



MAHARAJA BIR BIKRAM UNIVERSITY
AGARTALA, TRIPURA

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January 30, 2025

Ph.D. ADMISSION NOTICE: ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25

Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala invites applications for admission to **Ph.D. programme in Library & Information Science and Political Science** for the academic session **2024-2025**. The prescribed application format is available in the MBB University Website (<https://mbbuniversity.ac.in/>) and the applicants are required to submit the duly filled up form along with all the necessary documents and receipt of the deposited requisite fees within **March 03, 2025 (04.00 PM)**. The applicants may submit the filled up application form along with depositing of the requisite fees during **February 05, 2025 (10.00 AM) to March 03, 2025 (04.00 PM) (except holidays)**. Department wise available seats are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	Number of Seats*
1	Library & Information Science	2 seats (ST: 01, SC: 01)
2	Political Science	3 seats (UR:2, ST:01)

**The authority of Maharaja Bir Bikram University University reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of seats in any programme.*

- **Eligibility Criteria:** As per Maharaja Bir Bikram University Ph. D. Regulations-2020 available in the link: <https://mbbuniversity.ac.in/sites/default/files/2024-06/First-Amendment-of-MBBU-First-Regulations-2018.pdf>
- **Display of Lists of eligible candidates:** The list of candidates eligible to appear in RET-2024/ Interview shall be displayed in the MBB University website. It is to be noted that Qualifying in RET does not entitle a candidate to get admission into the Ph.D. program.
- The intake capacity of the Supervisors and Departments is as per Maharaja Bir Bikram University Ph.D. Regulations 2020. However, mere possession of 'Eligibility Criteria' does not entitle right to anyone to get admission to any programme under Maharaja Bir Bikram University. Regarding selection of Eligible Candidates for admission to any Ph.D. Programme, decision of the Admission Committee shall be final.

Admission Process of Ph.D. programme:

1. The University shall allow a candidate to get admission to the Ph.D. Program when he/she qualifies in RET (Research Eligibility Test) conducted by the MBB University. Appearing and Qualifying in the RET is mandatory for getting admission to Ph.D. Programme of MBB University.

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2. There are two parts of RET.
 - A. Written Test: 100 Marks
 - B. Viva-Voce: 100 Marks
3. The Written Test will be of 100 marks with three (3) hours duration. Syllabus, Question Structure of the Written Test for different Subjects are available in **ANNEXURE-I & II**.
4. The medium of RET shall be English for programmes other than language subjects.
5. The RET will be conducted at Maharaja Bir Bikram University, College Tilla, Agartala, Tripura, Pin-799004. No TA/DA shall be provided by the University for appearing in the RET.
6. To be eligible to appear in the Viva-Voce one has to secure 50% out of 100 marks in the Written Test (45% for SC/ST/ Differently-Abled Applicants).
7. The Candidates who have an M. Phil (of two-year full time regular course), or in case of the candidates who have qualified in the UGC NET/CSIR-NET/SET/SLET/GATE/GPAT/Teacher Fellow/Scientist or any other examination that may be deemed equivalent by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC), do not require to appear in the Written Test. They are directly eligible to appear in the viva-voce.
8. Course Work completed from any UGC listed University will be transferable to this University and they will directly be admitted in the Ph.D. Program after clearing the Viva-Voce exams from the Department concerned. If any candidate has completed the Course Work as per UGC norms in any University he/she will be eligible to get admitted in Ph.D. programme of MBB University. His/her Course Work credit will be transferred as per UGC norms. Such candidate will be exempted from coursework for Ph.D. programme.
9. The candidates qualified in the written test being a part of the RET and others who are exempted from appearing at the written test will be treated as candidates to appear in the Viva-Voce examination of 100 marks in the concerned Department.
10. The Viva-Voce shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:
 - a) The candidates possess the competence for the proposed research.
 - b) The research work can be suitably undertaken at the institute.
 - c) The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge
11. The candidates for Ph.D. programme will be finally selected on the basis of merit position secured in the Viva-Voce and number of seats available in the Department.
12. A foreign national who is a recipient of fellowship for Ph.D. by a foreign institution or an Indian citizen in the receipt of Ph.D. fellowship from Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) or any other organization or institution recognized by the Government of India and who is sponsored by his /her Government or similar Government agencies shall not be required to appear at the Ph.D. Entrance test or RET or the case may be.

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13. List of eligible candidates for RET examination, schedule of the test and rules & regulations related to the RET will be available in the university website (<https://mbbuniversity.ac.in/>) in due course. Candidates are requested to remain updated for the same through the university website. The university will not be responsible if a candidate fails to adhere to any information related to ret and admission.

14. **How to apply:** The applicants are required to download the prescribed application form. After filling up the prescribed application form, applicants have to submit the application form along with the documents as mentioned below including the receipt /proof copy of depositing the requisite application fee to the Administrative Block MBBU. The requisite **Application Fee of Rs. 1000/- (for General Candidates) and Rs. 700/- (for SC/ST/PWD Candidates)** is to be deposited by the candidates in the following Bank Account on or before **March 03, 2025 by 04:00 PM.**

Account Name:	MBB UNIVERSITY
Name of the Bank:	State Bank of India
Account Number:	39904304641
IFS Code:	SBIN0009126
MICR Code:	799002007
Branch Name:	MBB College

15. IMPORTANT DATES:

Period of submission of Application Forms	February 05, 2025 to March 03, 2025.
Period of Distribution of Admit Cards	May 01, 2025 to May 03, 2025.
Date of Written Test	May 08, 2025.
Venue of Written Test	Administrative Block, Maharaja Bir Bikram University, College Tilla, Agartala, Tripura, Pin-799004
Date of Publication of Provisional Result of Written Test	May 15, 2025.
Date of Viva-Voce	May 20, 2025.
Date of Publication of Provisional Merit List	May 22, 2025.
Date of Provisional Admission	May 27, 2025 to May 31 2025.
Date of Commencement of Course Work Classes	July 01, 2025.

* MBB University shall conduct Research Eligibility Test (RET) based upon the syllabus. Candidates are requested to remain updated for the same through the University Website. The University will not be responsible if a candidate fails to adhere to any information related to Research Eligibility Test (RET) and admission.

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16. After provisional admission, a student shall have to undergo Ph.D. Course Work and shall have to qualify in the Ph.D. Course Work Examination for admission to the Ph.D. programme as per MBB University Rules and Regulations- 2020.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

1. Candidates are advised to check the eligibility criteria thoroughly and must fully satisfy themselves about their eligibility as prescribed before applying for any programme. Hence, applicants will be responsible themselves if they opt for a programme for which they are not eligible.
2. Candidates are required to fill up carefully all details in the prescribed application form without making any spelling mistakes.
3. No forms will be accepted **March 03, 2025 (Time: 04.00 PM)**.
 - One recent Passport Size Photograph.
 - Matriculation examination Admit Card for age verification.
 - Matriculation Marksheet (both sides)
 - Higher Secondary Marksheet (both sides)
 - Marksheets (both sides) of all semesters of B.A. (Hons. / Pass) / B.Sc. (Hons. / Pass) / B.Com. (Hons. / Pass) / B.L.I.Sc. Examination, issued by UGC recognized University.
 - Marksheets (both sides) of all semesters of M.A./M.Sc./M.LI.Sc. or equivalent Examination issued by UGC recognized University.
 - Certificate of UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/SLET(North Eastern)/ SET (North Eastern)/GATE/M.Phil (two-year full time regular course)/GPAT/Teacher Fellow/Scientist (if applicable)
 - SC/ST Certificate issued by the competent authority.
 - PWD (Person with Disability) Certificate issued by the competent authority.
 - Proof of Nationality.
 - No Objection Certificate from the competent authority. (for employed applicants)
4. The Admission process, course work, Registration, conduct of research during the entire Ph.D. programme of a candidate shall be governed by MBB University Ph.D. regulation 2020 and as amended time to time.
5. Maharaja Bir Bikram University reserves all rights to change this notification at any point of time.
6. In all issues relating to the Admission Process for the Academic Session **2024-2025**, decision of the Maharaja Bir Bikram University shall be final.


(Dr. Sumanta Chakrabarti)
Registrar



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Copy to:

1. PA to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MBB University, Agartala.
2. The Controller of Examination, MBB University, Agartala.
3. The Director (In-charge), College Development Council, MBB University, Agartala.
4. The Head/In-Charge, Department of _____.
5. The DDO, MBB University, Agartala.
6. The Assistant Controller of Examinations, MBB University, Agartala with a request to upload this Guideline with the advertisement for admission in MBB University Website.
7. Notice Boards of Administrative & Academic Blocks, MBB University, Agartala.
8. Guard File of this Office.

Annexure-I

SYLLABUS

For
WRITTEN
RESEARCH ELIGIBILITY TEST (RET)

**FOR ADMISSION
TO
Ph.D. PROGRAMME**

in
Library and Information Science



Department of Library and Information Science
MBB University, Agartala – 799004
Tripura

Detailed Syllabus

Group-A

Unit 1: Research and Methods

- *Research: Concepts, objectives;*
- *Research Design, Research Methods*
- *Collection of data: Pattern and Types*

Unit 2: Sampling methods and Techniques

- *Sampling methods: Types and techniques, Testing of Hypothesis*
- *Software for statistical analysis*
- *Collection of data: Types and methods*

Unit 3: Data Analysis and Reporting Techniques

- *Statistical techniques – Measures of Central Tendency, Graphical Presentation.*
- *Report Writing: Parts and Patterns.*
- *Citation Style: MLA, APA, Chicago Manual, etc.*

Group-B

Unit 4: Techniques and Tools with LIS

- *Citation Analysis, Scientometrics, Informetrics and Webometrics.*
- *Library Services in Print and Electronic Environment: Evaluation*
- *Data Models, Ontologies, Taxonomies.*

Unit 5: Software Application in LIS

- *Integrated Library Management Software: Application and analysis*
- *Digital Library Software: Application and Evaluation*
- *Web Based Tools and Trends*

Unit 6: Library Automation and Library Networking

- *Library automation: Needs, Concepts*
- *Library Networks: International and National Library Network*
- *Design and Development of Digital Library*

Question Pattern for Admission Test:

- Questions shall be prepared into two separate groups, "Group-A" and "Group-B".*
- Group-A will carry questions related to "Research Methodology" and Group-B will carry questions related to "Library and Information Science".*

- c) Further, each group will contain questions of 50 marks each.*
 - d) There shall be total ten essay type questions. Each group will carry five questions carrying 10 marks each with choice basis of one extra question for each section. Thus, candidates shall have to answer any five questions out of six questions from each group.*
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SYLLABUS AND GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PH.D ADMISSION TEST



Political Science

(Academic Session 2021-2022)

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
MAHARAJA BIR BIKRAM UNIVERSITY
AGARTALA, TRIPURA: 799004**

General Guidelines

A. Written Test:

1. There shall be a Written Test of 100 Marks.
2. Duration of Written Test shall be 3 hours.
3. The Written Test shall be conducted in two Groups [Group-A (50 Marks), Group-B (50 Marks)]. Separate Answer Scripts shall be used for Group-A and Group-B.
4. In case of **Group-A**, candidates are required to attempt two (2) out of four (4) questions each carrying 25 Marks ($25 \times 2 = 50$). For **Group-B**, candidates are required to attempt two (2) out of four (4) questions each carrying 25 Marks ($25 \times 2 = 50$).
5. **Qualifying Marks** in the Written Test for General Category is 50% and for those of Reserved Category Candidates is 45% to be eligible to appear in the Interview.

- B.** The entire Admission process as well as Course Work shall be in English Medium only.
- C.** If selected, students shall have to attend at least 75% of the total classes conducted in the entire Course Work, failing which no candidate shall be allowed to appear in the Course Work Final Examination.
- D.** Every enrolled student must also have to participate in Seminars/Group Discussions and other Academic Activities to be organised by the Department during the entire Ph. D Programme.

Group-A

**Research Methodology
(50 Marks)**

**Candidates are required to attempt two (2) out of four (4) questions each
carrying 25 Marks
(25x2=50)**

1. Meaning and importance of Research
2. Subjectivity and Objectivity in Research; Importance of Theory in Research
3. Types of Research
4. Problem Formulation and Hypothesis;
5. Data: Sources-Primary and Secondary, Methods of Data Collection.
6. Sampling and Sampling Techniques;
7. Interview, Observation, Questionnaire, Schedule, Processing and Analysis of Data.
8. Research Design and Research Report Writing; Citation Pattern and Bibliography

Group-B

**Political Science
(50 Marks)**

**Candidates are required to attempt two (2) out of four (4) questions each
carrying 25 Marks
(25x2=50)**

Political Theory:

1. Understanding Political Concepts and Political Theory, Political Theory in the 21st Century: Debate on Decline and Resurgence
2. Debate on the 'End of Ideology'
3. Positivism and Neo Positivism
4. Liberalism: John Rawls and Robert Nozick
5. Marxism and Neo-Marxism
6. Feminism; Post-Modernism
7. Green Political Theory

Indian Government and Politics:

1. Judiciary: Supreme Court; High Court; Judicial Review; Judicial Activism; Public Interest Litigation; Judicial Reforms
2. Election Commission and Electoral Reforms;
3. Comptroller and Auditor General; NITI Aayog;
4. Local Government- Rural and Urban

Public Administration:

1. Administrative Theories: Classical Theory, New Public Administration, New Public Management, New Public Service Approach
2. Public Policy: Meaning, Nature, Scope, Evolution and Significance;
3. Theories of Public Policy: Incremental Theory, Elite Theory, Institutional Theory, Group Theory, Rational Theory
4. Policy Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation

International Relations:

1. Realism and Neo-realism, Liberalism and Neo-liberalism
2. Constructivism in International Relations, Critical International Theory
3. Positivism and Post Positivism in International Relations
4. Non-Aligned Movement