ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO PH.D. PROGRAMS

1. **Minimum Educational Qualifications**

   i. Engineering: Candidates with a minimum of 55% marks in relevant master's degree in engineering / technology or equivalent Degree from a University recognized by UGC.

   ii. Sciences / Management / Humanities / Education /Agricultural Sciences: Candidates with master's degree or equivalent Degree in the relevant Area with a minimum of 55% marks from a university recognized by UGC.

Table1: Eligibility Criteria

S. No	Ph.D. Program offered in fields of	Eligibility criteria for admission
1	Civil Engineering	M.E / M.Tech degree in the relevant Engineering discipline or equivalent with Minimum of 55%.
2	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	
3	Mechanical Engineering	
4	Electronics & Communication Engineering	
5	Computer Science & Engineering	M.E / M.Tech degree in Computer Science & Engineering or Allied disciplines of Computer Science & Engineering or equivalent with Minimum of 55%.
6	Mathematics	PG Programme / M.Phil in the relevant discipline or equivalent with Minimum of 55%.
7	Physics	
8	Chemistry	
9	English	
10	Computer Science/Computer Applications	M.E / M.Tech (CSE/CS) / MCA / M.Sc. (Computers) or equivalent with Minimum of 55%.
11	Agricultural Science	PG Programme in the relevant discipline or equivalent with Minimum of 55%.
12	Management	MBA / PG Programme in management studies or equivalent with Minimum of 55%.
13	Education	PG Programme/M.Phil in Education or equivalent with Minimum of 55%.

2. **Duration of the Program:**

   a. Full-time: A full-time Ph.D. student admitted with PG qualification is required to spend the minimum prescribed period of three years and a maximum of six years in the University.

   b. Part-time: A part-time Ph.D. student admitted with PG qualification is permitted to submit the thesis after a minimum prescribed of Four years and maximum of eight years.

   c. In case the admitted candidate possesses the M.Phil. Degree, a minimum period of two years duration and maximum of four years for the full-time Programme and minimum three years and a maximum of six years for part-time Programme is applicable.

   For all other terms and conditions UGC norms will be followed.

3. **Procedure for Admission**

   a. Admission into the Ph.D. program will be conducted through an advertisement process. The intake capacity for each program will be determined by the competent authority.

   b. The admission process starts with conducting offline research admission test called Annamacharya University Research Admission Test (AURAT).

   c. For the successful candidates in (AURAT) an interview will be conducted for the final selection for admission to the Ph.D. Programme.

   d. Candidates who qualify for UGC (NET)/CSIR (JRF) examination/SLET/GATE or hold a teacher fellowship or have completed an M.Phil / The Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test (APRCET) are exempted from Annamacharya University entrance test. However, such candidates have to face the interview at the Annamacharya University for final admission.

4. **Allocation of Research Supervisor:**

   1. Research Supervisor is allocated by the University.

5. **Course Work:**

   i. The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including the credits allocated for 1 "Research Methodology" course and 2 "Research and Publication Ethics" course offered by the Annamacharya University, Rajampet or may also opt to take online certification courses through NPTEL / SWAYAM.

   ii. Subjects 3 & 4: Two courses (4 credits each) relevant to the research area. These courses, offered by the concerned school / Department or through the concerned PG program of the University, or through online certification via NPTEL/SWAYAM (PG Course) and shall be approved by the supervisor/ doctoral research committee.

   iii. The coursework must be completed within two years from the date of admission for both full-time and part-time scholars. Additionally, scholars are required to maintain a minimum attendance of 75% in each subject (not required for those who attend online certifications). Failure to meet this attendance requirement will necessitate repeating the coursework.