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Ph.D.
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About the
Ph.D. Program

Your journey to scholarly excellence begins at Universal AI University's distinguished Ph.D. program. With a commitment to nurturing advanced knowledge and fostering ground-breaking research, we offer three specialized tracks: Computer Science, Liberal arts (Psychology and Economics), and Management. In our intellectually stimulating environment, scholars delve deep into their chosen field, guided by accomplished mentors, and engaged in cutting-edge research.

Aspiring to elevate the standards of academic inquiry, our Ph.D. program cultivates thought leaders equipped to shape the future. Whether you're drawn to the complexities of Computer Science, the depth of Economic insights in Liberal Arts, or the intricacies of Strategic Management, our program provides a robust platform for your academic pursuits.

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Eligibility Criteria

a. A 1-year/2-semester Master's degree programme (after 4 year undergraduate degree) with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 10- point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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.

b. A 2-year/4-semester master's degree program, with the same conditions as in subclause (a) above.

c. A candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree with Research should have a minimum CGPA of 7.5/10

d. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of 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 3 of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their master's degree before 19th September 1991.

e. Relaxation of 0.5 score, i.e. CGPA of 7/10 or an equivalent relaxation of 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.

Admission Procedure

Online
Application

form is available on the website of the university (Can email on the Ph.d@universalai.in to contact the PhD cell).

Form
Filling

A candidate is required to fill the complete details given in the application form.

Application
Payment

The duly filled application form will be processed only if accompanied by the receipt of payment of application fees.

Entrance Examination

Entrance Test

I.   An Entrance Test shall be a qualifying test for admission to a Ph.D. program. The Entrance Test will be of 100 marks. The qualifying marks for the Entrance test shall be 50% marks. The negative scheme of marking shall not be applicable.

II.   The Entrance Test shall consist of 100 questions, 50 based on Research Methodology and 50 shall be subject specific. The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Centre to be notified in advance. The details of syllabus for the Entrance Test shall be made available on the University Website.

III. Entrance Examination will be offline/online.

IV.   The duration of the examination will be 90 minutes.

Proposal Presentation

I.   All the candidates who pass the entrance exam shall appear for the proposal presentation with the panel which consists of at least one external expert. The presentation shall carry 30 marks weightage which may analysis the research objectives and the research area of the candidate.

Rules for seeking exemption from attempting the Ph.D. Entrance Examination

I.   A candidate fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in point 2 above and qualified GATE (valid score) of that particular year, will be considered for exemption from the entrance examination. It is further provided that the seats to be allotted for admission to Ph.D from GATE qualified candidates will be 10% of the total vacancy of respective subject/branch or 1 seat, whichever is more. The merit for admission form amongst GATE qualified candidates will be decided based on valid GATE scores.

II.   A candidate qualified JRF/UGC-CSIR NET (Including JRF)/SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship holder or have passed M. Phil program/Eligible PET score from any state public universities or central universities, will be considered for exemption from the entrance examination. The merit for admission from amongst JRF / SRF candidates will be decided based on marks scored in the master's degree.

III. Candidates admitted through QIP-Ph.D scheme of AICTE at the QIP research centre, after satisfying all the requirements, of the QIP scheme are exempted from the entrance test and interview, to enable them to register for the respective Ph.D. programme of the University.

Schedule of Ph.D. Admissions - Academic Year 2025

Last Date of Receipt of Applications	28th Feb 2025
Date of the Entrance Test	5th April 2025
Date of Interview & Presentation	26th April 2025
Admission Notification	2nd May 2025
Admission fee deadline	16th May 2025
Commencement of coursework	June 2025

Program Fees & Expenses

Nomenclature of Fees	External (Self-Sponsored)	Internal (Inhouse Employees)	External (Industry Sponsored /Govt Sponsored)
Application Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000
Admission Fee (Before admission)	10,000	10,000	10,000
Security Deposit (Refundable, before coursework)	25,000	25,000	25,000
Annual Fee (Every year) Tuition Fee + Infrastructure fee (Lab, Library, Research Database)	1,15,000	75,000	1,50,000
Exam Fees (Before final DC meeting)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Approval of Synopsis (Before synopsis)	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ph.D., Thesis Submission (Before final thesis)	5,000	5,000	5,000

Course Work

Credit Requirements, number, duration, syllabus, minimum standards for completion, etc. for Ph.D. program shall be as under:

a) Ph.D. coursework shall be of 13 credits.

I)   Research methodology - 3 credits
II) Quantitative Tools & Techniques - 3 credits
III) Subject specific course (in consultation with guide) - 3 credits
IV) Publication ethics & Seminar paper - 4 credits

b) The course work shall be treated as prerequisite for Ph.D. program.

c) Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade / CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the program and submit the thesis.

General Guidelines for Ph.D. Program

The course work attendance is mandatory for all the candidates.	The authenticity and the integrity of the research work must be ensured by the candidates.	Every report must be attached with the Plagiarism certificates before submission.	The similarity index of the research work must not exceed 10%.

The candidate must present their research work progress at an international conference every year.	The course work exams must be completed successfully with 55% marks to ensure the final registration process.	The candidates must publish 1 seminar paper & 2 research papers with the ABDC/WOS/ Scopus indexed journal within their research journey.

For further details on Ph.D. Program, you may write to the office of:

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