



DESH BHAGAT UNIVERSITY

Amlah Road, Mandi Gobindgarh (Punjab)

General Guidelines for Admission in Ph.D. Program(2026)

Duration of PhD*:

Minimum	Maximum [#]
Full Time (3 years) Part Time (4 years)	6 years

*As per guidelines stipulated by UGC and the University time to time

Extension beyond the above limits will be governed by the relevant clauses as stipulated in the Statute/Ordinance of the University.

Procedure:

University shall admit Ph.D. students through a two stage process (an Entrance Test and subsequent interview) conducted at the level of University:

Stage I (Entrance Test): The Entrance Test shall be conducted by the University.

The Question paper will consist of four sections A, B, C and D:

- Section A will be based on 'Research Methodology' and will carry 30 marks. There will be 30 multiple choice type questions in this section carrying one mark each.
- Section B will be based on 'Functional English Language' carrying 15 marks. There will be 15 multiple choice type questions in this section carrying one mark each.
- Section C will be based on Functional Knowledge of Computer carrying 15 marks. There will be 15 multiple choice type questions in this section carrying one mark each.
- Section D will be based on the syllabus of Master level course in the core subject and there will be 40 multiple choice type questions in this section carrying one mark each

There will be *NO NEGATIVE* marking.

Stage II (Interview): University shall organize an interview where the successful candidates in stage I candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Departmental Committee. The interview shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:

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

Selection Criteria:

Stage wise (Entrance and Interview) and Discipline/Program wise merit list will be prepared. Candidates successful in Entrance test (Stage I) will be called for interview (Stage II). The final selection for admission in Ph.D. will be based on the performance in the Interview subject to scoring minimum marks.



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Eligibility: Any one of the following

- a. Master degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master degree by the corresponding statutory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade B in 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 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 or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- b. A relaxation of 5% of marks, 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per decision of the UGC from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master 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.
- c. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. program with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programmer.

Exemption from Entrance Test:

Candidates who qualify UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests.

Course work: A student is required to undertake a course work for one semester.

Attendance in course work:

The attendance for course work shall be mandatory as per the University's attendance rules as defined in the Academic and Examination rules for regular programmes shall be applicable.

Exemption in Course Work:

Candidates already holding M. Phil. Degree (regular mode) from a recognized university and have studied Research Methodology as one of the subjects, are exempted from course work. Such Candidates are required to submit the DMC of M.Phil. for the exemption from course work.

Candidates who have done M.Phil. Through Distance Education/Part-time mode are NOT EXEMPTED from course work.



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Desh Bhagat University is offering Ph.D. in following programmes:

Name of Faculty	BRANCH
Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Microbiology Botany Zoology Agriculture Biotechnology Plant Breeding Horticulture Environmental Science Biochemistry
Faculty of Allied Healthcare Sciences	Physiotherapy Medical Microbiology Optometry Public Health
Faculty of Engineering Technology & Computing	Mechanical Engineering Civil Engineering Computer Science & Engineering Computer Science & Application Electronics & Communication Engineering Electrical Engineering Food Technology Chemistry Physics Mathematics
Faculty of Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Faculty of Nursing	Nursing
Faculty of Ayurveda	Ayurveda, Nutrition & Dietetics
Faculty of Dental Sciences	Dental Sciences
Faculty of Business Administration and Hospitality Management	Hospital Administration Management Commerce Hospitality Management Tourism Management Disaster Management
Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages	History Economics Public Administration Political Science Sociology Social Work Music Punjabi Hindi English

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	Urdu Religious Study Physical Education Home Science
Faculty of Education	Education Special Education Psychology Clinical Psychology
Faculty of Legal Studies	Law
Faculty of Information Technology and Library Sciences	Library & Information Science
Faculty of Design	Fine Art
Faculty of Performing Arts & Media	Journalism and Mass Communication