

Somaiya Vidyavihar University

K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies
Admission Manual

Ph.D. and JRF Programme
Jainology
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About Somaiya Vidyavihar University

On 26th August 2019, Somaiya Vidyavihar University became a reality !

We made this milestone after six decades of creating holistic teaching learning experience educational institutes of great repute. Somaiya Vidyavihar University has become a self finance – the first private University in Mumbai vide the Maharashtra Self-Financed Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act 2013.

We have a dream to build and support a world-class institution, one that is proudly Indian, and excels in education, research and service. Somaiya Vidyavihar University will be a place where knowledge is preserved, disseminated, and new knowledge is created. It will be global in the reach of its ideas and universal in its service. Somaiya Vidyavihar University is a place where students and faculty can explore “Freedom of Possibilities”, pursue their passion and above all, find themselves.

Our History and Vision

An all-round education must integrate Indian culture, values & morality into the curriculum.

The Somaiya Vidyavihar Complex was founded in 1959 by the late Shri K.J. Somaiya (1902-1999). Endowed with a sharp business acumen, a balanced perspective and a social bent of mind, Karamshibhai set up the Somaiya Trust in 1953 for furthering his dream of shaping young minds through quality education. For this purpose, he bought a large area of land at Ghatkopar, then considered to be distant, meagrely populated.

In six decades it has grown into a large educational complex with 34 institutions catering to diverse fields of education such as Humanities, Engineering, Education, Medicine, Management, Dharma Studies, Pure Sciences and Commerce & Business Studies, with more than 39000+ Candidates and 3000+ Faculties and staff on a throbbing 50 acre campus.

Our Founder, Shri K. J. Somaiya founded Somaiya Vidyavihar on 9th September 1959. He later founded the Girivanvasi Pragati Mandal, The K J Somaiya Medical Trust, Girivanvasi Education Trust and sister institutions to make great citizens of India and the World. In the words of Swami Vivekananda, “We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, and the intellect expanded, and by which one can stand on one’s own feet.” We have now grown into a multi-disciplinary and multi-campus education institution with over 1500 faculty, and 38, 000 candidates.

With Ph.D. programmes in various faculties, we provide an innovative platform for research aspirants to make a niche of their own to impact society and life.

About Research Center

In the Jainology research centre, the work of editing, translating and publishing manuscripts is being done for which the grant has been received from ICPR, New Delhi. The students, staff (research assistants) and faculty are encouraged to publish their work in reputed journals or present papers in conferences and we have published our papers in peer reviewed research journals.

Thrust areas of the department are:

1. Jain Religion and Philosophy
2. Agama-s and Jain Literature
3. Jain History and Culture
4. Jain Science
5. Jain Archaeology
6. Jain Mathematics
7. Jain Cosmology
8. Jain Epistemology
9. Jain Astrology
10. Jain Poet and Music
11. Jain Ayurveda and Healing etc.

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Ph.D. Admission Eligibility for Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU): Minimum Qualifications for Admission

Subject to the conditions stipulated in the Regulations, the following candidates are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. Programme

i.	Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent as per UGC regulations.
ii.	A person whose Master's dissertation has been evaluated and the viva-voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. Programme but subject to completion of Master's degree before provisional admission to SVU Ph.D. Programmes.
iii.	Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to Master's Degree of an Indian Institution, 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programme.
iv.	Candidates not having Master's degree but having research / work / professional experience or possessing post graduate diploma may appear for Ph.D. Entrance Examination of SVU subject to such candidates' need to apply separately to SVU for obtaining equivalence for Master's degree. The SVU will have final rights reserved to give such equivalence as per the regulations. Such candidates must possess an undergraduate degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent as per UGC regulations. The relaxation will be as per UGC norms from time to time.
v.	MUST have qualified the Ph.D. Entrance Examination and interview of SVU – mandatory eligibility criteria for all candidates.
vi.	Candidates exempted from appearing for Ph.D. Entrance Examination of SVU MUST fill the application form as per the schedule displayed on website. The exempted candidates need to pay the application processing fee .
vii.	A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer in case of those who are working / employed for applying to Ph.D. Programme
viii.	If candidate wants to apply more than one subject then should submit separate / another application and need to pay the application processing fee per subject.

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Eligibility at UG/PG Degree

Branch of study at UG	Jainology or any other subject
Branch of study at PG	Jainology or allied subject

Exemption Criteria for SVU Ph.D. Entrance Examination

Candidates who hold a JRF Fellowship with CSIR/UGC/ICAR/ ICMR and DBT examinations are **exempted** from appearing for Ph.D. entrance examination of SVU.

For further details about exemption and category of students refer PhD regulation - [Link](#)

However, the candidates who fulfil the above criteria MUST fill the application form as per the schedule displayed on the website along with necessary fees.

Pattern and syllabus of SVU Ph.D. Entrance Examination

The Ph.D and JRF Entrance examination will be common and will be at Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus, SVU, Vidyavihar, Mumbai -77

Pattern of entrance examination will be notified separately in due course of time

Syllabus for Entrance Examination

- History of Jainism: Kālacakra (cycle of time) and the tradition of Tīrthaṅkaras - Life- sketch of Lord Rṣabhadeva, Pārśvanātha and Mahāvīra
- Jain Sects and their sub-division: Digambara and Śvetāmbara and their subsects.
- Worship in Jainism. Ṇamokāra Mahāmantra, Five Preceptor (Pañca Parameṣṭhi), Prayer, Bhakti, Upāsana.
- Prakrit Canonical (Āgama) Literature and their Vācanās/ Muni Samellan (councils).
- Prominent Ācāryas of Jainism: Life and works of Ācārya Kundakunda, Ācārya Umāsvāmi(ti), Ācārya Siddhasena, Ācārya Akalaṅka svāmi, Ācārya Haribhadra Sūri, Ācārya Vīrasena Svāmi, Ācārya Jinasena, Ācārya Hemchandra Sūri and Ācārya Yaśovijay.
- Ethics in Jainism - Aṇuvratas, Guṇavratas and Śikṣāvratas; Great Vows (Mahāvratas) of Monks- Ahimsā (non-violence), Satya (truth), Asteya (non- stealing), Braḥmacarya (celibacy) and Aparigraha (non-possessiveness), its significance and relevance.
- Nature of Reality and Substance in Jainism, Soul consciousness, Cognition, as per textual texts like Samaysāra, Pravacanasāra, Tattvārtha Sutra, Acharāṅga Sutra, Uttaradhyayana Sutra, Sutratkanga, Seven elements and six substance; Theory of Karma and its classification, Theory of Puruṣārtha.
- Epistemological questions with respect to the concept of Knowledge and its types, Jain Logic, Anekāntavāda and Syādvāda;
- The concept of Liberation in Jainism. Three Jewels: Samyakdarśana-Jñāna-Cāritra.
- Jain Yoga and Dhyāna as per texts based on Subhchandra's Jñānārnav and views of Haribhadrasuri and Hemachandra.
- Jain Art (Śilpa) and Architecture: Jain caves and temples of Southern India, Jain Temples of Khajurāho, Devagarha, Pālitānā and Mount-Ābu.
- Jain Sculptures, Paintings and Jain Iconography: important Jain Sculptures available in India, Idols received from Śravaṇabelagolā and Mathurā.
- Impact of Jain Religion on Society: Vegetarianism (Śakāhāra) and Charity (Dāna); Status of women in Jain Religion.
- Environmental and Ecological and ethical issues in Jainism; Jainism and Science.
- Main Centres of Jaina Learning: Śravaṇabelagolā, Jesalamera, Ahmedabad, Varanasi, Vaishali, Koba, Ladnun, Jaipur, Delhi; Jainism in abroad.

Documents Required

1. UG Degree or equivalent Mark List
2. UG Degree certificate
3. PG Degree or equivalent Mark List
4. PG Degree or equivalent certificate
5. AADHAR card
6. Degree equivalence / eligibility certificate – wherever is applicable
7. Migration certificate
8. Two colour passport size Photograph
9. If appearing the PG degree examination – bonafide certificate
10. If employed, then No Objection from the employer

Important Links

Tentative Timeline / Steps adapted for Ph.D. Programme - [Link](#)
Fee Structure of Ph.D. Programme - [Link](#)
Guidelines for Payment of Fees a Refund – [Link](#)
About course work - [Link](#)

Process of getting the documents submitted return

After verifications of documents, within 7 days, documents will be returned back to students.

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