

**K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies**  
**Admission Manual**

Ph.D. Programme Yogashastra

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## About Somaiya Vidyavihar University

**On 26th August 2019, Somaiya Vidyavihar University has become a reality**

A new milestone in a glorious ongoing journey established in 2019, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC). Somaiya Vidyavihar, with over six decades of rich experience in building and managing educational institutes of great repute, is the sponsoring body. With over six decades of rich experience Somaiya Vidyavihar has become a self-finance Private University. Somaiya Vidyavihar University is the first private university in Mumbai vide the Maharashtra Self- Financed Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act 2013. With this status, we now have the academic, administrative, and financial freedom, to achieve the dreams as imagined by our founders. 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. Operational from 26th August 2019, Somaiya Vidyavihar University is a place where you can explore new possibilities, pursue your passion and above all, find yourself.

### *Our History*

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

In just five 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, Pure Sciences and Mass Communication, with more than 39000+ Candidates and 3000+ Faculties and staff on a throbbing 65 acre campus.

The Somaiya Vidyavihar Complex was founded in 1959 by 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.

### *Our Vision*

Our Founder, Padmabhushan Shri K. J. Somaiya founded Somaiya Vidyavihar on the 9th of 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.

*The Somaiya Vidyavihar University admitted 3000+ candidates in 100+ UG/PG/PhD/PG Diploma/Diploma/Certificate programmes in the very first year of establishment.*

In Yogashastra research centre, projects on Yoga practices and their benefits are being undertaken. Projects on Textual and Philosophical aspects of Yoga are going on.

Thrust areas of the department are:

- 1) Yoga Philosophy
- 2) Indian Knowledge Traditions
- 3) Yoga practices and their results.

Research project cum publication entitled 'Universal Brotherhood through Yoga' has been completed which incorporates more than 70 articles on various dimensions of Yoga written by the renowned scholars all over the world. Faculty members have undertaken the funded research project entitled 'Dictionary of Yoga Terms' which gives meaning and explanation of more than 1000 important terms related to Yoga. 'Yogavijnana Jnanamandala' (Centre for Yogic Science) has been established in the department by Maharashtra Rajya Marathi Vishwakosh Nirmiti Mandal to contribute the entries on Yoga in Marathi for online edition of Marathi Vishwakosha which is the project of Government of Maharashtra.

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

Subject to the conditions stipulated in the Regulations, the following candidate 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.	Candidate 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 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 score of Ph.D. Entrance Examination 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 not pay the application processing fee.
vii.	A No Objection Certificate (NOC) in prescribed format from the employer in case of those who are applying to Ph.D. Programme as a sponsored candidate.

**Eligibility at UG/PG Degree**

Branch of study at UG	Yogashastra or any other subject
Branch of study at PG	Yogashastra

**Exemption Criteria for SVU Ph.D. Entrance Examination**

Candidates who has qualified UGC-NET

**However, the candidates who fulfill the above criteria MUST fill the application form as per the schedule displayed on the website.**

**Pattern and syllabus of SVU Ph.D. Entrance Examination**

Paper-1 Qualitative Test – 40 marks

a) Essay Writing – 20 marks

b) Comprehension – 20 marks

(50% choice in selecting questions in paper I)

Paper – 2 Subject Specific Test – 60 marks

a) Multiple Choice Questions – 20 marks (Attempt 20 out of 30 questions)

b) Subjective Questions – 40 marks (with 50% Choice)

## Syllabus for Entrance Examination

- Yogasūtra-s - Citta and its vṛtti-s, cittabhūmi, abhyāsa, vairāgya, Īśvara and praṇava, cittavikṣepa, cittaprasādana, practices to maintain the stability of mind, samādhi and its types, Kriyāyoga, kleśa-s, Karma-siddhānta, Caturvyūha, Aṣṭāṅga- yoga, Samyama, Siddhi-s, Vāsanā, refutation of Vijñānavāda doctrine of Yogācāra sect of Buddhism by Patañjali, Kaivalya; Structure and special features of Yogasūtra, contribution of Vyāsabhāṣya and Bhojavṛtti to philosophical tradition of Yoga, relationship of Yoga and Sāṃkhya darśana; Importance of Yoga in Indian philosophy.
- Bhagavadgītā - Gītā as a Yogaśāstra, Concept of Sthitaprajña, Karmayoga, Dhyānayoga, Trigūṇa, Daivī and āsurī sampat.
- Hathayoga – Basic tenets of Haṭhapradīpikā, Gheraṇḍa Saṃhitā, Śiva-saṃhitā and Siddha-siddhānta- paddhati; Concept of āsana, prāṇāyāma, bandha-s and mudrā- s in the texts of Haṭhayoga
- Jñānayoga – Jñānayoga mentioned in the Upaniṣad-s, Basic tenets of 11 principal Upaniṣad-s and subject matter of 20 Yoga Upaniṣad-s
- Bhaktiyoga – Concept of Bhakti according to Nārada-bhakti-sūtra-s, Bhagavadgītā, Navavidhā- bhākti, basic knowledge of bhakti tradition in India and the literature in the Indian languages
- Karmayoga – Concept of niṣkāma-karmayoga according to Bhagavadgītā
- Anatomy and Physiology of the following systems: Skeletal, Muscular, Respiratory, Circulatory, Digestive, Excretory, Nervous, Endocrine, Reproductive; Physiology of Asana, Pranayama, Kriyā, Mudrā-Bandha
- Health and wellness - Concept of modern diet, Concept of Yogic diet; Concept of diseases according to Yoga vasiṣṭha (Ādhija-vyādhi, Anādhija-vyādhi), Yoga for Lifestyle disorders & Yoga for Mental disorders
- Yoga Therapy - Principles of Yoga Therapy – meaning, aims, benefits and limitations; Yoga therapy for respiratory disorders, endocrinal and metabolic disorders, Musculo-skeletal disorders, Gastro- intestinal disorders, Cardio- vascular disorders, neurological disorders, Psychiatric disorders.
- Psychology: concept of cognition and perception, theories of cognition and non-cognition, personality traits and classification, familiarity with Indian Psychology; Personality; Personality integration through Psychology and Yoga; Indian approach to personality through trigūṇa, pañcakośa and cittabhūmi; Mental Health, Stress management, Anger Management, Principles of Psychology, Psychosis-Neurosis
- Meditative techniques: Zen, Vipassana, Samath, Prekṣā dhyāna, Om meditation; Relaxative techniques for well-being: Yoganidrā, DRT
- Modern Thinkers – Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Acharya Rajanish, Ramana Maharshi, Swami Kuvalayananda, T. Krishnamachari, BKS Iyengar, Swami Sivananda, Satyananada Saraswati

- Yoga Practical – Knowledge of Yoga practices such as Āsana-s, Prāṇāyāma, Mudrā-s, Bandha-s, Śatkarma-s and their benefits.

### 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. Transfer Certificate and /or Leaving Certificate
8. Migration certificate
9. Two colour passport size Photograph
10. If appearing the PG degree examination – bonafide certificate
11. If employed, then No Objection from the employer – at the time of provisional admission

Important Links UGC Notification 2022 ([Link](#))

### Overview of Steps involved in Ph.D. Programme

Sr.No	Steps
Ph.D. Pre-selection Phase	
1.	Advertisement / Call for SVU Ph.D. entrance exam on website /media handles
2.	Acceptance of the applications for Ph.D. entrance examination along with the applications processing fee
3.	Execution of Ph.D. entrance examination for all Ph.D. programmes
4.	One- on -one Interviews of candidates before an expert panel
5.	Display of selected candidates for provisional admission - Selection process complete
Provisional Admission Phase	
6.	Provisional admission and payment of fees in accounts/admin office of the colleges.
7.	Orientation and initiation of course work (1 year – 2 sem)
8.	First semester encompasses research methodology & publication ethics along with subject specific topic. Second semester majorly focus on building research , technical & soft skills. It includes research activities, lab rotation and research proposal drafting & presentation and its evaluation.
9.	ATKT examination for the semester I and II for unsuccessful candidates or for grade improvement

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10.	Issue of mark sheets for course work of semester I and II
Allotments & Registrations	
11.	Allotment of the guide at individual college-level /department (within the first six months of provisional admission)
12.	Topic approval of the thesis work within 2-3 months after Qualifying course work examination
13.	Registration for Ph. D programme
PhD Phase	
14.	Appointment of Examiners and chairman from Research Committee
15.	Annual Progress Seminars (APS) and Intermediate Progress Seminar (IPS) for the academic year by Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC)
Submission & defence	
16.	Approval of examiners to present pre-synopsis in one of the APS and IPS
17.	Presentation of pre-synopsis and its approval by the examiners
18.	Submission of thesis to COE office
19.	Sending the thesis to reviewers
20.	Receipt of reviews about thesis from the reviewers
21.	The final defence of the thesis
22.	Submission of the final corrected thesis after defence
23.	Issue of provisional Ph.D. certificate
24.	Issue of Ph.D. certificate
	The steps and the progress evaluation of Ph.D. students by the committee/examiners/experts will be as per the provisions of Ph.D. regulations



**Categories of Ph.D. Students**

- Candidates with externally funded scholarships/Fellowships; (a full tuition fee waiver will be provided to candidates who join as JRF/SRF under government of INDIA research funded scheme )
- Candidates who work in funded projects within the University or in approved research centres which are collaborating with the University;
- Jointly guided PhD or Co-supervised PhD with International Universities;
- Teaching/work integrated research candidates who are the faculty/employees in pursuit of advancing their academic qualification, recommended by the Head of the Institution and the Academic Advisory Committee. This provision is for those candidates who shall take an undertaking that their routine responsibilities would be duly attended and under no circumstances compromised. The university shall reserve the rights to consider the registration of candidates who do not adhere to these guidelines;
- Research and Teaching Associates of the Somaiya Vidyavihar University.
- “Somaiya Vidyavihar University Research fellow under Chancellor’s Scholarships Programme”.
- “Any candidates having 5 year of teaching/research experience and have publish research paper in SCOPUS; Web of science journal/published patents/grant received from government agencies will be excepted from appearing for the SVU PhD entrance exam but will be required to appear for an interview at the respective departments”
- Candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis provided all the conditions stipulated in UGC 2022 regulations are fulfilled.

**About Course Work**

The course work will be of one academic year (two semesters) and out of which first semester will be full time. It is expected that during the first semester, the student will report the college/department/section/laboratory for attending the sessions as per Timetable. The student will have to complete total of 14 credits (semester I) + 5 credits (semester II) = total 19 credits with CGPI as per the Ph.D. regulations to become eligible for the registration to Ph.D. programme.

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### Fee Structure and payment for regular/confirm admission – as per schedule specified in notification from time to time

Particulars	@Total Fees per annum (₹)	
	First Year	Second Year Onwards
Tuition Fee	30000	30000
Development Fee	10000	10000
Examination Fee	10000	10000
Caution money Deposit (Refundable)	1000	-----
Library Deposit ( Refundable)	2000	-----
Total (₹)	53,000/-	50000/-
@ If paid provisional admission fee then should be debited from total fee		
Link for fees payment (Fees will be accepted via online payment gateway only and in no case, it can be paid using any other type of mode of payment and to any office/person)		<a href="https://myaccount.somaiya.edu/#/login">https://myaccount.somaiya.edu/#/login</a>

### 7. Registration, Synopsis & Ph.D. Thesis Submission Fees

Particulars	Amount
Registration fees	5000/-
Approval of Synopsis of Ph.D. Thesis Topic	5000/-
Ph.D. Thesis Submission	10000/-
Total	20,000/-

**Note:**

1. Registration fees to be paid by the Ph.D. scholars before submitting the application for Registration for Ph.D.
2. Synopsis & Ph.D. Thesis Submission fees to be paid by the Ph.D. scholars before submission of synopsis.

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### Payment of fees schedule for Provisional admission and subsequent years of Ph.D. programme

Program Academic Year	Particulars	Amount in Rupees (₹)	Payment Schedule
First Year	Total fee	53,000/-	Within eight days from the date of receiving the offer letter
Second Year and Onwards	Total fee	50,000/-	Within first week from the commencement of the new Academic Year
Link for fees payment (Fees will be accepted via online payment only and in no case it can be paid using any other mode of payment and to any office/person)		<a href="https://myaccount.somaiya.edu/#/login">https://myaccount.somaiya.edu/#/login</a>	
Note: Students have to pay the full fees of the program per year till the submission of the thesis			

### Guidelines to do fee payment in Online Mode

There is a provision of ONLINE PAYMENT of college fees for student's convenience 24x7 on or before scheduled due date. Student will get notification from institute in three ways.

- 1) SMS
- 2) Email
- 3) Notification on [myaccount.somaiya.edu](https://myaccount.somaiya.edu) portal

In the notification there will be a link to make the payment. You just need to click on the link and follow below simple steps to make the payment.

STEP 1: Link will take you to [myaccount.somaiya.edu](https://myaccount.somaiya.edu) portal. Use Somaiya SVV Net ID and password to login. Want to know more about [myaccount.somaiya.edu](https://myaccount.somaiya.edu) click on [https://somaiya.edu/media/pdf/SVVNetID\\_and\\_Email%20id.pdf](https://somaiya.edu/media/pdf/SVVNetID_and_Email%20id.pdf)

STEP 2: Login, select 'instalments' and click on "Pay Now".

STEP 3: System will redirect to Online Payment Gateway. Fill in the required information and follow payment options to complete the payment cycle.

STEP 4: After the successful payment, the payment receipt will be available at student's MyAccount portal

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### Admission Cancellation policy of Ph.D. programme (All Categories of Ph.D. Students)

If the candidate has accepted the allotted seat by paying the fees and later chooses/decides to withdraw from the programme of study, then cancellation option is available at his/her MyAccount login.

The college shall follow the below system for deduction of fees against the cancellation request for the candidate.

Sr. No.	Point of time when the application for admission cancellation is received by the college	Applicable Deduction
1	15 days or more before the date of commencement of academic term	Rs 5,000/-
2	Less than 15 days before the date of commencement of the academic term	10% of total fees
3	Less than 15 days from the date of commencement of the academic term	20% of total fees
4	On or beyond the 15th day but within six weeks from the date of commencement of the academic term	50% of total fees
5	More than six weeks from the date of commencement of the academic term	100% of total fees

Note:

- Total Fees for the program per year is Rs. 50,000/- for All Categories of Ph.D. Students
- Tentative date of commencement of every academic term will be announced on website.

### Typical Sample example for further illustration to know about cancellation charges with reference to the date of commencement of term

Refer the **below example** for clarification of Ph.D. admission cancellation policy

Assume that the academic term commences from **15th July** of a particular academic year. Based on this assumption, following table illustrates important dates of cancellation policy:

Illustration:

Sr. No.	Point of time when an application for admission cancellation is received by college	Applicable Deduction
1	Cancellation on or before 30th June (up to 11.59pm)	Rs 5,000/-
2	Any time from 1st July to 14th July (up to 11.59pm)	10% of total fees
3	Any time from 15th July to 28th July (up to 11.59pm)	20% of total fees
4	Any time from 29th July to 25th August (up to 11.59pm)	50% of total fees
5	After 25th August	100% of total fees

**Process of getting documents submitted return**

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

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