribution of weightage among the different components under CA and ESA, for each category of courses would be as given below:

Nature of Course	Continuous Assessment				End-Semester Assessment		Total
	Test	Group Discussion / Viva-Voce	Assignment / Review Article/Research Article	Seminar	Exam		
Core Course	20	10	10	10	50		100
Specialization	Research Design/ Assignment	Presentation - Research Design	Review Article	Presentation - Research Paper	-		100
	25	25	25	25			
Dissertation	-				Dissertation	Viva-voce	100
					75	25	

7.1.0. Grading System

7.1.1. Alpha-numerical Grade: An alphabetical grading system, with reducing the percentage mark of each course just to one tenth of its value with a single decimal point, shall be adopted for the assessment of student's performance in a course on a six point scale as given below:

Range of Marks	Grade Points	Alpha Grade
85 and Above	8.5 and above	A+
75 to <85	7.5 to <8.5	A
65 to <75	6.5 to <7.5	B+
55 to <65	5.5 to <6.5	B
45 to <55	4.5 to <5.5	C
Below 45	Below 4.5	F

The performance of the scholars in each of the course is indicated by the Grade Point (GP) (with single decimal), Grade, and Credit Points (CP) while the Performance of the scholars at the end of each Semester is indicated by the Grade Point Average (GPA), which is calculated by taking the weighted average of the Grade Points.

7.1.2. Successful Completion of the Programme: A separate minimum of C Grade in each of the Core Courses is required for pass, while B Grade is required for the completion of the Courses in each Semester and for the Successful Completion of the Programme. In the case of a candidate failing to secure the minimum requirement in the First semester, he/she could apply for reappearance of any of the course or for both the courses, and improve the performance in the subsequent appearance in the ESE along with the next batch of students to overcome the deficiency. However, such deficiency would not deter a student in continuing the Course in the Second Semester and fulfilling all the requirements including the submission of Dissertation.

Since M-Phil is a research degree, the regulations have variations from the regulations for Credit & Semester System implemented vide U.O s No. Acad C3/8188/2004 dated 07.11.2005, 29.04.2008, 12.03.2009 & U.O No. Acad C3/2049/2009 dated 05.04.2011 & 16.11.2011, to cope with the international conventions to be followed while offering research degrees.

In case of any rule not mentioned here in the regulations ,the general rules prescribed by Kannur University for Credit & Semester System as per the U.Os mentioned above becomes applicable.
