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PH.D. (ENGLISH & COMPARATIVE LITERATURE)

ADMISSION MANUAL

2025

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Somaiya Vidyavihar University
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Admission Manual
Ph.D. Programme
English and Comparative Literature
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About the Research Centre

The **Somaiya School of Civilisation Studies** is uniquely positioned to offer a comprehensive and nuanced understanding of civilisation through its distinguished centres: the Centre for Asian & Area Studies, the Centre for Himalayan & Mountain Studies, the Centre for Transoceanic Studies, and the Centre for Kachchh & Desert Studies.

The concept of civilisation is essential to understanding our collective past, present, and future. In today's rapidly changing world, there is an urgent need to reconceptualise civilisation. This involves not only revisiting the classical definitions but also adapting them to contemporary global dynamics. Our School fosters a critical understanding of how civilisations develop, interact, and influence one another, providing invaluable insights into the cultural and social fabrics that shape human experiences. The School of Civilisation is dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities of human societies.

Interdisciplinary Approach:

Our doctoral programme encourages interdisciplinary approach, aiming to integrate perspectives and methodologies from history, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, international relations, literature, and technology. This holistic approach will ensure a well-rounded education that equips learners with the analytical tools needed to understand complex cultural phenomena and their implications for the world we live in.

Research Centre for English and Comparative literature comes under the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Centre aims to carry out extensive and cutting-edge research in the field of language and literature in India and the World. Centre will cater to comparative literature within varied languages of India and the World. Equal impetus will be laid on nation and identity, culture studies, theatre studies, gender and sexuality studies, critical theory, folk and oral literatures, Dalit and other marginal literatures, bhakti literature, women's writing, English language teaching, eco-literature and speciesism. The principal thrust area will be civilization studies and re-looking at it from the global south perspective. On a local level, the focus will be on Bombay/Mumbai.

Regarding comparative literature, apart from English, co-guide will be available for Marathi language and literature. There are rich and vast resources available in various languages that need to be available to other language readers, researchers and scholars to ensure an inter-cultural dialogue. The research carried out will prove to be an important resource towards Indian and World literatures also affecting the social sector as well as policy making.

There will be regular seminars, conferences, research paper presentation opportunities on diverse topics and research areas to broaden the horizon of research scholars. Reputed national and international scholars will be coming to the campus and sharing their research. The Ph.D. program will have an in-built coursework including academic writing and research methodologies. There will also be opportunities to work on larger research projects related to translation studies, civilizational research, and other areas depending on the institutional thrust area decided upon. Various scholars and Ph.D. researchers from reputed national and international Universities will be there on campus under student exchange programs towards greater knowledge sharing. With a keen eye on global research trends, the research centre will develop novel research paradigm from the global south.

Ph.D. Guides (English & Comparative Literature) :

Dr. Yamini Shah, Assistant Professor

Research Areas: Indian Literature in English, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Diaspora Studies, Oral Histories & Literature

Dr. Anand Bodhale, Associate Professor

Research Areas: Indian Literature in English, Literature of Resistance, African American Literature

Dr. Veena Sanekar, Professor (Co-guide)

Research Areas: Marathi Literature, Bhakti Literature

Eligibility for Applying to Ph.D. Programme in English & Comparative Literature

- 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 as per UGC regulations.
- Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to Master's Degree of an Indian Institution, from an accredited Foreign Educational Institution, 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, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programme.
- A person whose Master's dissertation has been evaluated and the viva-voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. Programme but subject to completion of Master's degree before provisional admission to SVU Ph.D. Programmes.
- The candidates should have passed SET/ NET/JRF examinations from UGC recognized University.
- A candidate **MUST** have a qualified score of Ph.D. Entrance Examination of SVU – mandatory eligibility criteria for all candidates applying for Junior Research Fellowship.
- Candidates will have to present their proposed research theme to a Selection Committee constituted by the School after fulfilling their basic eligibility conditions. Admissions to the programme will be based on the qualifying exam, presentation to the selection committee, and availability of guide(s).

Eligibility Criteria	
Graduation Degree	Double Major or Single Major in Literature, and Anthropology/ Sociology/ History/ Political Science/ Psychology/ Philosophy/ Archaeology/ Economics/ Culture Studies/ Mass Media OR Liberal Arts/ Liberal Studies OR Any Graduate Degree recognised by the UGC
Post-Graduation Degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent as per UGC regulations.	MA/ MSc. in Literature OR Double Major or Single Major in Literature, and Anthropology/ Sociology/ History/ Political Science/ Psychology/ Philosophy/ Archaeology/ Economics/ Culture Studies/ Mass Media OR Liberal Arts (Major in Literature)

Exemption Criteria for SVU Ph.D. Entrance Examination
Candidate who has qualified NET with JRF However, the candidates who fulfil the above criteria MUST fill the application form as per the schedule displayed on the website.

Documents required at the Time of application-

- Mark sheets of Graduate and Post-Graduate Degrees (Statements of Marks)
- Degree Convocation Certificate for UG and PG studies.
- NET-JRF/ NET /SET/ Ph.D. Entrance Test Certificate
- Valid Identity Card and Address proof.

Syllabus for Entrance Examination

1. Post-independence Indian Literature in English
2. Contemporary Literary Theories (1960 onwards)
3. Gender in Literature
4. World Literature -Africa, Canada, Australia, England (18th-20th century)
5. Literature as Resistance

Note: For Ph.D. in comparative literature in Marathi, the thesis should be preferably written in English.

Somaiya Vidyavihar University Ph.D. Entrance Test (SVU-PET)

- All the applicants are required to appear for SVU-PET and qualify by acquiring a score of 50% and above. Candidates qualified in the CSIR-UGC and other national tests for Junior Research Fellowships are exempted from the entrance test, but have to appear for the personal interview.
- **Paper - 1 Qualitative Test – 40 marks**
 - a) Essay Writing – 20 marks
 - b) Comprehension – 20 marks

(50% choice in selecting questions in paper I)
- **Paper – 2 Subject Specific Test – 60 marks**
 - a) Multiple Choice Questions – 20 marks
(Attempt 20 out of 30 questions)
 - b) Subjective Questions – 40 marks (with 50% Choice)

Sr.No.	Application & Admission Process
Ph.D. Pre-selection Phase	
1.	Advertisement / Call for SVU Ph.D. entrance exam on website /media handles
2.	Acceptance of the applications for Ph.D. entrance examination along with the applications processing fee
3.	Execution of Ph.D. entrance examination for all Ph.D. programmes
4.	Interviews of candidates before an expert panel
5.	Announcement of the name of selected candidates for provisional admission: Selection process complete
Provisional Admission Phase	
6.	Provisional admission and payment of fees in accounts/admin office of the colleges.

7.	Orientation and initiation of course work (1 year – 2 semesters)
8.	First semester encompasses research methodology & publication ethics along with subject specific topic. Second semester majorly focus on building research, technical & soft skills. It includes research activities, lab rotation and research proposal drafting & presentation and its evaluation.
9.	ATKT examination for the semester I and II for unsuccessful candidates or for grade improvement
10.	Issue of mark sheets for course work of semester I and II
Allotments & Registrations	
11.	Allotment of the guide at individual institute / department level (ideally within the first six months of provisional admission)
12.	Topic approval of the thesis work within 2-3 months after Qualifying course work Examination, subject to approval from the Doctoral Advisory Committee.
13.	Registration for Ph. D Programme

Fee Structure of Ph.D. Program (This is common across disciplines, all categories of students)		
Particulars	@Total Fees per annum (₹)	
	First Year	Second Year Onwards
Tuition Fee	30,000/-	30,000/-
Development Fee	10,000/-	10,000/-
Examination Fee	10,000/-	10,000/-
Caution money Deposit (Refundable)	1,000/-	-----
Library Deposit (Refundable)	2,000/-	-----
Total (₹)	53,000/-	50,000/-
@ If paid provisional admission fee then should be deducted from total fee		
Link for fees payment (Fees will be accepted via online payment gateway only and in no case, it can be paid using any other type of mode of payment and to any office/person)		https://myaccount.somaiya.edu/#/login

Registration, Synopsis & Ph.D. Thesis Submission Fees	
Particulars	Amount
Registration fees	5000/-
Approval of Synopsis of Ph.D. Thesis Topic	5000/-
Ph.D. Thesis Submission	10000/-
Total	20,000/-
Note: 1. Registration fees to be paid by the Ph.D. scholars before submitting the application for Registration for Ph.D. 2. Synopsis & Ph.D. Thesis Submission fees to be paid by the Ph.D. scholars before submission of synopsis.	

Fee Payment schedule for provisional admission, and for subsequent years of Ph.D. Programme			
Program Academic Year	Particulars	Amount in Rupees (₹)	Payment Schedule
First Year	Total fee	53,000/-	Within eight days from the date of receiving the offer letter
Second Year and onwards	Total fee	50,000/-	Within first week from the commencement of the new Academic Year
Link for fees payment (Fees will be accepted via online payment only and in no case it can be paid using any other mode of payment and to any office/person)		https://myaccount.somaiya.edu/#/login	
Note: Students have to pay the full fees of the program per year till the submission of the thesis			

Admission Cancellation policy of Ph.D. programme (All Categories of Ph.D. Students)		
<p>If the candidate has accepted the allotted seat by paying the fees and later chooses/decides to withdraw from the programme of study, then cancellation option is available at his/her MyAccount login.</p> <p>The college shall follow the below system for deduction of fees against the cancellation request for the candidate.</p>		
Sr. No.	Point of time when the application for admission cancellation is received by the college	Applicable Deduction
1	15 days or more before the date of commencement of academic term	Rs 5,000/-
2	Less than 15 days before the date of commencement of the academic term	10% of total fees
3	Less than 15 days from the date of commencement of the academic term	20% of total fees
4	On or beyond the 15th day but within six weeks from the date of commencement of the academic term	50% of total fees
5	More than six weeks from the date of commencement of the academic term	100% of total fees
Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Fees for the program per year is Rs. 50,000/- for All Categories of Ph.D. Students Tentative date of commencement of every academic term will be announced on website. 		

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