

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA  
(Abstract)

Guidelines for I and II Semester Examinations of M.Phil Programmes for 2018 admissions onwards- sanctioned-orders issued.

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**CREDIT AND SEMESTER SYSTEM**

NO: CSS/ M.Phil/2/2018

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 27.07.2018

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Read: 1. *U.O.No.Ac.A.II/2016 dated 20.08.2016*

2. *Item No.3 of the minutes of the meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 16.07.2018.*

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**ORDER**

The university Grants Commission (UGC) (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M.Phil Degree) Regulations,2016 was implemented in the University wide Paper read as (1) above with effect from 05.07.2016 onwards.

However certain sections in the above said.Regulations needed clarification regarding the procedures to be followed while conducting I and II Semester Examinations of M.Phil Programmes. Hence a draft guideline for conducting I and II Semester Examinations of M.Phil Programmes was placed before the CSS Academic Committee. The Committee vide paper read (2) above, recommended to approve the guidelines for conducting I and II Semester Examinations of M.Phil Programmes to be implemented with effect from 2018 admission onwards.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to the guidelines for conducting I and II Semester Examinations of M.Phil Programmes (Credit and Semester Systems) offered at Teaching and Research Departments of University of Kerala, University College Thiruvananthapuram and Lakshmi Bai National College of Physical Education, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, with effect from 2018 admission onwards ( Guidelines appended).

Orders are issued accordingly.

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**REGISTRAR**

**Guidelines for I and II Semester Examinations of M.Phil Programmes for 2018 admissions onwards**

1. Syllabi approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 06.04.2018 shall be the syllabi for the M.Phil programmes both in the Departments of University of Kerala and in the Departments of University College.
2. M.Phil programme shall be of two consecutive semesters, the first semester consisting of coursework and the second semester consisting of research work leading to submission of dissertation (Regulation clause 4.1).
3. The I Semester will have examinations in 3 courses including Paper I – Research Methodology and will carry a weightage of 100 for each course.

The assessment components in the first semester shall be as follows:-

Sl.No.	Category	Weightage(%)
1	Seminar Presentation	10
2	Term Paper/Assignment	15
3	End Semester Examinaton	75
	Total	100

The II Semester will be a dissertation and Public viva voce with a weightage of 100.

4. The assessment components in the second semester shall be as follows.

Sl.No.	Category	Weightage(%)
1	Dissertation	80
2	Public viva voce	20
	Total	100

5. Communication for examination along with time table shall be communicated to the Principal, University College and also the HODs of respective Departments of University College by the Chairman, Department Doctoral Committee (DDC). The Principal, University College shall be in Charge of conducting I semester Examination of M.Phil Programmes of University College.
6. The question papers shall be set and approved by the DDC for the first semester. There shall be only common question papers for both Departments of the University of Kerala and University College.

7. Only research guides of the University of Kerala shall be eligible to engage M.Phil classes and evaluation of the first semester course work shall be done by the respective supervising teachers.
8. Grades in the coursework, including research methodology course shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the DDC and one external examiner. (Regulation clause 6.6). It is mandatory that the final grades shall be communicated to the Vice Chairman, CSS within 15 days after the last examination. The results of University College shall be forwarded from the CSS to the Controller of Examinations. It is mandatory that the results of the University College and for the Departments be published within 3 working days by the Controller of Examinations and CSS, respectively.
9. M.Phil Scholar has to obtain a minimum of 'B' Grade in the UGC 7-point scale with a minimum of 55% marks in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation. (Regulation clause 6.7)
10. M.Phil scholars who fail to clear all the courses in the first attempt shall be permitted to reappear for all the courses of the end semester examination along with the students of the subsequent batch.
11. M.Phil Scholars who fail in one/two courses shall be permitted to reappear for only those courses that they have failed for the end semester examination along with the students of the subsequent batch.
12. Evaluation of dissertation and Public viva voce shall be based on Regulations 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and 8)

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