



JAGAT GURU NANAK DEV PUNJAB STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY PATIALA

(Established by Act No.19 of 2019 of Legislature of the State of Punjab)

PhD Programme January 2026 Procedure for Admission

Admission to the PhD programme for Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University (JGND PSOU), Patiala (Main Campus) shall be made, as per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, on, the basis of:

- i. UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED score and *No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated 28th March, 2024* based on an interview.
https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/6669193_Letter-NET-for-Admission-to-PhD.pdf
- ii. JGND PSOU will admit NON-NET students through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the individuals. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology, and 50% shall be subject specific. Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the University, a weightage of 70 % for the entrance test and 30 % for the performance in the interview/viva- voce shall be given.
- iii. Students securing 50 % marks in the entrance test will be eligible for the interview.
- iv. A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates.
- v. University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.
- vi. The list of eligible candidates shall be displayed on the university website <https://psouadm.samarth.edu.in/phd/index.php> as per the admission schedule.

Applicants of PhD Programme who do not have a UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED score are hereby informed that the **PhD Entrance Test** will be conducted as per the details given below:

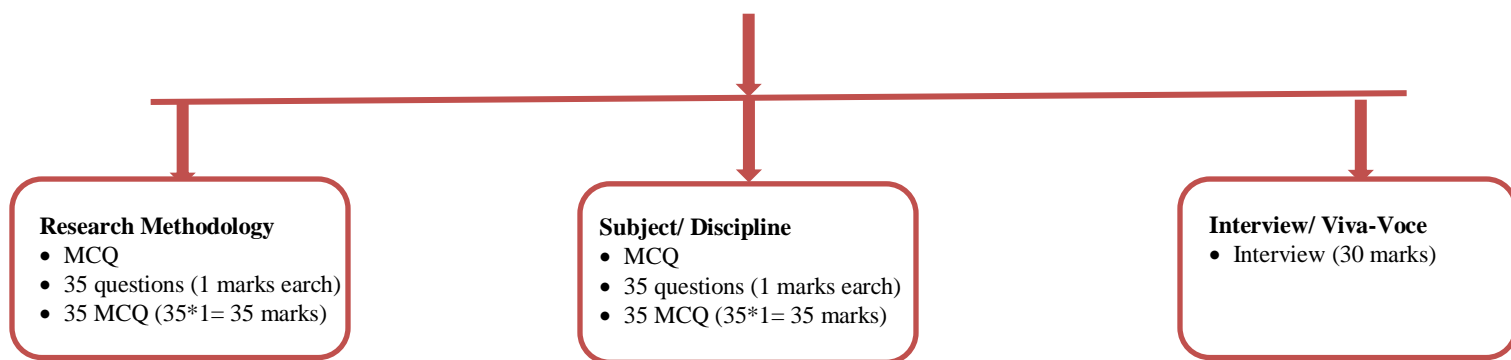
Entrance test Date: 18 January 2026

Duration: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (90 Minutes)

Reporting Time: 10:30 A.M.

Venue: Academic Block, JGND PSOU (Govt. (State) College of Education, Patiala)

Structure of the PhD Entrance Test



Examination Pattern and Modalities

1. The Ph.D. Entrance Test shall comprise of two components:
 - Written/ Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) carrying 70% weightage
 - Interview/Viva-Voce carrying 30% weightage
2. The PhD Entrance Examination shall consist of two sections:
 - Section A: Research Methodology/ Aptitude
 - Section B: Subject / Discipline
3. Both Section A and Section B shall comprise Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).
4. Marking Scheme:
 - There will be a total of 70 questions of 70 marks
 - Each question shall carry 01 mark.
 - i. Section A: Research Methodology/ Aptitude consist of 35 MCQ (35*1= 35 marks)
 - ii. Section B: Subject/ Discipline consist 35 MCQs (35*1= 35 marks)
 - There shall be no **negative marking** for incorrect answers.
5. Subject/ Discipline available for Section B shall be Computer Science, English, Punjabi, Economics, Management, History, Sociology and Political Science.

6. Duration of the Test 90 minutes
7. Students who secure 50% marks (45% SC/ ST) in Entrance Test shall be eligible for the interview. The interview part shall consist of 30 marks.
8. After declaration of result, the qualified candidates shall appear for an interview for assessment of their research aptitude and the area of interest to be opted by candidate.
9. As per UGC regulation 2022, students who qualify UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET/ GATE will directly be called for interview and they will be exempted from the university Entrance Test.
10. NET qualified candidates will appear for the Interview/ Viva Voice as per the notified schedule on www.psou.ac.

General Instructions

1. The PhD Entrance Test January 2026 process will be strictly in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.
2. The medium of Test shall be English, except for PhD in Punjabi
3. Candidates must report to the examination venue at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the examination.
4. Candidates must bring a valid photo identity proof and admit card to the examination hall.
5. The use of mobile phones, smart watches, calculators, or any electronic devices inside the examination hall is strictly prohibited.
6. Candidates must use only blue or black ball-point pen for marking answers.
7. Any form of unfair means or misconduct shall lead to disqualification from the examination.

Note:

- Candidates are hereby informed that the Admit Card can be downloaded on the University website as per the notified schedule.
- Candidates are advised to regularly visit the University website for updates and further information from time to time.