

**List – Information regarding PhD Studies/Courses/Duration etc
(from date of admission to date of completion PhD)**

S/No	Requirements/Information
1.	<u>PhD Duration:</u> Minimum 3 years & maximum 8 years.
2.	<u>Coursework:</u> 18 credit hours coursework with CGPA 3.50 out of 4, minimum 2 courses per semester.
3.	<u>Formation of GEC:</u> Guidance and Examination Committee (GEC) is to be formed as early as possible but not later than one month of the student's joining.
4.	<u>Qualifying Examination:</u> Student must pass Part A & Part B of qualifying examination, after completing coursework, Qualifying exam (Part A&B) to be completed within 4 months after coursework.
5.	<u>Approval of Thesis Synopsis.</u> After passing PhD Qualifying Examination Part A, the student must prepare a written synopsis of intended topic of research and present the same alongwith research plan at the beginning of Part B (the Oral Examination) of the Qualifying Exam for approval.
6.	<u>Research Work:</u> After passing the Qualifying Examination, the scholar shall complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of creative and original research, based on highly individualized, investigative and creative study minimum research period required after part B is one year.
7.	<u>Monitoring of PhD:</u> The PhD student research work is monitored by PGP Dte in every six monthly Progress Review Seminar. Each student presents his/her progress in front of his/her supervisor/HoD and Principal. Their performance is evaluated and observations are conveyed to their respective institute.
8.	<u>Approval of Thesis by GEC.</u> The student after completing research shall document research details and submit written copy to the supervisor & GEC. On approval by GEC and conduct of Plagiarism Test, request for selection of foreign and local external evaluators will be sent to PGP Dte, Main Office NUST.
9.	<u>Publications.</u> A student must have a minimum of two research publications, related to PhD research work, as 1 st author fulfilling undermentioned requirements: - a. Engineering / Sciences / Computer Sciences and related disciplines: Minimum two research papers published in Journals with WoS-JCR Impact Factor. Out of these publications at least one research paper should be in HEC "X" category journal OR Minimum one research paper published in Journals with WoS-JCR Impact Factor and one paper presented/published in Core A/A* ranked international conference. Out of these publications at least one research paper should be in HEC "X" category journal. b. Social Sciences / Management Sciences: Minimum two papers published in journals of repute. Out of these publications at least one research paper should be in HEC "X" category or higher journal. OR Minimum one paper published in journals of repute and one paper presented/published in international conference. Out of these publications at least one research paper should be in HEC "X" category or higher journal.
10.	Rights of research material including paper publications / presentation lies with NUST. Student's supervisor will guide regarding publication /presentation in journal / conference. Student will not object on the authorship / position of authors after paper publication(s).
11.	<u>Selection of Foreign/Local Evaluators:</u> For selection of external experts, institution concerned will forward a list of at least four foreign and four local external experts to Postgraduate Programs (PGP) Directorate, from which the PhD Processing Committee will select at least two foreign, and two local external expert to whom the thesis will be sent for evaluation. Selection of evaluators will be subject to fulfilment of all necessary PhD requirements and selection of evaluators has to be done atleast 6 month prior to time bar date.
12.	<u>Thesis Defence.</u> After the thesis is accepted by at least 2 x foreign and 2 x local external evaluators, for a PhD degree, the student shall successfully defend his/her thesis before the Thesis Defence Committee. Prior approval from Postgraduate Programs (PGP) Directorate and Examination Branch (Registrar Directorate) is mandatory. Defence will open to public and physical presence of complete GEC and both local Evaluators is Mandatory.

Signature of the candidate _____

Name: _____

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