# Academic Regulation for Master of Philosophy (MPhil)/Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

(This regulation stems from Section 33 of the BOU Act, 1992)

#### SECTION A: ADMINISTRATION OF THE RESEARCH DEGREES

#### 1. Preamble

Bangladesh Open University (BOU) has strived to ensure education for all categories of learners through open, regular and distance mode. The learners of this university has scope to achieve lifelong active oriented mass education from basic to higher in different disciplines. Bangladesh Open University (BOU) maintains a strong focus on research in sciences, applied sciences and technologies, social sciences, humanities and languages, agricultural sciences, engineering sciences, health sciences, textile and leather sciences, biological sciences, business administration, international and development economics, law, teacher education, distance education and other disciplines offered by different schools of the University.

# 2. Research Degree

BOU offers various academic programs ranging from certificate to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) through face to face as well as open and distance learning (ODL) approach using self-learning materials, radio-TV broadcasts, tutorial support services, interactive virtual classes, video-conferencing, mobile technologies, etc. This regulation allows the University to offer the research degrees and learning management systems extend its research activities as a compliance with Section 6 of the BOU Act 1992. Under this Regulation, University offers following research degree programs through its different academic schools.

### 2.1 Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

### 2.2 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

BOU shall confer the MPhil and PhD degrees upon successful completion of the Courses of Studies and Research Works approved by the Academic Council and Board of Governors of the University.

The fields or areas in which these programs: offers:

- i) Basic Science, Biological Science, Environmental Science;
- ii) Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages;
- iii) Education and Open & Distance Education, E-learning, blended, learning, Open educational resources;
- iv) Human Resource Management, Finance and Banking, Accounting and Information Systems, Marketing, International and Development Economics;
- v) Agricultural Sciences (Agriculture/Fisheries/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Animal Husbandry/Veterinary & Animal Science/Agricultural Engineering/Food Engineering/Agricultural

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Economics), Rural Development, Youth Development and other relevant fields of contemporary issues:

- vi) Medical Science, Health Science, Physiotherapy, Disability, Rehabilitation, Geriatrics, Public Health and Health Informatics;
- vii) Computer Science & Engineering, Information & Communication Engineering, Artificial Intelligence and Fourth Industrial Revolution Technologies;
- viii) Technical and Vocational Education;
- ix) Other contemporary fields of studies.

# 3. Central Research Committee (CRC)

The University shall form a Central Research Committee for three (3) years consisting of the following members:

3.1 Chairperson – Vice-Chancellor, BOU or his/her nominee but not below the rank of Professor

3.2 Internal Members - Pro-Vice Chancellor(s), BOU [to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor]
Treasurer, BOU
Deans of the BOU Schools

3.3 External Member- One external member having PhD not below the rank of Professor.

**3.4. Member Secretary** – Registrar, BOU

[The Vice-Chancellor may increase the members of the Committee, if required]

This Committee shall act as the highest Research Council of the university. RCC shall scrutinize the shortlisted candidates and the corresponding supervisors proposed by the concerned Research Coordination Committee (RCC) and recommend the finally selected candidates to the Academic Council for approval for admission, granting Scholarship/Assistantship/ Fellowship and other relevant matters.

# 4. Research Coordination Committee (RCC)

Each School shall have a specific Research Coordination Committee (RCC) proposed by the school committee. The Central Research Committee will form the RCC for three (3) years consisting of the following members:

- **4.1. Chairperson** Dean of the concerned school
- **4.2. Internal Members** All Professors of the School [The Vice-Chancellor may add/ increase the members of the Committee, if required, but not below the rank of Associate Professor]
- **4.3. External Members** -Two external members having PhD degree in the relevant field(s) not below the rank of Professor

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RCC shall be responsible for all the administrative and academic works relating to MPhil and PhD degrees The RCC will perform the following functions:

- Organize all such activities as are relevant to the research program of the discipline;
- ii) Approve the topic of research, the synopsis and the allocation of supervisor;
- iii) Assess and approve the progress reports of the MPhil/PhD researchers;
- iv) Approve course work and organize the presentation of assignments (if any), research reviews, seminars and such other components as are prescribed in respect to the MPhil/PhD candidates;
- Coordinate preparation of question papers by the examiners, moderation, arrangement of examinations for course works and evaluation of answer script(s) in conformity with the University guidelines;
- vi) Approve change of dissertation/thesis title, change of supervisor/ co-supervisor (if required).
- vii) Approve the change in the status of researcher (full time to part time and vice-versa); for the M. Phil program for six months or PhD program for one year from the date of registration.
- viii) Recommend extension of fellowship/scholarship/assistantship tenure, if any, beyond the time-period specified in the initial offer letter of the award;
- ix) Facilitate the finalization of synopsis within six-month period of provisional admission/registration of candidates;
- Consider and recommend to the research coordination committee of the school for x) approval of the names and the CVs of supervisors in accordance with the regulations;
- Ensure observance of the admission schedule in each cycle as announced by the CRC;
- xii) Shortlist the candidates and recommend the CRC for to the fellowships/scholarships/assistantships;

# 5. Research Ethical Committee (REC)

There will be a Research Ethical Committee to look after the ethical issues concerning MPhil and PhD research works. The formation of the REC will be proposed by the CRC to the Academic Council for approval.

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# SECTION B: MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil) PROGRAM

Bangladesh Open University shall confer the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Degree upon successful completion of the courses and research works approved by the Academic Council of the University. The terms and conditions regarding admission, evaluation and other matters concerning the Degree shall be governed by Regulations enacted by the Academic Council and the Board of Governors (BOG) of the University.

# **Academic Regulation:**

- 1. Name of the program: Master of Philosophy, in short M.Phil.
- 2. Title of the degree: 'Master of Philosophy'.
- 3. Objectives of the program:
- To conduct independent research by learners in their respective professional field.
- To create a cadre of leaders capable of advancing education, research and practice within their professional field in line with the objectives of BOU.
- To innovate new knowledge and establish new evidence through education and research in order to make a contribution to the development of society.
- 4. Mode of Teaching: As per clause 09 of the BOU Act. 1992.
- **5.** Code of the Program: The program code of the M. Phil program shall be decided by the concerned division.

### 6. Eligibility for Admission

#### A. Educational Qualifications:

i) A candidate having four (4) years Bachelor degree and one (1) year Master degree/ three (3) years Bachelor degree and one (1) year Master degree/ two (2) years Bachelor degree and two (2) years Master degree; Concerned School may add additional eligibility requirements relevant to the field of study.

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ii) Candidates having health related professionals' degree such as MBBS/MD/BDS/BPT/B.Sc.PT, Master in Nursing/B.Sc. in OT/B.Sc. in SLT/B.Sc. in P&O/BHMS/BUMS/BAMS with pass marks; A candidate must have at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division/class with minimum 50% marks As per CGPA rules, candidates must obtain 3.5 out of CGPA 5.00 or 3.00 out of CGPA 4.00 from any recognized educational body

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# **B.** Professional Experience:

A teacher/researcher/officer having at least two (2) years of job experience in public university/private university/medical college/organization/institute/any affiliated college under national university;

- C. Foreign candidates shall also have the opportunity to enroll into this program upon satisfying the above requirements. In addition, the foreign candidates have to fulfill the following criteria:
  - i) Overall IELTS (Academic) score minimum 6
  - ii) Candidates whose mother language is English or having Masters/ equivalent degree from overseas with English as a medium of instruction do not require **IELTS**

# Special notes for M. Phil Program:

- Any candidate obtains Bachelor/Master degree from abroad can apply for M. Phil after completion of the equivalency from recognized body;
- Candidates registered with any university (including BOU) in the same program (MPhil/PhD) cannot apply for admission.

### 7. Discipline

Concerned RCC will decide the discipline of the research program and shall recommend to the CRC for approval through the school committee.

#### 8. Admission

- 8.1 The University shall advertise on its website and in the print and electronic media for admission.
- 8.2 The candidate shall apply in the prescribed Application Form online or offline or both as specified in the advertisement.
- 8.3 The admission can be cancelled in any time if any fraudulent document found in support of the application.
- 8.4 The applicant shall attach a synopsis with the Application Form to be prepared as per the synopsis. Guidelines provided by the CRC. The guideline may vary depending on the specific requirements of the specific discipline.
- 8.5 If the applicant intends to have a supervisor who is not a BOU faculty, he/she will have to attach a CV of the supervisor and a 'Letter of Consent' from the proposed supervisor. Both candidate and the proposed supervisor must sign the synopsis.
- 8.6 Upon the receipt of the Application Form by Research Degree Unit (RDU), an initial scrutiny will be made to examine whether all the essential criteria of eligibility are met and relevant documents are attached to the Application.

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- 8.7 After the scrutiny, the Applications shall be sent to the concerned RCC for further scrutiny. The RCC will recommend the short-listed candidates based on their academic suitability for the program.
- 8.8 The RCC will call short-listed candidates for written examination/Interview/Viva-voce/Presentation on their synopsis
- 8.9 The details of the candidates who are finally selected by the RCC along with the allotted Supervisor (s) in each case will be sent to the CRC for consideration.
- 8.10 The list of the candidates approved by the CRC will be placed before the Academic Council for final approval. Then an Offer Letter for provisional Admission/Registration will be sent to the candidates from the office the Registrar to complete the admission procedure.
- 8.11. Candidates admitted to the MPhil program shall take permission from the employers where applicable.

# 9. Duration of the program:

- 9.1. Full-time: Minimum 2 (two) years and maximum 4 (four) years.
- 9.2. Part-time: Minimum 3 (three) years and maximum 6 (six) years.
- 9.3. Change in the status: Researcher will be allowed to transfer from full time to part time and vice-versa. For the M. Phil program the researcher must apply to the RCC of the respective school within six months from the date of registration. Special consideration about the duration to change the status may be applicable as per RCC recommendation.

#### 10. Courses of Studies

- 10.1. The concerned RCC shall recommend the Courses of Studies to CRC through the school committee to process it for approval of the Academic Council and the Board of Governors/by the Academic Council and Board of Governors.
- 10.2. An M. Phil researcher shall compulsorily complete two courses i) Research Methodology and ii) a subject related course recommended by supervisor approved from RCC and iii) a comprehensive vivavoce course 1st year. The duration of each class shall be one hour and thirty minutes and there shall be 28 classes for each course including continuous assessment. In the second year the researcher will have to complete thesis/dissertation under a relevant supervisor approved by CRC through RCC.
- 10.3. The total marks in the first year will be 300 which includes 100 marks (Theory 60 and continuous assessment 40) in each course and 100 marks in the comprehensive viva voce. The pass mark for exam of each course will be 50% (Theory and continuous assessment) and 50% for comprehensive viva voce. The duration of the theory examination shall be three (03) hours. Successful researcher will be eligible to be promoted to second year.

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- 10.4. The candidate, who fails to get the pass mark or is unable to appear at the written examination or cannot complete the courses of studies for valid reasons, may be allowed one more chance to sit for the examination but only in the next academic session on re-admission. The permission of extension will be given by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the supervisor and the RCC of the concerned School.
- 10.5. There shall be an Examination Committee, responsible for holding examinations and comprehensive viva voce consisting of three members: a Chairman, one of the course teacher and an external member. Relevant faculties from other schools of BOU can be selected as external members.
- 10.6.RCC will propose the examination committee to the school committee, which will be forwarded by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.
- 10.7. There shall be two question setters for each course, to be moderated by the concerned examination committee.
- 10.8. Successful student will be eligible to accept any kind of scholarships/Assistantship/Fellowship from BOU or other sources based on the recommendation of supervisor/CRC.

## 11. Mode of delivery and course waiver

- 11.1. Candidates have to attend the face-to-face sessions or complete online modules (where required) for the prerequisite courses. Candidates will not be permitted to sit for the final exam if the class participation becomes less than 50 percent
- 11.2. A candidate shall have the opportunity to get waiver from the subject related course not from research methodology if s/he obtained 50% prerequisite courses.
- 11.3. The candidate shall apply for course waiver along with proper documents to the RDU.

#### 12. Supervisor(s)

- 12.1. The researcher shall perform the research work under the supervision of a supervisor who will be a Professor from the respective School of BOU/and/or an external faculty-member from a university/academic institute/medical college/research institute.
  - In case of Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, a supervisor should have MS/MD/FCPS /MPhil/PhD degree
  - An external supervisor there must be a co-supervisor from BOU not below the rank of Assistant Professor having MPhil/PhD. In case of Medical Science, Agriculture and Engineering MS/MD/FCPS degree is required. There may be maximum two co-supervisors subject to the approval of CRC.

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12.2. A research supervisor shall not guide more than 6 (Six) candidates at a time in both MPhil and PhD programs. Change of supervisor, if required, will be considered on the recommendation of the RCC and approved by the CRC.

#### 13. Seminar and Defense on Research Work

- 13.1. Two formal seminars papers shall be presented by the researcher: One within 2 (two) months after the submission of the synopsis and another prior to the submission of draft thesis.
- 13.2. The candidate will be called for defense/final viva. The concerned school will arrange the will arrange the defense/viva-voce within 3 (three) months after the submission of the dissertation.

#### 14. Seminar Committee

- 14.1. There shall be a Seminar committee consisting of three members: a Convener (preferably, the supervisor) and two subject experts including at least one external.
- 14.2 . RCC will constitute the Seminar Committee and will send to CRC for approval.
- 14.3. All faculties of the school and M. Phil and PhD researchers shall participate at the seminar of each paper presentation. Faculties and researchers of other schools can also be invited.

#### 15. Defense Committee

The committee shall consist of a Convener, one external examiner and one internal examiner. If no Internal examiner is available, both the members will be external. The supervisor(s) shall be invited as observer(s). Alternative name of examiners for each of the three members shall also be proposed by the RCC for approval of CRC.

#### 16. Progress of MPhil Candidates

- 16.1. Each of the candidates shall carry out the study and related research tasks under the supervision of his/her research supervisor(s). Monitoring the routine progress of the MPhil candidate shall be the responsibility of the supervisor(s).
- 16.2. The six monthly Progress Reports are to be submitted to the Dean of the School by through the approval of supervisor(s) in the prescribed format.

# 17. Transfer to PhD Program

17.1. Based on the recommendations of the supervisor(s) an MPhil researcher may be transferred to the PhD Program. If a candidate successfully completes MPhil individual Courses with score 60% or more (depending on concerned RCC's requirement) can be transferred to PhD program.

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17.2 If a researcher would like to transfer her/his degree from MPhil to PhD, s/he will apply to the concerned RCC. RCC shall send the application with recommendation to the CRC for final approval. It should be then submitted for approval of Academic Council and finally by the Board of Governors.

#### 18. Submission and Evaluation of Dissertation

- 18.1. After successful completion of the course work in the discipline, the candidate shall take up the dissertation work. The candidate shall submit four hard bound copies of the dissertation along with one in the electronic version to the office of the Controller of Examination for further action. The dissertation shall include a certificate of originality of work (in prescribed format) signed by the candidate and endorsed by the supervisor(s).
- 18.2. If the candidate fails to submit his/her dissertation in due time, s/he will apply to the concerned Dean for extension before the expiry of the stipulated time on the recommendation of the Supervisor (s) which will be placed to CRC for final approval.
- 18.3. On the receipt of the unanimous recommendations of all the examiners, the Defense Committee will fix a date and venue for the final viva-voce. After taking the vive-voce, the convener of the Defense Committee will send the consolidated report on a prescribed format to Controller of Examinations with a copy to the CRC clearly stating whether the candidate be awarded the degree or not.
- 18.4 The unanimous recommendation of the defense committee will be placed before the Academic Council which shall recommend to the Board of Governors for the award of the Degree.
- 18.5. In case the candidate is unsuccessful, the RDU shall inform the candidate.

### 19. Extension of Program Registration

If a student fails to complete the program within the maximum program duration S/he has to apply for DE-NOVO Registration.

- 19.1. DE-NOVO registration policy facilitates students whose registration period has been expired without completing the degree requirements. Students failed to submit the dissertation within the maximum program period will be eligible to apply for the DE-NOVO registration. Such eligible student has to apply to the concerned RCC for DE-NOVO registration before 6 (six) months of the expiry of the said duration. Under DE-NOVO registration, a student will be allowed maximum one year for the submission of dissertation.
- 19.2. RRC shall recommend for the DE-NOVO registration to the CRC for approval.

# 20. Cancellation for MPhil Registration

20.1. The candidate's registration into the MPhil program shall remain valid during the regular program duration plus the DE-NOVO registration period unless the candidate falls under any of the following categories:

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- cancellation or suspension of registration by BOU, or
- discontinuation or
- Adoption of unfair means.
- Breaching the ethical issues
- 20.2. If any student fails to complete the program successfully within the said program duration (including DE-NOVO), his/her registration with the BOU will automatically be cancelled.
- 20.3. In the event of any misconduct or breach of any regulations of BOU by any student, the University may take necessary disciplinary action against such student as per the BOU rules.
- 20.4. The punishment for the adoption of the unfair means will be settled as per the Disciplinary Rules of BOU.

#### 21. Student Identification Number

Candidate will be given a specific Student Identification (SID) number at the time of registration into the program. The candidate must use complete SID number for all communications with BOU.

### 22. Yearly Registration and Deferment

If a candidate finds it difficult to continue course work the candidate may take a break for that particular year. For having the break, candidate will have to submit an application to the RCC two months before of the commencement of year discontinuation The candidate can avail this opportunity not more than one time during his/her whole study period.

#### 23. Academic Year of the Program

The academic year of the program shall start from January of each calendar year and shall end in December of the year or as decided by the authority.

#### 24. Plagiarism Check

Originality of the work of the candidate shall be examined through a standard plagiarism checker. The acceptable limit of the similarity index would be maximum 25 percent. The candidate has to submit the similarity index report along with the dissertation. This condition may be relaxed in the case of the languages where plagiarism checker is not available.

#### 25. Ethical Issues

The Research Ethical Committee (REC) shall scrutinize all irregularities including unethical issues concerned with the candidate's research work.

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#### 26. Forms and Letters

All the formats of the forms and letters will be decided by CRC in consultation with concerned RCCs.

# 27. Award of M. Phil degree:

- 27.1. A researcher shall be awarded the M. Phil Degree with the recommendation of the Academic Council and approval of the Board of Governors of the University.
- 27.2. The Vice Chancellor shall issue the Provisional/Original Certificate to all successful candidates.

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# SECTION C: DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) PROGRAM

Bangladesh Open University shall confer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree upon successful completion of the Research works approved by the Academic Council of the University. The terms and conditions regarding admission, evaluation and other matters concerning the Degree shall be governed by Regulations enacted by the Academic Council and the Board of Governors (BOG) of the University.

# **Academic Regulation:**

- 1. Name of the program: Doctor of Philosophy, in short PhD
- 2. Title of the degree: 'Doctor of Philosophy'.
- 3. Objectives of the program:
- To extend the limits of what is currently known through innovative and high-quality research work.
- To conduct research that has real academic weight, is targeted and shows integrity
- To improve capacity critical analysis, assessment and synthesis of new and complex ideas
- To develop further the progress made in technological, social or cultural terms within an academic and professional context
- To satisfy standards associated with national and international peer-reviewed publications
- To create a cadre of leaders capable of advancing education, research and practice within their professional field in line with the objectives of BOU.
- **4.Mode of Teaching:** As per clause 09 of the BOU Act. 1992.
- **5.Code of the Program:** The program code of the M. Phil program shall be decided by the concerned division.

#### 6. Eligibility for Admission

# A. Educational qualifications:

i) A candidate having four (04) years Bachelor degree with having M. Phil degree/MS degree/Master degree/four (4) years Bachelor degree with two (2) years Master degree/four (4) years Bachelor degree and one (1) year Master degree with thesis/dissertation/ three (3) years Bachelor degree with one (01) year Master degree with thesis/dissertation

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Candidates having health related professional degree such as MBBS/BDS/BPT/B.Sc.PT/Master in Nursing/B.Sc. in OT/B.Sc. in SLT/ B.Sc. in P&O/BHMS/BUMS/BAMS and health related post-graduation degree such as M. Phil/M. Sc./MD/FCPS/MS/Masters with pass marks.

ii) A candidate must have at least 2<sup>nd</sup> class with minimum 50% marks in both bachelor, Master and MPhil degrees. As per CGPA candidates must obtain 3.5 out of CGPA 5.00 or 3.00 out of CGPA 4.00/pass marks for health professional degree in all examinations from any recognized educational body.

# **B. Professional Experience:**

A teacher/researcher/officer having at least two (2) years of job experience in public university/private university/medical college/organization/institute/any affiliated college under national university;

#### C. Research Publication:

An applicant for PhD enrolment should have at least two (2) research articles published in a peer reviewed recognized journal. Applicant with M. Phil degree/MS degree having one published article will be eligible to apply.

- **D. Foreign candidates** shall also have the opportunity to enroll into this program upon satisfying the above requirements. In addition, the foreign candidates have to fulfill the following criteria:
  - i. Overall IELTS score minimum 5.5.
  - ii. Candidates from English speaking countries do not require IELTS.

### Special Notes for PhD Program:

- Any candidate obtains Bachelor/Master degree from abroad can apply for PhD after completion of the equivalency from recognized body.
- Candidates registered with any university (including BOU) in the same program (MPhil/PhD) cannot apply for admission.

# 7. Discipline

Concerned RCC will decide the discipline of the research program and shall recommend to the CRC through the School Committee for approval.

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#### 8. Admission

- 8.1. The University shall advertise on its website and in the print and electronic media for admission.
- 8.2. The candidate shall apply in the prescribed Application Form online or offline or both as specified in the advertisement.
- 8.3. The admission can be cancelled in any time if any fraudulent document found in support of the application.
- 8.4. The applicant shall attach a synopsis with the Application Form to be prepared as per the synopsis Guidelines provided by the CRC. The guideline may vary depending on the specific requirements of the specific discipline.
- 8.5. If the applicant intends to have a supervisor who is not a BOU faculty, he/she will have to attach a CV of the supervisor and a 'Letter of Consent' from the proposed supervisor. Both candidate and the proposed supervisor shall sign the synopsis.
- 8.6. Upon the receipt of the Application Form by Research Degree Unit (RDU), an initial scrutiny will be made to examine whether all the essential criteria of eligibility are met and relevant documents are attached to the Application.
- 8.7. After the scrutiny, the Applications shall be sent to the concerned RCC for further scrutiny. The RCC will recommend the short-listed candidates based on their academic suitability for the program.
- 8.8. The RCC will call short-listed candidates for written examination/Interview/Viva-voce/Presentation on their synopsis
- 8.9. The details of the candidates who are finally selected by the RCC along with the allotted Supervisor (s) in each case will be sent to the CRC for consideration.
- 8.10. The list of the candidates approved by the CRC will be placed before the Academic Council for final approval. Then an Offer Letter for provisional Admission/Registration will be sent to the candidates from the office the Registrar to complete the admission procedure.
- 8.11. Candidates admitted to the PhD program shall take permission from the employers where applicable.

### 9. Duration of the Program:

9.1. Full-Time: Full time researcher will complete PhD degree within 4 (four) years from the date of joining into the program. The researcher can submit her/his PhD dissertation 3 (three) years from the date of joining into the program. The researcher with MPhil degree (regular or

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- converted) can submit the thesis two (2) years after the date of joining at the PhD program subject to the approval of Academic Council.
- 9.2. Part-Time: 5 (five) years from the date of joining into the program. The researcher can submit thesis 4 (four) years from the date of joining. A researcher can submit the thesis two (2) years after the date of joining at the PhD program subject to the approval of Academic Council.
- **9.3. Change in the status:** Researcher will be allowed to transfer from full time to part time and vice-versa. For the PhD program the researcher must apply to the RCC of the respective school within one year from the date of registration. Special consideration about the duration to change the status may be applicable as per RCC recommendation.

#### 10. Courses of Studies

- 10.1. The concerned RCC shall recommend the Courses of Studies to CRC through the school committee to process it for approval of the Academic Council and the Board of Governors/by the Academic Council and Board of Governors.
- 10.2. A PhD researcher shall compulsorily complete two courses i) Research Methodology and ii) a subject related course recommended by supervisor approved from RCC and iii) a comprehensive viva-voce course 1<sup>st</sup> year. The duration of each course shall be one hour and thirty minutes and there shall be 28 classes for each course including continuous assessment. In the second year the researcher will have to start thesis/dissertation under a relevant supervisor approved by CRC through RCC.
- 10.3. The total marks in the first year will be 300 which includes 100 marks (Theory 60 and continuous assessment 40) in each course and 100 marks in the comprehensive viva voce The pass mark for exam of each course will be 50% (Theory and continuous assessment and 50% for comprehensive viva voce. The duration of the theory examination shall be three (03) hours. Successful researcher will be eligible to be promoted to second year.
- 10.4. The candidate, who fails to get the pass mark or is unable to appear at the written examination or cannot complete the courses of studies for valid reasons, may be allowed one more chance to sit for the examination but only in the next academic session on re-admission. The permission of extension will be given by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the supervisor and the RCC of the concerned School.
- 10.5. There shall be an Examination Committee, responsible for holding examinations and comprehensive viva voce consisting of three members: a Chairman, an Internal member and

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- 10.6.RCC will propose the examination committee to the school committee, which will be forwarded by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.
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- 10.8. Successful student will be eligible to accept any kind of scholarships/Assistantship/Fellowship from BOU or other sources based on the recommendation of supervisor/CRC.

# 11. Mode of delivery and course waiver

- 11.1. Candidates have to attend the face-to-face sessions or online session (if required) for the prerequisite courses. Candidates will not be permitted to sit for the final exam if the class participation becomes less than 50 percent
- 11.2. A candidate shall have the opportunity to get waiver from the prerequisite courses if
  - obtained 60% marks to the respective course(s)
- 11.3. The Candidate shall apply for course waiver along with proper documents to the RDU.

#### 12. Supervisor(s)

- 12.1. The researcher shall perform the research work under the supervision of a supervisor who will be a teacher from the respective School of BOU/and/or an external faculty-member from a university/academic institute/medical college/research institute not below the rank of an Assistant Professor having PhD/designated as Professor. In case of external supervisor there must be a co-supervisor from BOU not below the rank of Assistant Professor having PhD.
- 12.2. There may be maximum two co-supervisors subject to the approval of CRC.
- 12.3. A research supervisor shall not guide more than 6 (Six) candidates at a time in both MPhil and PhD programs. Change of supervisor, if required, will be considered on the recommendation of the RCC and approved by CRC.

#### 13. Seminar and Defense on Research Work

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- 13.1. Seminar ONE: Seminar one will be held upon finalization of the research proposal. RCC will arrange the seminar within two months after the submission of the research proposal by the researcher.
- 13.2. Seminar TWO: Seminar Two will be arranged by the researcher on the draft dissertation.
- 13.3. Defense/ after incorporating all the suggestions on the draft dissertation, the candidate will be called for defense/final viva-voce. RCC will arrange defense/viva-voce within three months after the submission of the dissertation.

#### 14. Seminar Committee

- 14.1. There shall be a Seminar committee consisting of three members: a Convener (preferably, the supervisor) and two subject experts including at least one external.
- RCC will constitute the Seminar Committee and will send to CRC for approval.
- 14.3 All faculties of school and M. Phil and PhD researchers shall participate at the seminar of a particular research presentation. Faculties and researchers of other schools can also be invited.

#### 15. Defense Committee

The committee shall consist of a Convener, one external examiner and one internal examiner. If no Internal examiner is available, both the members will be external. The supervisor(s) shall be invited as observer(s). Alternative name of examiners for each of the three members shall also be proposed by the RCC for approval of CRC.

# 16. Progress of PhD Candidates

- 16.1. Each of the candidates shall carry out the study and related research tasks under the supervision of his/her research supervisor(s). Monitoring the routine progress of the PhD candidate shall be the responsibility of the supervisor(s).
- 16.2. The six monthly Progress Reports are to be submitted to the Dean of the School by through the approval of supervisor(s) in the prescribed format.

#### 17. Extension of Program Registration Duration

If a student fails to complete the program within the maximum program duration s/he has to apply for De-NOVO Registration.

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- 17.1 DE-NOVO registration policy facilitates students whose registration period has been expired without completing the degree requirements. Students failed to submit the dissertation within the maximum program period will be eligible to apply for the DE-NOVO registration. Such eligible student has to apply to the concerned RCC for DE-NOVO registration before 6 (six) months of the expiry of the said duration. Under DE-NOVO registration, a student will be allowed maximum two years for the submission of dissertation.
- 17.2 RCC shall recommend for the DE-NOVO registration through committee to the CRC for approval.

# 18. Cancellation for Program Registration

- 18.1. The candidate's registration into the PhD program shall remain valid during the program registration duration plus the DE-NOVO registration period unless the candidate falls under any of the following categories:
  - cancellation or suspension of registration by BOU
  - discontinuation
  - adoption of unfair means
  - breaching the ethical issues.
- 18.2. If any student fails to complete the program successfully within the said program registration (including DE-NOVO) duration, his/her registration with the BOU will be automatically cancelled.
- 18.3. In the event of any misconduct or breach of any regulations of BOU by any student, the University may take necessary disciplinary action against such student as per the BOU rules.
- 18.4. The punishment for the adoption of the unfair means will be settled as per the Disciplinary Rules of BOU.

#### 19. Student Identification Number

Candidate will be given a specific Student Identification (SID) number at the time of registration into the program. The candidate must use complete SID number for all communications with BOU.

### 20. Yearly Registration and Deferment

If a candidate finds it difficult to continue course work the candidate may take a break for that particular year. For having the break, candidate will have to submit an application to the RCC two months before of the commencement of year discontinuation The candidate can avail this opportunity not more than one time during his/her whole study period.

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### 21. Academic Year of the Program

The academic year of the program shall start from January of each calendar year and shall end in December of the year or as decided by the authority.

#### 22. Submission and Evaluation of PhD Dissertation

- 22.1. After completion of research if supervisor(s) is/are satisfied that the candidate has acquired a sound understanding of the substance of the thesis and the relevant research approaches, the research supervisor shall permit the candidate to proceed with the submission of her/his thesis/dissertation.
- 22.2. At least one research paper in the area of his/her dissertation/thesis for PhD should be published/accepted for publication a journal before the defense.
- 22.3. The candidate shall present her/his thesis work in a 'pre-submission seminar (Seminar two)' to be convened exclusively for this purpose by the Chairman of RCC concerned.
- 22.4. After the seminar, the candidate and research supervisors shall consider the reactions and observations expressed by the participants. The candidate will incorporate all the relevant observations wherever necessary. The candidate shall submit an electronic copy, five hard copies of the thesis and a one-page abstract of the thesis duly be approved by the supervisor(s) to the RDU for further processing.
- 22.5. The thesis will include a certificate signed by the supervisor(s) about the originality of the work to the concerned RCC. In addition, the candidate shall submit the plagiarism report (if applicable) along with the thesis.
- 22.6. If the candidate fails to submit his/her dissertation in due time he/she will apply for extension before the expiry of the stipulated time on the recommendation of the Supervisor (s) and the concerned RCC.
- 22.7. The dissertation shall be examined by the members of the defense committee.

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- 22.8. The examiners will submit their Evaluation Reports to the Controller of Examinations.
- 22.9. On the receipt of the unanimous recommendations of all the examiners, the Convener of the Defense Committee will fix a date and venue for the final viva-voce. After taking the vivevoce, the convener of the Defense Committee will send the consolidated report on a prescribed format to Controller of Examinations clearly stating whether the candidate should be awarded the degree or not.

- 22.10. The unanimous recommendation of the defense committee will be placed before the Academic Council which shall recommend to the Board of Governors for the award of the Degree.
- 22.11. In case any examiner suggests certain modifications and re-submission of the thesis, the same should be communicated to the candidate, who will be asked to resubmit the thesis with all the modifications within two months. The research supervisor(s) will ensure that the suggestions of the examiner(s) are adequately addressed before resubmission of the thesis. The modified thesis shall be referred again to the examiner(s) concerned for re-evaluation. This opportunity shall be given maximum two times.
- 22.12. The date, time and venue of the defense, along with a one-page abstract of the thesis, shall be notified to all concerned by the RCC.

# 23. Plagiarism Check

Originality of the work of the candidate shall be examined through a standard plagiarism checker. The acceptable limit of the similarity index would be maximum 25 percent. The candidate has to submit the similarity index report along with the dissertation. This condition may be relaxed in the case of the languages where plagiarism checker is not available.

#### 24. Award of PhD

- 24.1. A candidate shall be awarded the PhD Degree with the recommendation of the Academic Council and approval of the Board of Governors of the University.
- 24.2. The Vice Chancellor shall issue the Provisional/Original Certificate to all successful candidates.

#### 25. Ethical Issues

The Research Ethical Committee (REC) shall scrutinize all irregularities including unethical issues concerned with the candidate's research work.

### 26. Forms and Letters

All the formats of the forms and letters will be decided by CRC in consultation with concerned RCCs.

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# Annexure 1

Filled in Form along with the copies of certificates and transcripts should be sent to the Central Research



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Application Form (Please tick mark in the box):

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

	Committee (CRC), E	Bangladesh Open University Gazipur 1705 Bangladesh
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## BANGLADESH OPEN UNIVERSITY

Research Degree Unit, Gazipur

### Research Proposal for MPhil/PhD Program

The candidate shall prepare a synopsis on what he/she decided to explore. This is the architectural design of contributing something original to the world of knowledge through the proposed research. Therefore, the candidates need to develop a write-up what is called MPhil/PhD proposal. The main components of the proposal as is generally expected by the University decision taking bodies, viz. Research Higher Degree Committee, School's Research Degree Committee, School Committee, Admission Committee and Academic Council. The research proposal should be around 3000 words. It should contain the following:

#### 1 Title:

The proposal should have a proposed research title which would be free from pre-decided terms

#### 2 Introduction:

The introduction should have a broad description of the proposed Research Work. This section also explains important concepts of the study.

#### 3 Literature review and justification of Study:

The proposal should have review of some important and related published works and analysis of the existing materials in the context of the current study. This section of the proposal establishes the rationale for undertaking the study in the background of work done on that theme or the logic of the originality of your research work and it also identifies the gaps in the knowledge and justifies the need for the present study.

#### 4 Aims and objectives:

The proposal must have the aims of the study and also the specific objectives.

#### 5 Research Methods

The proposal should have a paragraph on the Research Methodology what are proposed to use in the current research.

#### 6 Implications

This section directs implications of the research in the real world and policy developments.

#### 7 References and Bibliography

Selected list of references used and proposed for the study should be mentioned (use more space if needed).

Candidate's signature: The candidate shall sign the proposal on every page

**Supervisor's Signature:** The supervisor of the research degree program shall recommend and sign the proposal on every page.

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# **SECTION A**

# Financial Regulation for MPhil Program

# Admission and registration related:

MPhil program-related fees and charges will be deposited into a separate SND (Short Notice Deposit) account to be opened by BOU authority.

1. Fees for the Students (Local)\*

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Amount (BDT)
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Amount (BDT)
22,000
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2. Fees for the Students (Foreign)\*

Descriptions an	nd Fees					
Compulsory Fees						
Items	Amount (BDT)					
Application Form	1,000					
University Registration Fee	10,000					
Admission Fee (During admission into the 1st year)	45,000					
Course Fee	03 X 6000= 18,000					
Library Fee (refundable)	4000					
Digital ID Card Fee	200					
Original Certificate Fee	1,000					
Provisional Certificate Fee	500					
Program Transcript Fee	500					
Testimonial Fee	500					
Academic Calendar Fee	100					
Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule					
Total	80,800					

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Additional fees for irregular students	
Items	Amount (BDT)
Re-admission Fee	22,000
Re-registration Fee	6,000
Re-examination Fee (Per Course)	4,000
Late Fee	5.00

3. Honorarium for the admission process:

Descriptions	Honorarium .
i) Chairman	Tk. 4,000
ii) Internal members	Per member Tk. 3,000
iii) External member	Tk. 3,000
iv) Officer – 1 person	Tk. 800
v) Computer operator – 1 person	Tk. 600
vi) MLSS/Cleaner-1 person	Tk. 500

4. Honorarium for the Supervisor(s) and Course Teacher(s)

Descriptions	Honorarium				
1. Supervisor	Tk. 30,000				
2. Co-Supervisor (if any)	Tk. 20,000				
3. Course teacher	Per hour 2500 BDT (both internal and external teacher)				

5. Honorarium/expenses for the RCC office:

	Descriptions	Honorarium
i)	Honorarium for the coordinator-	Tk. 2500 per month
ii)	Honorarium for the officer	Tk. 1500 per month
iii)	Honorarium for the computer operator- 1 person	Tk. 1200 per month
iv)	Wages for MLSS -1 person	Tk. 1000 per month
v)	Wages for cleaner- 1 person	Tk. 1000 per month
vi)	Stationary	Tk. 1000 per month
vii)	Entertainment	As per BOU rules

6. Honorarium for Question Setter

Descriptions	Honorarium
Question Setter (Per Course; Per Setter)	Tk. 2,000

7. Honorarium for Question Moderation

Descriptions	Honorarium
1. Chairman	Tk. 4,000
2. Internal member	Tk. 3,000
3. External member	Tk. 3,000

8. Honorarium for invigilation of course work final examination and script evaluation

Descriptions	Honorarium				
Chief Invigilator- 1 person	Tk. 800 per hour/course				
Invigilation	700 Taka per hour/course				

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Per script	Tk. 300 (Minimum TK. 500)
Tabulation	Tk. 50 per student (Minimum TK. 500)
Officer- 1 person	Tk. 800 per course
Staff- 2 persons	Tk. 600 per course

# 9. Honorarium for the comprehensive viva voce examination

Descriptions	Honorarium
Per student/member	Tk. 300 (Minimum Tk. 1000)
Staff	Tk. 600
Cleaner	Tk. 500

# 10. Honorarium of the 1st Seminar

Descriptions	Honorarium
Convener	Tk. 4000
Member-1	Tk. 3000
Member-2	Tk. 3000
Officer	Tk. 800
Staff	Tk. 600
Cleaner	Tk. 500

# 11. Honorarium of the 2nd Seminar

Descriptions	Honorarium
Convener	Tk. 4000
Member-1	Tk. 3000
Member-2	Tk. 3000
Officer	Tk. 800
Staff	Tk. 600
Cleaner	Tk. 500

12. Honorarium of the Thesis Evaluation

Descriptions	Honorarium
Examiner -1	Tk. 4,000
Examiner -2	Tk. 4,000

13. Honorarium of the Defense

Descriptions	Honorarium
Convener	Tk. 4,000
Examiner-1	Tk. 4,000
Examiner-2	Tk. 4,000
Officer	Tk. 8,00
Staff	Tk. 6,00
Cleaner	Tk. 5,00

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# 14. Other expenditure:

T/A, D/A, refreshment, purchase of equipment etc. and other expenditure will be born from BOU central budget as per university rules.

15. Any revision to the rules and regulations related to financial administration must be approved by the BOU authorities. In the case of sudden addition/ change of any expenditure head, the Research Coordination Committee (RCC) will send the proposal to Central Research Committee (CRC) for approval of the concern statutory bodies.

# **SECTION B**

# Financial Regulation for PhD Program

PhD program related fees and charges will be deposited into a separate SND (Short Notice Deposit) account to be opened by BOU authority.

1. Fees for the Students (Local)\*

Descriptions ar	nd Fees	
Compulsory Fees		
Items	Amount (BDT)	
Application Form	2,000	
University Registration Fee	10,000	
Admission Fee (During admission into the 1st year)	1,30,000	
Course Fee	<i>03 X 6000= 18,000</i>	
Library Fee (refundable)	4000	
Digital ID Card Fee	200	
Original Certificate Fee	1,000	
Provisional Certificate Fee	500	
Program Transcript Fee	500	
Testimonial Fee	500	
Academic Calendar Fee	100	
Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule	
Total	1,66,800	
Additional fees for irregular students		
Items	Amount (BDT)	
Re-admission Fee	35,500	
Re-registration Fee	3,000	
Re-examination Fee ( Per Course)	4,000	
Late Fee	5,00	

2. Fees for the Students (Foreign)\*

Descriptions and Fees		
Compulsory Fees		
Items	Amount (BDT)	
Application Form	2,000	
University Registration Fee	15,000	
Admission Fee (During admission into the 1st year)	1,30,000	

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Course Fee	$03 \times 6000 = 18,000$	
Library Fee (refundable)	4000	
Digital ID Card Fee	200	
Original Certificate Fee	1,000	
Provisional Certificate Fee	500	
Program Transcript Fee	500	
Testimonial Fee	500 .	
Academic Calendar Fee	100	
Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule	
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Additional fees for irregular students		
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Descriptions	Honorarium
Question Setter (Per Course), per setter	Tk. 2,000

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Per student/member	Tk. 300 (Minimum Tk. 1000)
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Cleaner	Tk. 500

# 10. Honorarium of the 1st Seminar

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Convener	Tk. 4000
Member-1	Tk. 3000
Member-2	Tk. 3000
Officer	Tk. 800
Staff	Tk. 600
Cleaner	Tk. 500

# 11. Honorarium of the 2nd Seminar

Descriptions	Honorarium		
Convener	Tk. 4000		
Member-1	Tk. 3000		
Member-2	Tk. 3000		
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Staff	Tk. 600
Cleaner	Tk. 500

12. Honorarium of the Thesis Evaluation

Descriptions	Honorarium
Examiner -1	Tk. 4,000
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Descriptions	Honorarium
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T/Λ, D/Λ, refreshment, purchase of equipment etc. and other expenditure will be born from BOU central budget as per university rules.

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#### Name of the Program: M. Phil

#### \*Annexure-1:

An M. Phil local student can deposit the total fees 74, 800 taka through the 1<sup>st</sup> installment 72, 300 taka during admission and 2nd installment 2500 taka. Besides, a foreign student can deposit the total fees 79, 800 taka through the 1<sup>st</sup> installment 77, 300 taka during admission and 2<sup>nd</sup> installment 2500 taka. If any category of student wish to submit, admission and relevant fees based on convenient installment can follow the breakdown:

### Table- 1.1. Full time student

Student Category	1 <sup>st</sup> year installment (a	t the time of admission)	2 <sup>nd</sup> year ins	allment		
	Compulsory Fees		Compulsory Fees			
	Items	Amount (BDT)	Items	Amount (BDT)		
	University registration Fee	5,000/-	Admission Fee	20,000/-		
Local	Admission Fee	25,000 /-	Original Certificate Fee	1,000/-		
	Course Fee	03X6,000=18,000/-	Provisional Certificate Fee	5, 00/-		
	Library Fee (refundable)	4,000/-	Program Transcript Fee	5, 00/-		
	Digital ID Card Fee	2,00/-	Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-		
	Academic calendar Fee	1,00 /-	Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule		
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Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTIO

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Table-	1.2.	Part	time	stud	ent

Student Category	1 <sup>st</sup> year ins (at the time of		2 <sup>nd</sup> year insta	allment**	3rd year ins	tallment**
			Compulsory Fees			
	Compulsory Fees		Items	Amount (BDT)	Compulsor	
	Items	Amount (BDT)	Admission Fee	10,000/-	Items	Amount
	University registration Fee	5,000/-	Original Certificate	1,000/-	Admission Fee	(BDT)
Local	Admission Fee	25,000 /-	Fee			10,000/-
	Course Fee	03X6,000= 18,000/-	Provisional	5, 00/-		
	Library Fee (refundable)	4,000/-	Certificate Fee		c. Sub	10,000/-
	Digital ID Card Fee	2,00/-	Program Transcript	5, 00/-	total	
	Academic calendar Fee	1,00 /-	Fee			
	a. Sub total	52, 300/-	Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-		
			Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule		
			Ceremony 1 ce			
Student	Additional fee 1st year installment (at t	es for irregular students sh	b. Sub total 52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00	tioned in SECTION	-A (serial no: 1)  3 <sup>rd</sup> year ins	tallment**
		es for irregular students sh	b. Sub total 52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00 all remain same as men 2 <sup>nd</sup> year insta	0= 74,800/- tioned in SECTION		stallment**
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		es for irregular students sh he time of admission )	b. Sub total 52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00 nall remain same as men 2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees Items	0= 74,800/- tioned in SECTION allment** Amount (BDT)	3 <sup>rd</sup> year ins	Fees
	1st year installment (at t	es for irregular students sh	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00  all remain same as men  2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee	0= 74,800/- tioned in SECTION allment**  Amount (BDT) 10,000/-	3 <sup>rd</sup> year ins	Fees Amount
	1st year installment (at t  Compulsory Fees  Items	es for irregular students she time of admission )  Amount (BDT)	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00  all remain same as men  2 <sup>nd</sup> year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee  Original Certificate	0= 74,800/- tioned in SECTION allment** Amount (BDT)	3 <sup>rd</sup> year ins	Fees
	1st year installment (at t  Compulsory Fees  Items  University registration Fee	Amount (BDT)  10,000/- 25,000 /-	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00  tall remain same as men  2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee  Original Certificate Fee	0= 74,800/- tioned in SECTION allment**  Amount (BDT) 10,000/- 1,000/-	3rd year ins  Compulsory Items	Fees Amount (BDT)
Student Category Foreign	1st year installment (at t  Compulsory Fees  Items  University registration Fee  Admission Fee	Amount (BDT)	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00 tall remain same as men  2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee  Original Certificate Fee  Provisional	0= 74,800/- tioned in SECTION allment**  Amount (BDT) 10,000/-	3rd year ins  Compulsory Items  Admission	Fees Amount (BDT)
Category	Compulsory Fees Items University registration Fee Admission Fee Course Fee	Amount (BDT)  10,000/- 25,000 /- 03X6,000=18,000/-	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00 nall remain same as men  2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee  Original Certificate Fee  Provisional Certificate Fee	Amount (BDT) 10,000/- 1,000/- 5,00/-	Compulsory Items  Admission Fee	Fees Amount (BDT) 10,000/-
Category	Compulsory Fees Items University registration Fee Admission Fee Course Fee Library Fee (refundable)	Amount (BDT)  10,000/- 25,000 /- 03X6,000= 18,000/- 4,000/-	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00 tall remain same as men  2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee  Original Certificate Fee  Provisional	0= 74,800/- tioned in SECTION allment**  Amount (BDT) 10,000/- 1,000/-	Compulsory Items  Admission Fee	Fees Amount (BDT) 10,000/-
Category	Compulsory Fees Items University registration Fee Admission Fee Course Fee Library Fee (refundable) Digital ID Card Fee	Amount (BDT)  10,000/- 25,000 /- 03X6,000= 18,000/- 4,000/- 2,00/-	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00 nall remain same as men  2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee  Original Certificate Fee  Provisional Certificate Fee  Program Transcript	Amount (BDT) 10,000/- 1,000/- 5,00/-	Compulsory Items  Admission Fee	Fees Amount (BDT) 10,000/-
Category	Compulsory Fees Items University registration Fee Admission Fee Course Fee Library Fee (refundable) Digital ID Card Fee Academic calendar Fee	Amount (BDT)  10,000/- 25,000 /- 03X6,000= 18,000/- 4,000/- 2,00/- 1,00 /-	b. Sub total  52, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 00 nall remain same as men  2nd year insta  Compulsory Fees  Items  Admission Fee  Original Certificate Fee  Provisional Certificate Fee  Program Transcript Fee	Amount (BDT) 10,000/- 1,000/- 5,00/- 5,00/-	Compulsory Items  Admission Fee	Fees Amount (BDT) 10,000/-

Total (a+b+c)= 57, 300 + 12, 500+ 10, 000= 79,800/Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTION-A (serial no: 2)

\*\*Student has to pay the total fees prior to submission of dissertation and appearing in the defense announced by the concerned authority within allocated time schedule.

#### Name of the Program: PhD

#### \*Annexure-2

A PhD local student can deposit the total fees 1, 64, 800 taka through the 1<sup>st</sup> installment 1, 62, 300 taka during admission and 2nd installment 2500 taka. Besides, a foreign student can deposit the total fees 1, 69, 800 taka through the 1<sup>st</sup> installment 1, 67, 300 taka during admission and 2<sup>nd</sup> installment 2500 taka. If any student wish to submit, admission and relevant fees based on convenient installments can follow the breakdown:

Student Category	1st year installment (at the time of admission)  Compulsory Fees		2 <sup>nd</sup> year in	nstallment 3 <sup>rd</sup> year insta		illment**	4th year installm		
					Compulsory Fees				
	Items	Amount (BDT)	Compulsory Fees		Items	Amount	Compulsory Fees		
	University	10,000/-	Items	Amount		(BDT)	Items	Amount	
4 = 10	registration Fee		Items	Items	(BDT)	Admission Fee	30,000/-		(BDT)
	Admission Fee	40,000 /-	Admission	30,000/-	Original	1,000/-	Admissio	30,000/-	
	Course Fee	03X6,000= 18,000/-	Fee	30,000/-	Certificate Fee		n Fee		
Local	Library Fee	4,000/-	1.0110000		30,000/-	Provisional	5, 00/-	d. Sub	30,000/-
	(refundable)			,	Certificate Fee		total		
	Digital ID Card	2,00/-	totai		Program	5, 00/-			
	Fee				Transcript Fee				
	Academic	1,00 /-			Testimonial	5, 00/-			
	calendar Fee				Fee				
	a. Sub total	72, 300/-			Graduation	As per			
					Ceremony Fee	rule			
					c. Sub total	32, 500/-			

Total (a+b+c+d)=72,300+30,000+32,500+30,000=1,64,800/-

Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTION-B (serial no: 1)

Student Category		1st year installment (at the time of admission)		2 <sup>nd</sup> year installment 3 <sup>rd</sup> year		nstallment**	4th year installment*		
	Compulsory Fees		Compulsor	y Fees	Compulsory	Fees	Compulso	rv Fees	
-	Items	Amount (BDT)	Items	A	Items	Amount	Items	Amount	
	University registration Fee		15,000/-	Items	Amount (BDT)		(BDT)		(BDT)
Foreign	Admission Fee	40,000 /-	Admission	30,000/-	Admission Fee	30,000/-	Admissio n Fee	30,000/-	
	Course Fee	03X6,000= 18,000/-	Fee		Original	1,000/-	d. Sub	30,000/-	
	Library Fee (refundable)	4,000/-	b. Sub total	30,000/-	Certificate Fee	1,000/-	total		
	Digital ID Card Fee	2,00/-			Provisional Certificate	5, 00/-			
	Academic calendar Fee	1,00 /-				Fee	5 00/		
	a. Sub total	77, 300/-			Program Transcript Fee	5, 00/-			
					Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-			
					Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule			
		Total (a+ b+c+d)			c. Sub total	32, 500/-			

Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTION-B (serial no: 2)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Student has to pay the total fees prior to submission of dissertation and appearing in the defense announced by the concerned authority within allocated

Table-	2.2.	Part-	time student

Student Category	1 <sup>st</sup> year installment (at the time of admission)		2 <sup>nd</sup> year installment		3 <sup>rd</sup> year installment		4 <sup>th</sup> year installment **		5 <sup>th</sup> year installment **			
Local	Compulsory Fees		Compulso	ry Fees	Compulsory	Fees	Compuls	ory Fees	Compulsory Fees			
	University registration Fee	Amount (BDT)	Items	Amount	Items	Amount (BDT)	Items	Amount (BDT)	Items	Amount (BDT)		
		registration	registration	registration	10,000/-	Admissio	(BDT) 22,500/-	Admission Fee	22,500/-	Admissi on Fee	22,500/-	Admis sion
	Fee Admission Fee	40,000 /-	n Fee b. Sub total	22,500/-	Original Certificate Fee	1,000/-	d. Sub total	22,500/-	Fee e. Sub total	22,500/-		
	Course Fee	03X6,000= 18,000/-			Provisional Certificate	5, 00/-						
1987	Library Fee (refundable)	4,000/-			Fee Program	5, 00/-						
	Digital ID Card Fee	2,00/-			Transcript Fee							
	Academic calendar Fee	1,00 /-			Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-						
	a. Sub total	72, 300/-			Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule						
					c. Sub total	25, 000/-						

Total~(a+b+c+d+e)=72,300+22,500+25,000+22,500+22,500=1,64,800/-Additional~fees~for~irregular~students~shall~remain~same~as~mentioned~in~SECTION-B~(serial~no:~1)

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Student Category	1st year installment (at the time of admission )		2 <sup>nd</sup> year installment		3 <sup>rd</sup> year installment		4 <sup>th</sup> year installment**		5 <sup>th</sup> year installment **		
14.7	Compulsory	Fees			Compulsory	Fees	Compuls	ory Fees	Compulsory Fees		
Foreign	Items Amount (BDT)		Compulsory Fees		Items Amount (BDT)		Items	ems Amount (BDT)	Items	Amount (BDT)	
	University registration Fee	15,000/-	Items	Amount (BDT)	Admission Fee	22,500/-	Admissi on Fee	22,500/-	Admis	22,500/-	
			Admissio n Fee	22,500/-	Original	1,000/-	d. Sub	22,500/-	Fee e. Sub total		
	Admission Fee	40,000 /-	b. Sub	22,500/-	Certificate Fee		total			22,500/-	
	Course Fee	03X6,000= 18,000/-	total		Provisional Certificate	5, 00/-					
	Library Fee (refundable)	4,000/-			Fee Program	5, 00/-					
	Digital ID Card Fee	2,00/-			Transcript Fee						
	Academic calendar Fee	1,00 /-			Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-					
	a. Sub total	77, 300/-			Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule					
			100		c. Sub total	25, 000/-					

\*\*\*Student has to pay the total fees prior to submission of dissertation and appearing in the defense announced by the concerned authority within allocated time schedule.

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\*Annexure-3

Courses fees shall be waived to the PhD student who successfully complete the M. Phil courses work with required marks from BOU. In case of students who complete M. Phil, course work from other recognized university and he/she wants to admit in PhD program of BOU can apply for a waiver to RDU. Based on the concerned authority decision, deposition of course fees or waiver of course fees shall be applicable. Finally, if any student wish to submit, admission and relevant fees based on convenient installments can follow the breakdown:

#### Table- 3.1. Full/Part time M. Phil to Full time PhD

Student Category	2 <sup>nd</sup> year installment  Compulsory Fees		3 <sup>rd</sup> year insta	4th year installment**		
			Compulsory Fees	Compulsory Fees		
	Items	Amount (BDT) Items		Amount (BDT)		
	University	10,000/-	Admission Fee	30,000/-	Items	Amount
	registration Fee	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Original Certificate Fee	1,000/-		(BDT)
	Admission Fee	45,000 /-	Provisional Certificate Fee	5, 00/-	Admission Fee	30,000/-
	a. Sub total	50, 000/-	Program Transcript Fee	5, 00/-	6.1.4.1	20.000/
Local			Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-	c. Sub total	30,000/-
			Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule		
			b. Sub total	32, 500/-		

Full/Part time M. Phil students paid admission and other fees during admission (annexure: 1, table 1.1. and 1.2- local category student) a. subtotal: 52,300. Therefore, total (52, 300+a+b+c)= 52, 300+ 50, 000 + 32,500+ 30, 000= 1, 64,800/-Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTION-B (serial no: 1)

Student Category	2"" year	installment	3° year instai	5" year installment"		tanment
	Compulsory Fees		Compulsory Fees		Compulsory Fees	
	Items	Amount (BDT)	Items	Amount (BDT)		
	University	5,000/-	Admission Fee	30,000/-	Items	Amount
	registration Fee		Original Certificate Fee	1,000/-		(BDT)
	Admission Fee	45,000 /-	Provisional Certificate Fee	5, 00/-	Admission Fee	30,000/-
Foreign	a. Sub total	50, 000/-	Program Transcript Fee	5, 00/-	c, Sub total	30,000/-
			Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-	c. Sub total	30,000/-
			Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule		
7			h Sub total	32 500/-		

Full/Part time M. Phil students paid admission and other fees during admission (annexure: 1, table 1.1. and 1.2-foreign category student) a. subtotal: 57,300. Therefore, total (57,300+a+b+c)=57,300+50,000+32,500+30,000=1,69,800/-

Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTION-B (serial no: 2) \*\*Student has to pay the total fees prior to submission of dissertation and appearing in the defense announced by the concerned authority within allocated time schedule.

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Table- 3.2. Full/Part time M. Phil to part-time PhD

Student Category			3 <sup>rd</sup> year installment  Compulsory Fees		4 <sup>th</sup> year insta	llment**	5th year installment**			
					Compulsory Fees		Compulsory Fees			
	Items	Amount	Items	Amount (BDT) 25,000/-						
		(BDT)	Admission Fee		Items	Amount	Items	Amount		
	University registration	University	University	5,000/-	Original	1,000/-		(BDT)		(BDT)
			Certificate Fee		Admission Fee	25,000/-	Admission Fee	25,000/-		
	Fee		Provisional 5, 00/-		c. Sub total	25,000/-	d. Sub total	25,000/-		
Local	Admission	30,000 /-	Certificate Fee	5, 00/-	c. Sub total	23,000/-	d. Sub total	25,000/-		
	Fee		Program							
	a. Sub total	35, 000/-	Transcript Fee							
			Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-						
1			Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule						
			b. Sub total	27, 500/-			bu but			

Full/Part time M. Phil students paid admission and other fees during admission (annexure: 1, table 1.1. and 1.2- local category student) a. subtotal: 52,300. Therefore, total (52,300+a+b+c+d)= 52,300+35,000+27,500+25,000+25,000=1,64,800/-Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTION-B (serial no: 1)

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Table- 3.3. Full/Part time M. Phil to part-time PhD

Student Category	•		3 <sup>rd</sup> year installment  Compulsory Fees		4 <sup>th</sup> year instal	lment**	5th year installment**			
					Compulsory Fees		Compulsory Fees			
	Items	Amount	Items Amount (BDT)							
		(BDT)	Admission Fee 25,000/-	Items	Amount	Items	Amount			
	University registration Fee	registration	University	5,000/-	Original	1,000/-		(BDT)	Admission Fee	(BDT)
			2	Certificate Fee		Admission Fee	25,000/-	Admission Fee	25,000/-	
			Fee	Fee		Provisional	5, 00/-	c. Sub total	25.000/-	d. Sub total
Foreign	Admission Fee	nission 30,000 /- Certificate Fee		c. Sub total	25,000	Lat Date to the	1			
			Program	5, 00/-						
	a. Sub total	35, 000/-	Transcript Fee			- 1				
	N. Marie		Testimonial Fee	5, 00/-						
			Graduation Ceremony Fee	As per rule		180				
			b. Sub total	27, 500/-		7				

Full/Part time M. Phil students paid admission and other fees during admission (annexure: 1, table 1.1. and 1.2- local category student) a. subtotal: 57,300. Therefore, total (57, 300+a+b+c+d)= 57, 300+ 40,000 + 27,500+ 25, 000+ 25, 000= 1, 69,800/-Additional fees for irregular students shall remain same as mentioned in SECTION-B (serial no: 2)

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