Ph.D Guidelines and Regulations 2026-27

ANNAMACHARYA UNIVERSITY

(Estd. under A.P Private Universities (Establishment and Regulations) Act, 2016)

1. Introduction

Annamacharya University, Rajampet is a private university established in 2024 under the brown field category. It is governed by the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulations) ActNo.3 of 2016 and G.O. Ms.No.13, Higher Education Department, dated 13.03.2024, as approved by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Our primary focus is to cater to the evolving needs of both industry and society. Annamacharya University is sponsored by the Annamacharya Educational Trust (AET), Rajampet.

The University offers doctoral programmes in various disciplines, available both full- time and part-time in accordance with University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations. Every School/Department is equipped with laboratories and specialized centers for conducting research.

2. Definitions. –

(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, –

a) "Act" means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956);

b) "State Act" means the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulations) Act, 2016, and the amendments made thereto from time to time;

c) "Adjunct Faculty" means a part-time or contingent instructor, but not full-time faculty member hired to teach by a Higher Educational Institution;

d) "Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)" means a measure of the overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all semesters. It is expressed up to two decimal places;

e) "Credit" means the number of hours of instruction required per week over the duration of a semester. A three-credit course in a semester means three one-hour lectures per week, with each one-hour lecture counted as one credit;

f) "College" means an institution engaged in higher education and/or research, either established by a University as its constituent unit or is affiliated with it;

g) "Commission" means the University Grants Commission established under Section

4 of the UGC Act, 1956;

h) "Course" means one of the specified units which go to comprise a programme of study;

i) "Course Work" means courses of study prescribed by the School/Department/Centre to be undertaken by a student registered for the Ph.D. Degree;

j) "Degree" means a degree awarded by a Higher Educational Institution in accordance with the provisions of section 22(3) of the Act;

k) "External examiner" means an academician/researcher with published research work who is not part of the Higher Educational Institution where the Ph.D. scholar has registered for the Ph.D. Programme;

l) "Foreign Educational Institution" means– (i) an institution duly established or incorporated in its home country and offering educational programmes at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and higher levels in its home country and (ii) which offers programme(s) of study leading to the award of a degree through the conventional face-to-face mode, but excluding distance, online, or ODL (Open and Distance Learning) mode;

m) "Grade Point" means a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale;

n) "Guide/Research Supervisor" means an academician/researcher recognized by Higher Educational Institutions to supervise the Ph.D. scholar for his/her research;

o) "Higher Educational Institution" means a university or institution specified under clause 2 of Regulation 1 of these Regulations;

p) "Interdisciplinary Research" means research conducted by a Ph.D. scholar in two or more academic disciplines;

q) "Open and Distance Learning Mode" shall have the same meaning as defined under the UGC(Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020;

r) "Online Mode" shall have the same meaning as defined under the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020;

s) "Plagiarism" means the practice of taking someone else's work or idea and passing them as one's own;

t) "Programme" means a higher education programme pursued for a degree specified

by the Commission under sub-section (3) of section 22 of the Act;

u) "Prospectus" means any document, whether in print or otherwise, issued for providing fair and transparent information relating to a Higher Educational Institution and programmes, to the general public (including to those seeking admission in such Higher Educational Institutions) by the Higher Educational Institutions;

v) "Research Proposal" means a brief write-up giving an outline of the proposed research work which the Ph.D. scholar shall submit along with the application for registration for the Ph.D. Programme;

w) "University" means a Higher Educational Institution established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act, or a State Act, and shall include any institution for higher education deemed to be a University under Section 3 of the Act.

(2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these Regulations but defined in Act and not consistent with these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Act.

3. Statutory Framework and Applicability

These Regulations shall be read and implemented in conjunction with the following statutory provisions and shall be governed by the same:

a) The University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Act No. 3 of 1956);
b) The University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, including all amendments issued from time to time;
c) The Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulations) Act, 2016 (Act No. 3 of 2016), under which Annamacharya University has been established;
d) G.O. Ms. No. 13, Higher Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, dated 13.03.2024, establishing Annamacharya University as a Private University under the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulations) Act, 2016;

e) The First Statutes of Annamacharya University, 2024, as approved by the competent authority;

f) The Ordinances, Regulations, Notifications, Orders and Guidelines issued by Annamacharya University from time to time, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the UGC Regulations and the applicable laws.

Provided that, in the event of any inconsistency between these Regulations and any other University rules, the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the applicable provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulations) Act, 2016 shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

4. Ph.D. Programmes Offered

The University is offering Ph.D. programmes in 14 Departments, as on the date of these Regulations.

a). Ph.D. in Engineering (Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, and Computer Science and Engineering);

b). Ph.D. in Management, English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Education, Computer Science/Applications, Pharmaceutical sciences and Agriculture science

5. Eligibility Criteria:

a). Minimum Educational Qualifications

i. For admission to the Ph.D. programme in Engineering, candidates shall possess a Master's degree in Engineering/Technology with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate from a university recognized by the UGC or an Institute of National Importance.

ii. For admission to the Ph.D. programme in Sciences, Management, Humanities, Education, and Agricultural Sciences, candidates shall possess a Master's degree in the relevant discipline with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate from a university recognized by the UGC or an Institute of National Importance.

Table1: Eligibility Criteria

SNo.	Name of the School/College	Name of the Department	Ph.D. Programme offered	Eligibility criteria for admission
1.	School of Engineering	Civil Engineering	Ph.D. in Civil Engineering	M.E/M.Tech/M.S(by research) in the relevant discipline with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
		Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Ph.D. in Electrical & Electronics Engineering	
		Mechanical Engineering	Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering	
		Electronics & Communication Engineering	Ph.D. in Electronics & Communication Engineering	
		Computer Science & Engineering	Ph.D. in Computer Science & Engineering	M.E/M.Tech/M.S(by research) in Computer Science & Engineering or Allied disciplines of Computer Science & Engineering with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
2	School of Sciences	Mathematics	Ph.D. in Mathematics	M.Sc(Mathematics)/M.Sc (Applied Mathematics) with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks M.Sc(Physics) with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks M.Sc(Chemistry) with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
		Physics	Ph.D. in Physics	
		Chemistry	Ph.D. in Chemistry	

		English	Ph.D.in English	M.A. (Engilsh) with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
		Computer Science /Computer Applications	Ph.D. in Computer Science/Computer Applications	M.C.A./M.Sc. (Computer Science)/M.Sc. (Information Technology) with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
3	College of Agriculture	Agriculture science	Ph.D. in Agricultural Science	M.Sc(Ag) with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
4	School of Management	Management	Ph.D. in Management	M.B.A. with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
5	College of Education	Education	Ph.D. in Education	M.Ed with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks
6	College of Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences	M. Pharm./ Pharm.D. with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks

b). Salient Points

i. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate, or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed, or an equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency approved, recognized, or authorized by an authority established or incorporated under a law in its home country, or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit, or assure the quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

ii. Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme after completing a four-year/eight-semester Bachelor's degree programme shall be eligible

if they have obtained a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

iii. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

6. Duration of the Program:

a. Full-time: A full-time Ph.D. scholar shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. Programme.

b. Part-time: A part-time Ph.D. scholar shall be for a minimum duration of four (4) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of eight (8) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. Programme.

c. The candidates who are seeking admission in part time shall submit NOC from the organization where the candidate is employed and a supporting letter that they provide necessary facilities for the Ph.D. scholars.

d. Provided further that female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of the Ph.D. Programme in such cases shall not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. Programme.

e. In addition, female full-time Ph.D. scholars shall be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once during the entire duration of the Ph.D. Programme for up to 240 days.

7. Procedure for Admission

Annamacharya University shall notify, through its official website, the list of recognized Research Supervisors, Ph.D. programmes offered department-wise, the admission procedure, and other relevant information for prospective candidates.

a. Annamacharya University shall admit students through an Entrance Test, namely the Annamacharya University Research Admission Test (AURAT), followed by an interview. The AURAT syllabus shall consist of 50% Research Methodology and 50% subject-specific knowledge.

b. Candidates who qualify UGC-NET, UGC-CSIR NET, GATE, CEED, APRCET, SET, or other similar national-level examinations may be exempted from the Entrance Test but shall attend the interview.

c. Students who have secured 50% marks in the Entrance Test are eligible to be called for the interview.

d. A relaxation of 5% marks shall be allowed in the Entrance Test for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently Abled Category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and such other categories of candidates as may be specified by the Commission from time to time.

e. Annamacharya University may decide the number of candidates to be called for the interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

f. The final selection of candidates shall be based on a weightage of 70% for the Entrance Test and 30% for performance in the Interview/Viva-Voce.

g. Foreign Nationals, Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) sponsored by the Government of India or their respective Governments under any exchange programme, or self-sponsored candidates who satisfy the prescribed eligibility conditions under the University Regulations, may be admitted directly without appearing for the Entrance Test, provided that they successfully clear the interview conducted by the University.

8. Allocation of Research Supervisor:

i. The Research Supervisor shall be allotted based on the merit of the candidate and the order of preference indicated in the application form.

ii. In case of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-supervisor from outside the Department/School/Centre/College/University may be appointed.

iii. The list of recognized Research Supervisors, along with their areas of research, approved by the University shall be made available on the University website.

9. Course Work:

i. The credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework shall be a minimum of 12 credits, including the credits allocated for (i) the "Research Methodology" (as applicable) course and (ii) the "Research and Publication Ethics" course (as applicable).

ii. Subject 1: Research Methodology (as applicable) (2 Credits) and Subject 2: Research and Publication Ethics (as applicable) (2 Credits) shall be offered by the University or may be completed through online certification offered by NPTEL/SWAYAM (minimum of 8 weeks under the PG category).

iii. Subjects 3 and 4: Two courses (4 credits each) relevant to the research area shall be offered by the concerned School/Department or through the relevant PG programme of the University, or may be completed through online certification offered by NPTEL/SWAYAM (minimum of 12 weeks under the PG category), subject to the approval of the Research Review Committee.

iv. The coursework shall be completed within two years from the date of admission for both full-time and part-time scholars. Scholars shall maintain a minimum attendance of 75% in each subject; however, this requirement shall not apply to scholars who complete the courses through online certification. Failure to satisfy the attendance requirement shall require the scholar to repeat the coursework.

v. The chosen subjects shall be communicated to the Dean (Research and Development), duly recommended by the RRC.

vi. Scholars who complete the courses through NPTEL/SWAYAM shall submit the certificate of completion, along with the grades, to the Dean (Research and Development).

vii. The candidates shall obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in each course in the coursework in order to successfully complete the coursework.

Important Note:

The scholar must have passed the prescribed course work before submitting synopsis for pre-submission seminar.

10. Research Review Committee (RRC):

RRC constitution is as follows:

i. Chairperson: Chairman, BoS (In cases where the Chairman, BoS is the Research Supervisor or does not hold a doctorate, a faculty member approved as a Research Supervisor from the Department shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor).

ii. Convener: Research Supervisor or Co-Supervisor.

iii. Expert Members: A minimum of one faculty member approved as a Research Supervisor in the same domain from the University and/or outside the University. The expert member(s) from outside the University shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from the suggested panel.

Functions of RRC:

The functions of the Research Review Committee are:

i. To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research.
ii. To guide the Ph.D. scholar in developing the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
iii. To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar.
iv. Each semester, a Ph.D. scholar shall appear before the RRC to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The RRC shall submit its recommendations along with a copy of the Ph.D. scholar's progress report to the Dean (R&D). A copy of such recommendations shall also be provided to the Ph.D. scholar.
v. In case the progress of the Ph.D. scholar is unsatisfactory, the RRC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the RRC may recommend, with specific reasons, the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. scholar from the Ph.D. programme.

11. Research Review Meetings (RRM)

1. RRMs shall be conducted every semester. Scholars exhibiting significant progress in their research work may register for the RRM only on the recommendation of the Research Supervisor.

2. A Research Scholar shall appear before the Research Review Committee once in each semester to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The semester-wise progress reports shall be submitted by the RRC to the Dean (R&D), with a copy to the Research Scholar.

3. All scholars shall attend and present the progress of their research work in a

minimum of three (3) RRMs

12. Publications

i. Candidates shall have published a minimum of three (3) research papers before submitting their thesis for adjudication.

ii. Out of these publications, at least two (2) research papers shall be published in Scopus/WoS-indexed journals; the remaining paper may be a conference publication.

iii. For Education, out of these publications, at least two (2) research papers shall be published in journals recommended by the University; the other may be a conference publication.

iv. For English, out of these publications, at least one shall be a research paper published in a Scopus/WoS-indexed journal, the second shall be published in a journal recommended by the University, and the third may be a conference publication.

v. Papers published before admission shall not be considered.

vi. Scholars shall include Annamacharya University as an affiliation in all publications required for fulfilment of the submission criteria.

vii. Only papers that include the names of the scholar, Research Supervisor, and Co-supervisor, if any, shall be considered.

13. Submission of Synopsis

i. Before submitting the dissertation/thesis, the Ph.D. scholar shall make a presentation before the Research Review Committee (RRC), which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars/students.

ii. Before the submission of the dissertation/thesis, the scholar shall submit a hard copy and a soft copy of the synopsis and a rough draft of the thesis, duly approved by the Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor, to the Dean (Research & Development).

iii. The R&D Cell shall intimate the concerned Chairman, Board of Studies, and the Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor well in advance regarding the pre-submission seminar.

iv. The feedback and comments received during the pre-submission seminar may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis in

consultation with the Research Supervisor.

v. The Research Review Committee shall certify the eligibility of the scholar for submission of the thesis.

14. Requirements for Anti Plagiarism:

i. Prior to the submission of the Ph.D. thesis, the candidate is required to submit a soft copy of the thesis for a plagiarism check to the University, where such facility is available. Submission of the thesis will be allowed only if the similarity detected by the plagiarism check is less than or equal to 20%, excluding self-publications related to the thesis.

ii. The thesis shall be submitted together with an originality report produced by an anti-plagiarism software application. The Supervisor (and Co-supervisor, if any) shall receive an originality report on the whole text of the thesis and shall take this report into account in evaluating the submission.

15. Process of Thesis Submission, Evaluation and Viva-voce Examination:

After fulfilling the prescribed requirements, the candidate shall submit the thesis on the designated research topic.

i. Part-time Research Scholars shall submit their Ph.D. thesis directly to the Dean (Research and Development), whereas full-time Research Scholars in the Department shall submit their thesis through the proper channel to the Dean (Research and Development).

ii. After completing the research, the candidate shall submit six (6) hard copies of the thesis (soft bound) relating to the research topic after incorporating the relevant suggestions and comments received during the pre-submission seminar.

iii. Candidates shall not submit the entire or any significant portion of their thesis for the purpose of obtaining a degree or diploma from any other University.

Evaluation

i. The thesis evaluation process shall involve three examiners selected by the Vice-Chancellor. The examiners shall be selected from a panel of nine (9) examiners recommended by the Research Supervisor. The panel shall include (a) 3 examiners from IITs/NITs/IIITs, (b) 3 from Central Universities/Central Research

Organizations/Government Universities in states other than Andhra Pradesh , and (c) 3 from Government Universities in Andhra Pradesh State.

ii. In the case of English discipline, the supervisor will furnish a panel of nine (9) examiners, out of which, (a) 3 examiners from IITs/NITs/IIITs (b) 3 examiners from EFLU (English and Foreign Languages University)/Central Universities and other central institutes/ Government Universities in states other than Andhra Pradesh, and (c) 3 examiners from Government universities in Andhra Pradesh State.

iii. In the case of Department of Education, the supervisor will furnish a panel of nine (9) examiners, (a) 3 from central Universities, (b) 3 from other national or central institutes/ Government Universities in states other than Andhra Pradesh, and (c) 3 from Government universities in Andhra Pradesh State.

iv. For all the above categories, the three examiners shall be selected by the Vice-Chancellor, with one examiner from each of the three respective categories of the panel.

v. Each examiner shall evaluate the scholar's thesis and submit a detailed report, including a clear recommendation regarding its quality and suitability for acceptance.

The thesis evaluation has one of four possible results:

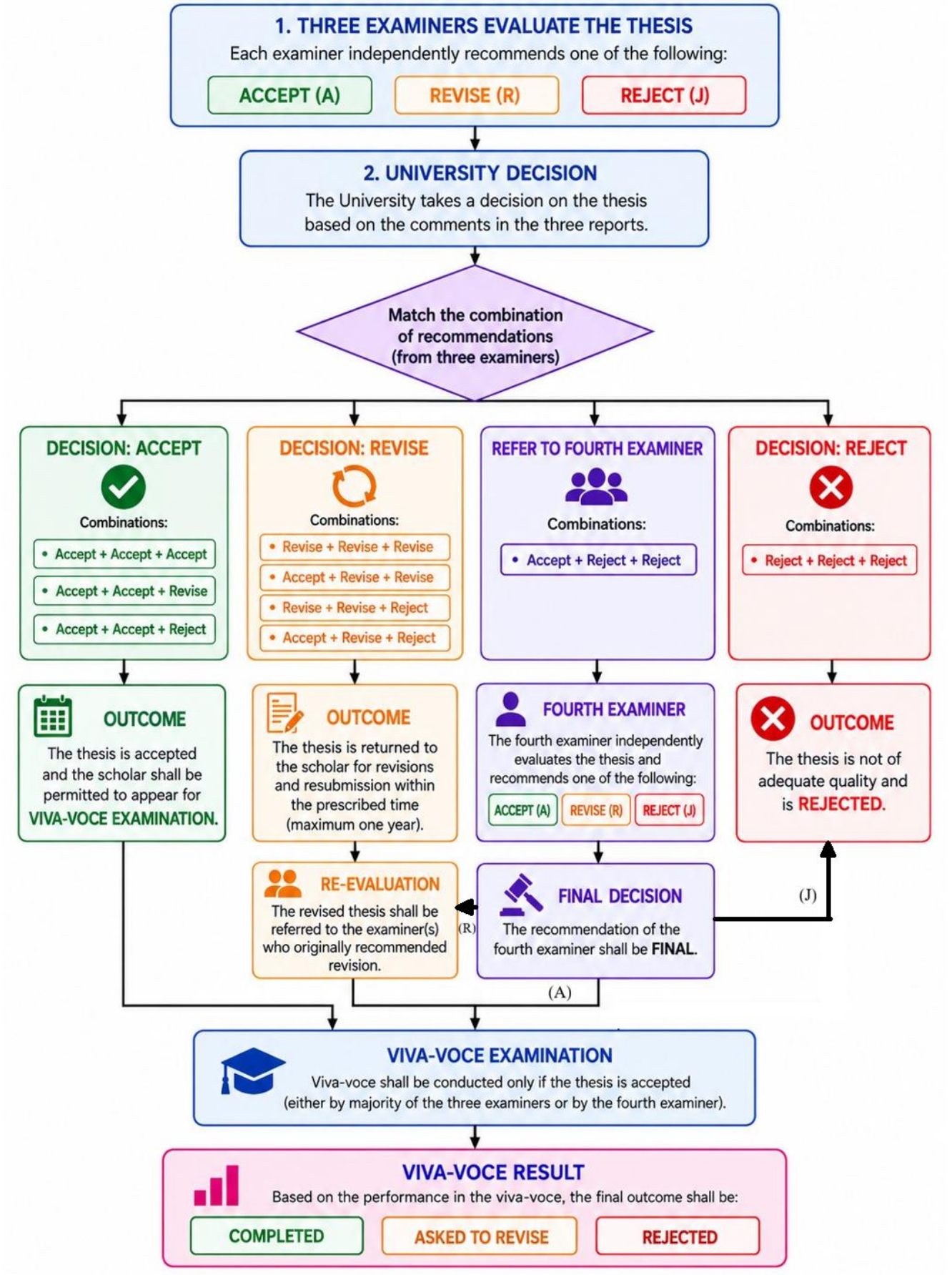
i. Accept: If the thesis is accepted by two (2) out of three (3) examiners, the scholar shall be permitted to appear for the viva-voce examination.

ii. Revise: If revisions are required, the thesis shall be returned to the scholar for necessary corrections and resubmission, followed by the viva-voce examination.

iii. Fourth Examiner: If the thesis is accepted by one (1) examiner and rejected by two (2) examiners, the thesis shall be referred to the fourth examiner, whose decision shall be final.

iv. Reject: If the thesis is not of adequate quality for acceptance, it shall be rejected.

During the examination, examiners may ask questions or seek clarification on the thesis content. The University shall take a decision on the thesis based on the comments and recommendations contained in the three evaluation reports, as follows:


1. THREE EXAMINERS EVALUATE THE THESIS
Each examiner independently recommends one of the following:
ACCEPT (A)
REVISE (R)
REJECT (J)
2. UNIVERSITY DECISION
The University takes a decision on the thesis based on the comments in the three reports.
Match the combination of recommendations (from three examiners)
DECISION: ACCEPT
Combinations:
• Accept + Accept + Accept
• Accept + Accept + Revise
• Accept + Accept + Reject
DECISION: REVISE
Combinations:
• Revise + Revise + Revise
• Accept + Revise + Revise
• Revise + Revise + Reject
• Accept + Revise + Reject
REFER TO FOURTH EXAMINER
Combinations:
• Accept + Reject + Reject
DECISION: REJECT
Combinations:
• Reject + Reject + Reject
OUTCOME
The thesis is accepted and the scholar shall be permitted to appear for VIVA-VOCE EXAMINATION.
OUTCOME
The thesis is returned to the scholar for revisions and resubmission within the prescribed time (maximum one year).
FOURTH EXAMINER
The fourth examiner independently evaluates the thesis and recommends one of the following:
ACCEPT (A)
REVISE (R)
REJECT (J)
OUTCOME
The thesis is not of adequate quality and is REJECTED.
RE-EVALUATION
The revised thesis shall be referred to the examiner(s) who originally recommended revision.
(R)
FINAL DECISION
The recommendation of the fourth examiner shall be FINAL.
(J)
(A)
VIVA-VOCE EXAMINATION
Viva-voce shall be conducted only if the thesis is accepted (either by majority of the three examiners or by the fourth examiner).
VIVA-VOCE RESULT
Based on the performance in the viva-voce, the final outcome shall be:
COMPLETED
ASKED TO REVISE
REJECTED

Note:

- When the thesis is referred to the fourth examiner, the opinion of the fourth examiner shall be final.
- For revision and resubmission of the thesis, the scholar may be given a maximum period of one year from the date of communication by the University.
- The revised thesis shall be referred to the examiner(s) who originally recommended revision.
- In case of a delay of more than three (03) months in receiving the evaluation report from any examiner, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint another examiner in his/her place for evaluating the thesis.

Viva-voce Examination

i. The viva-voce of the Ph.D. scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted after the thesis is accepted in accordance with the evaluation procedure prescribed by the University in section:15.

ii. The viva-voce examination of the Ph.D. thesis shall be conducted by a committee and shall be held in the presence of the Chairman, Board of Studies of the Department. The committee shall comprise:
   a. Research Supervisor and Co-supervisor, if applicable;
   b. One of the examiners who evaluated the thesis, appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.

iii. The viva-voce shall be open to members of the RRC, faculty members, research scholars, and students. The candidate shall successfully defend his/her thesis during the examination.

iv. If a candidate fails in the viva-voce, the candidate may be allowed to appear for the viva-voce again within three months. If the performance of the candidate in the viva-voce on the second occasion is also reported to be unsatisfactory, the Vice-Chancellor, if deemed necessary, shall refer the remarks of the viva-voce examination, along with the thesis, to a committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose and take a decision. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.

v. After completion of the viva-voce examination, the Viva-Voce Committee shall submit its recommendations, along with the soft copy of the thesis submitted by the scholar, to the Dean (R&D) for placing the thesis on INFLIBNET through UGC.

v. The Ph.D. degree shall be awarded only after uploading the thesis in INFLIBNET (Shodhganga).

16. Provisional certificate

Prior to the actual award of the Ph.D. degree, the University shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Ph.D. is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

17. Change of Topic:

The Research Scholar shall submit the application form in the prescribed format for change of topic, and the change shall be permitted based on the recommendation of the RRC. However, submission of the thesis shall be permitted only after one year from the date of change of topic. The exact title of the thesis shall be finalized during the pre-submission seminar.

18. Change of Supervisor(s):

If a candidate wishes to change a Research Supervisor or Co-supervisor for valid reasons, the request may be considered by the University on the merits of the case. However, in such cases, where the change is permitted, he/she shall be permitted to submit the thesis only after one year from the date of change of Supervisor or inclusion of an additional Supervisor. Publications with the earlier Supervisor/Co-supervisor satisfying the prescribed norms shall be permitted.

19.Conversion from Full-Time to Part-Time and Vice-Versa

The conversion of the Ph.D. programme from full-time to part-time and vice-versa shall be approved by the Vice-Chancellor only once during the tenure, subject to submission of the necessary documents along with the recommendation of the Supervisor(s), after completion of one year from the date of registration and on payment of a conversion fee as prescribed by the University.

20. Tuition fee per year:

- Full Time Fee: Rs.60,000/-
- Part Time Fee: Rs.70,000/-

i. Upon selection through the admission process, candidates shall be required to pay the prescribed fee. The fee is Rs. 60,000/- for full-time and Rs. 70,000/- for part-time scholars. The fee shall be paid on or before the commencement of every academic year until the successful completion of the programme and submission of the thesis or cancellation of the registration. If the fee is not paid by the stipulated date, a late fee of Rs. 2,000/- shall be levied within six months from the due date. Candidates shall preserve all fee receipts and produce them as and when required.

ii. In case of cancellation of Ph.D. registration by the candidate on his/her request or by the University for any reason, the entire fee amount due till the date of cancellation must be paid by the candidate.

iii. Full-time Ph.D. scholars whose services are utilized by the Department shall be paid a stipend of Rs. 25,000/- per month for a period of three (3) years. **This is applicable to CSE and its allied branch candidates only.**

General Information

a. The academic regulations should be read as a whole for the purpose of any interpretation.

b. The rules relating to malpractices, their nature and punishments shall be as per the PG Regulations of the University.

c. Wherever the words "he", "him", "his", occur in the regulations, they also include "she", "her", "hers", respectively.

d. In case of any doubt or ambiguity in the interpretation of the above rules, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor is final.

e. The University may change or amend the research regulations or syllabi at any time, and such changes or amendments shall be applicable to all students on the rolls with effect from the dates notified by the University.

f. The registration of a Ph.D. scholar may be cancelled by the University within the stipulated period if the candidate fails to satisfy the conditions stipulated in the

admission order or violates the rules and regulations of the Ph.D. programme, after giving notice to the candidate concerned.

g. The admitted candidates are advised to refer to the Annamacharya University website (http://annamacharyauniversity.edu.in/research) for instructions, and other required formats from time to time.

For any clarifications, candidates may contact the Research & Development Cell of Annamacharya University.