

REVISED ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
(MASTERS & DOCTORATE DEGREE)

(Approved in the 111th Academic Council held on 16-7-09)

(EFFECTIVE FROM 2009 ADMISSIONS)

1. Short-title

These regulations shall be called 'Kerala Agricultural University Post Graduate Regulations 2009'.

2. Scope

The regulations provided herein shall apply to all Post-graduate degree programmes offered by the faculties to the students admitted from the academic year, 2009 and onwards.

The following revisions are made to the PG regulations of 2007 for the students admitted from 2009.

3. Definitions

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

4. Degrees awarded

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

5. Number of seats

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

6. System of teaching

The existing 'semester course-credit system' of teaching shall be continued with 110 working days per semester. The medium of teaching shall be English

7. Eligibility for admission

Minimum Eligibility for admission:

Masters Degree:

- i) Bachelor's degree in respective subject /equivalent degree recognized by KAU
- ii) OGPA 7.0/10.0 or equivalent or equivalent percentage of marks. For candidates from traditional system of examination, a minimum of 50 % marks at Bachelor's degree. (For SC/ST 6.5/10 i.e. a pass in the qualifying examination is the minimum eligibility .) . For students who graduated under 2007/2008 regulations and syllabi of KAU, the minimum eligibility shall be an OGPA of 6.0/10 for general category and 5.5/10 for SC/ST category
- iii). Those with 3 years bachelor degree shall undergo one year remedial courses before registering for the regular courses except for Home Science.
- iv) For Home Science M. Sc. admission, the eligibility will be : Any degree from SAU's except that in Co-operation Banking & Management and Agricultural Engineering or Basic Degree in Home Science or equivalent as recognized by KAU

Doctorate degree (Ph.D):

Minimum eligibility for admission: i) Master's degree in the respective discipline/related discipline from the concerned faculty of KAU or a recognized equivalent qualification with an OGPA of 7.0/10 or equivalent OGPA /equivalent percentage of marks at Master's degree. For SC/ST an OGPA of 6.5/10 or equivalent OGPA /equivalent percentage of marks at Master's degree. For candidates from traditional system of examination, minimum eligibility is 50 % marks.

The minimum eligibility for admission to Ph. D in Home science shall be M.Sc.Home Science with specialization in Food Science & Nutrition / M.Sc. Foods Science and Nutrition or equivalent degree recognized by KAU.

8. Mode of selection

Masters Degree:

Existing KAU pattern (Entrance examination + academic merit + extra curricular activities).

Doctorate degree (Ph.D):

Mode of Admission: Existing KAU Pattern.

Based on interview, grade/marks secured in Masters degree,

Teaching/research/extension/experience, Published papers / meritorious teaching /research / extension work and project proposal.

A minimum of 50% marks in interview shall be necessary to qualify. For SC/ST candidates, minimum qualifying mark in interview is 30%.

As far as possible, in service candidates may join another University for their Ph.D Programme

Reservation of seats:

Reservation of seats shall be governed by the rules of state government. The Committee recommended 50% of the seats to be filled by ICAR through all India entrance examination. In the absence of ICAR candidates, the vacancy will be filled from the general category.

9. Admission

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

10. Registration of students

Post graduate regulations of 2007 will continue with the following changes.

Post graduate students who avail the benefit of temporary discontinuance/extension for joining time during the first semester after admission and temporary discontinuation in the second or subsequent semesters shall be permitted to register in the subsequent semester. A special caution deposit of Rs. 25000/ and Rs.10000/ for SC/ST should be charged at the time of granting extension of joining time/discontinuance which will be returned to the student on rejoining the course.

A post graduate student who discontinues the programme permanently has to remit the actual amount spent by KAU for the student as liquidation damage. The concerned chairman of advisory committee has to work out the amount and intimate the same to Head of the Institution.

11. Fee

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

12. Procedure for registration

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

13. List of students registered for each course

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

14. Course teachers

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

15. Advisory committee

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

16. Withdrawal of course(s)

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

17. Addition of course(s)

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

18. Residential requirement and time limit

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

19. Discontinuance and re-admission

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A post graduate student who discontinues the programme permanently has to remit the actual amount spent by KAU for the student as liquidation damage. The concerned chairman of advisory committee has to work out the amount and intimate the same to Head of the Institution.

20. Credit requirements

The minimum credit requirements for the post-graduate programme shall be as follows:

a) Masters programme [Except M.Sc.(Ag.Stat)]

Course work :

Major subject 20

Minor subject 09

Supporting subject(s) (05)

Non-credit compulsory courses 06

Seminar 0+1

Total for course work : 35 + 6(Non credit compulsory course)

Research Work/Thesis work: 20 credit

Total credits - course work + research : **35+20 = 55+6 (6 Non -credit compulsory course)**

Note: For M.Sc (Ag.Stat) the credits for Remedial courses (32 credits) will be over and above the total credits mentioned above.

b) Doctorate Programme

I) Course work:

Major subject 15

Minor subject 08

Supporting subject(s) 05

Non-credit compulsory - Courses 6 (exempted if already studied in their Masters Programme)

Seminar 0+2

Total for course work 30

The teacher shall, at the beginning of the course inform the students the methods of evaluation he proposes to follow, a copy of which shall be communicated to the Head of the Department.

Suggested pattern of Examinations:

Theory examination – Internal : conducted by the course teacher.

Distribution of marks for theory examination:

Mid-term exam	20 %
Final exam	80 %
Total	100

Practical examination – Internal: conducted by the examination board/committee .
Practical Examination will be conducted by a committee consisting of HOD, Course Instructor (s) and one teacher nominated by the Dean / Associate Dean

Distribution of marks for Practical examination:

Regular Practical Class Works:	20 %
Practical Records :	20 %
Viva-voce :	10 %
Final practical exam:	50%
Total :	100

Computation of Grade Point

The total combined marks obtained by a student out of 100 for a course having credits 'a' for theory and 'b' for practical will be

$$\frac{ax+by}{(a+b)10}$$

Where 'x' is the marks obtained for theory and 'y' is the marks obtained for practical, (each out of 100).

A separate minimum of 40% marks in theory examination and practical is essential for passing a course.

Marks allotted for theory and practical shall be in proportion to the credits for theory and practical for each course.

25. OGPA requirement for continuing studies

i) Minimum pass grade in a course: 6.00

ii) Minimum OGPA to obtain degree: 6.50

*The overall grade point average shall be rounded of to two decimal places

Any student whose research work is reported unsatisfactory for a consecutive period of two semesters shall be removed from the rolls of the University.

26. Absence from examination

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

27. Grade reports

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

28. Repetition of courses

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

29. Valued answer papers

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

30. Comprehensive examination

Post graduate regulations of 2007 will be followed with the following changes.

The student shall be allowed to appear for the qualifying examination after completion of 75% course work separately in major and minor subjects with an OGPA of 6.5/10.0. There will be two papers as follows.

Major subject: One paper (100 marks)

Minor subject : One paper (100 marks)

Question paper setting & evaluation:

Paper setting - Internal

Evaluation -Internal

Qualifying marks : 60% for each paper

Viva-voce & Assessment: External examiner and advisory committee

Grading : Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory

31. Submission of thesis

Post graduate regulations of 2007 will be followed with the following changes.

A student shall be allowed to submit the thesis duly certified and signed by the members of the Advisory Committee, after completion of 75 % of working days in the last semester.

32. Evaluation of thesis

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

Thesis evaluation: External (One examiner for Masters degree and two examiners for Doctoral degree)

Thesis Viva-voce: By the Advisory Committee for Masters degree

By one external examiner and the Advisory Committee for Doctorate degree

Grade for thesis work: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

33. Resubmission of thesis

a) If the thesis is not accepted, the candidate shall be permitted to resubmit his/her thesis after a minimum period of one semester during which interval he/she may repeat his/her research work wherever necessary and modify or correct the thesis in accordance with the observations made by the External Examiners and communicated to the candidate by the university.

b) A candidate shall not be permitted to submit his/her thesis for the degree on more than two occasions and if the thesis is not approved on the second occasion, the candidate shall not be awarded the degree and his/her name is removed from the roll.

34. Final viva-voce examination

Post graduate regulations of 2007 will be followed with the following changes.

Thesis evaluation will be done by the External (One examiner). On receiving the report of the external examiner, the thesis Viva-voce shall be conducted by the Advisory Committee.

35. Eligibility for the award of the degree

a) Based on the reports of the external examiner(s) who evaluated the thesis and on the performance at the final viva-voce examination, the Board of Examiners shall declare whether the thesis is approved or not. Only on the approval of the thesis by duly signing on the thesis with date by all members of the Board of Examiners, the candidate becomes eligible for the award of the degree. The decision of the Board of Examiners shall be communicated to the University in Academic Form No. 16 through the Head of the Institution.

b) Out of the five copies of the corrected and bound thesis, one copy shall be sent to the university along with the report of examination and the report(s) of the evaluation of thesis furnished by the external examiner(s), one copy is to be returned to the student and one copy each to be given to the Department, College Library and to the Chairperson. One soft (digital) copy of the thesis shall also be made by the student and forwarded to the university.

c) The chairperson shall submit a certificate to the effect that all the corrections suggested or pointed out by the external examiner(s) have been attended to. He shall also submit his own report on the suggestions of the examiners.

d) If the performance of the student in the final viva-voce examination is unsatisfactory, the candidate has to appear for a re-examination after 60 days. The reasons for unsatisfactory performance shall be recorded in the report of the Board of Examiners.

e) The University shall have the full right to publish the thesis in electronic media and to transmit the same to the online system. The IPR rights of the inventions made/technology developed shall remain with the University

36. Issue of certificate/transcript

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

37. Award of degree

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

38. Amending/cancellation of results

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

39. Publication of the contents of thesis

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

40. Penalty for unauthorised discontinuance

In case a student leaves on his/her own, the Master's or Ph.D. Programme without permission, he/she has to remit to the university an amount as decided by the University towards liquidate damages. The student shall execute at the time of admission a bond to the above effect in the proforma prescribed by the university.

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41. Removal of difficulties

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

42. Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the academic council can make changes as and when found necessary

Appendix II

Checklist to accompany the application for extension of time limit for submission of thesis for PG courses (to be prepared and authenticated by the Major Advisor)

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

Guidelines for constitution of Advisory Committee of PG students

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007

Guidelines for conducting comprehensive and final examinations of PG students

Comprehensive Examination

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Resubmission of thesis

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GUIDELINES POST GRADUATE SEMINAR

No change – see Post graduate regulations of 2007