

Uttarakhand Open University

Combined Research Entrance Test (UCRET)-2013

The Uttarakhand Open University is offering Ph. D. programme in the following disciplines: History, Political Science, Sociology, English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Commerce, Management, Education, Journalism & Mass Communication, Tourism, Computer Science, Agriculture, Forestry and Yoga.

The Ph. D. programme of the university is designed to accomplish local and regional aspirations, fulfill national obligations and honour the international commitments through high quality research in various disciplines.

General Instructions for Ph. D. Programme

Conditions for Eligibility:

Candidates willing to join the programme should fulfill the following conditions:

- Candidates who have secured at least 55% marks in the relevant subjects (without rounding off) in Master's Degree OR equivalent examination and 50% marks (without rounding off) in Bachelor's Degree from the universities/institutions recognized by UGC/AICTE/NCTE are eligible to apply for this programme.
A relaxation of 5 % marks (without rounding off) will be given to the candidates belonging to SC/ST categories of Uttarakhand.

Points to be noted:

- The university announces the availability of the seats for the Ph. D. programme in the beginning of the year.
- The entrance test (UCRET) is conducted accordingly in the beginning of the year.
- Candidates willing to take admission in Ph. D. program will have to qualify the entrance test. The candidates who will clear the UCRET written test will appear before the interview board for final selection.
- The written test will comprise of 100 MCQ to assess the general aptitude, research methodology and subject specific knowledge of the candidates.
- Written part of the UCRET will consist of two parts viz. Part I (general aptitude on research) & Part II (subject specific).
- UCRET question paper will be bilingual (Hindi and English) in specific subjects.
- There will be NO Negative Marking in the written test.
- The duration of the written test will be of Two Hours.
- The candidates will be assessed in the interview through a write up to be submitted by them on their proposed research problem, presentation of research proposal and understanding of research skills.
- The qualifying percentage in written test as well as in the interview for general candidate will be 50% and for reserved candidate it will be 45%. However the final selection will be based on the merit in each subject as per the available seats. In case of tie between successful candidates in any subject in the final merit, it will be resolved by comparing the P.G. marks. If the tie is not resolved then further the marks obtained by the candidates in U.G. will be compared to determine the final merit.
- Candidates on jobs must ensure that they will get study leave from their employer to complete the six months course work. The university does not offer Ph. D. programme in distance mode and it is compulsory to complete course work as per UGC Regulation-2009.
- Details regarding availability of the seats and specialization in a particular subject and venue of the UCRET-2013 will be announced in the university website and regional newspapers.
- Reservation will be followed as per the policy of the Govt. of Uttarakhand.
- Syllabi of UCRET-13 will be according to UGC-NET/SLET/CSIR/ICAR.