



KERALA KALAMANDALAM (DEEMED TO BE) UNIVERSITY
Regulations for Integrated M.Phil/Ph.D and Direct Ph.D. Programmes - 2017 - 2018

These regulations, formulated in accordance with the provisions of the UGC's 2009 regulations prescribing the minimum standards and procedures for the award of M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees, shall be called the "Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed to be University Regulations for Integrated M.Phil -Ph.D. and Direct Ph.D. Programmes, 2012." They shall govern the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D and Direct Ph.D. Programmes offered at Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed to be University in the subject areas of Classical Arts, Theatre Studies, Performance Studies, Literary Studies, Cultural Studies, Folklore, Fine Arts and Kerala Culture.

i. Programme Names

The University shall offer M.Phil and Ph.D. Programmes under two Faculties:

i) Faculty of Performing Arts

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| a. Dance | b. Kathakali | c. Kutiyattam | d. Thullal |
| e. Music (Vocal & Instrumental) | f. Vadyam | g. Comparative Studies | |

ii) Faculty of Cultural Studies

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| a. Literary Studies | b. Aesthetics | c. Comparative Studies |
| d. Folkloristics | e. Kerala Culture | f. Fine Arts |

ii. Admission Procedure

There shall be a common admission procedure for performing Arts and Cultural Studies in the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. and the Direct Ph.D. Programmes.

a Notification and Application

Notifications inviting applications for admission to the M.Phil-Ph.D. and Direct Ph.D. Programmes shall be issued in the month October/November every year.

The prescribed application form for admission shall be downloaded from the University website (www.kalamandalam.org) on receipt of the cost fixed by the University from time to time.

Applications indicating the discipline of study/research shall be submitted to the Registrar, Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University. The application shall be accompanied by the receipt of remittance of the entrance examination fee prescribed by the University.

b. Eligibility for admission to Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D.

Candidates who possess Master's Degree in the subject concerned or in related/allied subjects with at least 55% Marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale of Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University for Art and Culture (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent Degree of any other Indian or Foreign University recognised by the University are eligible to apply for the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. Programme. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) in their Masters Degree. Candidates who are awaiting results of their qualifying examinations can also apply, but they shall

produce their P.G Mark lists and Provisional Certificates at the time of Interview. The maximum age of the applicants for admission to the Integrated MPhil/Ph.D program shall be 35 (Thirty five) years on the first day of first month of the year of notification. There will be no age limit for admission to Direct Ph.D. Course.

iv. Admission

Admission to the M.Phil-Ph.D. Programme shall be on the basis of an entrance examination, which will include a written aptitude test and an interview conducted by the Research Committee of the University. UGC-JRF holders, teachers of the University and teachers of Government and Aided Colleges with a minimum of two published works in referred journals and candidates with M.Phil in the subject areas relating to Performing Arts and Cultural Studies are exempted from the written test. There shall be a rank list prepared for both courses separately based on the marks secured by the candidates at the Entrance Examination. Admission shall be made from the rank list.

v. Entrance Examination

The entrance examination shall carry 75 marks, out of which 50 marks are for the written test and the remaining 25 marks are for the Interview. The questions for the written test shall be prepared by an expert nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. The written test shall be common for both disciplines. It is intended to test the candidate's research aptitude as well as his/her general familiarity with the subject areas specified for and research at Kerala Kalamandalam.

The candidates who secure a minimum of 50% marks in the written test alone shall be called for the Interview. The candidates belonging to the SC/ST communities require only a minimum of 45% in the written test. In the absence of sufficient number of candidates from SC/ST categories the vacancies shall be filled up as per rules. The reservation policy adopted by the State Government/UGC for the admission of students belonging to SC/ST, OEC and OBC from time to time shall be followed.

vi. Intake

The number of candidates to be admitted to the Integrated M.Phil/Ph.D. Programmes in a year shall be eight. The maximum number of candidates that can be admitted directly to Ph.D. in a year shall not exceed ten. However, the University can, if it so desires, choose not to admit any candidate to the Direct Ph.D. Programme in a particular year.

Student who has joined for integrated M.Phil/ Ph.D Course, if prefers to opt admission to direct Ph.D course within two months of his/her admission, the request can be considered and admission to direct Ph.D can be granted provided vacancy exists. The vacancy arised in the integrated M.Phil/ Ph.D can be filled from the waiting list of candidates.

vii. Documents to be produced

Every candidate shall submit the following original documents at the time of admission. (1) A.H.S.L.C. / S.S.L.C. (2) The original/provisional P.G. Degree Certificate and P.G. Marklist (3) Community Certificate to prove the caste and religion in the case of SC/ST/OEC/OBC candidates (4) A 'No objection Certificate' from the Employer in the case of employed persons (5) Conduct Certificate (6) Transfer Certificate. In the case of candidates from other Universities, migration Certificate is to be submitted within 3 months from the date of admission. (In the case of Foreign Universities and other institutions that do not issue Migration Certificates etc., a certificate stating the same from an appropriate authority is to be produced. Failure in the submission of Certificate within the time limit prescribed will lead to automatic cancellation of their admission).

viii. Fee

The selected candidates shall remit the prescribed fee and the caution deposit to the University fund. The subsequent instalments of fee and library fee for the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D Programme shall be remitted within 15 days from the beginning of each semester and with fine within the next 15 days. If the fees and fine are not paid by the due date the name of the student shall be removed from the rolls. He/She may be readmitted within the next 15 days on payment of all dues together with readmission fee provided the Research Co-Ordinator/ Academic Director is satisfied with the reasons for the default. However, the student may be eligible to appeal to the Vice-Chancellor. During the period of the Programme the candidate shall not undertake any employment or join any other course of study.

ix. Integrated M.Phil/ Ph.D. Examinations and credits

The Researchers admitted for the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D Programme shall do course work, in two Semesters. After successful completion of the M.Phil Degree Course with minimum B+ Grade of CBCSS Programme of this University, the students can continue the Integrated Ph.D. Course. Teachers working in Colleges/ Universities shall be permitted to convert to part time research after successful completion of M.Phil Programme. The minimum duration of the Full-time Ph.D. Course after M.Phil is three years. Extension of one year may be granted for submission of Ph.D thesis, if recommended by the supervising teacher. For Direct Ph.D Course the minimum duration for submission of thesis is three years from the date of registration. An extension of one year may be granted in the recommendation of the research supervisor.

The Courses and Credits will be as follows :-

I. First Semester

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| a) Research Methodology | 4 Credits |
| b) Core Course: Sanskrit Language | 4 Credits |
| c) Core Course : Sanskrit Aesthetics | 4 Credits |

II. Second Semester

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| a) Seminar Course: Elective 4 Credits (Internal assessment only) (2 Papers) |
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Those who want to take M.Phil Degree:

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| b) Dissertation | 12 Credits |
| c) Viva-voce | 4 Credits |
| Total (for M.Phil) | 32 Credits |

x. Evaluation

The seminar course in the second semester shall also be evaluated internally by the course faculty. The valuation of the answer scripts of the end-semester examination of the first 3 courses of the first semester shall be external only. The candidates shall submit the applications for examination in the prescribed form along with the receipt of remittance of the prescribed fee by the end of each semester. Only those students who have scored an average minimum of B Grade of CBCSS Programme of this University in the first semester shall be permitted to continue for the second semester. For course work, a student has to present two seminars and submit the written papers to the Department/ Faculty. The seminar papers shall be evaluated by one teacher. The M.Phil

Degree students have to undertake a research project under the supervision of a Supervising teacher recognised by the University. They shall submit six copies of the Dissertation within one month after the end of the second semester.

xi. Grading System

- a) Both the continuous and End-semester evaluation shall be done.

Direct Grading System based on a 5-point scale is given below:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>	<u>Grade Range</u>
A	Excellent	4	3.5 to 4.00
B	Good	3	2.5 to 3.49
C	Fair	2	1.5 to 2.49
D	Average	1	0.5 to 1.49
E	Poor	0	0.00 to 0.49

- b) The overall grade for the programme for certification shall be based on Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) with a 7-point scale is given below:

<u>CGPA</u>	<u>Grade</u>
3.80 to 4.00	A+
3.50 to 3.79	A
3.00 to 3.49	B+
2.50 to 2.99	B
2.00 to 2.49	C+
1.50 to 1.99	C
1.00 to 1.49	D

The Grade Card given to the student at the end of each semester shall indicate the grades he/she has obtained as well as the Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA), which is the weighted average of the Grade Point obtained by him/her in the semester. Weighted average is calculated by dividing the sum of the product of the grade point obtained for each course and the credit that it carries by the total number of credits earned. The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for the whole programme will be calculated in the same way, which will also be indicated in the Grade Point. The minimum graduating CGPA for M.Phil shall be 2.00 (a cumulative grade of C+) and this shall be indicated in the Grade Card.

xii. Publication of Results

The Dissertation submitted for the M.Phil Degree shall be evaluated by the members of the Board of Examiners consisting of one external examiner chosen from a panel of five external examiners submitted by the respective supervising teacher and the internal examiner who shall be the supervising teacher himself/ herself. The Supervising Teacher shall forward the panel of external examiners to the Vice-Chancellor after the submission of the Dissertation by the candidate. After evaluation of the Dissertation there shall be a Viva-voce examination, which shall be conducted jointly by the external examiner, the internal examiner (Research Supervisor) and the Dean/Head of the Department. The Supervising Teacher shall hand over the grades awarded on the dissertation and the grades given for the Viva-voce examination in respect of all the candidates to the Head of the Department who in turn shall forward the same to the Registrar/ Controller of Examinations within a week of the conduct of the Viva-voce. The University shall publish the results, within 15 days from

the date of receipt of the grades from the Head of the Department.

xiii. Improvement of Low Grades

The candidates who fail to obtain the minimum grading CGPA of 2.00 (C+) will be given one more chance with the next immediate batch to improve the results of their end-semester examinations. Internal assessment grades cannot be improved.

xiv. Other Regulations pertaining to Ph.D. Research (Integrated Programme)

- a) Only candidates who secure a minimum cumulative grade of B+ at the M.Phil Degree examination shall be allowed to go forward and register for Ph.D. Those candidates who intend to continue for Ph.D. Programme shall submit within one month from the publication of M.Phil results a written Synopsis outlining the details of the Ph.D. Project, containing; (a) the tentative title of the research project (b) the objectives of the study (c) the importance and relevance of the Investigation (d) a review of the earlier works in the area of the proposed research project and (e) the details of methodology.
- b) The research project is to be carried out under a recognised Supervising teacher. The Research Scholar has to submit a consent letter of the Supervising Teacher along with the Synopsis.
- c) The Research Committee of the University has to approve the research projects submitted by the candidates.
- d) The number of candidates registered for the Ph.D. Programme under a Supervising teacher shall not at any point of time exceed 8 (eight). For calculating the number of vacancies under a Supervising teacher, the date of submission of the thesis or the period of research permissible for a candidate, whichever is earlier will be taken into account. A teacher shall not supervise more than three M.Phil Dissertations at a time.
- e) The Ph.D. research scholars are required to submit monthly progress report certified by the Supervising teacher to the Chairman of the Research Committee, which shall be forwarded to the Registrar on the last working day of the month along with the statement of attendance. This is mandatory for the disbursement of scholarships for the scholars every month.
- f) Research seminar will be conducted in Nila Campus of Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University on the third Saturday of every month for integrated Mphil/PhD and Direct PhD Scholars. The research Scholars shall be present at least in 8 such seminars every year and present at least one research paper in a year in such seminars before submitting their final Ph.D thesis.

g) Attendance and leave rules:

- (i) M.Phil students and Ph.D. (Integrated Course) Full-time research scholars have to maintain regular attendance in the concerned Department.
- (ii) They are eligible to avail 15 days of casual leave per year, for which they have to submit application in the prescribed format to the Director.
- (iii) Leave on duty for performance will be granted in genuine cases, for which application with valid proof should be submitted to the Director. The performance should, preferably, be with reputed masters in the field, from whom the student can obtain a lot of information and expertise both practically and theoretically. Personality development also is a major achievement of this collaboration.
- (iv) Leave on duty for collection of data or for work assigned by the Supervising teacher will be granted as per requirement. Before entering into duty leave they should submit application for such leave mentioning the specific purpose, duly recommended by the Supervising teacher, to the Academic Director. Certificate from the institutions they visited or the persons interviewed for collection of data should be submitted to the Director as and when they join the Department after duty leave.

Absence without sanction of leave will be treated as unauthorised absence.

- (v) Leave on medical grounds will be granted upto a maximum of 20 days in a completed year for which they have to submit application in the prescribed format supported by a valid certificate from a Government Medical Officer/ Physician, not below in the rank of Asst. Surgeon. The application, duly recommended by the Supervising teacher and the Academic Director is to be submitted to the Registrar. 75% of the total attendance is mandatory for submission of thesis. A certificate of attendance from the Head of the Department should be attached with the application for submission of Thesis.
- (vi) Students having a minimum of 75% average attendance for all the courses only can register for the examination. Condonation of shortage of attendance upto 20% (Maximum) per academic year (2 semesters) or part thereof shall be granted by the Hon. Vice - Chancellor to candidates in cases where the Hon. Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that the student could attain the minimum attendance ie; 75% for reasons of health or for other reasons/ forces beyond his/her control.

The fee for condonation should be remitted by way of Acknowledgement for receipt of money . The Receipt should be attached to the application.

Application for condonation of shortage of attendance should be made to the Registrar in the prescribed format along with due authentication/recommendations of the Academic Director/Director of the Centre concerned within 15 days prior to the university Examinations.

The claim for condonation should be supported with authorised Medical Certificates or documentary proof as the case may be.

Condonation is available for absence in academic year/a semester and for this purpose the 1st & 2nd semester will be treated as 1st year and so on.

Student who is not eligible for condonation of shortage of attendance shall repeat the course along with the next batch.

- (vii) In exceptional cases, the Vice-Chancellor may, on grounds which he may consider as sufficient and reasonable, grant two months special leave for a full-time Research Scholar. This special leave shall be granted only twice during the entire period of research, provided that, this period of special leave shall not be counted for fellowship.
- (viii) Long leave can be granted to full time research scholars for taking up foreign fellowships and other assignments for pursuing studies abroad on topics that are closely related to their areas of research. For this, application with sufficient proof, recommended by the Guide and Academic Director should be submitted to the Registrar.
- (ix) Integrated Mphil /PhD/Direct PhD Scholars are entitled to avail 180 days of maternity leave . If they avail leave within the prescribed period of Research, they will be eligible to continue their full time Research for further six months (180 days) without fellowship.

xv. Supervision of Research

All permanent teachers of the University with PhD Degree and who fulfill the requirements of a research guide as approved by the University are eligible to be approved as supervising teachers. The Vice Chancellor can, in consultation with the Academic Council, invite outstanding scholars and senior University Professors with proven credentials as Research Supervisors to act as Supervising teachers in the University till the University acquires its own qualified Faculty.

xvi. Change of Guide

Change of Research Guide shall not be permitted as a routine . In exceptional cases such change may be permitted provided that the Guide under whom the candidate has originally registered gives a “No Objection Certificate” and the new Guide gives a “Certificate of Willingness” to guide the candidate for the remaining period of his / her research on the same topic. Fees Rs. 500/- (Rs. Five Hundred only) shall be remitted both for change of guide and change of topic.

The candidate shall submit a request for the change of Research Guide. After the approval of the new research guide, the candidate shall continue his / her research.

xvii. Change Of Topic and Change Of Title

Change Of Topic may be permitted within one year from the date of registration.

Change Of Title shall be permitted only Two times when the required change is of a minor nature as recommended by the guide. Request for a major change in Topic/Title should be approved by the research committee after interviewing the candidate.

Change of Topic as well as Change of Title should be recommended by the guide.

xviii. Research Committee

- a) The Vice Chancellor shall constitute a Research Committee consisting of five members of outstanding research experience. Dean/ Head of the Research Department /Academic Director shall be the Chairman of the Research Committee.
- b) Functions and duties of the Research Committee include: (1) conducting interview for admission to M.Phil- PhD Programme (2) conducting the interview for the Direct Ph.D. Programme (3) assessing of the proposals and recommending registration of the Ph.D. Programme (4) assigning Supervising teachers to the research scholars if necessary.
- c) Dean/ Head of the Research Department/ Academic Director shall maintain the records of the Research Committee.
- d) The Research Committee, along with the respective Supervising Teacher, shall also monitor the progress of the research work of each Research Scholar. Such monitoring shall be done at the end of every year. Annual approval of the Research Committee is necessary for the student to move into the subsequent year. The Research Committee shall scrutinize, review and evaluate the Progress report of the research programme submitted by the candidate at the end of every year.
- e) Changes in the research project including the area and the title of research can be done only with the consent of the Research Committee. No change in the topic and title will be permitted after the completion of four semesters of the PhD programme.

xix. Pre- Submission /Publication/ Presentation

- a) The Research Scholars shall publish two research papers on any subject related to his/her topic of research in any standard journal approved by Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University before six months of the date of submission of the PhD thesis. The details of the publication shall be recorded in the progress report.
- b) On completion of research and the draft thesis, the research scholar shall make a Pre-Ph.D. Presentation on the thesis in the University. This shall be open to all faculty members and research students whose feedback and comments may be considered by the research scholar for suitable incorporation into the draft thesis under the advice of the supervising teacher. The supervising Teacher and one member of the Research Committee shall be present on the occasion.
- c) The date for the Pre- Ph. D. presentation shall be fixed at the request of the Research scholar recommended by the Supervising teacher in consultation with the Dean/ Head of the Research Department/ Academic Director. At least 7 days notice along with a 10- page outline of the thesis shall be made available to the faculty members and research students so as to make their participation in the presentation effective. The minutes of the presentation shall be recorded and signed by the Supervising teacher and the Dean/ Head of the Department/Academic Director.

xx. Period of Research

Integrated MPhil/PhD Scholars are given maximum 4 years time (1+3) for submitting their final thesis and Direct PhD Scholars are given three years for the purpose. Research Scholars who are not submitting the final thesis in the period allowed as noted above shall convert their research to part time PhD. An extension for a period of one year may be granted for any candidate if there are adequate grounds, remitting further fee according to the rules of the University.

xxi. Submission of Abstract/ Thesis

A Ph.D. student shall submit 10 copies of the Abstract of the thesis (final Synopsis) through the Supervising teacher to the Registrar/Controller of Examinations two months prior to the submission of the original thesis.

xxii. Documents to be submitted

A student shall submit five copies of the thesis along with the following documents to the Head of the Department.

- i) A declaration signed by the research scholar stating that the study has not been used previously as a part of any other work for the award of any other degree, diploma, associateship, fellowship, title or recognition
- ii) A certificate from the supervising teacher stating that the thesis is a bona-fide record of the research work carried out by the candidate under his/her supervision.
- iii) A certificate to the effect that the candidate has successfully completed the required course work.
- iv) Evidence of the publication of minimum two articles in the recognised journal.
- v) Minutes of the meeting of the Pre-Ph.D. presentation.
- vi) A completed application in the prescribed format.
- vii) The original receipt of remittance of fee prescribed by the University.
- viii) No-dues certificates from the Hostel, Library, Department and Campus Director.
- ix) A Compact Disc of the thesis.
- x) Evidence of attendance in the seminar for Ph.D. Scholars in the Nila campus and paper presentation in them.

The Head of the Department / Director/Academic Director shall forward the thesis and the documents to the Registrar/Controller of Examinations without delay.

xxiii. Panel of Examiners

The supervising teacher shall furnish to the Vice-Chancellor in a sealed cover a panel of at least 10 experts of whom, 3 (Three) shall be from outside the state (with the name, designation, phone number, address and area of specialization, years of service) from academic institutions or research institutions. In the case of thesis written in Malayalam, one name of expert need only be given from outside the State. The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a committee comprising a Chairman and two experts from the panel submitted by the Supervising teacher for the evaluation of the thesis. The thesis submitted shall be sent to them for evaluation **without delay**.

xxiv. Evaluation and Open Defence

1. The Examination Wing shall make arrangements to complete the evaluation of thesis within six months from the date of submission of the thesis.

2. The Ph.D research scholar shall undergo a viva-voce examination which shall be openly defended before invited scholars and well known academics.
3. The Board of Examiners for viva shall consist of the Chairman of adjudicators, Head of the department/Research Committee Chairman/Academic Director and Supervising Teacher.
4. On receipt of the adjudication reports from the members of the Board of Examiners, the Examination Wing shall intimate the Chairman about the receipt of the same and in consultation with the Chairman, Research Co-Ordinator of the University and the Supervising teacher shall fix a convenient date for the Open-viva.
5. Dean/Head of the Department/The Research committee Chairman /Academic Director shall be the Moderator of Open-Viva and the supervising teacher shall be the Convener of Open-Viva.
6. The Supervising Teacher shall invite at least 25 scholars and researchers interested in the topic from various University/College/Departments to attend the Open defence. Along with the invitation, the invitees shall be provided a synopsis of the thesis. In addition to the invitees, all those who are interested in the topic shall be allowed to attend the open defence. Copy of the thesis shall be made available in the Library, fifteen days prior to the Open defence and the matter shall be displayed on the Notice Board. An Attendance Register for those who read the thesis shall be kept by the librarian for future records. Those who wish to comment on the thesis, may pass the same on to the Librarian and the comments concerned shall be forwarded to the Registrar for the consideration of Board of Examiners. The Chairman of the Board has the right to consider or reject the comments. The copies of adjudication reports shall be given to the Board of Examiners fifteen days before the open viva.
7. At the commencement of the Viva, the Convener shall welcome the guests, the audience and explain the procedures to them.
8. The Researcher shall deliver a brief presentation of his/her thesis for not more than 20 minutes. The members of the Board shall ask questions to the research scholar. The scholar will answer them first. Subsequently the participants (audience) can ask relevant questions. Moderator can intervene as and when necessary and issue instructions to the participants if they raise irrelevant questions. The scholar will be given an opportunity to clarify the position. The entire procedure of open viva shall be developed into an academic discussion.
9. The performance of the candidate shall be judged by the Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners shall prepare a report on the open defence and it shall be forwarded along with the Minutes of the session through the Registrar to the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor shall forward it to the Executive Board, if the Board of Examiners recommends to award Ph.D degree to the Research Scholar.
10. The Executive Board shall award the Ph.D Degree based on the report of the Board of Examiners.

xxv. Revision of thesis

If the experts suggest corrections, modification, revision etc., for the approval of the thesis for the award of Ph.D Degree, the same shall be communicated to the candidate. The candidate shall submit the revised thesis after an interval of six months.

If one of the experts differ in his/her opinion on the award of the Ph.D degree to the candidate, the thesis shall be sent to a 4th expert appointed by the Vice- Chancellor from the original panel

submitted by the supervising teacher. If the fourth expert does not recommend the award of Ph.D degree, the thesis shall be rejected. If two or more experts differ in their opinion on the award of Ph.D Degree to the Candidate the thesis shall be rejected.

A thesis whether approved or not shall be published only with the permission of the University.

xxvi. Direct Ph.D Programme

- a) The University shall earmark a few seats, not exceeding ten each year, for candidates opting for Direct Ph.D. programme. Direct Ph.D. can be either Full-time or Part-time. Teachers working in Universities, affiliated Colleges or Higher Secondary/ Secondary Schools or in reputed Private Institutions of Performing Arts are eligible to submit application for Part-time Ph.D. Programme. Candidates who are not interested in joining the M Phil, but who possess aptitude for research and a Master's Degree in the subject concerned or in related/ allied subjects with at least 55% Marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale of Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University for Art and Culture (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent Degree of any other Indian or Foreign University recognised by the University are eligible to apply for the Direct Ph.D. Programme in performing arts or cultural studies. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) in their Masters Degree. Admission to Direct Ph.D., as in the case of the integrated M.Phil-Ph.D, shall be on the basis of an entrance examination consisting of a written test and an interview. The nature, procedures and parameters of the entrance examination for Direct Ph.D. shall be the same as those for the integrated M Phil-Ph.D. UGC-JRF holders, regular teachers of the University and regular teachers of Government and Aided Colleges with a minimum of two published works in referred journals and candidates with M.Phil in subjects relating to performing arts and cultural studies are exempted from the written test. The candidates who secure a minimum of 50% (45% for SC/ST candidates) marks in the written test alone shall be called for the interview. The interview, to be conducted by the Research Committee, shall be based on the written research proposal of the candidate. Availability of approved guides, their willingness to guide on a specific research proposal, vacancy of seats etc shall be taken into account for giving admission. The University can decide not to admit any candidate to direct Ph.D. programme in a particular year in the absence of good research proposals or non-availability of research supervisors. Candidates who have qualified for the JRF can, on the recommendation of the Research Committee, register for the direct Ph.D. programme as and when they are awarded the fellowship by the UGC. Applications for Direct Ph.D. shall be accompanied by, apart from copies of certificates and other documents, a written research proposal on the subject the candidate proposes to work on. Teachers working in Colleges/ Universities/Higher Secondary/Secondary School or reputed Private Institutions of Performing Arts shall be permitted to convert to part time research after successful completion of the Ph.D. Course work.

Duration of the Ph.D. Degree course:- Integrated MPhil/PhD Scholars are given maximum 4 years time (1+3) for submitting their final thesis and Direct PhD Scholars are given three years for the purpose. Research Scholars who are not submitting the final thesis in the period allowed as noted above shall convert their research to part time PhD.

Course work: Candidates without M.Phil Degree, registered for Direct Ph.D shall be required to undergo a course work for a period of one Semester in the beginning itself. Candidates with M.Phil Degree need not undergo the course work.

The course work shall be organised by the University either along with the M.Phil students or separately. The course work shall be worth 12 credits and shall have the following components :

- (1) A course in Research Methodology (4-credits);
- (2) A course in Sanskrit Language (4 credits);
- (3) A course in Indian Aesthetics (4 credits).

The Syllabus and evaluation procedure for the Ph D course work shall be the same as that adopted for M Phil first semester.

Those who fail to obtain B+ Grade in the course work shall not be allowed to continue research. They shall be allowed one more chance with the next immediate batch to improve their grade, and if they fail to get the minimum B+ in the second attempt too their registration shall get cancelled automatically.

M.Phil students who have secured a minimum Grade of B+ of CBCSS Programme of this University at the first semester examinations, as well as for the seminar presentations in the second semester, but who could not submit the Dissertation for completion of the M.Phil courses, or secured only B Grade for Disseration, shall be permitted to register for direct Ph.D. These candidates shall submit application to this effect within one month after the publication of results of the M.Phil second Semester examinations, along with five copies of the Synopsis of the proposed Ph.D. Research Project and a letter of willingness to guide the research from a recognised Supervising teacher.

These candidates are exempted from the compulsory course work of six months duration and therefore they are permitted to submit the Ph.D. thesis after a minimum period of three years. The maximum period permissible for such Research Scholars to submit the thesis shall be three years from the date of registration. Extension of one year may be granted by the Vice-Chancellor in deserving cases.

All regulations pertaining to the M.Phil - Ph.D Integrated Programme vide supra Nos. xv to xxv shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to the Direct Ph.D. programme.

xxvii. Attendance and leave rules

During the period of compulsory course work, the Ph.D. research scholars (Direct admission) can avail casual leave for 10 days and leave on medical ground for 10 days. Application for medical leave should be accompanied with a Certificate from a Govt. Medical Officer/ Physician of an authorised medical institution. Female scholars are eligible for maternity leave for 180 days.

For the Part-time research after the course work in the first year, the scholar should have minimum 15 days compulsory attendance in the Department. In the subsequent two years, 30 days attendance per year is compulsory.

A certificate of attendance from the Head of the Department/ Director or from the Research Guide is an essential attachment with the application for submission of thesis.

Direct Ph.D Part -Time Research Scholars should have thirty days attendance per year in the Department (for three years ie. Minimum duration of the Research work in the case of M.Phil Degree holders and three years in the case of non M.Phil Candidates).

xxviii. Progress Report

The Ph.D (Part-time) Research Scholars shall submit monthly progress report certified by the Supervising Teacher to the Registrar through the Head/ Director of the Department, on the last working day of the month.

xxix. Date of effect

As soon as these new regulations for the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D and Direct Ph.D. programmes come into effect, all the earlier rules and regulations pertaining to M.Phil and Ph.D. shall be treated as cancelled. However, candidates who have already registered in accordance with the old regulations before 2010 admission shall continue to be governed by those regulations existing prior to the revision except those related to the evaluation of the thesis. The Ph.D. degree

awarded under these regulations shall carry a Provisional certificate stating that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of the “UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M Phil/ Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009.”

All these additions in regulations will have effect from 2010 admission onwards.

- xxx.** If any difficulty arises in implementing the provisions of these regulations, the Vice-Chancellor may issue appropriate orders to remove the difficulty.
