

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D)

Q.1 What is the eligibility criteria for Degree in Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the University of Delhi?

Ans. The candidates can register for the Degree in Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) conducted by the Departmental Research Committee provided they fulfill the following eligibility conditions:

- ❖ Students having fellowships/scholarships instituted by the University /National and International agencies under schemes approved /recognized by the University, through procedure laid down by the University , shall be registered provisionally by the Departmental Research Committee and Board of Research Studies, and confirmed after completion of course work, by the respective Board of Research Studies.
- ❖ Students who are otherwise eligible for admission to the Ph.D. Program but do not have any financial assistance, shall be admitted through an entrance examination to be conducted by the respective departments or/ and through an interview by the Departmental Research Committee.
- ❖ Foreign students with their national or other fellowships recognized by the University or sponsored by their employers, shall be given provisional admission ,followed by confirmation through due process after a stipulated period of time.
- ❖ The University/College teachers holding permanent, temporary or ad hoc positions and having completed two years of service as teacher in a Department/Constituent Colleges of the University of Delhi.
- ❖ Candidates sponsored by their employers shall be considered only if they get study leave for a period of two years to fulfill residency requirements of the University of Delhi.
- ❖ Permanent teachers/employees, who are in service in any other recognized University/College/Research Institute in India and has also a minimum of three years teaching/research experience, shall be considered if they get study leave for a period of two years to fulfill residency requirements of the University of Delhi.
- ❖ A candidate must have obtained a Master's /M.Phil. Degree from the University of Delhi, or any other recognized University, or any degree recognized as equivalent in the subject in which the candidate wishes to pursue a course of research, or in an allied subject. He/she must have obtained either a minimum of 50% marks or equivalent grading in the M.Phil. Degree or a minimum of 55%marks or equivalent grading in the Master's Degree.
- ❖ Students who are initially registered for the M.Phil. Programme of the University and who also obtain a score of 60% marks in Part I examination of the M.Phil. Programme shall be eligible for admission to the doctoral programme.
- ❖ Candidates with four years or more than four years Bachelor Degree viz. B. Tech and M.B.B.S. with 70% and 60% marks or equivalent grades respectively, who have obtained any of the national level fellowships, shall be admitted provisionally in the Ph.D. programme. Such students shall be required to go through two semester course work as prescribed by the Departmental Research Committee as reported to the Board of Research Studies. They shall also qualify for confirmed registration after successful completion of the course work.
- ❖ Candidates with M. Tech/M.Phil./LL.M /M.C.A/M.D/M.S. degree from the University of Delhi or candidates holding an equivalent degree from any other Institute recognized by the University of Delhi and if one has obtained any of the national level fellowships can be provisionally admitted to the Ph.D. programme.

- ❖ In the Faculty of Law, a student holding LL.B Degree and also obtains a score of 60% or more marks shall be admitted to the Ph.D. programme subject to the provision that the student shall pass in the course work of LL.M. first year.

Q.2 What is the scheme of course for students admitted for the Degree of Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) on provisional basis?

Ans. The scheme of course for Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in University of Delhi is mentioned as below:

- Students who are provisionally registered for the Degree of Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) shall be required to take a minimum of two courses and up to a maximum of eight courses as per the decision of Departmental Research Committee. Each course shall be of three hours instructions/studies per week.
- The course work shall be completed in a period of two semesters without exceeding an academic year from the date of the provisional registration.
- The students shall be evaluated at the end of each semester. If a student is not able to pass the course with 50% marks, then he/she shall be allowed to reappear for the examination within twelve months.
- The provisional admission in the Ph.D. programme shall be confirmed by the Departmental Research Committee and the Board of Research Studies only after the successful completion of course work and completion of other formalities like defense of the thesis topic in a departmental seminar.

Q.3 What is the eligibility criteria for reserved categories for being registered in the Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.)?

Ans. The extent of reservations as well as the eligibility criteria with respect to the reserved categories of students to be admitted in the Doctoral programme shall be governed by the guidelines issued by the University of Delhi in accordance with statutory provisions.