

# **VARDHMAN MAHAVEER OPEN UNIVERSITY, KOTA**

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## **Ph.D Admission Guidelines**

**2025**





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Online applications are invited for admission to Ph.D. Programme in the School of Education, Science & Technology, Commerce and Management, Humanities & Social Sciences and Continuing Education in regular mode for Session 2025.

***Important dates for Ph.D. Admission:***

<b>Online Application</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>
<b>Verification Document for Direct Admission from Timing 10:30 am-4:30pm</b> <b>Venue: Research Cell (Gandhi Bhawan VMOU, Kota)</b>	
<b>24th January 2025, Friday</b>	<b>School of Continuing Education (Journalism)</b>
<b>24th January 2025, Friday</b>	<b>School of Humanities &amp; Social Science (English, Public Administration and Geography)</b>
<b>25th January 2025, Saturday</b>	<b>School of Commerce and Management (Commerce)</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Saturday</b>	<b>School of Science &amp; Technology (Botany, Computer Science, Mathematics and Zoology)</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Saturday</b>	<b>School of Education (Education)</b>

**Important Guidelines**

**Procedure for Admission**

Admission in PhD is notified in advance on the institutional website and through advertisement in newspaper and university website, the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission etc. along with all other relevant information.

**(A) Eligibility Criteria**

A candidate shall be eligible for admission and pre-registration course work for Ph. D. programme provided he/she has:

1. Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC-7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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 for the

purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

2. 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)/Differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

**(B) Admission Procedure:-**

- (1) The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC vide its notification dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and UGC notification dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 published in the Gazette of India: Extraordinary no. 544. It shall also take into account the reservation policy of the State Government as per University norms.
- (2) Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods:
  - i. Direct admission to students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests as per Category 1, based on an interview and document verification.
  - ii. As per UGC notification dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, for the students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3, 70% weightage will be given for the test scores 30% weightage for the interview for the admission to PhD program. The PhD admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and marks obtained in Interview.
  - iii. The university shall decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

Applications received shall have the following qualifying Academic criteria:

S. No.	Particular	Criteria	Weightage
1.	Interview by the Department Research Committee (Max. 30)	Based on Performance in Domain Knowledge (Max. 15)	To be awarded by the DRC based on Interview
		Based on Performance in Research Aptitude (Max. 10)	
		Based on General Performance in	

		Interview (5)	(Max. 30)
2.	Academics Performance (Max. 70)	Criteria	Weightage
2.(A)	Post Graduate Degree Performance in the Concerned Subject	80% and Above	25
		70% and Above but less than 80%	20
		60% and Above but less than 70%	15
		55% and Above but less than 60%	10
		Less than 55%	0
2.(B)	Graduate Degree Performance	80% and Above	20
		70% and Above but less than 80%	15
		60% and Above but less than 70%	10
		55% and Above but less than 60%	5
		Less than 55%	0
2.(C)	Higher Secondary Board Examination/Senior Secondary Examination Performance	80% and Above	15
		70% and Above but less than 80%	12
		60% and Above but less than 70%	8
		55% and Above but less than 60%	5
		Less than 55%	0
2.(D)	Secondary Examination Performance	80% and Above	10
		70% and Above but less than 80%	7
		60% and Above but less than 70%	5
		55% and Above but less than 60%	3
		Less than 55%	0

### (C) Interview

The successful scholarships candidate(s) and entrance test qualified candidate(s) shall be called for interview on the basis of academic merit. The interview Board shall consist of the Research Board Committee and members nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

An interview/*viva-voce* will be organized where the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation. The merit shall be prepared for final admission.

The interview/*viva voce* shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:

- (i) the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
- (ii) the research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/College;
- (iii) the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

*\*The University reserves the right to increase & decrease in the no. of seats in any of the subject.*

**Important Guidelines for Employed Student:**

Submission of NoC Certificate issued by the employer to allow him/her to fulfil the residential requirement during course work (180 days leave for attending the class of course work) and contact days (as required by the university) with supervisor after completion of the course work as notified by University from time to time for the part time Ph.D program.

The University shall admit only pre-determined number of students in the Ph. D program.

**(D) Course Work:**

1. All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. shall be required to complete the course work prescribed by the Research Cell during the initial two semesters.
2. The candidate(s) shall undertake the course work of 16 Credits which consists of:

(i)	Research Methodology, Publication Ethics and Computer Application: Review of Literature/Recent Trends (published research work in relevant field)	} Module-I Module-II	08 Credits
(ii)	Level Advance Subject knowledge	Module-III	08 Credits

**1 Credit is equivalent to 30 hours of study.**

3. Students will undergo common course work of 8 credits. In the Pre-Ph.D. Course Work (Module 1&2) 75% attendance of the student is mandatory.
4. After six months the candidate(s) shall be examined through Continuous Assessment and Term End examination.
5. A Pre-Ph.D. course work scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work (separately in both Continuous Assessment (CA) and Term-End-Examination) in order to be eligible to continue in the program and submit the thesis.
6. Successful candidate(s) then shall submit a synopsis and make a presentation before the Research Advisory Committee and later before Research Board within one month.
7. In case the candidate(s) does not clear course work examination, he/she shall be eligible to take such an examination along with the candidate(s) of the immediately next batch whenever conducted by the University. No further chance will be given.

8. Credits & Grades in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and the School Research Committee and the final Credits & Grades shall be communicated to the Examination Department through Research Cell.
9. The Date of registration (Fee Deposition) shall be the Date of admission, but the letter of registration shall be issued after successful completion of Course Work.
10. The registration of a student may be cancelled due to any of the following reasons:
  1. Non-payment of fees.
  2. Unsatisfactory progress.
  3. Non-compliance with the provision of the ordinance on research.
  4. Failure to submit the thesis within the prescribed time limit.
  5. Any act of indiscipline by the candidate.
11. No re-registration is allowed.
12. Candidates are advised to check the website of the University & NTA for regular updates and schedule.

**(E) Fee Distribution:**

1.	Tuition Fee	Rs. 25,000/- per year
2.	Registration Fee	Rs. 5,000/-
3.	Library Caution Money	Rs. 1,000/-
4.	Library Fee	Rs. 3,000/-
5.	Laboratory fee for Research	Rs. 3,000/-
6.	Thesis Submission & Evaluation Fee	Rs. 10,000/-

*This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.*

*Director Research*