Somaiya Vidyavihar University

K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies
Admission Manual

Ph.D.and JRF Programme
Sanskrit
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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 themself.

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, 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 Sanskrit research centre, projects on different aspects of Sanskrit are being undertaken. The students and faculty members are encouraged to publish their work in reputed journals or present papers in conferences. Faculty members have completed / carried out research projects and publications in inter-disciplinary fields, such as, Ayurveda, Rituals, Religion, etc. Faculty members have published more than 15 books.

Thrust areas of the department are –

1) Indian Philosophy
2) Indian Knowledge Traditions
3) Yoga Philosophy
4) Ancient Indian Sciences
5) Sanskrit Language and Linguistics
6) Sanskrit Literature (Vedic, Epic and Classical)

Research project entitled 'Vanaspatyam', which gives description of medicinal properties of more than 100 herbs mentioned in Ayurvedic scriptures, has been completed. A research project cum publication entitled 'Hindu-Christian Dictionary' has been completed which gives information of important terms associated with Hinduism and Christianity.

	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	Sanskrit or any other subject
Branch of study at PG	Sanskrit 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

Veda:

- Classification of Veda-s – Saṃhitā, Brāhmaṇa, Āraṇyaka, Upanishad, Vedaśākhā, Different theories regarding the period of Veda-s
- Vedāṅga-s
- Sūkta-s – Ṛgveda - Agni (1.1), Varuṇa (1.25), Indra (2.12), Uṣas (3.61), Parjanya (5.83),
  Puruṣa (10.90), Hiraṇyagarbha (10.121), Nāsadīya (10.129), Śukla Yajurveda – Śivasaṅkalpa (34.1-6), Atharvaveda – Rāṣṭrābhivardhana (1.29), Pṛthvī (12.1)
- Upanishads- subject matter of principle 11 Upaniṣad-s
- Nirukta (Chapter 1,

2) Darshana:

- Important texts, scholars and tradition of darśana
- Nyāya Darśana – Pramāṇa, 16 padārtha-s, distinctive principles of prācīna nyāya and navya nyāya, ārambhavāda, arguments to prove existence of Īśvara, features of language style of navya nyāya, influence of nyāya darśana on the other śāstra-s
- Vaiśeṣīka Darśana – Sapta padārtha, concept of paramaṇu, three types of causes, relationship of vaiśeṣika and nyāya darśana
- Sāṃkhya Darśana – Three types of duḥkha, pramāṇa, 25 elements, satkāryavāda, similarities and differences in 25 elements, triguṇa, pratyaya-sarga, kaivalya
- Yoga Darśana – Definitions of Yoga, Concept of citta and cittavṛtti, cittabhūmi, abhyāsa - vairāgya, Īśvara and praṇava, citta-vikṣepa, citta-prasādana, samāpatti, kriyāyoga, kleśa, karma-siddhānta, caturvyūha, aṣṭāṅgayoga, siddhi-s, kaivalya, relationship of sāṃkhya and yoga.
- Mīmāṃsā Darśana – Concept of dharma, bhāvanā, types of vidhi, pramāṇa in viniyoga-vidhi, nāmadheya, niṣedha, arthavāda, sects of mīmāṃsā, theories of interpretation of sentence, relationship of mimāṃsā and Veda
- Vedānta Darśana – Sādhana-catuṣṭaya, adhyāropa-apavāda, concept of Brahma, avidyā, pañcakoṣa, pañcīkaraṇa, manifestation of the world, means of self- realization, tattvamasi mahāvākya, relationship of Vedānta and Upaniṣads, Sects of Vedānta
- Cārvāka Darśana – Metaphysics, refutation of anumāna, objections and faults in Veda-s
- Bauddha Darśana – Four sects, Āryasatya, four bhāvanā-s, Kṣaṇikavāda, Śūnyavāda, Vijñānavāda, Sarvāstivāda, Mahāyāna and Hīnayāna
- Jain Darśana – Seven tattva-s, Syādvāda, Arhat

Vyakarana:

- Vaiyakarana Siddhanta Kaumudi - Samjna-Prakaranam, Paribhasha-Prakaranam, Sandhi-Prakaranam, Subanta-Prakaranam, Avyaya-Prakaranam, Stri-Prakaranam, Karaka-Prakaranam, Samasa- Prakaranam, Taddhit-Prakaranam, Kridanta-Prakaranam, Tinganta-Prakaranam
- Paribhashendushekhara

- Mahabhashyam (1st & 2nd Anhikam)
- Vakyapadiya (Balakanda)
- Vaiyakarana-Bhushansar (Dhatvartha-Prakaranam)

Sahitya:

- Acharya-s and their works - Bhāsa, Aśvaghoṣa , kālidāsa, Śūdraka, Viśākhadatta, Bhāravī, Māgha, Harṣa, Bāṇabhaṭṭa, Daṇḍin, Bhavabhūti, Bhaṭṭanārāyaṇa, Bilhaṇa, Shrīharṣa
- Schools of Sanskrit Poetics – Rasa, Alaṅkāra, Rīti, Dhvani, Vakrokti, Aucitya
- Poetry: Buddhacaritam (First Canto), Raghuvaṁśam (First Canto), Kirātārjunīyam (First Canto), Śiśupālavadham (First Canto), Naiṣadhīyacaritam (First Canto)
- Drama: Svapnavāsavadattam, Abhijñānaśākuntalam, Mṛcchakaṭikam, Uttararāmacaritam, Mudrārākṣasam, Uttararāmacaritam, Ratnāvalī
- Prose: Daśakumāracaritam (VIII Ucchvāsa), Harṣacaritam (V Ucchvāsa),Kādambarī (Śukanāsopadeśa)
- Campū Kāvya - Nala Campū (I Ucchvāsa)
- Sāhityadarpaṇa: Definition of Kāvya, Refutation of other definitions of Kāvya, Śabdaśakti –
- Saṅketagraha; Abhidhā; Lakṣaṇā; Vyañjanā, Kāvyabheda (Chapter Fourth), Śravyakāvya
- Kāvyaprakaśa – Kāvyalakṣhṇa, Kāvyaprayojana, Kāvyahetu, Kāvyabheda, Śabdaśakti, Abhihitānvayavāda, Anvitābhidhānvayavāda, concept of Rasa, discussion of Rasasūtra, Rasadoṣa, Kāvyaguṇa, Vyanjanāvriti (Fifth Chapter)
- Alaṅkāras – Vakrokti; Anuprāsa, Yamaka, Śleṣa, Upamā, Rūpaka, Utprekṣā, Samāsokti, Apahnuti, Nidarśanā, Arthāntaranyāsa, Dṛṣṭānta, Vibhāvanā, Viśeṣokti, Svabhāvokti, Virodhābhāsa, Saṅkara, Sansṛṣṭi
- Dhvanyāloka (I Udyota)
- Vakroktijīvitam (I Unmeṣa)
- Bharata – Nāṭyaśāstram (First and Sixth Chapter)
- Daśarūpakam (First and Third Prakāśa)
- Chanda – Āryā, Anuṣṭup, Indravajrā, Upendravajrā, Vasantatilakā, Upajāti, Vaṁśastha, Drutavilambita, Śālinī, Mālinī, Śikharṇī, Mandākrāntā, Hariṇī, Śārdūlavikrīḍita, Sragdharā
- Rāmāyaṇa and Mahābhārata – Subject matter, age, society in the Rāmāyaṇa, Rāmāyaṇa as a source of later Sanskrit works and literal value of the Rāmāyaṇa, legends in the Rāmāyaṇa

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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