



KUMAR BHASKAR VARMA SANSKRIT AND ANCIENT STUDIES UNIVERSITY
Ph. D Regulations, 2026
[Based on University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for
Awards of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022]

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (i) of Section (4) of the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University Act, 2011 (9 of 2011), and in supersession of previous Rules and Regulations and its amendments, the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University hereby makes the following Regulations, namely. (Research Council has the right to make interpretation and amendment of the Regulation whenever necessary).

1. Short title, Application, and Commencement

- (i) These Regulations may be called Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2026.
- (ii) They shall apply to every Department established under section 4 of the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University Act, 2011.
- (iii) They shall come into force from the date of notification.

2. Definitions

- (I) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires
- (i) **"Academic Year"**: An academic year is the period of 12 month from 1st August to 31st July of a calendar year.
 - (ii) **"Act"** means the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University Act, 2011 (9 of 2011);
 - (iii) **"Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)"** means a measure of the overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all semesters. It is expressed up to two decimal places;
 - (iv) **"Credit"** means the number of hours of instruction required per week over the duration of a semester. A three-credit course in a semester means three one-hour lectures per week, with each one-hour lecture counted as one credit;
 - (v) **"KBVRET"** means an entrance test held centrally by the office of the Controller of Examination for screening applicants for admission into Ph.D. programme on various courses of KBVS&AS University;
 - (vi) **"Course"** means a subject paper consisting of specified units which go to comprise a programme of study;
 - (vii) **"Course Work"** means courses of study prescribed by the School/Faculty/Centre to be undertaken by a research scholar registered for the Ph.D. Degree;
 - (viii) **"Degree"** means a degree awarded by a Higher Educational Institution in accordance with the provisions of section 22 (3) of the UGC ACT 1956;
 - (ix) **"External examiner"** means an academician or domain related expert to whom the Ph.D. thesis will be sent for adjudication;
 - (x) **"Grade Point"** means a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale;
 - (xi) **"Research Supervisor/Guide"** means a faculty member or academician recognized by KBVS&AS University to supervise the Ph.D. scholar for his/her research;

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- (xii) **“Interdisciplinary Research”** means research conducted by a Ph.D. scholar in two or more academic disciplines;
- (xiii) **“Plagiarism”** means the practice of taking someone else’s work or idea and passing them as one’s own; and the maximum permissible limit is 10%.
- (xiv) **“Programme”** means a higher education programme pursued for a degree specified by the Commission under sub-section (3) of section 22 of the Act; and PhD Programme offered by different Departments/Centre.
- (xv) **“RAC”** Research Advisory Committee is a committee assigned to each scholar to review, guide, and monitor research progress and to approve changes in research aspects.
- (xvi) **“Research Proposal”** means a brief write-up giving an outline of the proposed research work which the Ph.D. scholar will prepare under the guidance of the Research Supervisor;
- (xvii) **“University”** means Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University
- (xviii) **“Research Council”** The policy-making body overseeing planning, supervision, and regulation of all research programmes of the University leading to the Ph.D. degree.
- (xix) **“Academic Council”** The Academic Council is the highest academic body of KBVS&AS University as per the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University Act, 2011. It shall be responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction, education and examination within the University.
- (II) Words and expressions used and not defined in these Regulations but defined in Act and Statutes and not consistent with these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Act.

3. Research Council (RC)

(I) The Research Council is a statutory body

- (i) In the Section 20 (1) of the Statutes, composition and functions of Research council are mentioned
- (ii) Periodically prepare a policy perspective of research in the University and its Constituent College(s), if any, and identify the thrust areas for research in the disciplines of the University subject to the overall guidance of the Academic Council;
- (iii) Critically review the current status of research in the University in each Department, examine the progress being made, and make possible suggestions.
- (iv) Approves the Syllabi of the Ph.D. Course work formulating the rules and regulations of the University as per guidelines of University Grant Commission, for Ph.D. research;
- (v) Decide matters related to Ph.D. admissions, frame rules and regulations of the KBVRET, and resolve issues arising during the admission process. In this regard, decisions of Research Council shall be the final.
- (vi) Oversee the research activities relating to PhD, Post-Doctoral research and other research work of similar nature.
- (vi) Perform any other functions that may be assigned to it by either the Academic Council or the Executive Council.

(II) Meetings of the Research Council

- (i) It shall meet at least twice a year.
- (ii) The quorum for a meeting is one-third of the existing members.
- (iii) A notice of at least ten (10) days should be normally given for a meeting. However an emergent meeting may be called by Chairperson whenever necessary.

4. Departmental Research Committee (DRC)

- (I) The Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of each Department is consisted as follows:

- (i) Head of the Department, as Chairperson and Convener/Dean Faculty
- (ii) All recognised research Supervisors of the Department (subject) as members.

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- (iii) There shall be two members who are recognised research guides, from allied disciplines from within the University.

(II) Functions of DRC

- (i) DRC forwards the decision to Research Council for approval about vacant seats of Ph.D under a research supervisor of concerned department for the next Academic Session.
- (ii) DRC approves the list of shortlisted candidates after appearing an Oral Test/ Viva-voce from qualifying KBV-RET for admission into Ph. D programme in a department.
- (iii) DRC approves decision on the Assignment of Research Guide/ Research Supervisor to research scholars only after completion of Course work.
- (iv) DRC Scrutinizes, modifies, and recommends Ph.D. research proposals to Research Council as recommended by the RACs for registration.
- (v) Take necessary action on procedures related to admission, course work examination, Provisional Registration, Final Registration, Pre-Submission Seminar, Submission of thesis, and other processes mentioned in the Regulation.
- (vi) Any other function assigned by Research Council.
- (vii) Any other issue arises related to Ph.D. scholars; DRC will take the final decision at Department level.

5. Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and its Functions

There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) or an equivalent body as defined in UGC regulations- 2022 for each Ph.D. scholar.

(I) Composition of RAC

- i. Head of the Department as Chairperson
- ii. Research Supervisor as the Convenor
- iii. One eligible Research Supervisor nominated by the Chairperson in consultation with the Convenor as Member
- iv. One eligible Research Supervisor from the Allied Department nominated by the Chairman in consultation with the Convenor as Member

(II) Functions of RAC

- i. To review the research proposal and provisionally finalize the topic of research for onward submission to DRC.
- ii. To suggest the Ph.D. scholar in developing the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- iii. To periodically (Quarterly) review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar.

The Ph.D. scholar shall appear quarterly before the Research Advisory Committee to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The Research Advisory Committee shall submit its recommendations along with a copy of Ph.D. scholar's progress report to the DRC. A copy of such recommendations shall also be provided to the Ph.D. scholar. The Chairperson of DRC will submit the reports of all RACs to Research Council.

(III) In case the progress of the Ph.D. scholar is unsatisfactory: The Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the unsatisfactory progress of the Ph. D scholar and suggest corrective measures for the same. If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend, with specific reasons, the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. scholar from the Ph.D. programme to DRC.

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6. Eligibility criteria for admission into the Ph.D. Programme

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph. D. programme:

(I) Candidates who have completed a 1-year/2-semester master degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme **or** a 2-year/4-semester master degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate **or** its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed **or** equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(II) Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation

(III) of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(IV) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Candidate completed M.Phil from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

7. Duration of the Programme

(I) Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.

(II) A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute of the University; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

(III) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

8. Procedure for admission

(I) The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution, keeping in view the guidelines issued by KBVS&AS University as per regulation.

(II) Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods:

i. The University may admit students through KBVRET. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology, and 50% shall be subject-specific.

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ii. Students who have secured 50% marks in KBVRET are eligible to be called for the interview.

iii. The University may admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR and similar National level tests based on an interview.

iv. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University from time to time.

v. The University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

vi. Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the University, a weightage of 70 % for the entrance test and 30 % for the performance in the interview/viva- voce/Oral test shall be given.

(vii) Except JRF holders, all applicants seeking admission into Ph.D. programme will have to appear in KBV-RET. However, additional weightage will be given to applicants having NET/SLET/ Qualified for Ph. D admission at the time of Oral Test /Interview

(III) The University will:

i. Notify well in advance on the institution's website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates;

ii. Adhere to the reservation policy, as per Govt. of Assam.

(IV) The University shall maintain a list of Ph.D. supervisors (specifying the name of the supervisor, his or her designation, and the school/faculty/department/centre), along with the name and enrollment no. of the registered of Ph.D. scholars under them on the website of the University and update this list every academic year.

(V) Admission of International students in Ph.D. programme

(i) Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in clause 6.3 in the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

(ii) The University may decide their own selection procedure for Ph.D. admission of international students keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by statutory/regulatory bodies concerned from time to time.

9. Course Work:

Course work structure, Credit requirements, number, duration, syllabus, minimum standards for completion, etc.

(i) The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a "Research and Publication Ethics" course and a research methodology course. The Research Advisory Committee can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.

(ii) A scholar needs to successfully complete the Course Work within Three Years from the date of admission (i.e. within three Academic Sessions). A Scholar may repeat a paper by applying to the respective DRC and the recent marks obtained will replace the earlier marks.

(iii) A scholar must successfully complete the Course work within three Consecutive years of the admission, failing to do so will result in cancellation of the admission. A scholar may attempt to clear a paper maximum three times within these three years.

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(iv) All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching /education /pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4–6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.

(v) A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit his or her thesis.

10. Allocation of Research Supervisor

(I) Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor

Permanent faculty members working as Professor/Associate Professor in KBVS&AS University with a Ph.D., and at least five research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals and

permanent faculty members working as Assistant Professors in the University with a Ph.D., and

at least three research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may be recognized as a Research Supervisor in the university where the faculty member is employed or in its affiliated Post-graduate Colleges/institutes.

Such recognized research supervisors cannot supervise research scholars in other institutions, where they can only act as co-supervisors.

(II) Eligibility criteria to be a Co-Supervisor

Co-Supervisors from within the same department or other departments of the same institution or other institutions may be permitted with the approval of the competent authority. Adjunct Faculty members shall not act as Research Supervisors and can only act as co-supervisor. In case of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/School/Centre/College/University may be appointed.

Incorporation of a Co-supervisor in Research Programme must be done prior to the final registration of the research scholar. However, a co-supervisor will not derive any benefits i.e., enhancement in API score on being a Co-Supervisor/Co-guide.

(III) Procedure to be followed for recognition as Ph. D Supervisor

- (i) Application for recognition as Supervisor/ Research Guide can be submitted at any time of the academic session to the Registrar of the university in the specified format, available in the official website of the university.
- (ii) Valid applications will undergo screening by a Collegium of Deans. Eligible applicants will be recognised as Research Supervisor after due approval by Research Council.

(IV) Allocation of the number of Ph.D. Scholars permissible per supervisor

- (i) An eligible Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor can guide up to eight (8) / six (6) / four (4) Ph.D. scholars, respectively, at any given time.
- (ii) In case of relocation of a female Ph.D. scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the Higher Educational Institution to which the scholar intends to relocate, provided all the other conditions in these Regulations are followed, and the research work does not pertain to a project sanctioned to the parent Institution/Supervisor by any funding agency. Such scholar shall,

however, give due credit to the parent institution and the supervisor for the part of research already undertaken.

- (iii) Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under their supervision. However, such faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered until superannuation and as a co-supervisor after superannuation, but not after attaining the age of 70 years.

(V) Supervision of International Students:

Each Supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified above in 10. (IV).i

(VI) Re-allocation Research Supervisor:

If a faculty member resigns the job or Leaves the university on Lien for joining in other institutes, his/her guideship will be converted to Co-guideship/ Co-Supervisor at completion of 6 (six) months from the date of his/her Leave on Lien /Resignation. Immediately, after six months of Leave on Lien, a new Research Supervisor will be allotted to the concerned research scholar subject to the availability of vacant seats.

11. Guidelines for preparing the Ph.D. Thesis

(1) In general, the following guidelines should be followed while preparing Ph.D. thesis.

- i. The thesis should be typed on both sides of A4-size paper in 1.5 line space
- ii. **Font & Size:**
 - English (Times New Roman) : 12 point
 - Assamese (Banikanta /Ramdhenu) : 15 point
 - Sanskrit (Krutidev/Kokila) : 18 point

Thesis of Assamese and Sanskrit language should be typed in Unicode

- iii. The size of the letters of the Title in Cover Page should be 16 point and others in 14 point in Times New Roman.
- iv. **Margins:** Margins should be **right -2cm** and **left -3cm** **Top -2cm** and **bottom -2cm**
- v. **Referencing Style:** latest version of APA or MLA (suitable for concerned subject)
- vi. **Language:** The language for thesis writing is English for all non-Sanskrit subjects of Humanities and Social Science except Assamese. Theses of Assamese department must be in Assamese and Theses of Sanskrit subjects must be in Sanskrit language.
- vii. **Maps and Drawings:** Maps and drawings may have appropriate size as advised by the Supervisor.
- viii. **The title page** (including cover): includes title of the thesis, name of the degree, name and logo of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, name of the Scholar, Name of the Supervisor, Department, and year of submission.
- ix. **Bibliography:** The bibliography should be a single one for all the contents of the thesis and should be put at the end of the thesis. Appendix should be followed by the Bibliography.
- x. **Colour:** The cover page of the thesis in all the disciplines should be in Saffron colour.

(II) Preceding the contents of thesis:

There should be a **certificate** from the supervisor(s) stating that:

- (i) The scholar has fulfilled all requirements stated in the Ph.D. regulations.
- (ii) The thesis is the result of the scholar's own investigations.
- (iii) The scholar has incorporated the recommendations / suggestions, if any, made during the Pre-submission Seminar.

(III) The thesis should also contain a **declaration from the scholar to the effect that**

- (i) The thesis, or any part of it, has not been submitted previously for any research degree at this or any other University/Institution.
- (ii) The thesis is free from plagiarized material, except for the scholar's own previously published work.
- (iii) The thesis must be submitted in the prescribed format of Ph.D thesis submission of the university.

12. Ph.D. Thesis Submission Requirements

The following things are required for the submission of the Ph.D. thesis.

(I) Payment of Examination Fee/ Viva-Voce Fee

- i. Every scholar must pay the prescribed **Viva-Voce Fee** before the submission of the thesis. The amount of fee is non-refundable
- ii. The fee for re-appearing in the Viva-Voce shall be **half** of the prescribed fee.

(II) Submission of Hard Copy and Electronic Copy:

- (i) The scholar must submit 4 (**Four**) **copies** of the thesis and 4 (**Four**) **copies** of the Abstract (Summary) of the thesis for sending to the Experts including supervisor (s), in case of co-supervisor then scholars have to submit another copy of both.
- (ii) The scholar must submit **one exact electronic copy** of the thesis in **PDF format**, including scanned copies of all required certificates.
- (iii) An **electronic copy of summary** of the thesis must also be submitted.
- (iv) The Controller of Examinations will issue detailed instructions for the electronic submission process.

(III) Plagiarism Certificate:

The scholar must submit a similarity index certificate issued by the Librarian, indicating the plagiarism status (maximum 10% of similarity of contents and 20% of AI similarity) of the thesis.

(IV) Submission of Hard-Bound Copy:

- (i) After the viva-voce examination and incorporation of any required corrections, the scholar must submit 01(One) **hard-bound copy** of the thesis to the Controller of Examinations before the declaration of the result.
- (ii) If corrections/revisions are suggested during the viva-voce, a **digital copy with the incorporated changes** must also be submitted.
- (iii) The hard-bound copy will be forwarded to the **University Library** for archival and to the **INFLIBNET digital repository** before the Ph.D. result is declared.

13. Thesis Submission Process

Before submitting the thesis, the Ph.D. scholar shall make a Pre-submission presentation of the thesis before the Research Advisory Committee and

Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the University, which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars/students.

- (i) The scholar shall incorporate suggested corrections and revise the thesis based on all recommendations made during the Pre-Submission Seminar.
- (ii) The RAC, under the supervisor, must run a plagiarism check using University-approved software.
- (iii) Obtain a **similarity index certificate in the prescribed format of Thesis submission** from the Librarian (permissible limit **up to 10%**, excluding bibliography, references and self-citation and AI 20%).
- (iv) He/she shall ensure the thesis reflects required improvements suggested in the pre-submission seminar before the final submission of the thesis.
- (v) He/she shall obtain **RAC/DRC recommendation** /certificate stating that the scholar's progress is satisfactory.
- (vi) The Controller of Examination, after verifying all records/testimonials shall send the thesis to the Examiners approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

14. Evaluation Process

- I. The University shall have a mechanism for using Plagiarism Detector Software (PDS) offered by INFLIBNET to detect Plagiarism in research work and the research integrity shall be an integral part of all the research activities leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree.
- II. A Ph.D. scholar shall submit the thesis for evaluation, along with (a) an undertaking, from the Ph.D. scholar that there is no plagiarism and (b) a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the thesis and that the thesis has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma to any other Higher Educational Institution.
- III. The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners who are experts in the field. Such examiner(s) should be in academics with a good record of scholarly publications in the field. One of the external examiners should be chosen from outside the State. The viva-voce board shall consist of the Research Supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners and may be conducted online. The viva-voce shall be open to the members of the DRC/ Research Advisory Committee/faculty members/research scholars, and students. The University may formulate appropriate rules to execute the provisions of these Regulations.

(IV) Constitution of the Board of Examiners

The Ph.D. thesis shall be evaluated by a Board of Examiners consisting of:

- Two external examiners (One of whom must be from outside the state, except for the Department of Assamese), and
- The concerned Supervisors

- i. The Controller of Examinations, with approval of the Vice-Chancellor, will finalize the Board from a **panel of at least Six examiners** (not below Associate Professor rank), submitted by the Research Supervisor.
- ii. **Submission of Evaluation Reports**
All examiners must submit the evaluation report **within 45 days of receiving the thesis**. Reports must include **probable questions** for the viva-voce.
- iii. **Unanimous Positive Recommendation**
If **all the examiners recommend** the thesis for award of Ph.D., it will be further processed for the viva-voce.

iv. **When Any Examiner Suggests Revision**

If **anyone Examiner** recommends revision, the scholar must revise and resubmit the thesis within maximum Six months.

The scholar may appeal for a review, but if the examiner maintains the revision recommendation, revision becomes mandatory.

v. **When Two Examiners Approve and One Rejects**

The thesis will be referred to a 3rd **external examiner** from the approved panel, selected by the Vice-Chancellor.

vi. **The 3rd examiner's decision shall be the final:**

a) If the 3rd examiner recommends for revision of the thesis then the scholar may revise and resubmit within one year paying **half the prescribed examination fee**.

b) The revised copy of the Thesis will be sent to the 3rd examiner only.

c) If the 3rd examiner recommends the thesis then the thesis will be processed for viva-voce along with other reports.

vii. **When Two Examiners Suggest Revision**

The scholar must revise and resubmit within **six months**, paying **half of the examination fee**.

The revised thesis will be sent **only to the examiners who asked for revision**.

If recommended, the thesis proceeds to viva-voce.

viii. **Rejection of Thesis**

If **any two examiners**, including the 3rd examiner/alternate examiner (if appointed), does not recommend acceptance of the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected, and the Ph.D. scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of a Ph.D.

15. Viva-Voce Examination

The following process will be followed for the Viva-Voce Examination

i. **Scheduling of Viva-Voce:**

After all examiners recommend the thesis for the Ph.D. degree, the Controller of Examinations will instruct the scholar through the Head of the Department concerned to appear for the Viva-Voce and/or practical examination.

ii. **Composition of Viva-Voce Board**

The Viva-Voce shall be conducted by at least **two examiners**:

- HoD- Chairman & Convenor
- One **external examiner**, and
- The **Research Supervisor**.

iii. The external examiner will be **one of the original thesis evaluators**, approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

iv. If the external examiner and/or the Research supervisor are unavailable, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint another examiner from the approved panel.

v. The examiners must submit a **combined report**, forwarded by the Head of the Department (HoD).

vi. **Conduct of the Viva-Voce**

(a) The Viva-Voce (online/offline) shall be **open to all**, and its arrangement will be done by the respective HoD.

(b) A **general notice** regarding conduct of Viva-voce must be issued by the Controller of Examinations with the approval of the Honourable Vice Chancellor.

(c) The Viva-Voce shall be held in the concerned/allied department in the presence of:

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- HoD- Chairman & Convenor
- Dean
- RAC/DRC members
- Research scholars and Students, and
- Faculty members.

vii. Outcome of the Viva-Voce

If satisfied, the examiners will submit a **REPORT** recommending the scholar for the award of the Ph.D. degree. If not satisfied, the examiners may recommend the scholar to **re-appear** for another Viva-Voce **after 3 months but within 6 months**.

The Viva-Voce report must be forwarded by the HoD.

If examiners recommend **thesis modifications**, the scholar must revise and submit the corrected thesis **within three months**, even if the examiners recommend the degree.

(viii) The University shall complete the entire process of evaluating a Ph. D. thesis, including the declaration of the viva-voce result, **within a period of six (6) months from the date of submission of the thesis**.

16. Award of Ph.D. Degree

a. After the thesis is recommended for the award of the Ph.D. degree following the Viva-voce, the Registrar shall declare the result with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, after mandatory submission of soft copy for publication through INFLIBNET and subject to approval of the Executive Council.

b. The Executive Council shall approve the award of the Ph.D. Degree and publish the candidate's name along with the title of the thesis, name of the guide(s), and the faculty and department to which the thesis belongs.

c. A certificate under the seal of the University, signed by the Vice-Chancellor, will be issued to each successful candidate during the next Convocation.

17. Issuing a Provisional certificate-

Prior to the actual award of the Ph.D degree, the University shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Ph.D. is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

18. Depository with INFLIBNET-

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Ph.D degree(s), 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 the Higher Educational Institutions and research institutions.

19. Ph.D. through Part-time Mode-

(1) Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

(2) The University shall obtain a "No Objection Certificate" through the candidate for a part-time Ph.D. programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:

- i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
- ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
- iii. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

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(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other law, for the time being in force, no Department of the University shall conduct Ph.D. programmes through distance and/or online mode.

20. Research in Affiliated Colleges

(1) Post-graduate Colleges offering 4-year Undergraduate Programmes and/or Post-graduate Programmes, may offer Ph.D. programmes, provided they satisfy the availability of eligible Research Supervisors, required infrastructure, and supporting administrative and research facilities as per these Regulations.

(2) Colleges and research institutions established by the State government whose degrees are awarded by KBVS&AS University shall offer Ph.D. programmes provided they have:

- i. At least two faculty members in a college or two Ph.D.-qualified scientists in the research institution.
- ii. Adequate infrastructure, administrative support, research facilities and library resources as specified by the University.

N.B. This Regulation has been approved in the Executive Council meeting held on 8th July, 2026.



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