

Duration of Research Programme  
*As per Regulations 2020 of Bharathiar University*

### Full-time

A candidate registered as a full-time scholar for Ph.D., programme shall work continuously in the department under the research supervisor for a minimum period of three years from the date of registration to submit the thesis.

### Part-time

A candidate registered for Ph.D., programme under part-time category shall work for a minimum period of four years from the date of registration to submit the thesis.

### Exemption

1. Exemption of one year from the minimum duration period shall be permissible in respect of candidates who possess an M.Phil., or M. Litt., (in the relevant/related subject) at the time of registration. The candidates, who have appeared for Part I and Part II examinations of the M.Phil., programme and awaiting results at the time of interview for selection of candidates for the Ph.D., programme, shall be eligible for this exemption, provided the results are published within six months of their admission to the Ph.D., programme. This exemption may be availed by the candidates who have already been admitted to programme.
2. However, the candidates, who are exempted for Part I examinations, should mandatorily complete the specified period (like PG Degree holders) for their submission of thesis.
3. Candidates holding dual Master's Degree and one M. Phil., Degree, but in different disciplines shall not be exempted from appearing Research Methodology (Paper I of Part I) examination and shall be required to complete the duration specified.
4. The women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D., in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave / Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D., for up to 240 days.