



# LALIT NARAYAN MITHILA UNIVERSITY

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(Examination Department)

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## Regulations Governing Award of

### The Degree of Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) / Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)

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1. (a) Any person who has obtained the Ph.D. degree of L.N.Mithila University, Darbhanga or any other university established by law for the time being in force may apply in prescribed form along with enrolment fee, for enrolment as a candidate for D.Litt. or D.Sc. Degree. A candidate may be allowed to pursue for the D.Litt. or D.Sc. Degree at least three years after he/she obtained his/her Ph.D. degree and may submit thesis four years after the date of his/her enrolment as a candidate for the D.Litt. or D.Sc. Degree.
2. (b) In addition, it will also be essential that such a candidate has at least 10 research papers published in a referred journal of National and International repute.
- (c) Such a candidate will also be required to give his presentation before the Departmental Council regarding his/her post doctoral project.
- (d) Applications for enrolment for D.Litt. or D.Sc. Degree will be considered by the Board of Research Studies (PGRC) on the recommendation of the Departmental Research Council only after obtaining the opinion of three eminent experts of the subject essentially from outside the state.
- (e) Enrolment of candidates shall automatically be treated as cancelled if they fail to supplicate for the D.Litt. or D.Sc. Degree within seven years from the date of their enrolment.
2. A Candidate shall be required to work under a supervisor who is either a D.Litt. or has made standard post doctoral contributions to the concerned discipline..
3. A candidate enrolled for the D.Litt. or D.Sc. examination after completion of his research within the period prescribed in Regulation 1(a), (b), (c) above shall submit four printed or type-written copies of his/her thesis.
- (i) Alongwith his/her the following documents will be required to be submitted :
  - (a) A Certificate from the supervisor that the subject matter of his/her thesis did not at any time previously form a basis of the award of any degree to himself/herself or to the best of his/her knowledge to any body-else.
  - (b) Testimonials given by two teachers of the concerned Department holding a doctoral degree and the rank of a Professor to the effect that in habit and character, the candidate is a fit and proper person for the award of the D.Litt. degree.
  - (c) A thesis for the degree of the D.Litt. or D.Sc. shall Show evidence that it is a substantial contribution towards advancement of knowledge, it is original in the sense of discovering the avenues of research or of making of marked and distinct advance on the result of previous investigation or of importing a new interpretation to the facts or theories already known so as to reveal a new vista of the knowledge.
- (ii) It shall be the work of the candidate himself/herself.
- (iii) A work of high merit from all points of view.
- (iv) A candidate shall indicate in the preface to his/her thesis the following :
  - (a) An account of the extent to which the subject matter of the thesis leads to the advancement of knowledge in the particular subject and the amount of independent work done by him.
  - (b) In the notes and appendices the following :
    - i. The source from which information is taken from.
    - ii. The extent to which he/she has availed himself of the work of others.
4. The thesis shall be examined by a Board of three Examiners who shall orderly be from outside the state including one examiner appointed by the Examination Board from out of the panel of seven names recommended by the concerned Board of Research Studies. One of the examiners shall normally be his/her supervisor.
5. The examiners shall declare that the thesis submitted by the candidate is distinguished and substantial contribution to learning and merits for the award of D.Litt. or D.Sc. degree.

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6. The degree of D.Litt. or D.Sc. shall be awarded only when the examiners are unanimous in their recommendations. In case even one of the examiners suggest revision of the thesis the candidate shall be required to submit a revised thesis within a year of the date of instruction. The examiners shall continue to be the same.
7. If the thesis of the candidate is not approved by the examiners, the Vice-Chancellor may permit him to resubmit his thesis only once again after such revision and modification as may be suggested by the examiners. In no case, the permission shall be granted to submit the thesis a third time.
8. If the thesis of the candidate is approved by both the external examiners, he/she may be required to participate in a written test, if so suggested by one of the three examiners. The written test shall be of two papers of three hours duration each upon the subject of the thesis.
9. On a favourable report of all the examiners, the candidate shall be required to appear before the Board of examiners at his own expense for a viva-voce normally to be held at the headquarters of the University. At the Viva-Voce test, all the three examiners must be present.
10. If the candidate fails to satisfy the examiners at the oral or practical test, the Examination Board may on the recommendation of the examiners may permit him/her to appear again at the oral or practical test after six months but within a period not exceeding one year following the date of his failure.
11. (a) The Examiners report on the thesis/written test (if any) and viva-voce or practical examination shall be placed before the Examination Board of the University for consideration.  
(b) If the Examination Board is satisfied that the candidate is worthy of the degree of D.Litt. or D.Sc. it shall cause his name to be published with the subject and title of his thesis.  
(c) A D.Litt./D.Sc. degree under the seal of the University and signed by the Vice-Chancellor, shall be awarded, to each successful candidate in the form prescribed by the Academic council at the next convocation held for conferring degree.
12. The thesis of every successful candidate may be published by the University with the following inscription.  
"The thesis approved for the degree of Doctor of Literature or Science in the L.N.Mithila University."  
If, however, the thesis is not published within a year of the conferment of degree, the candidate may be permitted by the Vice-Chancellor to get it published with due acknowledgement to the University.
13. (a) If in the case of a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Literature or Science, the Examiners make a recommendation that although his thesis does not satisfy the standard required for the said degree, it is definitely of the standard for the degree of Ph.D. the Vice-Chancellor after considering such recommendation may order that the candidate required to appear before the examiners for an oral or practical examination with reference to his thesis.  
(b) The examiners shall report the result of the oral or practical examination.  
(c) If the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that the candidate is worthy of the degree of Ph.D. shall cause his name to be published with the subject of his thesis with the approval of the Examination Board.  
(d) In such case, a Ph.D. degree under the seal of the university and signed by the Vice-Chancellor shall be awarded in the form prescribed by the Academic Council at the next convocation held for conferring degree.
14. Application in the prescribed Application Form for enrolment for D.Litt. or D.Sc. Degree may be submitted in the office of the Head of the University Department of the subject concerned alongwith all the required papers/documents to proceed further as per provisions of the Regulations.

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