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Sub:- Ph.D. Preliminary Qualifying Examination, December 2026 (course work semester July- December 2026) - Furnishing of Course Work Details - Reg.

Ref :- Calicut University Research Regulations 2023 [Clause 6 (6.1 to 6.9)].

In connection with the conduct of the Ph.D. Preliminary Qualifying Examination **December 2026 (Course Work Period: July-December 2026)**, all Heads of University Teaching Departments and Heads of Research Institutions of the University (Principal/Director) are requested to complete the following **on or before 10.07.2026**:

1. Update the relevant columns of the Google Sheet shared with the Department/Research Centre.
2. Upload the following documents to a separate Google Drive folder and share the folder with the email ID: dore@uoc.ac.in
 - Course Work timetable for the period July–December 2026.
 - RAC minutes approving the syllabus of Paper II (Elective) in respect of the candidates commencing Course Work from 01.07.2026.

The approved syllabus shall be kept at the respective Research Centre and need not be submitted along with the RAC minutes.

The Head of the Department / Research Centre shall ensure that the Course Work is conducted as per the approved syllabus and in compliance with the credit requirements and instructional hours stipulated in the Regulations.

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Deputy Registrar

To:-

1. The Heads all University Teaching Departments.
2. The Heads of all Research Centres of the University.

Approved For Issue

Section Officer

credit to the original Research Supervisor and the institution for the part of the research already done.

5.11 Faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered not after attaining the age of 70 years.

6. Course Work:

6.1 The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a “Research and Publication Ethics” course as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F.1- 1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course. The Research Advisory Committee can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.

6.2 A minimum of four credits shall be assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology which shall cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and training, and field work and other areas found relevant to the discipline concerned. Other courses shall be in advanced level areas in the subjects concerned for enabling the students to acquire deep knowledge in the preparation for Ph.D. degree. The candidate undergoing course work has to attend 3 courses, which are Core Course, Elective Course and Research Publication Ethics as detailed below. The scholar should also submit a review of published research in the relevant field which will be evaluated at the time of PQE answer sheet evaluation.

Name of Course	Credit	Total Training Hours
Research Methodology	4	96 teaching hours
Elective Course	4	96 teaching hours
Research Publication Ethics	2	30 teaching hours
Review of published research in the relevant field	2 (Assessed through Viva at the time of PQE evaluation)	

Two Course works shall be scheduled in a year viz. from 1st January to 30th June and from 1st of July to 31st of December.

6.3 All courses prescribed for Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirements and shall specify the content, instructional and assessment methods duly approved by the Chairperson, Board of Studies concerned or the RAC.

6.4 The Department where the scholar pursues research shall prescribe the course(s), based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee, as stipulated under sub-clause 7.1 below, of the Research Scholar. The Elective course should be designed by the supervisor and approved by the RAC. The concerned research scholar may be taken into confidence while preparing the syllabus.

6.5 Scholars admitted to the Ph.D. programmes shall be required to complete the course work prescribed by the Department during the initial one or two years.

6.6 Scholars already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. course, shall be exempted by the Department from the Ph.D. course work papers of Core Course and Elective Course, upon the specific recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee. Recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee in this matter needs to be clear and specific as to whether the candidate's M.Phil. degree is regular or whether the candidate has cleared both the Course Work and Research Methodology in the relevant area of Ph.D. research. If the candidate has cleared only Research Methodology, the candidate has to pass a separate examination for the required paper (elective paper) conducted by the University. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.

6.7 Grades or marks obtained in the Preliminary qualifying examinations (PQE), including research methodology courses, shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and at least one external examiner (outside the Research Centre), and the final grades shall be communicated to the University.

6.8 A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the PQE to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit his or her thesis.

6.9 All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned up to maximum of 4 hours per week of teaching /research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.