



Comprehensive Exam Policy

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1.1.1. Coursework and Residency Requirement

The following requirements shall be fulfilled before the award of a PhD Degree:

- a) The students shall complete the coursework of at least:
 - i. 18 credit hours if they are from the same discipline.
 - ii. The courses shall be offered through regular classes as per requirements of the program
 - iii. The courses shall preferably be of 800 level.
 - iv. PhD degree should be based on research, not only on credit hours.

1.1.2. Comprehensive Examination

- i. Following the completion of coursework, every PhD student shall be required to pass the comprehensive examination to be granted candidacy as a PhD researcher, with the provision that the student failing to pass the comprehensive exam, shall be allowed to retake the exam once.
- ii. The required coursework, comprehensive exam, and defense of synopsis/research proposals should be completed within the 1st six semesters of the registration into a PhD program. The responsibility in this regard rests collectively with the PhD student and the university. In case of noncompliance, the registration shall be cancelled and transcripts for completion of coursework may be issued to the student.
- iii. In an event of force majeure i.e., noncompliance on account of circumstances beyond the control of student, the university may consider the matter in accordance with the procedure prescribed at 4.2.12. (iv).
- iv. The following are the guidelines for conducting Comprehensive Examination:
 - a. The exam should be based on recapitulation of the conceptual knowledge of the discipline to which the student is admitted.
 - b. The exam shall cover the courses studied, preferably at the graduate level, conducted on one composite question paper.
 - c. The evaluation shall be on an aggregate basis, expressed in terms of pass/fail and shall not be graded. OR The evaluation shall be on the basis of BMU Uniform Semester System Policy/Assessment Policy/Evaluation Policy