

Department of Commerce

Tezpur University

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Learning Outcomes based Curriculum

Programme: Ph.D

Preamble

Department of Commerce is the second department established under the "School of Management Sciences". The department is offering Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Commerce programme from the academic session 2020-2021. Scholars joining the Ph.D. programme in the department need to compulsorily complete the coursework where they need to complete 16 credit courses over the period of two academic semesters. The department aims to ensure that the scholars completing the Ph.D. course from the department can establish himself/herself in the field of academics and can make qualitative and meaningful contribution to the existing body of knowledge.

1. Introduction

In order to excel in the field of education and training, research is one of essential components in any higher education institution. Research is the best tool to enhance knowledge and facilitate learning. Academic research conducted by students are not only beneficial students but also for the entire community. Recognising the importance of research for aspiring scholars, academic community, and society at large, the department has started offering Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Commerce programme from the academic session 2020-2021. Students with master's degree in commerce, Economics and certain professional courses are eligible to apply for the programme in the department. Scholars joining the Ph.D. programme in the department need to compulsorily complete the coursework. During the coursework, students need to complete 16 credit courses over the period of one year or two academic semesters. During the course of the Ph.D. programme, the department encourages scholars to participate and present research papers in different national and international conferences. Besides, department also guides and motivates scholars to publish quality research papers in reputed peer-reviewed journals. The aim of the department is to inculcate qualities of a good researchers in every scholar joining the department so that, after completion of the course, they can excel in their fields of specialisation and become capable of carrying out independent research.

2. Qualification descriptors for the graduates

Knowledge & Understanding:

1. Adequate knowledge in the field of business research
2. Comprehensive knowledge about current or contemporary developments in the field of business

Skills & Techniques

1. Scholars will have adequate analytical and problem-solving skills
2. Scholars will have the ability to do collaborative works

Competence

1. Scholars will be competent enough to work in teaching and research institutes
2. Scholars will be competent to work in functional areas like accounting, taxation, banking and finance

3. Graduates Attributes

1. In-depth knowledge and understanding
2. Analytical and critical thinking
3. Knowledge or ability to apply statistical tools and techniques

4. Program Outcomes

PO1. Students will have the ability to apply acquired knowledge in business decision making and will develop and inclination towards lifelong learning.

PO2. Students, with an enriched knowledge on their subject, will have an aptitude to pursue a career in teaching and research.

PO3. Students will have the ability to work in teams with enhanced communication and inter-personal skills.

5. Structure of the curriculum for Ph.D.

Course category	No of courses	Credits per course	Total Credits
I. Core courses	4		12
II. Elective courses	1		4
Total credits			16

6. SEMESTER-WISE SCHEDULE

SEMESTER I

Course type	Course title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Contact Hour (CH)	Credits
Core	IC701 Research Methodology in Commerce	3	0	1	5	4
Open Elective	IC704 Trends in Business and Economics Research	4	0	0	4	4

SEMESTER II

Course type	Course title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Contact Hour (CH)	Credits
Core	RP799 Research and Publication Ethics	2	0	0	2	2
	IC 702 Quantitative Modelling	1	0	1	3	2
	IC 703 Term Paper	1	0	3	7	4

7. Mapping of course with program outcomes (POs)

Course title	PO1	PO2	PO3
RP799 Research and Publication Ethics	×	✓	×
IC701 Research Methodology in Commerce	✓	✓	✓
IC 702 Quantitative Modelling	✓	✓	×
IC 703 Term Paper	✓	✓	✓
IC704 Trends in Business and Economics Research	✓	✓	×

8. Evaluation plan:

Scholars are evaluated on three aspects namely, (i) Theoretical knowledge and awareness about contemporary developments in field of business research, (ii) Writing skill and (iii) Communication skill. The theoretical and contemporary knowledge about business research is evaluated by descriptive tests. The writing skill is judged based on report writing ability whereas, the communication skill is evaluated based on performance in various presentation and viva conducted time to time in the department.