KAUSHALYA–THE SKILL UNIVERSITY
Ahmedabad

Ph.D. Admission

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Eligibility requirements:**

- **Eligibility Criteria: I**

  Candidates who have completed

  i. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4- semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

  ii. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent 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 the decision of the Commission from time to time.

  iii. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent 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 the decision of the Commission from time to time. These candidates are only allowed to be admitted as full-time research scholars in the Ph. D programme at KSU.

- **Eligibility Criteria: II**

  Candidates who have completed

  i. The M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

  ii. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent 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 the decision of the Commission from time to time.

  iii. For foreign candidates (those who have not obtained master's degree or equivalent degree from Indian Universities), the minimum percentage of marks shall be 55% or equivalent grade in the master's degree or equivalent qualification is mandatory.

Important Dates

Sr. No.	Milestones	Date
1.	PhD Admission Announcement	First week of May 2025
2.	Admission Form Starts	First week of May 2025
3.	Admission Form Closes	Last week of May 2025
4.	Announcement of Common Entrance Test and Exempted Candidate List	First week of June 2025
5.	Common Entrance Test	First week of June 2025
6.	Personal Interview	Third week of July 2025
7.	Result	Third week of July 2025
8.	Last Date of Payment of Fees	Last week of July 2025
9.	Commencement of Semester - 1	First week of August 2025

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Ph.D. Seat Matrix

Sr. No.	Area of Research	Seats
1	Management	The number of available seats will be requested from each faculty member or Head of Department (HoD) who has guideship approved by the Doctoral Committee (DC).
2	Mathematics	
3	Life Science	
4	English	
5	Computer Science	
7	Mechanical Engineering	

Ph.D. Common Entrance Test

- Common Entrance Test for Ph.D. Admission will be MCQ Based without negative marking for wrong answer.
- Two papers of 60 minutes and 50 questions each.
  1. Paper 1: Research Methodology and Aptitude (Common for all schools)
  2. Paper 2: Subject Specific
- To qualify in the Entrance Test, the candidate must secure a minimum of 50% marks in the aggregate in Paper-I & Paper-II.
- A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Exemption from the Entrance Test

- Candidates who have qualified in the NET / SLET or other similar tests conducted by central government bodies.
- Candidates with GATE / GPAT/ NATA/CAT having more than 75 percentile or 75 percent.
- Candidates who apply through Ministries of Government of India/State or candidates under Cultural Exchange Scholarship Programme of Government of India.
- Candidates who are granted fellowship/scholarship from state/central government agencies for Ph.D.
- Teacher Fellowship holder.
- A state government employee who has qualified degrees and joined service through Gujarat Public Service Commission (Class I & II)/ Union Public Service Commission after serving for minimum 5 years after getting confirmed in the service.
- The candidate can opt out from taking the exemption if he/she wants.

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Discipline wise Syllabus of Common Entrance Test:

Sr. No	Subject / Discipline	Syllabus
1	Research Methodology (Common for all)	Click Here
2	Computer Science	Click here
3	English	Click Here
4	Management	Click here
5	Life Science	Click here
6	Mechanical Engineering	Click here
7	Mathematics	Click here

Personal Interview (PI)

- PI shall comprise of maximum 50 Marks:
  a. 20 Marks for candidate's competence for the proposed research
  b. 15 marks for research work which can be suitably undertaken at the school/institute.
  c. 15 marks for contribution of proposed research work for new/additional knowledge.
- PI will be conducted separately for each subject/ discipline/ stream by respective schools.
- Candidates are expected to discuss their proposed research interest/area/ content in PI.

Preparation of Merit List

- The weightage of CET will be 70% (of the obtained Marks) and PI will be 30% (of the obtained Marks)
- The candidates who have been exempted from CET – for them 70% will be computed as per the table given below:

Sl. No.	Percentage of Marks obtained in Post Graduate Degree Examination	70% of the following
1	45% to 49%	25
2	50% to 54%	30
3	55% to 59%	35
4	60% to 64%	40
5	65% to 69%	45
6	70% to 74%	50
7	75% to 79%	55
8	80% to 84%	60
9	85% to 89%	65
10	90% to 100%	70

- The candidate exempted from CET will be required to obtain equivalency proof for the above calculation of marks if he has the result of PG in the form of any other parameters e.g., CPI, letter grade or any other parameter.
- Candidates belonging to SC / ST / SEBC / Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)/ PwD Categories will have to score greater than (>) 45% marks in the consolidated merit list for being eligible for Ph.D. admission.
- The following will be applied for determining merit for those candidates who have obtained equal marks in the Discipline / Faculty and category wise Consolidated merit list to break the tie–
  a. A candidate who has more marks in the Post Graduate degree examination will rank higher in order of merit.
  b. If still a tie persists then the candidate who has obtained more marks in the bachelor's degree level examination, will rank higher in order of merit.
  c. If both the above cases are not resolved, candidate senior in age will rank higher in the order of merit.

Confirmation of Admission

- The admission shall be given based on the merit list and available seats.
- The candidates shall have to pay the prescribed fees within 10 days from the date of publishing the merit list to confirm the admission to the PhD programme, failing which the seat shall be allotted to the next eligible candidate on the merit list.

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University Research Scholarship for Full Time Students

- All Full-Time Research Scholars of the University shall be paid a consolidated fellowship amount of Rs. 12,000 per month for the first two years. All fellowships are subject to Government of India Income Tax Rules and related deductions, as applicable.

- The financial assistance shall be provided only to the research scholars who are not entitled to any fellowship by any government (Such as SHODH fellowship) or non-government institutions, only if they fulfil the all requirements.

Teaching Assistantship for Full Time Students

- It will be mandatory to perform the duties as Teaching Assistant for all the full-time candidates availing the scholarship/ Fellowship.

- The teaching load will be decided by the Head of the department of the respective School, but not exceeding 12 hours a week and minimum one subject per semester including labs and classroom teaching for which the remuneration will be given separately as decided by the university.

Contingency Allowance

- Contingency grant of Rs. 10,000/- per annum can be availed by each Full-Time Research Scholars and shall lapse if un-utilized, at the end of each financial year.

- Contingency grants can be utilized for purchase of books, Publication of research articles, software, equipment, etc. with prior sanction of Research Supervisor and Head of School.

- The books, software, equipment etc. purchased out of the contingency grant will become the property of the School of the University, after completion of the Ph.D. programme.

- Contingency grants can be utilized for attending workshops / conferences /seminars etc. with prior approval and upon Special casual leaves (not more than 15 days in an academic year), in University's format and shall be reimbursed only after the due verifications of valid proof of expenditure.

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Tentative Semester wise work plan for PhD Student

	Admitted after Masters	Admitted after graduation
Semester 1	Provisional Registration, Supervisor Allocation, Topic finalization through RAC, Course work	Provisional Registration, Supervisor Allocation, Course work
Semester 2	Review of Research Progress through RAC, Comprehensive Examination, Registration	Topic finalization and Review of Research Progress through RAC, Course work
Semester 3	Review of Research Progress through RAC	Review of Research Progress through RAC, Comprehensive Examination, Registration
Semester 4	Review of Research Progress through RAC	Review of Research Progress through RAC
Semester 5	Review of Research Progress through RAC	Review of Research Progress through RAC
Semester 6	Review of Research Progress through RAC, Synopsis Submission and Presentation	Review of Research Progress through RAC, Synopsis Submission and Presentation
Semester 7	Thesis writing, Thesis Submission	Thesis writing, Thesis Submission
Semester 8	Final Defense viva	Final Defense viva

- Above table shows minimum time duration.

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Fee plan for PhD Students

Timeline	Refundable	Non-refundable
Admission Time	-	Application Fee: Rs. 1500/- (For UR category) Rs. 1250/- (For Reserved category) USD 30 (For Foreign Candidate)
Beginning of Sem - 1	Caution money: Rs. 1000/- Library deposit: Rs. 2000/-	Tuition Fee 1st Instalment: Rs. 7500/- (For full-time Indian Scholar) Rs. 10000/- (For part-time Indian Scholar) USD 250 (For Foreign Scholar)
After 3 months of admission	-	Tuition Fee 2nd Instalment: Rs. 7500/- (For full-time Indian Scholar) Rs. 10000/- (For part-time Indian Scholar) USD 250 (For Foreign Scholar)
At the time of Registration	-	PhD Registration Fee: Rs. 2000/- (For Indian Scholar) USD 50 (For Foreign Scholar)
Beginning of Sem – 2	-	Tuition Fee 3rd Instalment: Rs. 7500/- (For full-time Indian Scholar) Rs. 10000/- (For part-time Indian Scholar) USD 250 (For Foreign Scholar)
After 3 months	-	Tuition Fee 4th Instalment: Rs. 7500/- (For full-time Indian Scholar) Rs. 10000/- (For part-time Indian Scholar) USD 250 (For Foreign Scholar)
During synopsis submission	-	Synopsis submission Fee: Rs. 5000/- (For Indian Scholar) USD 100 (For Foreign Scholar)

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PhD Course work Credits and Comprehensive Examination Structure

Sr. No	Category	Minimum - Maximum Course Credit
1	Admission after master's degree	12 - 16
2	Direct admission after graduate degree	24 - 32

- Coursework has to be normally completed within 12 months from the date of registration by the scholar.

- The scholar shall be required to have minimum 80% attendance in the classes conducted during the course work in each of the above subjects to become eligible to appear in the examination conducted by the university.

- The passing criteria for each subject/paper shall be 45% marks with an aggregate of 50% in all the subject. Those who failed to get the minimum passing marks shall have to reappear for such examination in next academic year or as alternative arrangement made by the university.

- After the successful completion of course work the student needs to appear for comprehensive exam. Every research scholar should perform satisfactorily in a comprehensive examination.

- The comprehensive examination will consist of two parts:
  1. Examination on basic concepts of the subject
     a. Written examination: Minimum weightage will be 30%
     b. Oral examination: Minimum weightage will be 30%.

  The minimum passing marks for this (written + oral) will be 50%
  2. Thesis proposal seminar
     a. Should focus on the research problem to be taken up

If the candidate is unable to qualify the comprehensive exam, his/her registration for the PhD programme may be cancelled.

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