KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY

Mukthagangothri, Mysuru – 570 006.

Accredited with NAAC A+ Grade

PROSPECTUS

2025-26

Ph.D. Programme

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CAUTION

- Application has to be filled online and Application Processing fee has to be paid online in the official website http://ksoumysuru.ac.in.
- Filled in application shall be printed and shall be submitted to the concerned department along with fees paid receipt
- KSOU has not signed any agreement with any individual or with any institution. Therefore, candidates are advised not to contact any of them, other than the Headquarters of the University. The University will not be held responsible for any loss occurred thereon.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Last date for submitting Application	15.05.2026
Last date for submitting Application with penalty Rs. 500/-	21.05.2026
CET	07.06.2026

SPECIAL ATTENTION

- As per UGC Public Notice F: No.2-1/2017(DEB-III) dated 14.09.2018, the open Universities are permitted to conduct PhD/M.Phil programmes as per their ordinances and UGC regulation 2016. No exclusive recognition is required.

- The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in its verdict vide Writ Petition No. 34255 of 2016 (GM-RES) stated that the consideration of recognition for academic degrees is for the year of admission but not the date of completion of degree.

- Under KSOU Act 1992 amended in 2016 the University operates within the jurisdiction of Karnataka State. However, candidates from other places can enroll for Ph.D. programme by regular mode.

- The UGC in its public notice F.No.1-9/2018 (DEB-I) dated 23.02.2018 states that treated the degree/diploma/certificate courses awarded for the programme conducted by ODL institutions, recognized by the erstwhile DEC / UGC in conformity with UGC notification on specification of degrees should be treated as equivalent to corresponding awards of the degree / diploma / certificate of traditional Universities / Institutions in the country.

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VICE-CHANCELLOR"S MESSAGE

Dear Learner,

The family of KSOU welcomes you to pursue the academic programmes you have chosen to achieve not only academic excellence but also to fulfill the desire of your career. The University, established by the Act of State Legislature has created wonderful academic ambience. The programmes offered by the University have been recognized by University Grants Commission. Therefore, the degrees are valid for employment opportunities across the country. The 'core values' of the University is derived from its vision 'Higher Education to Everyone, Everywhere'. The ultimate touchstone of quality higher education is the motto of the University. Today, higher education stands at the crossroads of keeping pace with the emerging needs of the country.

The University has adopted a school concept in its functioning. Different schools headed by Directors offers academic programmes in Humanities, Commerce, Education, Science and Social sciences. It combines an inter disciplinary and professional approach to pedagogy and research. The University believes that rigors of the contemporary world require competent quality human resources to create knowledge-based society. The academic activities of B.A./ B.Com./ B.Lib.I.Sc. programmes are routed through well-established department/s led by the Chairperson/s. Well-qualified teaching faculty with equally dedicated non-academic team is an asset to the University, which is always committed for the welfare of the students.

The University functions in a 3-tier system of student support service, namely Headquarters, Regional Centres and Learners Support Centres spread all over Karnataka. The learners can undergo teaching - learning process in the notified Regional Centres/Learner Support Centres. The University has adopted a mechanism to deliver Self Learning Material by print, limited audio visual and Counseling/Personal Contact Programme. As a learner, you will have greater opportunity to gain knowledge and skill through those mechanisms. The academic counselors will play a strategic role and enable you from the enrollment of the programme till you accomplish the goal. A proper blending of the knowledge and skill will be imparted so that you will be transformed as a good citizen to contribute to the development of society and the country.

The UGC in its Public Notice dated: 23.02.2018 stated that the Degree/Diploma/Certificate Programme awarded through distance mode are at par with corresponding Degree/ Diploma/ Certificate Programme obtained through conventional universities. The degrees acquired through distance education are recognized for the purpose of employment in State/Central Government, MNCs, Private Sector etc. and also for pursuing higher education in other educational institutes. Therefore, you have greater opportunity of pursuing Higher Education without any kind of fear about your career.

I am sure you will enjoy good experience with services rendered by the university through its regional centres and Learner Support Centres, besides Headquarters. I wish you all the best in your academic endeavors.

Prof. Sharanappa V Halse

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Karnataka State Open University is recognized by the University Grants Commission under ODL Regulation 2021. It is accredited A+ Grade by NAAC.

The University was established in June 1996 with a vision **"Higher Education to Everyone, Everywhere".** The University blossomed in the era of globalization in which the economies of the world are being transformed from their original closed self-sustaining structure to the globalized context, where they can expose themselves to the competitive world. This transition forced the arena of knowledge emphasizing itself to more of its application than of accumulation of facts. The Karnataka State Open University in order to cope with the present global environment, is attempting to integrate interdisciplinary approaches in the dissemination of knowledge with the aim of achieving overall human personality development.

Mysuru is a historical centre possessing a rich cultural heritage which had valiant historical events of different kingdoms and humane social setup of incomparable stature. University has paved the way for realizing the vision at the international arena leading to human welfare. It was started during the year 1996 as a separate entity to cater to the needs of thousands of young aspirants of higher education.

The KSOU is situated at heart of Mysuru city, The University operates in 50 Acre of land in a fully green ambience. The University is offering UG, PG and Ph.D. programs besides diploma and PG Diploma programs in various disciplines. The University is fully equipped with 28 academic departments controlled by the chairpersons and supported by other faculty and non-teaching staff. The University is offering various degrees and diploma in Humanities, Social Science, Science and Commerce and Management. The KSOU is carved mainly with an intention of promoting unprivileged group of society and hence, the fees for all the courses are at affordable rate.

Special Features: The Open Distance Learning system is a unique and challenging because, the learners joining Open Distance Learning hail from a diverse socio-economic background and with a varied learning background. The present conventional university system could not meet the genuine needs of such students who could not pursue their studies in a conventional system for various reasons. In order to give them an opportunity to pursue their studies in Open Distance Learning, this University has been established. The major objective of the University is to generate human resources of top quality with more thrust is laid on the following issues:

(1) To transform guiding vision into action plan through various measures.
(2) To generate high quality human resources through skill training.
(3) To provide opportunity to those who discontinued their studies.
(4) To provide opportunity to working class to acquire higher knowledge.
(5) To provide opportunity to pursue higher education at their own places.
(6) To provide transparent manner of admission.
(7) To transform restricted learning to a global-based learning.
(8) To promote new concept and new direction in higher education.
(9) To promote multiple imperatives to achieve the national development.
(10) To play critical role in addressing social imperatives.
(11) To create adequate student-support services for innate capacity building.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Sl. No.	Members	Position
1	The Vice Chancellor, KSOU	Chairman
2	Secretary in charge of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka	Member
3	Secretary to Finance Department, Govt. of Karnataka	Member
4	Vice-Chancellor of any of the Universities in the State of Karnataka (Nominated by the Pro-Chancellor by rotation)	Member
5	Dean (Academic), KSOU	Member
6	Five distinguished persons from the educational, scientific and administrative fields nominated by the Pro-Chancellor	Members
7	Two Members of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly (Elected from among themselves)	Members
8	Two Members of the Karnataka Legislative Council (Elected from among themselves)	Members
9	The Registrar, KSOU	Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Shri Tawar Chand Gehlot
Chancellor
His Excellency, the Governor of Karnataka

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Dr. M.C Sudhakar
Pro Chancellor
Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka

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Prof. Sharanappa V Halse
Vice Chancellor
Karnataka State Open University

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Prof. Naveen Kumar S.K
Registrar

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Prof. Ramanatham Naidu Dean (Academic)	**Dr. Anand Kumar C.S** Registrar (Evaluation)	**Prof. Niranjan Raj S** Finance Officer (I/C) and Director, CIQA	**Dr.N.R Chandregowda** Dean (Study Centres)	**Smt. Suneetha** Director, COE	**Sri Nandish M.V** Director, Admissions

1. UGC ODL & OL Regulation – 2021

The University Grants Commission has published Regulation governing Open Distance Learning (ODL) Regulations under Section 26(1) read with Clause (j) of Section 12(5) of the UGC Act, 1956 in the official Gazette of India dated 04-09-2020. The Regulation is mandatory and has to be followed by all the institutions offering education through Open and Distance Learning mode. The UGC has directed to adopt the concept of schools in the academic governance of the University. The KSOU is recognized by the UGC and strictly adheres to all the norms as specified in the regulation.

2. Schools of Studies

Keeping in view of the directions of the UGC, the University has established five schools of studies. The following schools of studies are operative led by school directors. The studies and research Departments named below work under respective schools.

1. The School of Languages - Prof. M. Ramanathm Naidu
2. The School of Social Sciences - Prof. Shankaranarnappa
3. The School of Commerce - Prof. Ramananda M. S.
4. The School of Management - Prof. C. Mahadevamurthy
5. The School of Sciences - Prof. N.G Raju
6. The School of Education - Prof. Niranjan Raj.S

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School of Humanities:

1) Department of Kannada
2) Department of English
3) Department of Hindi
4) Department of Sanskrit
5) Department of Urdu
6) Department of Telugu

School of Social Sciences:

1) Department of History
2) Department of Ancient History and Archeology
3) Department of Economics
4) Department of Sociology
5) Department of Political Science
6) Department of Public Administration
7) Department of Journalism & Mass Communication

School of Commerce & Management:

1) Department of Commerce.
2) Department of Management.

School of Sciences:

1) Department of Biochemistry
2) Department of Biotechnology
3) Department of Chemistry
4) Department of Computer Science
5) Department of Environmental Science
6) Department of Food Science and Nutrition
7) Department of Geography
8) Department of Library and Information Science
9) Department of Mathematics
10) Department of Microbiology
11) Department of Physics
12) Department of Psychology
13 Department of Information Technology

School of Education : Department of Education

1. REGULATIONS GOVERNING PH. D PROGRAMME

a. UGC Regulation to Open Universities

The University Grants Commission has published Regulation governing Open Distance Learning (ODL) under Section 26(1) read with Clause (j) of Section 12(5) of the UGC Act, 1956 in the official Gazette of India dated 04.09.2020. The Regulation is mandatory and has to be followed by HEIs offering distance education.

b. UGC Ph.D. Regulation 2022

The University Grants Commission has published University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.PHIL./PH.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, on 07th November 2022. This was made in supersession of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2016, notified in The Gazette of India [No. 28, Part III- Section 4] 05th May 2016

c. KSOU Ph.D. Ordinance 2012 (IV Amendment 2023)

The KSOU had notified the first ordinance in respect of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 2012. This is I amended in 2018 by incorporating the UGC Ph.D. Regulations 2016 and subsequently in 2019 and in 2021. This is further amended fourth time to incorporate the changes as per UGC PhD regulations 2022. Eligibility, CET, coursework, registration, progress of research, submission, adjudication and the award of degree thereof have been depicted in the ordinance.

2. DEPARTMENTS OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH

In consonance with the research and development activities undertaken by various eligible departments, they are termed as the Department of Studies and Research. The details of such departments are as under.

Sl. No	Name of the Department
1	Department of Studies and Research in Kannada
2	Department of Studies and Research in English
3	Department of Studies and Research in Hindi
4	Department of Studies and Research in Telugu
5	Department of Studies and Research in History
6	Department of Studies and Research in Ancient History & Archeology
7	Department of Studies and Research in Economics
8	Department of Studies and Research in Political Science
9	Department of Studies and Research in Public Administration
10	Department of Studies and Research in Sociology
11	Department of Studies and Research in Journalism and Mass Communication
12	Department of Studies and Research in Commerce
13	Department of Studies and Research in Management

14	Department of Studies and Research in Microbiology
15	Department of Studies and Research in Biotechnology
16	Department of Studies and Research in Chemistry
17	Department of Studies and Research in Biochemistry
18	Department of Studies and Research in Food Science and Nutrition
19	Department of Studies and Research in Psychology
20	Department of Studies and Research in Environmental Science
21	Department of Studies and Research in Library & Information Science
22	Department of Studies and Research in Education
23	Department of Studies and Research in Geography
24	Department of Studies and Research in Information Technology
25	Department of Studies and Research in Botany
26	Department of Studies and Research in Computer Science

3. RESEARCH SUPERVISORS

Under KSOU PhD Ordinance 2012 (IV Amendment 2023), the in-house permanent faculty members who have fulfilled the eligibility conditions prescribed by the UGC, are permitted to monitor the research activities. The list of in-house faculty members, department wise, is as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Designation	Qualification	Specialization	Experience in Years	Contact Nos.
Department of Studies and Research in Kannada						
1	Prof. Kavitha Rai	Professor & Chairperson	M.A. Ph.D.	Kavya Mimamse	14	9482206129
2	Prof. T.M. Geethanjali	Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Taulinika Sahitya	29	9739425639
3	Prof. D. Naganna	Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Sahitya Vimarshe	29	9738979269
4	Dr. N.R. Chandre Gowda	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Janapada mattu Vimarshe	14	9449668997
5	Dr.P. Mani	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Basha Sahitya	14	9480170799
6	Dr. Jyothishankar	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Pracheena Sahitya	13	9448603159
Department of Studies and Research in English						
7	Dr. Nataraju .G	Associate Professor & Chairman	M.A. Ph.D. UGC-NET	British Literature & Literary Theory	14	9741219820
8	Dr. Srikanth .S	Assistant Professor	M.A. M.Phil Ph.D.	Women Classics	13	9986019910
9	Dr. A.S. Madhura	Assistant Professor	M.A. M.Phil Ph.D.	Holocaust Literature Translation studies Indian writing in English	13	9980900349
Department of Studies and Research in Hindi						
10	Dr. Prabhusena D	Associate Professor& Chairman	M.A. Ph.D.	Modern Hindi Poetry, Comparative Study, Poetic Criticism	14	9945653167

Department of Studies and Research in Telugu						
11	Prof. M. Ramanatham Naidu	Senior Professor & Chairman	M.A. M.Phil Ph.D.	Folklore	27	9035363892
Department of Studies and Research in History						
12	Dr. N.C. Sujatha	Associate Professor & Chairperson	M.A. Ph.D.	Ancient Indian History	13	9035506794
13	Dr. V.M. Ramesha	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Socio-Economic History of Karnataka	14	9110698230
14	Dr. Ramegowda C.	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Constitutional History	13	9008904019
Department of Studies and Research in Ancient History and Archeology						
15	Prof. Shalva Pille Iyengar	Professor & Chairman	M.A. Ph.D. Dip. In EPi	Introduction to Indian Iconography/Indian Epigraphy	18	9686215043

Department of Studies and Research in Economics						
16	Dr. Shivakumaraswamy	Associate Professor & Chairman	M.A. Ph.D.	Development Economics	14	9972165817
17	Prof. M.S. Ramananda	Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Micro Economics	27	7899854594
18	Prof. R.H. Pavithra	Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Econometrics\ Quantitative techniques	18	9845659987
19	Dr. T.P. Shashikumar	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Quantitative Techniques	14	9538236370
20	Dr.K.S.VeeredraKumara	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Development Economics	13	9901963999
21	Dr.Harisha.N	Assistant Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Money, banking	14	8861467351
22	Dr.J.L. Banashankari	Assistant Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Money, banking	13	8951217787
Department of Studies and Research in Political Science						
23	Dr. N. Ananda Gowda	Associate Professor & Chairman	M.A. M.Phil, Ph.D.	Political Theory	14	9916007312
24	Prof. Shankaranaranappa	Professor	M.A. M.Phil, Ph.D.	Public administration	14	7975236335
25	Dr. R. Ishwarya	Assistant Professor	M.A.	Western Political Thoughts	14	8971600238
26	Dr. Krishnappa G Nimbakkanavar	Associate Professor	M.A. M.Phil, Ph.D.	International Relations	13	9908019979
27	Dr. S.S. Jahanavi	Associate Professor	B.Sc LLM MPhil Ph.D.	Law	13	9449806664
Department of Public Administration						
28	Dr Jagadeesh Babu H K	**Assistant Professor**				
Department of Studies and Research in Sociology						
29	Dr. Ramya .S	Assistant Professor & Chairperson	M.A. MPhil Ph.D.	Sociology of Gender	13	9845561946

30	Dr. Jayapal .H.R	Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	• Sociological Theory • State & Social Movements • Agrarian Studies • Development & Environment	18	7406600034
31	Dr. R. Santhosh Naik	Assistant Professor	M.A(SoC), MA (Philoshapy), PGDHE, Ph.D.	Rural and Urban Sociology	14	9108260220

Department of Studies and Research in Commerce						
32	Dr .Chaya .R	Associate Professor & Chairperson	M.Com., Mphil Ph.D.	Costing and Taxation Organizational Behaviour and Human Resources management Knowledge Management	14	9916081980
33	Dr. Mahesha .V	Associate Professor	M.Com, PGDHRM & Ph.D.	Marketing and Entrepreneurship Development	14	9844667411
34	Dr. Usha .C	Assistant Professor	M.Com, M.B.A, PGDFM, Ph.D.	Accounting and Txation	14	9164012273
35	Dr. Sukanya .R	Assistant Professor	M.Com. Ph.D.	Finance	14	9945018092
36	Dr. Naveen G.V	Assistant Professor	M.Com., Mphil Ph.D.	Human Resource Manageent and Marketing Management	13	9945898244
Department of Studies and Research in Management						
37	Dr. H. Rajeshwari	Associate Professor& Chairperson	M.B.A Ph.D.	Operation Research	14	9845528357
38	Prof. C. Mahadeva Murthy	Professor	M.B.A Ph.D.	International Business	14	9342121583
39	Dr. P. Savitha	Assistant Professor	M.B.A Ph.D.	Finance	14	9986846176
40	Dr. Chinnaiah P.M	Assistant Professor	M.B.A Ph.D.	Finance	14	9606695964
41	Dr.Siraj Basha	Assistant Professor	M.B.A Ph.D.			9741928422
Department of Studies and Research in Journalism and Mass Communication						
42	Dr. Shailesh Raj Urs. G.B	Associate Professor & Chairman	M.A. MPhil. Ph.D.	New Media Law	13	9448672473
43	Prof. Thejasvi Naviloor	Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Reporting and Editing	14	9844009777
44	Dr. R. Hemalatha	Assistant Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Advertising and Public Relations	14	9535282063
Department of Studies and Research in Psychology						
45	Dr. S. Surma	Associate Professor & Chairperson	M.Sc. Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology	14	7975336088
46	Dr. Manjunatha. P	Associate Professor	M.Sc. Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology	13	9342100239
47	Dr. Mahadevaswamy P	Assistant Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Psychopathology	14	9880239670

Department of Studies and Research in Geography						
48	Dr. C.S. Manjunatha	Assistant Professor & Chairman	M.Sc. Ph.D.	Physical and Urban Geography	14	8762100678
49	Dr. Y.P. Chandrashekhara	Associate Professor	M.A. Ph.D.	Agricultural Geography and Settlement Geography	13	9900119917
Department of Studies and Research in Education						
50	Dr. Krishnappa N	Associate Professor & Chairman	M.A. M.Ed M.Phil. Ph.D., SLET	Educational Research Educational Evaluation	14	9964574944
51	Dr. Sharanamma R	Associate Professor	MA., M.Ed. Ph.D., SLET	Educational Planning Educational Management	14	9739970866
52	Dr. Janaki M	Associate Professor	M.Sc., M.Ed. Ph.D.	Educational Technology Special Education	14	9945024886
Department of Studies and Research in Biochemistry						
53	Dr. Nataraju Angaswamy	Associate Professor & Chairperson	M.Sc., Ph.D.	Ethnopharmaco ligy, Immunology and Plant derived anti- inflammatory and anticancer Compounds	14	9620697355
Department of Studies and Research in Biotechnology						
54	Dr.N.G Raju	Professor & Chairman	M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.	Genetics	14	9448267255
Department of Studies and Research in Botany & Microbiology						
55	Dr. Niranjan Raj S.	Professor & Chairperson	M.Sc.,M.Phil., Ph.D.	Molecular Plant Pathology	14	9886859350
Department of Studies and Research in Chemistry						
56	Dr. M. Umashankara	Associate Professor & Chairman	M.Sc., Ph.D.	Organic Chemistry	14	9482510061
Department of Studies and Research in Computer Science						
57	Dr. Bhavya D.N	Assistant Professor & Chairperson	M.Tech, Ph.D.	Image Processing	13	8722384750
58	Smt. Suneetha	Associate Professor	M.Sc.	Pattern recognition & Image Processing	18	9480326709
59	Dr. Sumati Ramakrishna Gowda	Associate Professor	BE (CS & IT) M.Sc IT., Mphil., Ph.D.	Mobile Adhoc Networks	13	-
60	Dr. Mahesha D.M	Assistant Professor	MCA., Ph.D.	Text Recognition	13	9901249102
Department of Studies and Research in Environmental Science						
61	Dr. J.S Chandrashekar	Associate Professor& Chairman	M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.	Ecology	14	9663061978
62	Dr. T.S Harsha	Associate Professor	M.Sc., Ph.D.	Environmental Microbiology	13	09449178802
Department of Studies and Research in Food Science and Nutrition						
63	Dr. C Anitha	Associate Professor	M.Sc., Ph.D.	Nutrition & Dietetics	13	9916030230
64	Dr. M.S Hemalatha	Associate Professor& Chairman	M.Sc., Ph.D.	Food Science & Nutrition	14	9482566371

Department of Studies and Research in Information Technology						
65	Dr. Rashmi B.S	Assistant Professor& Chairperson	M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.	Pattern recognition	14	9880983081
66	Dr. Nandini H.M	Assistant Professor	M.Sc., Ph.D.	Image Processing	13	8123745149
Department of Studies and Research in Library and Information Science						
67	Dr. Shilpa Rani N.R	Assistant Professor& Chairperson	MLISc., Ph.D.	Library Consortia	14	8197421488

4. Instructions about Admission

1. The candidates shall go through KSOU Phd Ordinance 2012(IV Amendment 2023) available in the university website
2. Ph.D. programme is offered in regular mode only
3. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
4. Application received after the last date will not be accepted and fees paid will not be refunded.
5. In-service full-time candidates have to produce relevant documents after allotment of seats. They have to apply through proper channel.
6. Attested copies of all relevant documents must be enclosed.
7. **The candidates shall apply online through website http://ksoumysuru.ac.in and remit application processing fee online. They shall submit all documents along with fee paid receipt to the concerned department.**
8. The University reserves right to fill or not to fill all seats
9. The CET would be conducted at Mysore
10. The entrance examination is for 100 marks carrying Multiple Choice Questions. Number of Questions is 100 questions, each carrying 1 mark. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific.
11. A candidate securing at least 50 marks out of 100 (45 Marks out of 100 in case of SC/ST/Cat-1/Differently abled candidates) in the Entrance Test shall be eligible for assessment interview for admission to the Ph.D. programme.
12. The candidates who have cleared the UGC/UGC-CSIR National Eligibility Test for Junior Research Fellowship/GATE/GRF and the teachers on FIP, QIP shall be placed first in the consolidated merit list based on their percentage of marks secured by them at their qualifying examination and Interview in the ratio of 70:30.

13. The successful completion of entrance test, exemption from entrance and appearance for an interview will only imply the eligibility of a candidate for admission to Ph.D. degree in the University, but shall not guarantee an admission to Ph.D. degree program.
14. Admission sought will become final only after its approval by the University.
15. A student who is found to have concealed information about his/her age, qualification etc., or violated any provisions, is liable to be removed from the rolls of the program apart from appropriate disciplinary action and imposition of penalties.
16. The cancellation of Registration shall be done as per ordinance.
17. Candidates shall abide by the Rules and Regulations in force and those to be issued by the University from time to time.
18. All legal disputes will come under the jurisdiction of Mysuru city Courts.
19. For further details contact the respective Chairperson of the Departments or help desk of the university.

Intake

The intake of admission to research programme is strictly as per the UGC regulations 2022 and KSOU PhD Ordinance 2012(IV amendment 2023). Assistant Professors can supervise 4 candidates, Associate Professors are permitted to supervise 6 candidates and Professor can monitor 8 candidates.

Reservation Policy

The reservation for Ph.D. programme will be as per the UGC guidelines/state government order from time to time.

5. Ph.D. FEE STRUCTURE

Sl. No	Details	Fee (In Rs)
1	Application Processing Fee	2000
2	Provisional Registration	1500
3	Regular Registration	6000
4	Tuition Fee	5000 Per Year
5	Course Work Fee	2000
6	Course Work Examination Fee	2000
7	Annual Report/ Annual Fee	8000 Per Year
8	Final Synopsis	1000
9	Thesis Submission	7000

10	Change of Supervisor	3000
11	Change of Title	3000
12	Lab Fee(In case of Science Programs)	5000 (10% increase every Year)
13	Library Fee	2000 (Every Year)
14	Extension Fee	10000
15	Thesis Publication Permission Fee	6000
18	Issue of any certificates requested	500
19	Revised Thesis Submission Fee	4000
20	Plagiarism Check Fee	500 I Check, 1000 II Check 1500 III Check , 3000 IV Check
21	Viva through video conference	15000

- 50% Concession for eligible SC/ST/Cat-1 applicants in Application Processing Fee

How to Apply

1. The candidates who have possessed the prescribed qualification can apply to Ph.D. Programme.
2. The Application for this purpose shall be filled online through official website of the university and pay application fee online
3. Print out of application along with fee paid receipt towards the processing fee and attested photocopies shall be submitted to the

The Chairperson,
Department of Studies and Research in ……..
KSOU., Muktha Gangothri, Mysuru

Document to be submitted with application and Challan

Candidates shall submit the following documents attached photo copy.

a) The marks cards of S.S.L.C
b) The marks cards of P.U.C. or its equivalent
c) Photo copy of the mark's cards of Degree program
d) Photo Copy of the marks card of Master degree Program
e) Photo Copy of NET/ GATE/M.Phil
f) The SC/ST caste certificate; (if applicable)
g) Aadhaar Card;
h) Two stamp size and two passport size photos to be submitted at the time of verification.
i) Challan and Date of Birth Certificate

Identity Card

- Identity Card bearing Permanent Roll No. will be issued to every student after the admission is approved. The University will issue ID card to the admitted candidates of Ph.D. program. Such candidates shall avail of the library and other facilities by using ID Card.

6. Ph.D. Programme

6.1 Introduction to Ph.D.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) of Karnataka State Open University is at par with Ph.D. programme of any conventional university. This programme is governed by Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations 2022 of University Grants Commission New Delhi and KSOU Phd Ordinance 2012 (IV Amendment 2023)

Admission to Ph.D. degree primarily aims at those who opt career in research. This program imparts requisite knowledge and skill to excel in their choose field of research.

Research Advisory Committee

Research Advisory Committee is a committee constituted for each research scholar by the University to review the research proposal, Supervisor the scholar to develop study design and methodology and monitor the progress of the research work of a candidate.

6.2 The Maximum Period for Completion of Degree:

a. Every candidate shall take a minimum duration of three years and a maximum of six years, from the date of provisional registration to submit his/her Thesis.

b. The women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for PhD in the maximum duration allowed.

c. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M. Phil/PhD for up to 240 days.

d. If any candidate fails to submit his/ her PhD Thesis within six years, he/she may apply to the University for Extension of his/ her Registration for a maximum period of one more year with the recommendation of the Research Supervisor, through the Chairperson of the Department, by remitting the prescribed fee.

e. Further if a candidate does not evince interest at any stage, the guide can recommend for the cancellation of registration. The registration shall be cancelled if the candidate does not respond to two notices sent.

6.3 Eligibility Criteria for Admission to Ph.D. Programme

- Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree (equivalent thereto) with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by approved Assessment and Accreditation Agency of the country concerned.
- A person who's M.Phil. dissertation has been evaluated and the viva voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the same institution;
- Candidates possessing M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, a foreign institution accredited by approved Assessment and Accreditation Agency of home country
- In the case of SC/ST/Cat-1 candidates, differently abled and those who are appointed on regular basis prior to March 31, 1992 as teachers, librarians and physical education personnel in colleges and university departments, the minimum marks shall be 50% provided they (i.e., employees) are continuing in service at the time of submission of application for registration.
- If the results of Master's Degree are declared in the form of grades /credits / cumulative points in their Marks cards / Transcripts, such grades /points shall be converted in to percentage to assess the minimum eligibility criteria.
- Relaxation for other categories of candidates as per the decision of the commission from time to time.

7. Important steps before Confirmation of Registration

1. **Submission of Application**: The eligible candidates shall Submit of application to the Chairperson of the concerned post-graduate department (this application shall be coded as Application – A)
2. **Common Entrance Test:** The candidates shall take up Common Entrance Examination. Upon qualifying entrance, they shall appear for interview. However, Entrance exemption applies to NET/GRE/FIP/M.Phil candidates.
3. **Interview:** candidates selected and exempted through CET shall attend the interview.
4. **Selection of Candidates**: After computation of results, list of selected candidates shall be published in the website.
5. **Supervisor Allotment:** Research supervisors shall be allotted to each candidate.
6. **Payment of Fees**: The selected candidate shall pay prescribed fee to university. They shall submit another application (Application – B) to the Chairperson of the

concerned Post-Graduate Department for provisional registration of Ph.D. programme after paying the requisite fee to university.

7. **Provisional Registration:** Upon successful completion of admission, provisional registration shall be given to the candidates from the date of payment of fees. (including those who are exempted from entrance test)
8. **Course Work:** All provisional registered candidates shall take up course work
9. **Course Work Evaluation:** After successful completion of course work, they shall take up course work examination. The candidate who has obtained aggregate of 55% and above shall be declared as qualified for Ph.D. registration. The candidates who have obtained aggregate marks below 55% shall be declared as not qualified.
10. **Selection of Topic**: The candidate shall finalize the research topic/title and proposal in consultation with the Research Supervisor for presentation before the Research Advisory Committee.
11. **Pre-Registration Colloquium**: A pre-registration colloquium shall be conducted
12. **Registration for Ph.D.:** The successful candidates shall submit the final application (Application - C) to the Chairperson of the Post-Graduate Department who shall forward the same to the Dean (Academic) for confirmation of registration for Ph.D. programme.

The above steps are discussed in detail as below

7.1 Submission of Application: The eligible candidates shall submit the application to the chairperson of the concerned Post-Graduate Department (This application shall be coded as Application – A)

7.2 Common Entrance Test

- All the applicants who possess at least the minimum percentage of marks at their post-graduate degree as specified above in regulations 6.3 shall appear for the common entrance test.
- However, (a) foreign and sponsored candidates, (b) teachers on FIP / QIP, (c) candidates who have cleared the UGC / UGC-CSIR, JRF Test / NET / GATE / GRE / M.Phil shall be eligible for exemption from the entrance test.
- The syllabus for the common entrance test and other details pertaining to the entrance test shall be finalized by the Departmental Council and will be notified on the Website.
- Maximum Marks for Entrance Test: 100

- Nature of questions: Multiple Choice questions.
- Syllabus for common entrance test: Research methodology and cognate/core subjects of the Post-Graduate Department conducting the entrance test.
- Number of Questions: 100 questions, each carrying 1 mark. 50% of the questions shall be from Research Methodology and the remaining 50% from the cognate/core subjects. The Department shall prepare the course inputs for the common entrance test.
- Duration of Entrance Test: 120 Minutes.
- The validity of the entrance test is for that academic year only.
- The candidate has to secure overall 50% marks in CET (45% for SC/ST/Cat-1).

7.3 Interview

The interview shall be conducted by the Department Research Committee for both entrance test qualified candidates and candidates who have qualified for UGC NET/ CSIR JRF /GATE/M.Phil.

The interview/viva voce shall also consider the following aspects, viz., whether:

- The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.
- The research work can be suitably undertaken at the University.
- The proposed area of research can contribute to new / additional knowledge.

After the entrance test, consolidated merit list of all the candidates (including those who are exempted from entrance test) shall be prepared as per merit cum reservation policy on the basic of the marks obtained in the entrance test. However the candidate has to secure overall 50% marks. (45% for SC/ST/Cat-1)

To prepare merit list the entrance test marks and Master degree marks shall be considered. To accommodate the interview marks, the entrance marks obtained out of 100 shall be reduced to 70 marks and remaining 30 marks will be allotted to interview marks, further 70% weightage for master's degree Programme for those who were exempted from Entrance.

7.4 Selection of Candidates

- The Chairperson of the department Research Committee will prepare a Consolidated Merit List for both entrance test qualified candidates and candidates who have qualified for UGC NET/ CSIR JRF /GATE/M.Phil.
- It should be noted that successful completion of entrance test and appearance for an interview will only imply the eligibility of a candidate for admission to Ph.D. degree in the University, but shall not guarantee an admission to Ph.D. degree program.

7.5 Supervisor Allotment

Depending upon the vacancy with a Supervisor and considering the total vacancies of the discipline, a list of candidates for enrolment will be prepared by the Chairperson of the BOS in order of the preference for Supervisors as indicated by the candidate during the Supervisor allotment counseling. Provisional registration shall be given after allotment of Supervisor.

7.6 Admission to PhD Programme

Successful candidates have to pay prescribed amount of Fee and fill up the **Application Form B** and submit it the Chairperson of the Department. The fee shall include provisional registration fee, course work fee, Lab Fee (For Science Students) and library fee.

7.6 Provisional Registration

The students shall obtain provisional registration from the date of payment of fees.

7.7 Course work

The course work for Ph.D. Programme shall comprise of three papers of 100 marks each and one paper of 50 Marks

Sl.No	Course title	No. of Credits	Total Learning Hours	IA	IA Min.	Term End Exam	Term End Min	Total Min	Total Marks
1	Research Methodology	03	45	25	10	75	40	50	100
2	Cognate Subject	03	45	25	10	75	40	50	100
3	Research Publication and Ethics	02	30	10	5	40	20	25	50
4	Area of Specialization(s)	03	45	25	10	75	40	50	100
5	Viva voce	01				50	20	20	50
	Total	12	165 Hrs.	85		315		220	400

Credit System

The University follows the **'Credit system'** for all its Programs. Each credit is of 15 hours of teaching comprising of all learning activities such as studying the self-learning material, participating in the counseling/contact classes, preparing assignment, visiting

library/industry/institution, interacting through audio-visual related issues and preparing for exams. This helps the students to understand the academic efforts she/ he have to put in order to successfully complete the course.

A candidate has to attain a minimum of 75% of attendance for the classes, failing which he/she is deemed to have not been successful in course work and the provisional registration of the candidate is cancelled automatically.

7.8 Course Work Evaluation

The candidate's performance in course work shall be evaluated through

i. Internal assessment

ii. External examination

Internal Assessment

Research methodology, Cognate Subject and specialization papers would include

- Attendance – 5
- Presentation – 5
- Assignment on Review of Literature- 5 and
- Internal Tests – 10

Total 25 Marks

For Course IV Research Publication and Ethics internal assessment shall be conducted through assignment/seminar/test etc.

External Examination

- The student shall apply for coursework examination after notification from the university and pay the prescribed fee.
- The external examination shall comprise of theory and viva voce
- The minimum for pass in each theory paper shall be 40 and 55% in aggregate including the continuous assessment marks.
- This shall be followed by comprehensive viva-voce for 50 marks. However there shall be no minimum for viva-voce.
- But every candidate shall compulsorily attend the viva-voce examination.
- The candidate who has obtained aggregate of 55% and above shall be declared as qualified for Ph.D. registration. The candidates who have obtained aggregate marks below 55% shall be declared as not qualified.
- The candidates who are not qualified in the course work shall be allowed to take only one improvement examination within three months of their first examination. The candidates shall be given paper exemption where he need not appear for the

course that he has passed. In case of failure of the candidate even after an improvement examination, his/her provisional registration shall get cancelled.

- All successful candidates receive a marks card (course completion certificate), containing the titles of the course and marks/ grades scored which will be awarded according to the existing regulations of the University.
- Examination Hours: 3 Hours/ per paper

A Candidate has to secure a minimum of 55% marks (including the internal assessment) in all the three courses for qualifying the course-work examination.

7.9 Selection of Research Topic

Every selected candidate shall prepare and submit a research proposal/outline to the Chairperson of the Post-Graduate Department. The candidate shall finalize the research topic/title and proposal in consultation with the Research supervisor. The proposal shall define clearly the objectives, methodology, literature survey, work plan and relevance of the proposed research and shall present it in the form of a colloquium before the Research Advisory Committee.

7.10 Pre-Registration Colloquium

The Research advisory Committee shall assess the preparedness of the candidate to take up the proposed research work and recommend to the Board of Studies for its approval. The Committee may suggest changes, if necessary, in the title/scope/methodology in consultation with the Supervisor. If the performance and/or preparedness of the candidate are not satisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall give one more chance to the candidate to prepare for the colloquium again within three months from the date of the first colloquium. If the candidate fails even in the second attempt, he/she shall not be eligible for permanent registration. However candidates have to pay the prescribed fee in case they have to attend Research Advisory Committee meeting for the second time.

7.11 Registration for Ph.D.

After declaring the result, the successful candidate shall submit another application **(Application – C)** along with prescribe fee of registration fee and tuition fee to the Chairperson of the Post-Graduate department for forwarding to the University for issue of notification of confirmation of registration along with prescribed fee.

8. Important Steps after Registration

8.1 Research Work and field work

The students shall take up research work and fieldwork as per research plan under the guidance of the research supervisor.

8.2 Progress Reports

The research work carried out by the students shall be monitored by the university through progress reports. The candidates shall submit progress report of Research work done along with the recommendation of the Supervisor on the status of the progress and also his/her conduct once in six months. (See Annexure-IV)

8.3 Presentation

The candidate shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee twice in a year which will be organized by the Supervisor in consultation with the Chairperson of the Research Advisory Committee to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. He/she shall also demonstrate work plan for the next one year. Annual fee, prescribed tuition fee, library fee and laboratory fees shall be paid once a year and fee paid challan along with the progress report of that particular year.

8.4 Conversion from Full time to Part time or Vice Versa

A part time candidate may be permitted to work on full time basis on valid grounds. The period of such registrations shall be three years from the date of changeover or four years from the date of registration, whichever is earlier.

8.5 Final Synopsis Submission

The candidates who have submitted a minimum of six progress reports may submit final synopsis. The candidate can submit the final synopsis only after getting approval from the research advisory committee. A candidate shall submit 15 copies of the final synopsis of his/her Ph.D. thesis to the Chairperson of the Department who forwards it to the office of Dean (Academic) highlighting contents of the Thesis and enclosing evidences of **one** research publications in peer reviewed journal/s and presentation of at least of two papers in a National conference/ seminar/ workshop as the first and presenting author.

8.6 Pre- Submission Colloquium

Further, the candidate who has submitted the application for permission to submit thesis shall present a pre submission colloquium before the Research Advisory Committee demonstrating his/ her preparedness to submit the thesis.

Considering the work of the candidate his/her performance at the pre-submission colloquium and also the publications besides other technical aspects, the Research Advisory Committee shall permit the candidate to submit the thesis.

If the Research Advisory Committee is not satisfied with the Pre-thesis Submission Colloquium of a candidate, it may ask the candidate to reappear for the Colloquium again after a gap of one month and the Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee has to communicate the same to the University.

The Research Advisory Committee shall advise and offer suggestions to the candidate for the finalization of the Thesis.

8.7 Guidelines to Prepare Thesis

All candidates shall follow the guidelines below while preparing their thesis:

- An Abstract shall be included in the preliminary section of the thesis.
- The abstract in the body of the thesis follows the style used for the rest of the manuscript and should be placed following the Certificate page.
- The abstract should reflect the contents of the thesis.
- Evidence of Publication: At the end of the thesis, reprint of published papers or acceptance letters with manuscripts may be enclosed.
- The electronic version of thesis is to be submitted in CD in PDF form. A Candidate should keep a copy with him/her. The Certificates and the declaration should be in format provided by the University.
- Paper: Good quality paper must be used for copies and photocopy of the final copy should be such that it ensures consistent quality without gray or dark casts to the background. All copies shall be on white A4 paper and on single side of the paper.
- Typeface: Type size should be 12 point or large. Script or ornamental fonts should not be used. Print must be of good quality.
- Margins: Margins on the binding edge must be 1.5 inches and all other margins must be one inch. (Pagination, headers and/or footer may be placed within the margin, but no closer than one-half inch from the edge of the page).
- Spacing: One and a half or double spacing is to be followed in the main body excepting in presenting foot notes, tables etc. Final copies of the thesis must be clear and attractive. Each copy should be reviewed for evenness and clarity of type, missing pages and crooked text.

8.8 Thesis Submission for Plagiarism Check

The candidate will have to submit one copy of his thesis along with soft copy within six months from the receipt of communication from the University about the results of the pre-thesis submission colloquium. If the candidate fails to submit his/her thesis for plagiarism before six months he/she will have to re-appear before the Research Advisory Committee for pre-thesis colloquium and obtain permission afresh.

The thesis has to undergo a mandatory plagiarism check by the university. The procedure for plagiarism check shall be as outlined below.

- Soft copy of the doctoral theses (preferably in CD-ROM/ DVD) covering all the chapters including bibliography/references has to be submitted in a single MS-word or PDF file, excluding preliminary pages: declaration, acknowledgement, abstract, list of charts and abbreviations, table of contents etc. and succeeding pages: glossary, index, questionnaire etc. to the University Librarian/Deputy Librarian. The candidate has to enclose the permission for checking plagiarism in his communication received from the University to the University Librarian/Deputy Librarian.
- The University library through the SHODHGANGA PROJECT and INFLIBNET will provide the anti-plagiarism software. The use of particular anti-plagiarism software can change from time-to-time depending on the choice offered by UGC INFLIBNET.
- The limit for plagiarism or percentage of similarity allowed is up-to 10% of similarity index for doctoral thesis. 5% additional similarity shall be allowed for own content from publications provided the Supervisor and the candidate providing a certificate of publication and on provision of the original article.
- The full report of the plagiarism check shall be submitted by the University Librarian/Deputy Librarian to the University along with a copy to the re-submitted a second time for plagiarism check and the fee will increase with every subsequent resubmission. This is allowed for a maximum of three attempts.
- If plagiarism is proved, then a show cause notice shall be issued to the candidate and the Supervisor. After reply to the show cause notice, all documents/reports/answers to the show cause notice shall be placed before the authorities for appropriate action including possible annulment of Registration of the candidate and initiation of disciplinary action against the candidate and the Supervisor.

8.9 Thesis Submission

a) Once the mandatory plagiarism check is successfully over, candidate shall submit 5 copies of Ph.D. Thesis along with five copies of the final synopsis and an electronic version of the Synopsis and Thesis in PDF format (3 CDs) to the RE for the evaluation, within six months from the date of receipt of communication from the university

b) The thesis forwarded by the Supervisor and the Chairperson is the Department has to be accompanied with a NOC from the Supervisor/department and the University Library/hostel etc.

c) Failure to submit the Thesis within this period shall entail cancellation of the Ph.D. Registration of the candidate. A candidate has to include the results of plagiarism test conducted on the thesis. Once the candidate has submitted the thesis the candidate is eligible to obtain a thesis submission certificate from the Registrar (Evaluation) upon payment of a prescribed fee.

d) A certificate duly signed by the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor, if any, to the effect that the candidate has produced as main author, two research articles based on his/her research work in his/her Ph.D. Thesis.

e) The dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution.

f) If a thesis is proved to be a copy / plagiarism / academic misrepresentation the University has powers to rescind the degrees.

8.10 Adjudication of Thesis

Once the candidate has submitted the thesis following the procedure, the same will be forwarded to the Registrar (Evaluation) who will arrange for the evaluation.

8.11 Re Submission Thesis

If the Examiners recommend Revision and Re-submission of the Thesis, then the candidate shall revise the Thesis based on the suggestions made by the examiner (s). Further submit the revised thesis, duly certified by the Supervisor and with payment of the prescribed fees to the Registrar (Evaluation) of the University through the Chairperson of the Department. No candidate shall, however, be permitted to resubmit the thesis more than one.

8.12 Viva Voce Examination

On the receipt of the favorable/satisfactory reports from all the three adjudicators, an open vivo-voce examination shall be conducted

If the candidate desires or if the Guide is out of station, then the viva-voce session may be held via video conferencing, after payment of necessary additional fees prescribed by the University

If the performance of the candidate in viva-voce examination is not satisfactory, he/she may be allowed one more chance to reappear for the vive-voce within three months.

The candidate shall after the vive-voce examination, incorporate the suggestions made by the adjudicators and also the summary of Viva-voce examination into he/her thesis, and submit two more copies and a soft copy to the Registrar (Evaluation) for sending them to the University Library (both the hard and soft copies of the thesis) and to the Government authorities (only hard copy).

8.13 Award of Ph.D. Degree

After the successful completion of Ph.D. viva voce a notification will be issued to the candidates enabling him to receive Ph.D. Degree in the forthcoming convocation.

8.14 Publication Thesis

After the award of Ph.D. degree, the entire thesis or any part of thesis may be published by the candidate with the written permission of the University, giving due credit to the Research supervisor. Two copies of the published work shall be submitted to the University Library.

After the award of the Ph.D. degree, the thesis or any publication derived from the thesis work shall be property of the University. The University shall rightfully share with the candidate and supervisor for any copyright, patent or recognition to the thesis.

9. Tentative Academic Planner

The tentative academic planner for Ph.D. programmes offered by the university is given as below:

Table -1: Tentative Annual Academic Calendar for Ph.D. Programmes.

Sl. No.	Academic Activities	Ph.D.
01	CET	07.06.2026
02	Interview	02.07.2026
03	Course work	22.07.2026
04	Course work Examination	18.11.2026

05	Pre-registration colloquium	January 2027
06	Synopsis Submission	February 2027
07	Registration	February 2027

10. Student Support Services

The University has created learners friendly support services which enable them to pursue students without any hassle. The students support service is considered to be excellent in the headquarters.

- Well maintained cafeteria
- State Bank of India with its ATM facility
- Post Office
- Wi-fi Facility
- Well maintained play ground
- Pure drinking water facility

  Candidates exam clarity certificate (the above calendar may be changed)

Library at Head Quarters, Mysuru:- The Karnataka State Open University Library caters to the need of the students, research scholars, faculty members and non-teaching staff of the university since 1996. At present, the Library's collection exceeds one lakh volumes, apart from the conventional book resources; it comprises a good number of periodicals, reference books, encyclopedia, reports, theses, dissertations, audio visual materials, CD/DVDs, etc. Presently it has more than 300 National and International Journals. The Library is planning to build a digitalized institutional repository.

Membership Services:-

- All the students of the University can become the members of the library after getting their Student Identity Card issued from the University authorities at the time of Admission.
- To get membership, they have to fill Membership Application and submit it along with 2 Passport Size Photos and 1 Stamp Size Photo.
- Borrowers Tickets will be issued on payment of a Refundable Caution Deposit of Rs. 250/- for research students.
- Users can Borrow One Book per Card. The issued books can be retained for a period of 60 days, and after the due date, penalty of Rs.1/- per book per day will be levied.

- The students should return the books and borrowers card and compulsorily surrender their Borrowers Tickets to the Library Authorities for obtaining No Due Certificate (NDC) of the Library.

Library Services:-

- Reference and Referral Service, Current Awareness Service, Users' Orientation Service, Bibliographic Service, News Paper Clipping Service, Photocopy Service, etc. provided to the users.
- The Library has a well-equipped computer lab with internet facility to cater to the needs of the users.
- The library functions from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all working days.
- During contact programmes and university examinations, the Library will be kept open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and meanwhile on Government Holiday's library functions from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The housekeeping operations and catalogue is computerized using NewGenLib integrated library management software.
- Web based Online Public Access Catalogue is provided to the users.
- The Library website provides access to e-journals, e-Books, old question papers, etc. and link to the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) of the Library [http://ksoumysore.edu.in/library.html].

For any information regarding the library services please send your queries and feedback to **e-mail id: ksoulibrary@gmail.com** and contact Telephone No. 0821-2500873 / 251995, Ext: 525/526.

Health Centre: The University has established a Health Centre to attend to the urgent and immediate need of the students' whenever they stay in the campus. Only OPD facility is available and regular doctor and other staff will be on duty.

Hostels: The University has provided hostel facility both for men and women separately in KSOU Mysuru campus.

Men's Hostel: KSOU Boys' Hostel is located in KSOU campus. It consists of 33 rooms. Each room could accommodate 5 students. Thus, this facility will be available to 165 students at a time. The students who wish to avail this facility shall pay Rs 70/- per day.

Women's' Hostel: KSOU cottages, located in the University campus, reserved to the girls' students. Each cottage can house 12 students. Totally University Guest

House is having 09 cottages. Thus, 108 students can dwell in these cottages at a time. The student who is willing to avail this benefit shall pay: Rs.70/- per day.

The University is extending this facility within its limits. The accommodation will be provided depending on the availability by following the policy of 'First Come-First Serve'. The inmates of the hostel/ cottages shall maintain decency and decorum in the campus, no damage to the properties of the University shall be caused any violation will attract disciplinary action and penalty. Those who do not get the accommodation shall make their own arrangements. To avail Hostel/ cottage facility and payment of tariff contact the Office of the University Guest House during working hours. **For details contact-9880072854**

Competitive Examination Training Centre: The KSOU competitive examination training Centre offers training and guidance to various competitive examinations which includes the following-

- Competitive examinations conducted by UPSC and KPSC;
- Police selection - written and Physical test;
- Banking and LIC examination;
- NET SLET, B.Ed, D.Ed teachers recruitment examinations;
- Self-employment training to the un-employed youth and certificate will be given to them on successful completion of the training program;
- Training for the elected representatives of Local Authorities/ Bodies i.e. Panchayats, Municipalities, etc.,
- Training to the employees of Government establishments for Departmental examination.
- Facility offered to the trainee students Library facility; and
- Hostel facility; For details contact:**821-2515944**

11. Convocation (Certificate / Degree Certificate)

(Refer KSOU website for convocation details)

The University will conduct convocation after results of the respective programmes. Separate communication will also be sent to the students at an appropriate time.

12. Quality Initiatives

In an endeavor to step up the quality of services rendered by the university, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance by the Director has been constituted as per the UGC order.

Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA):

The committee for CIQA interacts with the stakeholders and initiates various measures to promote quality of services at every stage i.e. from the enrolment of students till they accomplish their goals in their academic pursuit.

13. Information and Guidance Cell

University provide relevant information pertaining to issues like programs offered by the University admissions, study materials, contact program, examinations, results, marks cards, certificates, hostel facility etc. for students visiting the University. **'Public Relation Officers'** will be present in the **'Information and Guidance Cell'** situated near the main entrance of the admission block. Students can contact them either in person or through phone and obtain required information. The contact numbers are **98453-63573** and Admission Block **94494-89749.**

14. Grievance Redressal Cell

In an endeavor to provide better and timely services to the students, the Karnataka State Open University has established a Grievance Redressal Cell led by coordinators. The cell addresses the problems face by the students, with regard to academic, student support services and examinations. The students are advised to submit the grievance in writing or by telephonic call to the committee. The Committee comprised of the following coordinators:

Form –A

Affix your Recent Photo

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME 2025-26
(Regular Mode Only)

Department: _____

Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ (Tick appropriate)

1	Name of the Candidate [as in SSLC Marks Card[(In capital letters)	
2	Address for Communication	
3	Mobile Number and E- Mail ID	
4	Date of Birth (as per SSCL Marks Card)	
5	Gender	Male/Female/Transgender (Tick)
6	Nationality	
7	Aadhar Number	
8	Category claimed for Reservation	GM/ SC/ ST/ Cat-1/ OBC/ Sply Enabled /HK/International (Specify the Category)

9 Details of Qualifying Examination

Name of the Programme	Subject	College/ Institution/ /University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Percentage	Specialization

10	UGC NET/CSIR/JRF/GATE/M.Phil	
11	Proposed Title of Research	
12	Present Profession /Employment Name and Address of the Employer-	Yes /No

	Attested NOC issued by the Employer to be attached		
13	Particulars of Fee Paid	Bank Name	
		Branch	
		Amount	
		Journal No.	
		Date	
		Place	

I hereby confirm that all the information furnished by me is true to the best of my knowledge. If it is false, action can be initiated against me.

Date:

Place: **(Signature of the Candidate)**

Enclosure (Tick Appropriate)

1. ☐ Date of Birth
2. ☐ Aadhar Card
3. ☐ Caste/Category Certificate
4. ☐ S.S.L.C Marks Card and 10+2 marks card
5. ☐ Marks card of Qualifying Examination and Under Graduate Examination
6. ☐ Passport Size Photos
7. ☐ Challan Copy
8. ☐ UGC NET/JRF/GATE Certificate
9. ☐ Degree certificates
10. ☐ Application Fee Challan

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Received the above number of enclosures…… for Ph.d. admission for the year 2025-26

Seal and Signature of the Head of the Department

Annexure II

KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY

MUKTHAGANGOTRI, MYSURU – 570 006

Application for Provisional Registration for Ph.D. Programme (Form –B)

Subject: _____ ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

1	Name (in Capital Letters)	
2	Temporary Roll No	
3	Research Topic (provisional)	
4	Name of the Supervisor	
5	Name of the Co-Supervisor (if Any)	
6	Details of Fees Paid	
7	Provisional Registration Number (To be entered by the office)	

Declaration

I hereby apply for provisional registration for Ph.D. Programme. I declare the details given by me are correct. I also certify that the proposal submitted by me is original.

Date:

Place: (Signature of the Candidate)

(*The fee shall include provisional registration fee, course work fee, Library fee and lab fee (science students only)

Annexure III

KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY

MUKTHAGANGOTRI, MYSURU – 570 006

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME (Form –C)

Subject: _____ ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

1	Name (in Capital Letters)	
2	Provisional Registration Number	
3	Result of Course Work	
4	Name of the Supervisor	
5	Name of the co-Supervisor (if Any)	
6	Details of Fees Paid	
7	Date of Pre-registration colloquium	
8	Recommendation of RAC	
9	Registration Number (To be entered by the office)	

Date:

Place: (Signature of the Candidate)

Forwarded by the Research Supervisor and Chairperson of the Department

The application is forwarded to Dean (Academic) for confirmation of registration as the candidate has successfully completed the coursework with …….. %.

Research Supervisor Chairperson

Department of Studies & Research in ……

(*The fee shall include registration fee, tuition fee)

Annexure IV

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PROGRESS REPORT

(To be submitted on half-yearly basis after registration)

Progress Report Number …… for the Period from …… to ……..

Subject: _____ ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

1	Name (in Capital Letters)	
2	Registration Number	
3	Name of the Supervisor	
4	Name of the Co-Supervisor (if Any)	
5	Status of Ph.D. Research	
6	Participation in Departmental Academic Activities	
7	Participation in any Seminar/Conference during the period (enclose Certificates)	
8	Presentation in any Seminar/Conference during the period (enclose Certificates)	
9	Publication during the period i. General ii. Professional	
10	Details of Books/research papers Reviews	
11	Any other information	
12	Observation by the Research Supervisor	
13	Evaluation of the Progress	Very good/Good/Satisfactory/Needs Improvement
14	Date of RAC	
15	Comments of RAC	

Signature of Candidate

Supervisor Chairperson

DoS & R in ……..

- Annual fee , tuition fee, Library fee and Lab fee for science students shall be paid once in a year

Annexure IV

HALF YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT

(1st January, ---------- to 30th June, ----------)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details furnished by the Candidate
	Period of Progress Report	
01	Name of the Candidate and Postal Address	
02	Name of the Supervisor	
03	Name of the Co- Supervisor (if any)	-
04	Area of Research Work	
05	Topic of the Research	
06	Registration No. & Date	
07	Tick the No. of present Progress Report (the Tuition fee, Laboratory fees should be paid along with I,III, V, VII, IX, and XI Report)	

No. of Progress Report	Date of Submission to Guide	Tuition Fee/Half Yearly Progress report fee and Laboratory Fee(Laboratory fee only for Science Students)		DD/Receipt No. and Date
I				
II				
III				
IV				
V				
VI				
VII				
VIII				
IX				
X				
XI				
XII				

Certified that the progress report as per the Ph.D. Regulation is enclosed herewith.

Signature of the Candidate

This is to certify that the progress in research is found to be satisfactory; hence this progress report can be accepted.

Signature of the Co-Supervisor ***Signature of the Supervisor***

Annexure-V

PhD Fee Structure

Sl. No	Details	Fee Structure	Remarks
1	Application Processing Fee	2000	At the time of Submission of Application
2	CET		
3	Viva Voce		
4	Provisional Registration	1500	At the time of Admission
5	Regular Registration	6000	At the time of Confirmation of Registration
6	Tuition Fee	5000 Per Year	At the time of Admission and once in a year
7	Course Work Fee	2000	At the time of Admission
8	Course Work Examination Fee	2000	At the of exam notification
9	Half Year Progress Report Fee	4000 Per Report	At the time of submission of report
10	Final Synopsis	1000	At the time of submission of final synopsis
11	Thesis Submission	7000	At the time of submission of Thesis
12	Change of Guide	3000	
13	Change of Title	3000	
14	Lab Fee(In case of Science Programs)	5000 (10% increase every Year)	At the time of admission and every year
15	Library Fee	2000	At the time of Admission
16	Extension Fee	10000	
17	Thesis Publication Permission Fee	6000	
18	Issue of any certificates requested	500	
19	Revised Thesis Submission Fee	4000	
20	Plagiarism Check Fee	500 I Check 1000 II Check 1500 III Check 3000 IV Check	
21	Viva through video conference	15000	