

Date: 30-04-2022

To

Hon'ble Provost
Sankalchand Patel University
Visnagar
Through Registrar:

Subject: Amendment/Addendum in the Ph.D. Regulation as per the Academic Council Meeting
Reference: Revised Ph.D. Regulation no. SPU/ Acad./Notfn. /2020/1200 with effect from AY2020-21
Onwards dated 26-Nov-2020.

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With reference to above mentioned subject, the Ph.D. section of Sankalchand Patel University hereby proposes following amendment/addendum in the norm(s) in the PhD programme of SPU as per following:

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	no. 5.3.6	voce shall be 50% in written test. Selection of a candidate will be based on merit with 70% weightage of written exam and 30% of viva-voce and interview. A relaxation of 5 % of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the University as per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.	shall be 50% in written test. The candidate must appear in both, written and interview to become eligible for the admission. If a candidate remains absent in the interview he/she will not be eligible for the Ph.D. Admission. Selection of a candidate will be based on merit with 70% weightage of written exam and 30% of viva-voce and interview. A relaxation of 5 % of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/PWD/EWS/Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the University as per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.
3	Amendment in existing sub clause no. 6.6	The candidate has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the program and submit the dissertation/thesis.	The candidate must obtain a minimum of 40% of marks in individual subject to pass the particular subject. However, overall 55% is required to clear the course work. The candidate failed to score overall 55% may reappear in any one or more subject/s in order to complete the course work. In such scenario, the candidate will be given maximum of two chances.
4	Amendment in existing sub clause no. 18.2	Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Ph.D. degree(s), The Sankalchand Patel University shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph.D. thesis to the INFLIBNET after two years, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.	Following the successful completion final viva-voce, the University shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph.D. thesis to the INFLIBNET after Ph.D. notification, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges. (Academic Council not recommended for this)
5	Amendment in	The question paper shall be of	The question paper (MCQ based)

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6	Amendment in existing sub clause no. 15.2	Thereafter, the research scholar shall have to submit the thesis for plagiarism check, similarities up to 10% in core research work is acceptable.	Thereafter, the research scholar shall have to submit the thesis for plagiarism check, similarities up to 10% in core research work is acceptable. The research work carried out by the student, shall be based on original ideas, which shall include abstract, summary, hypothesis, observations, results, conclusions and recommendations only and shall not have any similarities. It shall exclude a common knowledge or coincidental terms, up to fourteen (14) consecutive words.
7	Amendment in existing sub clause no. 14.11 regarding publication of papers before submission of the synopsis	"It shall be mandatory for the candidate to publish at least two research papers listed in the ISSN/ISBN/eISBN/Registered Journals/Indexed Journals/Peer Reviewed Journals/Impact factor Journals/UGC CARE / SCOPUS / Web of Science / PubMed before the submission of the synopsis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter from the publisher or reprints of publications."	"It shall be mandatory for the candidate to publish at least two research papers listed in the UGC-CARE /SCOPUS / Web of Science / PubMed before the submission of the synopsis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter from the publisher or reprints of publications." This amendment shall be applicable to all existing Ph.D. scholars of SPU.
8	Addition of the new clause no 5.5.6	-	In case, if a supervisor leaves our organization and if there is demand from a scholar or a supervisor to appoint a co-supervisor, then, such appointment will be made from within SPU or its constituent colleges only depending upon the needs. However, in a case of multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary research, such appointment can be also made either from other departments of same institute or

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			from other related institute/industry. The proposed co-supervisor needs to submit a NOC from his/her working institution.
9	Amendment in existing sub clause no. 16.3	The Provost will finalize the name of two external examiners for the review of the thesis and instruct Controller of Examination for further process.	The Ph.D. Thesis needs to be evaluated by 3 subject experts; 2 external examiners and 1 Research Supervisor. The Provost will finalize the name of two external examiners for the review of the thesis and instruct the Controller of Examination for further process.
10	Addition of the new sub clause 5.3.2.1	-	The candidates who are having 15 years of Full Time Teaching/Research/Industry experience can be exempted from the PhD Entrance examination. They need to submit 3 letters of recommendation from the eminent academicians/researchers (Not below the rank of Professor or equivalent) in the proposed research area.

We hereby request to accord approval for the same.
Put up for approval please this will be applicable here forth.

With warm regards,

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