



PROPOSAL

FOR CONDUCTING PRE-Ph.D. COURSEWORK, SESSION 2025–26

IN HYBRID MODE FOR SIX FACULTIES

1. Preamble

As mandated under the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, and the Ph.D. Ordinance of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University, Aligarh, every candidate registered for the Ph.D. Programme is required to successfully complete a Pre-Ph.D. Coursework before commencing research work. This Proposal is submitted for the conduct of the Pre-Ph.D. Coursework for the Session 2025–26 in Hybrid Mode (a combination of online and offline/on-campus modes of instruction) across the six faculties of the University, namely Science, Commerce, Law, Education, Humanities, and Languages.

2. Objectives of the Coursework

- To equip newly admitted Ph.D. scholars with the conceptual, methodological, and ethical foundations necessary for undertaking quality doctoral research.
- To sensitize scholars to issues of research and publication ethics, plagiarism, and academic integrity, in line with UGC guidelines.
- To strengthen scholars' competence in research methodology applicable across disciplines.
- To develop discipline-specific advanced knowledge relevant to the scholar's chosen area of research.
- To build proficiency in the use of computers and applications relevant to research, data analysis, and academic writing.
- To ensure equitable access to quality instruction for scholars through a Hybrid Mode of delivery, accommodating both on-campus and remote/working scholars.

3. Coverage: Faculties

The Pre-Ph.D. Coursework shall be conducted for Ph.D. scholars admitted across the following six faculties of the University:

1. Faculty of Science
2. Faculty of Commerce
3. Faculty of Law
4. Faculty of Education
5. Faculty of Humanities
6. Faculty of Languages

4. Structure of the Coursework

The Coursework shall comprise four papers of a total of 12 credits, structured as follows. Papers I, II and IV shall be Faculty-wise common, whereas Paper III shall be subject-specific, designed and taught by the concerned Department/Departmental Research Advisory Committee (DRAC).



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Paper	Title of the Paper	Credits	Nature
Paper I	Research and Publication Ethics	02	Common (Faculty-wise)
Paper II	Research Methodology Course	04	Common (Faculty-wise)
Paper III	Subject Specific Course (Department-Wise)	04	Discipline-specific (per Department/DRC)
Paper IV	Computer Applications Course	02	Common (Faculty-wise)
	Total Credits	12	

5. Faculty-wise Conduct of Coursework

Papers I, II and IV shall be organized centrally, on a faculty-wise basis, so as to enable scholars from allied disciplines within a faculty to attend common sessions. Paper III shall be organized department-wise. The arrangement is summarized below:

Faculty	Common Papers (I, II & IV)	Subject-Specific Paper (III)	Mode
Science	Conducted centrally / faculty-wise, common to all Departments within the faculty	Conducted department-wise, as per syllabus approved by the concerned DRC/BOS	Hybrid (Online + Offline)
Commerce	Conducted centrally / faculty-wise, common to all Departments within the faculty	Conducted department-wise, as per syllabus approved by the concerned DRC/BOS	Hybrid (Online + Offline)
Law	Conducted centrally / faculty-wise, common to all Departments within the faculty	Conducted department-wise, as per syllabus approved by the concerned DRC/BOS	Hybrid (Online + Offline)
Education	Conducted centrally / faculty-wise, common to all Departments within the faculty	Conducted department-wise, as per syllabus approved by the concerned DRC/BOS	Hybrid (Online + Offline)
Humanities	Conducted centrally / faculty-wise, common to all Departments within the faculty	Conducted department-wise, as per syllabus approved by the concerned DRC/BOS	Hybrid (Online + Offline)



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Faculty	Common Papers (I, II & IV)	Subject-Specific Paper (III)	Mode
Languages	Conducted centrally / faculty-wise, common to all Departments within the faculty	Conducted department-wise, as per syllabus approved by the concerned DRC/BOS	Hybrid (Online + Offline)

6. Mode of Delivery: Hybrid Mode

The Coursework shall be conducted in Hybrid Mode, comprising a combination of:

- On-campus/offline classroom instruction at the respective Department/Faculty premises; and
- Online instruction through the University's Learning Management System (LMS)/video-conferencing platforms (e.g., Google Meet, MS Teams, or the University's designated e-learning portal),

so as to ensure accessibility for both resident and employed/part-time scholars, in accordance with the flexibility permitted under the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022. A minimum of 75% attendance, computed on the combined basis of online and offline sessions, shall be mandatory for eligibility to appear in the end-semester examination of the Coursework.

7. Duration and Schedule

- Duration of Coursework: One Semester (minimum 16 weeks / as per the Academic Calendar of the University for Session 2025–26).
- Commencement: 15.09.2026 Orientation Program followed by classes from 16.09.2026.
- Class Schedule: To be circulated by the respective Faculty/Departmental Course Coordinators, ensuring no overlap between common papers (I, II, IV) across faculties.

8. Evaluation Scheme

- Each paper shall carry a combination of Internal Assessment and End-Semester Examination, in the ratio to be prescribed by the Board of Studies/Academic Council of the University.
- A scholar shall be required to secure a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade) in aggregate, and separately in each paper, to be declared successful in the Coursework, in accordance with UGC 2022 Regulations.
- A scholar who fails to secure the minimum qualifying marks shall be permitted to reappear, as per the University's Ph.D. Ordinance, before commencing the research phase.
- Paper I (Research and Publication Ethics) shall be evaluated as a mandatory qualifying paper, in line with UGC requirements.

9. Remuneration of Course Coordinators, Teachers, Supporting Staff and Others

Remuneration for the conduct of the Pre-Ph.D. Coursework shall be paid as per the prevailing/latest rules of the State Universities of Uttar Pradesh and applicable UGC norms, subject to final approval by the Finance Committee/Executive Council of the University. The indicative rates are as follows:



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Category	Rate of Remuneration	Unit / Basis
University Course Coordinator (Pre-Ph.D. Coursework, Session 2025–26)	Rs. 25,000/- (lump sum) per session	Per session
Faculty-level Course Coordinator (one per faculty – Science, Commerce, Law, Education, Humanities, Languages)	Rs. 15,000/- (lump sum) per session	Per faculty, per session
Teachers / Resource Persons (Paper I, II, III & IV – in-house faculty)	As per regular teaching duty; no additional remuneration where taught as part of normal workload	—
Guest/Visiting Faculty engaged for coursework lectures	Rs. 1,000/- per lecture, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 25,000/- per month (as per UGC/State Government norms for guest faculty)	Per lecture
Paper-setting (each paper, per faculty/discipline)	Rs. 1,000/- per paper	Per paper
Moderation of Question Papers	Rs. 500/- per paper	Per paper
Evaluation of Answer Scripts	Rs. 30/- per script	Per script
Invigilation Duty (end-semester examination)	Rs. 400/- per shift/paper	Per invigilator, per shift
Superintendent / Centre-in-charge (examination)	Rs. 800/- per day	Per day
Supporting/Non-teaching Staff (data entry, attendance, logistics)	Rs. 300/- – Rs. 500/- per day, as applicable	Per day, per staff
Technical/IT Support Personnel (LMS, video-conferencing, online proctoring for hybrid mode)	Rs. 500/- per day, or lump sum as approved by the Finance Committee	Per day / lump sum

Note: The above rates are indicative and in line with prevailing UGC/State Government norms for guest and part-time engagement (e.g., Rs. 1,000/- per lecture, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 25,000/- per month, for guest faculty possessing the minimum qualifications prescribed for Assistant Professor). Final rates shall be as approved/revised by the Finance Committee of the University from time to time, and shall be paid from the Coursework/Ph.D. admission fee head or such other head as may be specified by the University.



10. Infrastructure and Support Required

- Smart classrooms/seminar halls equipped for hybrid delivery (projector, camera, microphone, internet connectivity) in each faculty.
- Access to the University's LMS/video-conferencing licenses for online components.
- Access to e-resources/library databases (INFLIBNET/N-LIST, Shodhganga, plagiarism-detection software) for scholars and evaluators.
- Administrative and technical support staff for coordination, attendance monitoring, and conduct of online sessions and examinations.

11. Financial Implications

The financial implications shall comprise remuneration to Course Coordinators, teachers/resource persons, paper-setters, moderators, evaluators, invigilators, supporting staff, and technical/IT support personnel, as detailed in Section 9 above, in addition to incidental expenditure on stationery, LMS/software licensing, and hybrid-mode infrastructure. The total estimated expenditure shall be worked out separately, faculty-wise, based on the number of scholars admitted and the number of resource persons engaged, and placed before the Finance Committee for approval.

12. Recommendation

In view of the above, it is proposed that the Pre-Ph.D. Coursework for the Session 2025–26 be conducted in Hybrid Mode across the six faculties of the University — Science, Commerce, Law, Education, Humanities and Languages — comprising the four papers detailed herein, and that the remuneration structure outlined in Section 9 be approved for implementation, subject to such modifications as the Finance Committee/Academic Council/Executive Council may deem fit.

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