

# DRAVIDIAN UNIVERSITY

(An Inter-State University)  
Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh

In its pursuit to strengthen the research programme further, Dravidian University (DU) has adopted the following stringent academic and research norms, which are comparable to national academic institutions such as IITs and Central Universities.

- **Admissions** are made based on the research proposal and an interview process (over and above the entrance exam and other tests such as JRF/NET etc.)
- Formation of **Doctoral Scrutiny Committee (DSC)** for every scholar which monitors the student's progress from admission till the defense of the thesis (Viva-Voce)
- **Additional course work** assigned by DSC at the time of admission, with an objective of "preparing the student for the proposed research work". It is coupled with "Residency requirement of two semesters".
- **Proposal seminar** to be made at the end of one year (end of residency requirement), which has to be approved by DSC.
- **All students including PART TIME students have to fulfill the above requirements.**
- Every student has to **register at the beginning** of every academic year by physically presenting on the campus **and make progress seminar** in front DSC members (progress report and progress seminar for every alternative six months).
- Upon completion of maximum period (4 years for full time and 5 years for part time PhD), students have to request for an extension every year and such extension is awarded by DSC subjected to satisfactory progress of the thesis. The extension period doesn't entail the students of any (academic) regulatory immunity.
- Upon completion of the work, a open **synopsis seminar** has to be made in the department and in front of DSC. Upon satisfactory outcome, student may submit thesis along with at least one **published paper in international journal** and a paper published in the peer-reviewed proceedings of a **national seminar**.
- The thesis would be subjected to **plagiarism** check and the similarity index should be less than or equal to **10%** (DU has adopted an anti-plagiarism policy to this affect).
- Panel of examiners submitted by the guide should include **atleast 50% experts from National Institutions** or institutes of national importance. One copy of the thesis would be sent to international expert.
- Upon receiving satisfactory reports from examiners, an open exam (Viva-Voce) would be conducted based on which the degree would awarded.

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