

GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY
AMRUTA VIHAR, SAMBALPUR-768004 (ODISHA)



INFORMATION BULLETIN & REGULATION

FOR

ADMISSION INTO

Ph.D. PROGRAM- July 2026

(UNDER SEMESTER SYSTEM)

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Regulation and Information Bulletin for Admission into Ph.D. Program - July 2026

Gangadhar Meher University is marching forward with emphasis on equity, access and inclusion as objectives of higher education in this part of the country. The university is offering Ph.D. programs in major Schools as a part of these goals.

On the basis of the availability of eligible supervisors, Ph.D. Programs are offered in 14 major schools under the semester system from July 2026. The schools offering Ph.D. programs in July 2026 along with the seats are listed below:

Sl. No.	School	No. of Seats	Sl. No.	School	No. of Seats
1.	Anthropology	02	8.	Library and Info. Sc.	01
2.	Biotechnology	02	9.	Mathematics	04
3.	Chemistry	05	10.	Odia	03
4.	Education	02	11.	Physics	09
5.	English	05	12.	Political Science	02
6.	Geography	05	13.	Psychology	02
7.	History	02	14.	Sanskrit	02

NB: The number of seats mentioned in the above table is likely to be increased/ decreased depending on the availability of interested eligible supervisors/ scholars.

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I. COURSE COMMENCEMENT: JULY 2026

II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a Candidates for admission into the Ph.D. program shall have successfully completed Master's degree program in the concerned subject with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

In addition to the above mentioned conditions, the eligibility of a candidate shall be finalized on the basis of the below mentioned points:

1. A valid NET score under category-I, II, or III of the UGC letter no., F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET) 140648, dated 28.03.2024.

As per the UGC letter no., F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET) 140648, dated 28.03.2024, NET score can be used for admission to Ph.D. programs in place of entrance tests conducted by different universities/HEIs.

The NET candidates will be declared eligible in three categories:

Category-1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-2: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-3: Eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

The determination of the eligibility of NET for different categories is summarized below:

Qualified for:	JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. Admission
Category-1: Award of JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Category-2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.	No	Yes	Yes
Category-3: Admission to Ph.D. only	No	No	Yes

The result of NET will be declared in percentile along with the marks obtained by a candidate to utilize the marks for admission to Ph.D.

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The JRF-qualified students are admitted into the Ph.D. program based on an interview as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

For students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to Ph.D. programs. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce.

The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.

2. For candidates who do not fall into any categories as mentioned under II (a) of “**Eligibility Criteria**”, admission will be done through an entrance exam and interview/ viva-voce subject to the condition of availability of seats.
- b. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade is allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
- c. The candidates who have qualified NET/ SLET/ GATE/ JEST/ DBT/ INSPIRE/ NFST/ NFSC/ NFOBC/ ICHR/ ICPR/ ICSSR/ ICMR (with valid score) are exempted from entrance test. The submission of the relevant documents is mandatory to claim the relaxation.
- d. Candidates who have cleared the M. Phil. program with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent and **Research Methodology** as one of the papers are exempted from appearing in the Entrance Test provided, they have been admitted through a written/ interview (qualifying national tests like NET, GATE, etc) with project/dissertation work. The submission of M. Phil. Mark Sheet is mandatory for such candidates on the date of Entrance Test. A relaxation of 5% marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, is allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) candidates.
- e. Ph.D. course work is a full-time course and as such a candidate who is employed cannot be admitted or allowed to continue in the program unless he/she has been duly relieved and produces proof to that effect.

III. ADMISSION:

- a. Admission into the Ph.D. program shall be based strictly on merit. The final merit list of candidates will be prepared on the basis of interview/viva-voce or interview/ viva-voce plus NET score as may be the case for candidates under different categories as

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mentioned under II (a) (1) of “**Eligibility Criteria**”. JRF students will be given preferences on the basis of interview/viva-voce.

- b. For candidates who do not fall into any categories as mentioned under II (a) (c) and (d) of “**Eligibility Criteria**”, admission will be done through an entrance exam and interview/ viva-voce subject to the condition of availability of seats.
- c. Course work offered by Gangadhar Meher University (including "Research and Publication Ethics" as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F-1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course) is compulsory to all scholars who take an admission into the Ph.D. program of July 2026 session.

IV. Mode of obtaining Application Form:

Candidates should download the Application Form from the university website www.gmuniversity.ac.in and submit the filled-in form with an **Original Bank Draft of Rs.1500/-** drawn in favor of “**The Comptroller of Finance, G. M. University, Sambalpur**” and payable at **Sambalpur**.

V. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION:

The Application duly filled in along with required documents should reach the undersigned on or before **15.05.2026 up to 5.00 PM** either by post or in person. The university will not be responsible for any postal delays in the receipt of application form after the last date.

To

The Chairman, P. G. Council
Gangadhar Meher University, Amruta Vihar
Po- Budharaja, Sambalpur-768004, Odisha

VI. ENTRANCE TEST

- a. The entrance test will be qualifying in nature. A candidate has to obtain 50% of marks in the written entrance test to qualify for selection.
- b. The Entrance test will be held on **8th July 2026 at 10.00 AM** followed by **interview/ viva-voce from 11.30 AM onwards.**
- c. Entrance test will consist of Multiple choice questions (MCQs) in two parts. Part A will comprise of

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50% of questions to test the Research Aptitude of the candidate while, Part B (covering rest 50%) will be set as per the syllabi of P.G. courses of G.M. University, Sambalpur.

- d. Students who have qualified NET/ SLET/ GATE/ JEST/ DBT/ INSPIRE/ NFST/ NFSC/ NFOBC/ICHR/ICPR/ICSSR/ICMR (with valid score) are exempted from entrance test. However, they should appear at the viva-voce for finalization of the merit list.
- e. College teachers availing themselves of study leave from Govt. of Odisha, Dept. of Higher Education or from Director, Higher Education will have to appear in the entrance test and the viva-voce and will be treated as regular candidates.
- f. Admit card for the entrance examination will be issued at the time of submission of application form at the University counter and those who submit their Application Form by post are advised to collect their admit card in the office, half an hour before the commencement of the Entrance Test.
- g. The merit list of selected candidates will be published in the University website and notice boards.

VI. RESERVATION

Reservation will be given by following the rules of Govt. of Odisha.

- a. SC- 16.25% of the sanctioned strength shall be reserved for SC applicants.
- b. ST- 22.5% of the sanctioned strength shall be reserved for ST applicants.
- c. SEBC – 11.25% of the sanctioned strength shall be reserved for SEBC applicants.
- d. PwD- 5% of the sanctioned strength shall be reserved for PwD applicants
- e. The reserved seats are not inter-changeable between SC & ST.
- f. SC/ST/SEBC applicants selected for admission on general merit shall not be counted against reserved seats.

VIII. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM:

Self-certified copies of the following documents are to be submitted;

- a. Mark sheets & certificates of all examinations starting from HSC/ equivalent till the degree last attended.
- b. C.L.C & Conduct certificate from the Institution last attended.
- c. Caste Certificate from the competent authority (Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Tahasildar).

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- d. Certificate in support of NET/ SLET/ GATE/ JEST/ DBT/ INSPIRE/ NFST/ NFSC/ NFOBC/ICHR/ICPR/ICSSR/ICMR.
- e. In-service candidates will have to submit no objection certificate (NOC) from their employer.
- f. Admit Card for Entrance Test with photograph (to be returned).
- g. Two passport size photographs, one in the application form & the other on the Admit Card.

IX. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION:

- a. The originals of all the certificates & mark sheets from HSC to M.A. /M.Sc. /M. Com/M. Phil.
- b. Caste Certificate from the competent authority (Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Tahasildar).
- c. Certificate in support of NET/ SLET/ GATE/ JEST/ DBT/ INSPIRE/ NFST/ NFSC/ NFOBC/ICHR/ICPR/ICSSR/ICMR.
- d. C.L.C / Conduct Certificates.
- e. Three passport size photographs.
- f. Migration Certificate.
- g. Relieve order (in case of in-service candidates) from the competent authority.

X. DISPATCH OF INTIMATION

Intimation for admission to successful candidates on merit will be made available on the university website.

XI. ATTENDANCE

A candidate shall be required to attend 75% of lectures, tutorials & practical classes taken together during the course work. Condonation may be granted by the Chairman, P.G. Council only to the extent of 15% in exceptional cases.

XII. EXAMINATION

Students attending course-work will have to appear First Semester examination during December 2026. Students failing to attend 75% of total classes shall not be allowed to sit for the semester examination.

XIII. IMPORTANT NOTES

- a. A candidate cannot claim the refund of application fees, if his/her application is rejected or the

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- candidate fails to take the test & interview.
- b. Any misinformation found on verification of the original documents shall lead to cancellation of admission & will be treated as a cognizable offence.
 - c. In case, the applicant for admission is found to have indulged in ragging in the past or if it is noticed later that he/she is indulged in ragging, admission may be refused or he/she shall be expelled from the educational institution.
 - d. The University reserves the right to suspend the commencement of any of the programmes, if circumstances so warrant.
 - e. Submission of incomplete application/ information will be summarily rejected.
 - f. The selection into the Ph.D. program July 2026 is not a matter of right and cannot be claimed by the candidate, if not selected.
 - g. The decision of the Vice Chancellor relating to admission is final & binding.

XIV. FEE STRUCTURE

In accordance with the University guidelines (uploaded in the University Website).

XVI. SCHEDULE OF Ph.D. ADMISSION

1	Availability of Application form and Brochure in the University website	---	28.04.2026 (Tuesday) to 15.05.2026 (Friday)
2.	Last date of receiving the hard copy in the University counter or by post	---	15.05.2026 (Friday) up to 5.00 P.M.
3.	Eligibility List Publication	---	29.06.2026 (Monday)
4.	Receiving of Queries or Grievances via E-mail	---	30.06.2026 (Tuesday)
5.	Revised List Publication	---	01.07.2026 (Wednesday)
6.	Date of Entrance Test/ Interview/Viva-Voce	---	08.07.2026 (Wednesday)
	a. Entrance Test	---	10.00 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. 08.07.2026 (Wednesday)
	b. Result publication of Entrance Test	---	08.07.2026 (2.00 P.M.)
	c. Interview/ Viva-voce for exempted Candidates	---	11.30 A.M. onwards (08.07.2026)

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	d. Interview/ Viva-voce for entrance qualified Candidates	---	2.30 P.M. onwards (08.07.2026)
7.	Date of Publication of Result	---	10.07.2026 (Friday)
8.	Receiving of Queries or Grievances via E-mail		11.07.2026 (Saturday)
9.	Date of Publication of Final Merit List	---	13.07.2026 (Monday)
5.	Date of Admission	---	17.07.2026 (Friday)
6.	Commencement of classes	---	20.07.2026 (Monday)

**Chairman, P.G. Council
G.M. University, Sambalpur**