

EVALUATION OF PROJECT/DISSERTATION WORK for MBA (R17) STUDENTS

Every candidate shall be required to submit a thesis or dissertation on a topic approved by the Project Review Committee.

1.1 A Project Review Committee (PRC) shall be constituted with the Head of the Department as Chairperson, Project Supervisor and one senior faculty member of the Departments offering the MBA programme.

1.2 Registration of Project Work: A candidate is permitted to register for the project work after satisfying the attendance requirement in all the subjects, both theory and practicals up to II Year I Semester.

1.3 After satisfying 1.2 a candidate has to present pre submission of project work during II year II semester. For pre submission of project work, a student, in consultation with his Project Supervisor, has to present the title, objective, and plan of action of his project work to the Project Work Review Committee (PRC) for approval within two weeks from the commencement of Second year Second Semester. Only after obtaining the approval of the PRC can the student initiate the Project work. For pre submission of project work there will be only internal evaluation for 100 marks. Evaluation should be done by the PRC for 50 marks and the Supervisor will evaluate the work for the other 50 marks. A candidate has to secure a minimum of 50% of marks to be declared successful. If he fails to obtain the minimum marks, he has to reappear for the same during the supplementary examinations as and when conducted.

1.4 If a candidate wishes to change his supervisor or topic of the project, he can do so with the approval of the PRC. However, the PRC shall examine whether or not the change of topic/supervisor leads to a major change of his initial plans of project proposal. If yes, his date of registration for the project work starts from the date of change of Supervisor or topic as the case may be.

1.5 The work on the project shall be initiated at the beginning of the II year II Semester and the duration of the project is one semester. A candidate is permitted to submit Project Thesis only after successful completion of all theory and practical courses with the approval of PRC not earlier than 20 weeks from the date of approval of the project work. For the approval of PRC the

candidate shall submit the draft copy of thesis to the Head of the Department and make an oral presentation before the PRC.

1.6 After approval from the PRC, a soft copy of the thesis should be submitted for ANTIPLAGIARISM check and the plagiarism report should be submitted to the University and be included in the final thesis. The Thesis will be accepted for submission, if the similarity index is less than 30%. If the similarity index has more than the required percentage, the student is advised to modify accordingly and re-submit the soft copy of the thesis after one month. The maximum number of re-submissions of thesis after plagiarism check is limited to TWO. The candidate has to register for the Project work and work for one semester. After three attempts, the admission is liable to be cancelled. The college authorities are advised to make plagiarism check of every soft copy of theses before submissions.

1.7 Three copies of the Project Thesis certified by the supervisor shall be submitted to the College/School/Institute, after submission of a research paper related to the project work in a UGC approved journal. A copy of the submitted research paper shall be attached to thesis.

1.8 The thesis shall be adjudicated by an external examiner selected by the University. For this, the Principal of the College/School/Institute shall submit a panel of three examiners from among the list of experts in the relevant specialization as submitted by the supervisor concerned and Head of the Department.

1.9 If the report of the external examiner is unsatisfactory, the candidate shall revise and resubmit the Thesis. If the report of the examiner is unsatisfactory again, the thesis shall be summarily rejected. Subsequent actions for such dissertations may be considered, only on the specific recommendations of the external examiner and /or Project work Review Committee. No further correspondence in this matter will be entertained, if there is no specific recommendation for resubmission.

1.10 If the report of the external examiner is satisfactory, the Head of the Department shall coordinate and make arrangements for the conduct of Main Project Viva – Voce examination. The Main Project Viva-Voce examination will be evaluated for 100 marks. The Main Project Viva-Voce examination shall be conducted by a board consisting of the Supervisor, Head of the

Department and the external examiner who adjudicated the Thesis. The candidate has to secure a minimum of 50% of marks in Main Project Viva-Voce examination.

1.11 If he fails to fulfill the requirements as specified in 1.10, he will reappear for the Main Project Viva-Voce examination only after three months. In the reappeared examination also, if he fails to fulfill the requirements, he will not be eligible for the award of the degree, unless he is asked to revise and resubmit his project work by the board within a specified time period (within four years from the date of commencement of his first year first semester).

1.12 The Main Project Viva-Voce External examination marks must be submitted to the University on the day of the examination.