

# **RAKSHA SHAKTI UNIVERSITY**

## **Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) Degree**

### **M.Phil. Regulations-2013**

#### **1. Master of Philosophy (M. Phil):**

The objective of the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) Degree program is to prepare students to initiate to research work.

##### **1.1. M. Phil.:**

The degree of the Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.) shall be considered as an Intermediate Degree between the Master Degree and the Doctorate Degree in the relevant faculty and the subject and interdisciplinary research areas

##### **1.2. Clarification**

M.Phil. Degree shall not be considered a pre-requisite for seeking registration as a Ph.D student at Raksha Shakti University; however preference in admission/exemption in entrance test, etc. shall be available as per U.G.C. regulations provided in that connection.

#### **2. M. Phil.: Conduct**

The M.Phil Degree course shall be conducted by the Research & Development Department of Raksha Shakti University in interdisciplinary areas based on the recommendation of the Faculty of Doctoral Studies committee and Academic Council.

**2.1.** M.Phil Degree related to Police Science encompassing police administration, Internal Security, Criminology and law, Homeland security & management, cyber security, Prison psychology, information technology & management related to crime, criminal behavior & law, Preventive Forensics, criminal profiling, behavioral evidence analysis, crime scene profiling, investigative psychology, preventive forensics, social science & allied subjects are offered by Raksha Shakti University.

#### **3. M.Phil. : Eligibility**

**3.1.** The admission in a particular subject/discipline at the M.Phil. Degree program shall be open to a person who has obtained a Master's Degree in the same or related subject/discipline from a U.G.C. recognized university or an examination of any other University recognized as equivalent thereto by UGC.

**3.2.** A candidate for being eligible for admission to M.Phil. Degree program must have passed the Master's degree examination with at least 55% marks for General & O.B.C. candidates while 50% for SC/ST/PH candidates or equivalent grade at the first trial in the subjects in which the candidates seeks admission.

#### **4. M. Phil.: Reservation:**

- 4.1.** The reservation of seats for admission to M.Phil Degree program shall be as prescribed by the Raksha Shakti University/ as per the Government of Gujarat rules from time to time.
- 4.2.** The number of reserved seats in each category shall be worked out based on the overall number of seats in the Raksha Shakti University after every batch.
- 4.3.** The vacant seats in any reserved category shall be allotted to general category students.

#### **5. M. Phil.: Procedure for Admission**

- 5.1.** The University shall notify the number of seats available for M.Phil Degree program; procedure for admission, entrance examination schedule, etc. in advance in the Raksha Shakti University Website and/or through an advertisement. NET/SLET/UGC-CSIR qualified candidate shall be preferred for admission to M. Phil. Degree program.
- 5.2.** Interested candidates shall have to apply for the M.Phil Degree program in the prescribed format. The candidate shall be provided with a copy of the Raksha Shakti Regulations 2013 relating to M.Phil. Degree program (Enclosure- Form I).
- 5.3.** The admission to the M.Phil. Degree program shall also be done through an entrance test conducted by the Raksha Shakti University every year on the last Saturday in the month of July.
- 5.4.** Candidates who have cleared tests like UGC (NET/JRF), CSIR (TRF/GRF), ICSSR, GSLET GATE/CAT/BPR&D or funded by institution/organization/laboratory/industry for the M.Phil program are exempted from RSU entrance test.
- 5.5.** University shall prepare merit list of short listed candidates for admission to M. Phil. Degree program as per the following break-up of a total 100 marks.

#### **6. M.Phil.: Structure of Raksha Shakti University Entrance Examination**

- 6.1.** The scheme of entrance examination encompasses Proficiency in English (Graduation level), Computer Awareness (CCC+ level) & Subject Related Questions (Post Graduate Level).
- 6.2.** The Entrance Examination shall be of two hours duration for 100 marks  
Section A: 50 objective type questions of one mark each  
Section B: 50 multiple choice questions (one mark for each correct answer & a negative marking of 0.25 marks for each wrong answer.
- 6.3.** To qualify in the entrance test, a candidate shall secure an aggregate of 55% marks (50% for SC/ST candidates), **with at least 40% (35% for SC/ST/PH)** in Section A & B.

**6.5** Group discussions and personal interviews shall be organized by the University for the candidates qualified in the RSU entrance test and those who are exempted from the entrance test.

**6.6.** Merit List: UG and PG marks shall be considered for preparing the merit list.

(A) Graduation: 15 % of graduate examination marks.

(B) Post Graduate: 25 % Post Graduate examination marks.

(C) Entrance test qualifying marks: at least 40 percent marks

(D) Group Discussion and Personal Interview: 10 percent

(E) NET/SLET/UGC-CSIR tests qualified: 10 percent

**6.7** The University shall publish the merit lists of candidates for each subject, based on the performance in the group discussions and personal interviews, for each category on the Website of Raksha Shakti University.

**6.8** Selected candidates based on the above merit shall have to pay the prescribed fee within seven days from the date of offer of admission, failing which the seat shall be allotted to the next candidate of the merit list.

**6.9** The date of admission and payment of fees will be considered as the date of registration.

**7. M. Phil.: Duration of the course**

**7.1** The duration of M.Phil Degree program will be two semesters, during which period course work and the dissertation should be completed. During the first two semesters, students are required to complete the course work. The course work will set the basic ground to start research. The courses are designed in such a way that during the course work the students will be exposed to research concepts and activities. The student shall identify a research topic and prepare a dissertation and submit the same by the end of the 2nd semester. In case of unavoidable circumstances the student may seek an extension for submission of the dissertation. The research work will be submitted in the form of a dissertation. The minimum duration of research work is two semesters and M.Phil is awarded after the evaluation of the dissertation.

**7.2.** The classes shall be conducted as per the schedule notified by the coordinator of the course from time to time. The examination shall be conducted as per the schedule of the Raksha Shakti University. Registration of the candidate shall be extended for one more year if required for want of submission of dissertation or passing of the theory exam.

**7.3.** The enrollment of the students for M. Phil. Degree Course shall be made as per the academic schedule designed by the Raksha Shakti University.

## 8. M.Phil. : Course work

8.1 The courses in the various subjects of M.Phil. Degree program shall be prescribed by the M.Phil. Committee of the Raksha Shakti University faculties in the subject concerned within the broad guidelines given below with the approval of Director General.

8.2. The courses in the various subjects in M. Phil. degree shall be prescribed by the board of studies ( Board of studies recommended by Director, R&D and approved by Director General) in the subject concerned and in the interdisciplinary areas with the proposal of the respective faculty or Director R&D and the academic council with the following uniform course structure.

| <b>Semester – I</b> |  |                  |                 |              |               |
|---------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Paper</b>        | <b>Name of course</b>  | <b>Internal</b>  | <b>External</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Credit</b> |
| <b>No.</b>          |  | <b>Marks</b>     | <b>Marks</b>    | <b>Marks</b> |               |
| 101                 | Research Methodology   | 30               | 70              | 100          | 4             |
| 102                 | Theory paper /Field work<br><br>/case study / Review of<br><br>literature (including Seminar<br><br>/Assignment/Presentation | 30               | 70              | 100          | 4             |
| 103                 | Subject Elective Theory<br><br>Paper   | 30               | 70              | 100          | 4             |
|                     | Total  | 90               | 210             | 300          | 12            |
| <b>Semester –II</b> |  |                  |                 |              |               |
| <b>Paper</b>        | <b>Name of course</b>  | <b>Internal</b>  | <b>External</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Credit</b> |
| <b>No.</b>          |  | <b>Marks</b>     | <b>Marks</b>    | <b>Marks</b> |               |
| 201                 | Theory Paper   | 30               | 70              | 100          | 4             |
| 202                 | Theory Paper/dissertation  | 50<br><br>(Viva) | 150             | 200          | 8             |
|                     | Total  | 80               | 220             | 300          | 12            |
|                     | <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>170</b>       | <b>430</b>      | <b>600</b>   | <b>24</b>     |

8.4 There shall be three papers to be covered during the terms for which the concerned Departments shall arrange the lectures. The M.Phil Students shall –

- A. take three courses on advanced topics of the subject and research methodology, including Computer skill, to be prescribed by the department concerned;

- B. submit a dissertation, which may include project work or design work, depending on the nature of research;
- C. shall attend seminars and tutorials and participate in at least one seminar organized by the Department or any other institution/s for the purpose of discussing new results, developments in the subject/or interpretation of data. He/she shall also be required to give at least one seminar pertaining to his/her dissertation in the department.

**8.5** The courses in the various subjects including interdisciplinary areas for the M.Phil. Degree program shall be prescribed by the Board of Studies concerned with the approval of the respective faculty and the following uniform course structure.

(1) Theory: Three papers for M. Phil. Degree

- Paper I : Research Methodology, including computer skill, proposal and project writing skill - 100 marks – 4 credits (60 hours)
- Paper II : Recent Advances in the Subject – 4 credits (60 hours)
- Paper III : Elective courses in the subject – 4 credits (60 hours)
- Paper IV : Practical/projects/experiments/field work, seminar, etc. – 4 credits 60 hours)

The respective department will give the detailed course curriculum, field work, practicals, etc., for the concerned subjects.

(2) Dissertation: 100 marks (80 marks of evaluation and 20 marks of *viva voce*)

**8.6** The M.Phil. Examination shall consist of above papers and dissertation and a total of 400 marks.

**8.7** If a student is unable to submit the dissertation within the first two semesters, he/she may submit the same within six months of course work. However, the dissertation will not be accepted after 30 months of registration.

## **9. M.Phil.: Validity period of registration**

**9.1** Irregular attendance in the course work or unsatisfactory performance at the seminars/tutorials, etc., shall disqualify the M.Phil students from further studies.

**9.2** The student shall be allowed to submit the dissertation within a maximum period of two years after the declaration of the result of the theory papers of M. Phil. Degree examination, failing which his/her performance in the theory papers shall be treated as cancelled, provided that the Director General may at his/her discretion, grant a request for extension for a maximum period of one year. But such a request for extension shall under no circumstances be entertained after three years of the declaration of the result of the theory papers examination.

## **9.3. M.Phil.: Fees**

(1) Admission Form & Processing fee Rs.-----.

(2) Registration fees to be paid (once):

Regular Students Rs.---- - and Foreign Students Rs.-----.

(Re-registration for Regular Students Rs.----- - and Foreign Students ----wherever applicable

(3) Other fees payable:

**Sl.No. Fee Details per Semester/Term, Regular Students, (Fees -- Rs), Foreign Students, (Fees --Rs)**

- 1 Tuition Fees
- 2 Term Fees including lab & Computer fees
- 3 Library Fee
- 4 Sports Fee

**Total**

(4) Dissertation Fees (To be paid at the time of submission): Regular Students Rs.----- and Foreign Students Rs.-----/-.

The above fee structure may be revised by the Fee Committee as and when needed, which will be binding on all students, including those students who are already admitted. The fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances even if the student withdraws from the program.

**10. M.Phil: Recognition of Teachers for M. Phil. Degree**

**10.1** Post Graduate Teachers with the following qualifications and experience shall be eligible to be recognized to teach the theory papers at the M.Phil Degree Program in the subject/s of their specialization/subjects taught by them in the Post Graduate level, as also to be guides for dissertation:

- i. Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors of the Raksha Shakti University Departments holding Ph.D. degree and three years of teaching experience in the Raksha Shakti University Departments in the subject concerned.
- ii. Professors, Associate Professors & Assistant Professors with the teaching experience at the PG level and/or those who are recognized Ph.D. guides in the subject.
- iii. Teachers with M.Phil. Degree having seven years' teaching experience at post graduate level with three research papers in the subject published in refereed journals and in the areas where publishing is not possible, field work, laboratory work of atleast three years

**10.2 Recognition of teachers exclusively for M.Phil. Theory papers (interdisciplinary areas)**

- i. Teachers in the University Department or recognized institutions or approved institutions or affiliated colleges having research work or recognized merits in their subject or discipline to their credit with at least 03 years of experience of teaching at under graduate and/ or post graduate level.
- ii. Assistant Professors in the University Departments, recognized institutions or approved institutions or affiliated colleges with at least 03 years teaching experience at degree level and/or post graduate level, of which post graduate teaching experience shall not be less than five years.

## **11. M. Phil. : No. of students per guide**

- 11.1. Maximum five M.Phil. Students shall be assigned to any individual teacher for the purpose of guiding their dissertation work. Each teacher shall be normally expected to devote at least two hours per week for each student for preparing the dissertation.
- 11.2. Normally a teacher can do one teaching course per semester. For the purposes of work load, one M.Phil Lecture will be considered as equivalent to two hours of undergraduate/PG teaching.

## **12. M. Phil. Constitution of M.Phil Committee**

### **12.1. M.Phil committee is constituted by faculties of concerned disciplines for core subjects**

- 12.2. M.Phil committee is constituted by faculties from multi disciplines for M.Phil in interdisciplinary areas.

Board of Studies for M.Phil Degree in interdisciplinary areas:

i. Chairman of the Board of Studies in the subject concerned.

ii. One faculty of inter related discipline of RSU.

iii. One faculty from different discipline of RSU.

iv. Two outside experts relevant to interdisciplinary areas associated with M.Phil/PhD Program

## **13 M.Phil. (13): Duties of M.Phil. Committee**

The duties and functions of the M.Phil Committee will be as under:

- i. To guide the teachers in the selection of topic for dissertation based on project/design work or on other identified areas of research.
- ii. Draw the syllabus for the course work and review them.
- iii. Recommendations to improve the teaching and guidance to M.Phil students.
- iv. Recommend names of examiners for M.Phil. papers as well as dissertation to the University.
- v. In the event of any dispute or need for interpretation of the interpretation of the rules, the decision of the M.Phil. Committee shall be final.

## **14. M. Phil. : Submission of dissertation**

**14.1** The dissertation will be treated as accepted only if the student has made satisfactory progress both in writing the dissertation and the examination thereof.

**14.2** The students will be expected to give a pre – M.Phil. presentation before the completion of degree.

**14.2** In case of students whose dissertation has been accepted once will not be required to resubmit the dissertation even if he/she is required to reappear in the examinations for theory papers.

**14.3** Without submission of the dissertation and its satisfactory evaluation, the M.Phil. degree shall not be awarded.

## **15. M. Phil. : Standard of Passing**

- 15.1** The evaluation of the M.Phil. Program will be done on a continuous basis for the course work. Fifty per cent of the evaluation shall be internal based on seminars, conferences, journal clubs quizzes, assignments, field work, practical, etc., as decided by the faculty and the remaining 50% shall be based on the examinations conducted by the University.
- 15.2** The dissertation will be evaluated by two external examiner recommended by the M.Phil. Committee and appointed by Director General
- 15.3** The *viva voce* will be conducted by the M.Phil. committee (at least two members) along with the M.Phil. guide after receiving the evaluation report from the external examiner.
- 15.4** The standard of passing for the M.Phil. Degree examination shall be:
- i.** 50 marks (40 marks for dissertation and 10 marks for *viva voce*)
  - ii.** At least 40% marks in each of the papers and 50% of the total marks in the aggregate of the papers and dissertation.
  - iii.** Any student securing less than 50% marks in the aggregate and less than 40% in each paper shall be treated as failed and shall have to repeat the course work and reappear in the examinations in order to secure at least 50% marks in the aggregate.
  - iv.** There will be no exemptions from appearing in theory papers irrespective of the background of the students. However, the benefits of normal ordinances for award of grace marks in theory papers shall be applicable as per Raksha Shakti University rules for examinations.

## **16. M.Phil. : Award of Class**

- 16.1**
- i.** First class with distinction: 70% of Aggregate marks and above.
  - ii.** First Class: 60% of Aggregate marks and above
  - iii.** Second Class: At least 50% of aggregate marks.
- 16.2** A student who has secured the minimum number of marks required to pass in the paper but whose dissertation has not been accepted for award of M.Phil. Degree will be required to resubmit his/her dissertation with necessary modifications as suggested by the examiner. His/her marks of theory papers will be carried forward. Such a candidate shall not be required to appear again for examinations in theory paper.

## **17. M.Phil.: General Rules**

- 17.1** The students shall follow the rules and regulations prescribed by the Raksha Shakti University from time to time, even if they are not included in these regulations. The University has the right to modify, change or add to the regulations which shall be binding on the students.
- 17.2** The M.Phil. Students shall be entirely responsible for any duplication or plagiarism or piracy occurring in the dissertation. In case any such acts are detected even after the award of the degree, the student shall be held accountable for the irregularity and this may even lead to the cancellation of the degree. The decision of the University in this regard will be final.



**17.3** A candidate who has registered for Ph.D Degree may be permitted to register for the M.Phil. degree programme and submit the research work carried out by him/her for the Ph.D. degree with such modifications as may be deemed appropriate by the candidate towards the dissertation of the M.Phil. Program, provided he/she has undertaken the course work for Ph.D. However it can be done only after the cancellation of his Ph.D. registration.

**17.4** A dissertation carried out by the candidate should be sent to UGC as depository.