

## THE NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY ORDINANCES

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ON THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LITERATURE  
AND DOCTOR OF SCIENCE*Under Section 26(1) (d) of the NEHU Act, 1973*

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| <b>Eligibility</b>                  | <p>1. i. A candidate who has distinguished himself/ herself in the relevant area and has proved her/his ability for conducting research/ academic work independently with at least eight years of academic experience after Master's degree (Minimum 55% marks) and has published work of high quality comparable to Ph.D. work;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii. Has obtained a Ph.D degree of this or any other recognised University followed by three years' post doctoral research/teaching experience may be admitted to the D.Litt./ D.Sc. degree.</p>   |
| <b>Admission &amp; Registration</b> | <p>2. The candidate shall apply in a prescribed proforma along with a detailed synopsis of the research proposal accompanied with application fee of Rs.1000/-for admission as a candidate for D.Litt/ D.Sc. degree programme to the Head of the Department concerned. The Head of the Department shall forward the same to the Dean of the concerned School who shall refer the proposal to three eminent external experts in the relevant area and shall constitute a Committee consisting of at least three members with the Dean as Chairperson and two senior professors from the Department. The Committee so constituted shall look into the viability and academic merits of the proposal and the eligibility of the candidate with reference to the eligibility criteria referred to at (1) above of this Ordinance in the light of the reports from experts. After the Committee members are satisfied about the academic merits of the proposal the Dean shall place the recommendations in the concerned School Board. The recommendations of the School Board shall then be forwarded by the Dean to the Board of Research Studies along with all the relevant documents which shall then be forwarded to the Academic Council. The date of admission and registration shall be effective from the date of approval by the Academic Council. The Dean of the School shall communicate the decision of the Academic Council to the candidate.</p> |
| <b>Review of Progress</b>           | <p>3. The Dean of the concerned School shall organize at least two seminars by the candidate, at the University level. A formal notice to that effect shall be issued by the Dean of the School.</p>  |
| <b>Duration</b>                     | <p>4. Subject to the provisions of Clauses (1) to (3) of this Ordinance, the candidate shall be permitted to submit his/her thesis for the D.Litt./D.Sc. degree after three years but not later than six years from the date of admission and registration.</p>   |

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**Submission of Thesis**

5. i. The candidate for the D.Litt./D.Sc. degree may incorporate in her/his thesis any research work which she/he may have published independently on the subject but shall not include any work in the thesis for which any degree may have been conferred on him/her by this or any other University.
- ii. The thesis shall satisfy the following conditions :
- a. It must be a piece of independent research work characterized either by discovery of new facts or by fresh interpretation of facts or theories; in either case it should evince the candidate's capacity for critical examination, original thinking and judgment. It shall be satisfactory as far as its literary presentation is concerned.
- b. The candidate shall indicate how far the thesis embodies the results of her/his own research or observations and in what respects her/his investigations appear to her/him to advance the knowledge in the subject of thesis.
- iii. Every candidate for the D.Litt. or D.Sc. degree shall submit five copies of her/his thesis to the concerned Head of the Department who shall forward the same to the Dean of the School. The thesis shall embody results of his/her independent research findings, and shall certify that :
- a. she/he has fulfilled the requirements of this Ordinance;
- b. the thesis is the result of her/his own independent investigations;
- c. the thesis or any part of its work has not been submitted to any University for any degree. The thesis submitted shall be accompanied by an examination fee of Rs.5000/-and countersigned by the concerned Head of Department and shall be forwarded to the Dean of the School.

**Examination**

6. i. The committee referred under Clause (2) shall submit a panel of at least seven examiners, out of which at least three names shall be from abroad. This list of examiners shall be forwarded by the School Board to the Board of Research Studies.
- ii. The thesis shall be referred by the Examination Department for adjudication along with an abstract of the thesis to the Board of four examiners, at least one of which should be from abroad, out of a panel of experts approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council.
- iii. a. In case any of the examiners desires to seek clarification(s) before submitting evaluation report on the thesis, she/he should seek such clarification(s) from the candidate through the Dean and reply from the candidate to the examiner should be routed only through the Dean of the School.

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- b. Each examiner, after examining the thesis shall submit a report containing a clear recommendation that in her/his opinion (a) the thesis is acceptable for the D.Litt./D.Sc. degree; or (b) the thesis be rejected.
- c. As far as possible, the examiners in their reports shall spell out the major contribution made by the candidate.
- iv. When the concerned School Board is satisfied that all the four examiners have unanimously recommended the award of the degree, it shall recommend to the Executive Council through the Board of Research Studies and the Academic Council that the D.Litt. or D.Sc. degree may be awarded to the candidate. The result of the candidate shall be declared only after the approval of the Executive Council.
- v. In case the Head of the Department or the Dean of the School is a candidate, the role of the Head and Dean as per this Ordinance shall vest with the Dean and the Chairman, Academic Council respectively.