

I. PhD Regulations

REGULATION 13

Doctor of Philosophy Programme

13.1 Definitions:

13.1.1 "Course" means a Semester Course.

13.1.2 "Credit" (C) is the weightage assigned to a course in terms of contact hours. One credit in a semester would mean one contact hour per week.

13.1.3 "Grade" means a letter grade assigned to a student on the basis of evaluation of a course on the ten-point scale.

13.1.4 "Grade Point" (G) means the numerical equivalent of a letter grade assigned to a student in the ten-point scale.

13.1.5 "Semester Grade Point Average" (SGPA) for a semester where a student has taken "N" number of courses, and obtained G_i grade point for a course with total weightage of C_i credits, an index grade point average of a student can be calculated in the following manner:

$$SGPA = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N G_i \times C_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N C_i}$$

13.1.6 "Cumulative Grade Point Average" (CGPA) is the average index of a student for all the previous semesters.

13.1.7 For calculation of SGPA/CGPA, grades in individual courses will have following numerical weightage:

A+:	10 Points	B +:	7 Points	C +:	4 Points
A:	9 Points	B:	6 Points	C:	3 Points
A -:	8 Points	B -:	5 Points	F (Fail):	0 Point

13.2 Eligibility

A candidate shall be eligible for admission to a course of research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), if he/she has passed : 12 years of regular Schooling + at least 3/4-years Bachelor's Degree (e.g. B.A./B.Com./B.Sc./BCA etc.) plus Post-graduate education leading to MA/M.Sc./M.C.A/MS/ M.Tech/LL.M. degree from a recognized University/Institution with minimum 50% marks or equivalent grade for admission to Social Sciences and Law; and minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade for admission to Science subjects.

Candidates, who have undergone integrated Bachelor and Master degrees, will be eligible for admission provided they have at least 5 years of College/University education leading to a Master's degree after completing 12 years of Schooling. Degrees obtained only from Government recognized Universities/Institutions will be acceptable. Degrees obtained on the basis of work experience will not be acceptable for admission at SAU.

Candidates with 4-year Bachelor degree are also eligible for admission to PhD programme provided they have secured a minimum of 80% marks or equivalent grade for admission to science subjects and 75% marks or equivalent grade for admission to non-science subjects.

If a candidate had already been admitted to a PhD programme in the past at SAU, he/she will not be considered again for admission to the PhD programme in any Department/Faculty at SAU in case he/she completed the PhD

or exited with an M.Phil. degree. However, if he/she did not complete either PhD programme or MPhil programme, the consideration of the admission will be at the discretion of the President on the merit of each case.

13.3 Intake

The procedure for receiving applications for admission to the Ph.D. course shall be laid down from time to time by the Central Admission Committee (CAC). On the recommendation of respective Faculty Admission Committee (FAC), yearly intake of Ph.D. students will be fixed by the Central Admission Committee.

13.4 Procedure of admission

13.4.1 Candidates will be selected for admission to the Ph.D. programme on the basis of their performance in an entrance test followed by an interview. Candidates will be called for interview based upon their performance in the entrance test and the final merit-list for selection will be drawn on the basis of combined marks obtained in the entrance test and the interview. The weightage of entrance test marks as well as interview marks will be 50% each. The final merit-list will be drawn from among those candidates who will secure at least 50% marks in the interview.

Interview marks may include marks assigned for research proposal / statement of purpose to be laid down by the Faculty Admissions Committee (FAC) / Academic Committee (AC).

13.4.2 Admission to Ph.D. programme can also be made without going through the common entrance test for the following categories of candidates:

- (a) Those who are eligible to pursue Ph.D. on the basis of National Entrance tests in different SAARC countries (with or without scholarship).
- (b) Those who are funded by any Government agency to pursue PhD.
- (c) Those who are salaried and can get a leave from their organization for at least the period until the course work is completed.
- (d) Those who are not covered in any of the above categories however, possess the minimum eligibility criteria to pursue PhD. The applications of such candidates will be discussed and forwarded by the FAC of the respective Faculty to CAC. The CAC will recommend the potential candidates to be called for interview.
- (e) For professionals/working people, the University shall have a provision of admission to "Executive PhD", the modalities for which shall be laid down separately.

The candidates in the above categories will be called for interview directly. The students admitted in these categories will not be entitled for any scholarship/financial support from SAU.

13.4.3 Admission to Ph.D. programme as per 13.4.2 will be made in both the semesters, Monsoon as well as Winter. The applications in this mode will be invited throughout the year.

13.4.4 The number of seats available for each category under 13.4.1 and 14.4.2 will be announced separately in advance together with the general admission announcement of the university each year / semester. Merit Lists will be drawn keeping in view the reservation of seats for candidates from different SAARC countries, defined under Rule 26 of SAU's Rules.

13.4.5 The number of candidates to be called for interview will not normally exceed five times the number of seats announced under various categories separately. While shortlisting the candidates to be called for interview under category 13.4.1, if the need be, the admission branch may consult the Deans/Chairpersons of respective Faculties/Departments without disclosing the identities of the candidates.

13.5 Assignment of supervisors

Selected Ph.D. students will be assigned Ph.D. Supervisor(s) through a procedure to be laid down by the Faculty Admission Committee (FAC). Each case of Supervisor assignment will be considered and approved by the Board of Studies. The assignment of the supervisors will be done in the first semester itself.

13.6 Allocation of supervisors

13.6.1 The maximum limit of taking Ph.D./M.Phil. students for Assistant Prof, Associate Prof and Professor will be 6, 7 and 8, respectively.

As soon as a student submits the Ph.D./M.Phil. thesis, the seat will be deemed vacant under the supervisor and the supervisor can take another student.

In case of joint supervision, the quota of 6/7/8 shall apply to all the supervisors.

13.6.2 A teacher of SAU can supervise Ph.D. students who are registered at other universities. Such students cannot be more than two at any point of time. For each such supervision, 1/2 credit of supervision will be given. The approval of BOS shall be required for such supervision.

13.7 Joint supervision

13.7.1 On the recommendation of the supervisor, joint supervisor(s), from SAU or outside, can be allocated to Ph.D. students. The joint-supervisor(s) may be from within SAU or outside SAU, but will not be paid any honorarium/fee for this purpose.

- (a) There could be up to a maximum of three supervisors for a student.
- (b) In case of joint supervision, each will be called as supervisor.
- (c) The joint supervisors can be allocated at any time during the Ph.D. tenure of the student.
- (d) In case of joint supervision, each supervisor will have 1/2 credit of supervision.
- (e) For each of the joint supervisors, the quota of 6/7/8 will be maintained.
- (f) The cases of joint supervision will have to be approved by the BOS.

13.7.2 If a supervisor leaves the university or proceeds on leave/ deputation, then the status of the supervision shall be as follows:

- (a) If a supervisor leaves the university within six months of the assignment of the Ph.D. student and for a period of more than six months, a new supervisor will be assigned to the student maintaining the quota of 6/7/8 students.
- (b) If a supervisor leaves the university and the student can submit the thesis within six months of the supervisor's leaving the university, then the assignment of another supervisor is not required.
- (c) If a supervisor goes on sabbatical leave, then the assignment of another supervisor is not required.
- (d) If a supervisor goes on extra-ordinary leave or on deputation for more than one year, a joint supervisor within SAU or outside will be assigned to the student. While assigning new supervisors to such students, the quota of 6/7/8 shall be maintained as far as possible.

In the event when a new supervisor has been assigned for a Ph.D./M.Phil. student, if it is not possible to maintain the quota of 6/7/8, then it will be adjusted in the subsequent allocation.

13.8 Course work

13.8.1 All registered Ph.D. students will be required to complete a minimum of 16 credits course work which

will include a minimum of 14 credits of pre-Ph.D. course work, plus a Term Paper and/or Seminar of total two credits within the first available opportunity when the courses are offered after their registration.

13.8.2 Exemption in the course work

- (a) The course work partially or fully can be exempted if the student has completed the course work from any other university.
- (b) If the student is exceptionally professionally experienced, then the course work can be partially/fully exempted or can be substituted by assignments/case studies/presentations or the student may be allowed to take online courses.

The decision of the exemption of the course work will be taken by the FAC/AC. The exemption of the course work, if granted and if possible, may be communicated to the candidate along with the admission offer letter.

13.9 Requirement of ITSA course

All students registered for Ph.D. who have not already passed a compulsory two-credit course on “Introduction to South Asia”, offered by the university, will be required to pass that course in order to obtain their Ph.D./ M.Phil. Degree.

13.10 Evaluation

For every Credit Course, there will be periodic evaluation in the form of (i) Seminar(s) / Term Papers / mid-semester evaluation; and (ii) end-semester evaluation. The mode and pattern of evaluation and schedule of each course of a semester shall be notified to the students by the Course In-charge at the commencement of each semester.

13.11 Grading system

After compiling marks of mid-semester and end-semester examinations, the teacher In-charge of each course, will assign grades by using the following general guidelines:

Aggregate marks above or equal	75%	A +	grade
Aggregate marks below 75% and upto	70%	A	grade
Aggregate marks below 70% and upto	65%	A -	grade
Aggregate marks below 65% and upto	60%	B +	grade
Aggregate marks below 60% and upto	55%	B	grade
Aggregate marks below 55% and upto	50%	B -	grade
Aggregate marks below 50% and upto	40%	C +	grade
Aggregate marks below 40% and upto	30%	C	grade
Aggregate marks below	30%	F	(Fail)

Provided that these guidelines may be modified, to some extent, by the Course In-charge keeping in view the overall level of difficulty of the question paper.

13.12 Sharing of answer sheets with the students

A Course In-charge shall show the graded answer-sheets of mid-semester as well as end-semester exams to the students and if any discrepancy in calculation is detected, the same will be corrected by the Course In-charge after due discussion with the student. The Course In-charge shall preserve the answer sheets of both, the mid-semester and end-semester examinations intact for six months.

13.13 Grades conversion

SGPA shall be converted into percentage as per the following formula: Percentage = SGPA x 100/10

CGPA shall be converted into percentage as per the following formula: Percentage = CGPA x 100/10

13.14 All mid-semester and end-semester examinations will be conducted under the direction of the Dean of the Faculty and will follow a time-table announced by the Dean's Office but within the university-wide time frame specified by the Director A&E.

13.15 Results at the end of each semester shall be forwarded by the Dean to the University Administration.

13.16 Continuation to the Ph.D. programme

13.16.1 Students will be considered for confirmation to the Ph.D. programme after they have successfully completed a minimum of 16 credits course work (as prescribed under 13.8 above) subject to fulfilling the following conditions:

- (a) Students securing CGPA of 6.0 and above will be considered for provisional registration to the direct Ph.D. programme.
- (b) Students securing CGPA of 6.0 and above, if they so wish, will also be permitted to pursue the M.Phil. programme. Such students will be required to submit a dissertation carrying a minimum of 8 Credits. Candidates securing an CGPA of 5.00 and above (including the grade obtained in M.Phil. dissertation) will be awarded an M.Phil. degree and will leave the University.
- (c) Students who fail to obtain a CGPA of 6.0 but get a CGPA of 5 or above in the coursework shall go to the M.Phil. stream. Such students will be required to submit a dissertation carrying a minimum of 8 Credits. Students securing an CGPA of 5.00 and above (including the grade obtained in M.Phil. dissertation) will be awarded an M.Phil. degree and will leave the University.

13.16.2 The students may opt for taking more credits of course work than prescribed in Regulation 13.8. In such cases, for the purpose of qualifying for Ph.D. stream or M.Phil. stream, their CGPA will be calculated using the courses in which the students have obtained the best grades subject to the minimum credit requirement as prescribed in Regulation 13.8.

13.17 Discontinuation from the Ph.D. programme

Students who fail in any of the courses, or get a CGPA of less than 5.00 in pre-Ph.D. Course work, will NOT be permitted to continue in the Ph.D. or M.Phil. program and their names will be struck off from the rolls of the University. "Repeat" or "Re-test" of any course will not be permitted.

13.18 Adding and dropping of courses

Courses which are pre-requisites for confirmation to the Ph.D. programme shall be prescribed by the Faculty/Department and shall carry such credits as may be approved by the Board of Studies. After having registered in a semester, a student may, with the permission of the Dean, be allowed to add, drop or substitute a course(s) within the period to be specified by the university.

13.19 Confirmation to the Ph.D. programme and progress monitoring

13.19.1 After completing his/her course work as per Clause 13.16, the student will be required to submit a topic/title of his/her Ph.D./M.Phil. dissertation along with a synopsis and bibliography in consultation with his/her supervisor and duly approved by the RAC as mentioned in Regulation 13.19.3. The proposed topic and outline of research will be considered by the Dean of the Faculty as Chairperson of the Board of studies and finally ratified by the Board of Studies. The student will be required to carry all the changes suggested to him/her by his/her supervisor/RAC/Dean/Faculty/BOS. The ratification of the Ph.D./M.Phil. synopsis by the BOS will be done latest by the third semester itself. Subsequently, during the Ph.D./M.Phil. tenure, if there is any change in the topic/title/synopsis, the

same will have to be approved through the RAC followed by the BOS.

13.19.2 All students entering the Ph.D./M.Phil. programme will be confirmed from the date of their first admission to the programme but only after the approval of their Ph.D./M.Phil. synopsis by the BOS.

13.19.3 There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each scholar having at least three members. It shall comprise of the supervisor as the convener and shall have at least one member from the own Department / faculty. The RAC will be constituted simultaneously with the allocation of the supervisors by FAC/AC and the same will be approved by the BOS.

13.19.4 Every student shall be required to submit six monthly progress report in the prescribed proforma (Annexure 1). For the periods August-January and February-July, the progress report will be submitted by the end of February and August, respectively. The RAC shall evaluate the reports and submit its recommendations within 15 days of the submission by the student.

13.19.5 Candidate will make a presentation of his/her work done once every year before RAC. The presentation will be open to all faculty members and research scholars of the Department/faculty.

13.19.6 The recommendations of the RAC on Progress reports/ presentations will be forwarded to BOS for approval.

If a report is found unsatisfactory, the candidate shall be issued a warning. Following two consecutive unsatisfactory reports, the RAC may recommend cancellation of the PhD registration to the BOS for consideration.

13.20 Field work and leave

13.20.1 For thesis work, if required, a student will be permitted to visit other Institutions/ Universities for field work. For visits involving duration of less than a month, permission of the Supervisor and Dean of the Faculty would suffice. For visits of longer duration, approval of RAC followed by the Board of Studies will be required.

13.20.2 Non-academic leave with stipend not exceeding 30 days for each completed year of the Ph.D. tenure may be allowed by the supervisor duly approved by the Dean. The leave will be treated as part of the student's tenure. The leave due can be carried over to the next year except in the case when the student is on extension. During the first year of Fellowship or any uncompleted year, leave may be granted on pro-rata basis. In case a student proceeds on leave before expiry of Ph.D. tenure, he/she must join back before the expiry of tenure; failing which the tenure will be deemed to have terminated with effect from the date he/she proceeded on leave.

13.20.3 Women students with less than two surviving children are entitled to full stipend, during the period of absence of 180 days on grounds of maternity. Such leave shall be sanctioned by the supervisor duly approved by the Dean. The Fellowship amount for leave period will be paid after the student resumes duty and submits a medical fitness certificate. It is expected that the student will make up for the research work during the remaining tenure.

13.20.4 Male students with less than two surviving children are entitled for 15 days paternity leave on submission of relevant documentary proof.

13.21 Requirement for submission of Ph.D./M.Phil. Thesis

13.21.1 No candidate shall be permitted to submit his/her Ph.D. thesis unless he/she has pursued the Ph.D. programme at the University for at least three years from the date of his/her admission to the Ph.D. programme. Provided in exceptional cases, a relaxation of up to six months can be given on the recommendation of the Supervisor and RAC followed by the Dean.

13.21.2 No candidate shall be permitted to submit his/her M.Phil. dissertation unless he/she has pursued the M.Phil. programme for two years from the initial date of registration into the programme. Provided in exceptional cases, a relaxation up to three months can be given on the recommendation of the Supervisor and RAC followed by the Dean.

13.21.3 Ph.D. and M.Phil. students shall pay a thesis submission fee of US\$ 100 and US\$ 50 each, respectively, to the University before they submit their Thesis.

13.21.4 In order to submit the Ph.D. thesis, students must have two research papers published/accepted in journals of repute. If a student has published/accepted only one paper, proper justification must be given. The RAC will consider the matter and may recommend that the thesis can be submitted with one publication. Further specific modalities should be discussed and approved by the respective BOS.

13.21.5 Prior to the submission of the Ph.D./M.Phil. dissertation, the candidate shall make a pre-submission presentation before the faculty members and research scholars. The candidate may address any relevant concerns emerging from the presentation in consultation with her/his supervisor before submitting the dissertation. To be eligible for pre-submission presentation, the candidate should fulfil the requirements of Ph.D./M.Phil. dissertation submission as laid down in the current Regulations as well as those prescribed by the respective Department / Faculty, if any, duly approved by the BOS.

13.21.6 The thesis/dissertation shall be submitted within 3 months in case of M.Phil. and 6 months in case of Ph.D. after the pre-submission presentation. In case, the thesis/dissertation is not submitted within the time limit, the student shall make a fresh presentation.

13.21.7 Along with the thesis, the student will also submit an Abstract/Summary of the work done of 500-1000 words duly approved by the RAC followed by the Dean for the purpose of sending it to the examiner(s) to seek their consent to evaluate the dissertation/thesis.

13.22 Tenure of the Ph.D./M.Phil. programme

13.22.1 The name of the student shall be removed from the rolls of the University if he/she fails to submit his/her thesis within a period of five years from the date of his/her initial admission to the Ph.D. program (except in case of students who avail extension under 13.22.2 below).

13.22.2 If a Ph.D. student is unable to submit his/her thesis within five years from the date of entering the Ph.D. programme, the student will have to make a special application (with proper justification) well before the expiry of the Ph.D. term, to seek an extension of up to six months which will be considered by RAC followed by the BOS. Under very special circumstances, a further extension up to six months can also be considered.

13.22.3 In no circumstances, a student shall be allowed to submit his/her thesis beyond six years from the date of initial registration to the Ph.D. programme.

13.22.4 In the case of M.Phil., an extension of maximum six months can be considered.

13.22.5 During the period of extension, the student will not be entitled for any scholarship or financial support from the university. Also, no hostel facility will be provided during the period of extension. The Financial Aid from any other source secured by the student can be considered at the discretion of the President on the merits of each case.

13.23 Residency requirement

13.23.1 The Ph.D. programme is normally a full-time programme and the students will not be permitted to take up a job except part-time jobs within the University under the Work-Earn Programme during the residency period which is the period until the course work is completed.

13.23.2 Those who are in permanent employment before they enter the programme, must be in a position to avail leave for at least the period until the course work is completed.

13.23.3 After the completion of the course work, if a student so wishes for the purpose of employment, may join his/her parent organization (or elsewhere) and keep continuing to pursue the Ph.D. programme. The total tenure of the programme will remain for 5 years. Such requests from the students will be recommended by the respective supervisors followed by RAC. The performance of such students will continue to be evaluated as laid

down in Regulation 13.19. Also, no hostel facility and any financial support will be provided during this period.

13.24 Ph.D./M.Phil. thesis submission

13.24.1 After the completion of research work, the student will prepare his/her Ph.D./M.Phil. thesis in a prescribed format (Annexure 2) and submit to the Dean two hard copies of the thesis and an abstract/summary of the work done of 500-1000 words along with the soft copies in PDF version, duly certified by the Supervisor. The Dean will arrange to forward two copies of the thesis to the University Administration for initiating further action.

13.24.2 If the thesis contains part of the work that has contribution by person(s) other than the student and the supervisor(s), the student shall take no objection certificates from those persons individually in the prescribed proforma (Annexure 3).

13.25 Panel of Examiners

13.25.1 The thesis submitted by the student for the award of the Ph.D. degree shall be examined by two examiners (at least one of whom shall be from the SAARC Countries), to be appointed by the President from amongst a panel of eight Experts recommended by the Board of Studies of the Faculty. The panel should consist of five experts from India and three from outside, which may include some names from outside SAARC also, if feasible.

13.25.2 The M.Phil. dissertation will be evaluated by two examiners, one of them being the M.Phil. dissertation supervisor and the other one an external expert to be appointed by the President from amongst a panel of four Experts recommended by the Board of Studies of the Faculty. All the four experts on the panel should be from the SAARC countries.

13.25.3 The list of examiners shall be submitted in the prescribed format (Annexure 4).

13.25.4 No two examiners shall be from the same department. While proposing the panel, geographical diversity should be kept in mind. The Board of Studies shall recommend only such Experts, who are not on the staff of the University, are not member(s) of the Board of Studies and/or any other statutory body of the University.

13.25.5 If, from the list, two examiners decline to evaluate the thesis/dissertation, the Faculty/Department will provide more names.

13.26 Evaluation of Ph.D. thesis

13.26.1 Each examiner, after examining the thesis submitted by the student for the award of the Ph.D. degree, shall submit a report to the University containing a clear recommendation whether, in his/her opinion:

- (a) the thesis is worthy of acceptance and viva-voce examination of the candidate should be held; or
- (b) the thesis should be referred back to the candidate for revision along with the comments of the examiner(s) and the examiner(s) do not wish to see the revised version of the thesis. The supervisor should make sure that the thesis has been revised; or
- (c) the thesis should be referred back to the candidate for revision along with the comments of the examiner(s) and the examiner(s) wish to see the revised version of the thesis; or
- (d) the thesis should be rejected.

13.26.2 A candidate whose thesis has been referred back for revision shall be permitted to re-submit it for the award of the degree not later than one year from the date of intimation of the University's decision to him/her. Provided that, in exceptional cases, the Academic Council may, on the recommendations of Board of Studies, extend the period for a maximum of one more year.

13.26.3 A thesis, which has been re-submitted, shall normally be examined by the original examiner(s) unless any one of them is, or both of them are, unable or unwilling to act as such, in which case another examiner(s) may be appointed by the President ordinarily from the approved panel and the revised version of thesis will be sent to him/her for evaluation.

13.26.4 No candidate shall be permitted to re-submit his/her thesis for the award of the Ph.D. degree more than once.

13.26.5 The examiner shall not recommend that the viva-voce examination be held unless he/she certifies that the thesis constitutes a contribution to knowledge characterized either by the discovery of new facts or by reinterpretation of known facts or development of new techniques and that the methodology pursued by the candidate is sound and its literary presentation satisfactory.

13.26.6 If the Dean of the Faculty is satisfied that the examiners have unanimously recommended that the viva-voce examination of the candidate be held, he/she shall accordingly arrange to hold it. In case the Dean notes that the examiners of the thesis have not recommended unanimously that the viva-voce examination of the candidate be held or if he/she is satisfied that in either or both the reports, an adverse opinion of a substantive nature has been expressed, materially affecting the validity of the same examiner's otherwise positive recommendation, then the Dean shall place the reports of the examiners before the Board of Studies for further action.

13.26.7 The Board of Studies may, at its discretion, if the recommendation of one examiner is positive and that of the other negative, recommend to the Academic Council for the appointment of a third examiner, one not in the service of the University and/or is not a member of the Board of Studies, to examine the thesis and act according to the recommendations of the third examiner.

Provided that the recommendation is not to be considered negative, if a revision is recommended and the thesis, after its revision, is accepted by the examiner.

Provided further that if the thesis, after revision, is not accepted by the examiner, the original and the revised versions of the thesis shall be sent to the third examiner to be appointed in the manner as specified above, and the version approved by the third examiner shall be considered as final.

13.26.8 No thesis shall earn a degree unless there are two positive recommendations from external examiners of the thesis, at least one of whom should be from the SAARC countries.

13.27 Evaluation of M.Phil. dissertation

13.27.1 Each examiner while recommending the approval of the dissertation for the award of M.Phil. degree shall also grade the dissertation as per the ten-point grading system indicated in Clause 13.1.7. While the report on the dissertation must be submitted before the viva-voce of the candidate is scheduled, the final grade may be submitted after viva-voce by both examiners. Revision option of the thesis, as in the case of Ph.D. thesis, will not be permitted for M.Phil. dissertations.

13.27.2 The final grade for the dissertation shall be determined by taking the average of the grade awarded by the two examiners. This final grade for the calculation of CGPA of M.Phil. will also include the grades obtained in the Course work.

13.28 Conduct of Ph.D. viva-voce examination

13.28.1 The viva-voce examination for Ph.D. will be conducted by a panel comprising the supervisor, one external examiner (who is placed nearest to the location of the University) and the Dean of concerned Faculty/Chairperson of the Department concerned in the presence of interested faculty, students and members of the public. The second external examiner may send clarifications required/ questions to be asked at the viva-voce to the Dean of the Faculty. If the Supervisor, due to compelling reasons, is unable to participate in the viva-voce examination, the Dean may nominate a co-supervisor or any other member of the faculty in his/her place.

13.28.2 In cases where, after having consented to the scheduled date and time on which the viva-voce examination has to be held, the external examiner fails to be present for the viva-voce, the President may appoint any other member from the panel of names already approved or from outside the panel.

13.28.3 At the viva-voce examination, the viva-voce Board shall satisfy itself; (i) that the thesis submitted by the candidates is his/her own work, and (ii) that the grasp of the candidate of the broad field of his/her study is

satisfactory.

13.28.4 The viva-voce Board may recommend either: (i) that the candidate be awarded the Ph.D. degree; or (ii) that the thesis be referred back to the candidate for revision; or (iii) that the thesis be rejected and the candidate not be awarded the Ph.D. degree.

13.28.3 A candidate whose thesis has been referred back for revision shall be permitted to re-submit it for the award of the degree not later than one year from the date of intimation of the University's decision to him/her. Provided that, in exceptional cases, the Academic Council may, on the recommendations of Board of Studies, extend the period for a maximum of one more year.

13.28.4 A thesis, which has been re-submitted, shall normally be examined by the original examiner(s) unless any one of them is, or both of them are, unable or unwilling to act as such, in which case another examiner(s) may be appointed by the President ordinarily from the approved panel and the revised version of thesis will be sent to him/her for evaluation.

13.28.5 No candidate shall be permitted to re-submit his/her thesis for the award of the Ph.D. degree more than once.

13.28.6 If the Board of Studies is satisfied with the viva-voce Board's recommendation that the candidate be awarded the Ph.D. degree, it shall recommend to the Academic Council that the Ph.D. degree may be awarded to the candidate.

13.29 Conduct of M.Phil. viva-voce examination

13.29.1 M.Phil. viva-voce will be conducted by both the examiners, namely, the supervisor and the external examiner.

The final grade for the dissertation shall be determined by taking the average of the grade awarded by the two examiners. This final grade for the calculation of CGPA of M.Phil. will also include the grades obtained in the Course work.

13.30 Relaxation

Notwithstanding what is contained in the Regulation, the Academic Council may, in exceptional circumstances, and on the recommendations of Board of Studies of the concerned faculty, as well as on the merit of each individual case, consider relaxation of any of the provisions, at its discretion, and for reasons to be recorded.

13.31 One degree at a time

No candidate shall be eligible to register for the Ph.D. programme if he/she is already registered for any full-time programme of study of this University or in any other University/Institution.

Also, no student will register any full-time programme of study in any other university/institution during the Ph.D. tenure.

13.32 Further provisions

- (a) Other than the provisions made in this Regulation, further conditions can be discussed and finalized by the Boards of Studies and Academic Council to suit the needs of individual Faculties.
- (b) The President shall have the power to relax any of the provisions made in this regulation in the situation when the PhD/MPhil of a student is governed by an MOU signed between SAU and another university.