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U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open Univeristy

Infomation Brochure

UPRTOU

Research Programme- Ph. D.

Admission 2025-26

Sector-F, Shantipuram, Phaphamau, Prayagraj- 211021

www.uprtou.ac.in

About the University

The Uttar Pradesh Rajaarshi Tandon Open University (UPRTOU) Prayagraj was established in November, 1998 by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to offer a wide range of educational Programmes related to general education, training, research and extension work through open and distance learning for the development of the State; to promote dissemination of learning and knowledge through distance education system to a large segment of the population; and to promote and advance the culture of the people of India and its human resources based on the rich heritage of the State. The concept of open learning and distance mode education system concentrates on providing open access to education and training which has no constraints of time and place. Open and distance learning (ODL) is one of the most rapidly growing fields of education now a days and has substantial impact on all education delivery systems.

The UPRTOU runs its academic activities through a diversity of means of distance and continuing education, and functions in co-operation with the existing universities, colleges and institutions of higher learning, and makes full use of the infrastructure of these organizations to impart education. It uses the latest scientific knowledge and information and communication technology for providing quality education to its students and strengthening the student-support services.

The University started functioning from the session 1999-2000 with 3344 distance learners and during 2024-25 session more than 180,000 distance learners are enrolled in various programmes with the help of more than 1400 Study centres and 12 region centres located in the entire state of Uttar Pradesh. The UPRTOU programmes represent diversified areas of education, training and extension, and the range spans from single subject proficiency to teacher education, humanities, social sciences, management, mathematics, statistics, computer, journalism, information technology, e- business, science, home science, yoga and skill oriented programmes. The University has established regional centres for making its activities more effective and convenient to the learners. The University took a judicious decision to follow the principles of collaboration and networking, and therefore adopted some of the programmes from MOOCs and OERs to ensure rich quality of self-learning materials and avoid duplication of efforts.

Based on the experiences gained in the field of ODL system and with the help of university faculty, consultants and part-time resource expertise the university has developed SLM's for certificate programmes, diploma programmes, under-graduate programmes, and post-graduate programmes. Along with traditional degree and diploma courses, efforts have been made to learners in different programmes are much more than satisfactory. The organization of varied types of extension activities have been a useful feature of this university. On the whole this university has showed an all-round growth and development in extending the facilities of quality distance education in the state of Uttar Pradesh. In fact the **Uttar Pradesh Rajaarshi Tandon Open University** has achieved tremendous growth during the very short period of its existence the cumulative enrolment in the university is more than 1000000. The university library is equipped with more than 25000 titles, e- journals and several important offline journals are being subscribed regularly. The success rate of distance learners in UPRTOU ranges from about 40 to 90% and overall success rate has been about 65% during the last few years.

Certain salient features of the University are as following-

- (i) The entire educational system is student-centric;
- (ii) Self-instructional course material is provided to the students and also uploaded in the University website www.uprtou.ac.in and in OER.
- (iii) There is extensive application of ICT in the University such as; Online admission, Online payment, online admit card, online mark sheets, online assignments, online self-instructional course material, mobile messaging, mobile counseling, on-line counseling, video conferencing etc,
- (iv) There is generally no age bar in admission.

- (v) Many options are available to students regarding completion of the course.
- (vi) Student has choice facility to select his/her course of study.
- (vii) Any employee serving anywhere can also study through ODL mode of this University.
- (viii) The student gets opportunity to take up two Degree or Diploma or Certificate course simultaneously as per U.G.C. Regulations and Directons from time to time.
- (ix) Organizing seminars, workshops, Training Programmers, Lectures on current and important topics is regular feature of the University.

Counselling is an important activity in distance education and is entirely different from the usual classroom teaching. Counsellors answer to the learners' questions in counselling sessions. Counseling sessions are conducted by efficient and experienced counsellors in accordance with the standards set by the University. Subject-experts from renowned institutions are also invited for the counseling and guidance of students. The university follows two academic sessions; July to June and January to December, each of which is divided, into two semesters and the admissions are made in both the semesters. To shorten the period of admission process considerably, the online admission system is being used in the admissions. Except few programmers like B.Ed., B.Ed. (SE), yoga programmes and Ph.D. University have adopted open admission system. For admission to B.Ed., B.Ed. (Special Education), and yoga programmes, admission tests are conducted. University has been fully digitalized.

The examination system of this University is different from those of the conventional Universities. All examinations of this University are based on the semester system. Here a student is declared pass or fail in different papers/courses instead of in the terminal examination as a whole. As such a student gets the credit of all those papers/courses, which he/she completes successfully, and as and when he/she completes all the required papers/courses for the program, the pass marks sheet/ certificate indicating the division, is issued to the student. Every student is given home assignments for each course/program. If a student does not submit completed home assignments within the stipulated period, he/she is not allowed to appear in the Terminal examination of that course/program.

UPRTOU has brought the higher education within the reach of a large segment of population, and caters to the needs of thousands of aspirants of higher education. The motto of the UPRTOU is “**reaching the unreached**”, and it aspires to achieve it as early as possible. Thus, the programmes of the University fulfill the educational and training needs of a wide segment of population from the professionally qualified to the general public, from corporate executives to unemployed youths, and from businessmen to homemakers.

Officers of the University:

Designation	Name	Contact No.
Vice-Chancellor	Prof. Satyakam	0532-2447028
Registrar	Mr. Vinay Kumar	7525048031
Finance Officer	Smt. Poonam Mishra	7525048006
Controller of Examination	Prof. G. K. Dwivedi	7525048009

Vision and Mission of the University:

The vision and mission of the Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj may be stated as below:

1. To reach the un-reached
 2. To universalize the opportunities of higher education
- To equalize opportunities in higher education

Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy)

Admission 2025-26

Note - U P Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj (UPRTOU) announces Admission to PhD (Regular mode) Programme 2025 session. The registration for the Ph. D. programme shall be made through the combined merit of NET or equivalent to NET exam marks and the marks obtained in the interview. The interview will be organized by the concerned school of studies. The process and schedule of registration shall be prepared and announced by the University in accordance with the guidelines given by the Academic Council from time to time. Apply online for Ph.D. admission **till December 23, 2025 and December 30, 2025 with late fee**. Check out the details of eligibility criteria, selection process, application fee, online application form etc. on the University website - www.uprtou.ac.in. Applicants are also advised to see the UPRTOU Ph. D. Guidelines & Ordinance available in the University website www.uprtou.ac.in. For any ambiguity in this information brochure the UPRTOU Ph. D. Guidelines & Ordinance will be final.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ADMISSION IN PH. D. & PH. D. ENTRANCE TEST	
Particulars	Proposed Dates
Dates for Online Application & Deposition of Application Processing fee	December 02 to 23, 2025
Dates for Online Application & Deposition of Application Processing fee with late payment	December 24 to 30, 2025
Online Application Form correction period	Dec. 31, 2025 to Jan. 05, 2026
Declaration of Ph.D. Admission List on the University Website	January 24, 2026
The University Website www.uprtou.ac.in	

APPLICATION FEE

01	Application Processing fee for	Rs. 1000.00	(Not Refundable)
		Rs. 500.00	For SC/ST Applicants (Not Refundable)
02	Application Processing fee with late payment	Rs. 1500.00	(Not Refundable)
		Rs. 750.00	For SC/ST Applicants (Not Refundable)

The candidate will have to pay the applicable fee via online mode only i.e. via **Net Banking/Credit Card/Debit Card** etc. This fee will be Non-refundable.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

U. P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj has released notification for the eligible candidates for admission into Ph.D. (Regular Mode) programme for the academic session 2025-26. One can register and apply online only. There is no any other option to apply for **Ph. D. admission**. The Online Link for Ph.D. Entrance Portal is available only through www.uprtou.ac.in. Candidates can follow the below mentioned steps to fill the UPRTOU Ph.D. **admission application form** :

Step 1	The candidate will have to visit the official website of UPRTOU i.e. www.uprtou.ac.in to register and apply online.
Step 2	On visiting the homepage of UPRTOU, you will have to search for the link <i>Apply for Ph. D. admission 2025-26.</i>
Step 3	On clicking the link, the candidate will be directed to a new page and will have to click on the link 'Click Here for Registration'.
Step 4	Once it is open, now you will have to fill up all the required information such as personal and academic details.
Step 5	Once all the details are filled, you are required to upload desired scanned documents, images of your passport-sized photograph and signature. The image should be in JPG/JPEG format and its size should not exceed as per mentioned size.
Step 6	After the images have been successfully uploaded, you have to proceed for payment of the application fee as mentioned in <i>Application Fee title of this brochure.</i>
Step 7	Once the payment has been made, you will receive a confirmation e-mail and an SMS on the registered mobile number.
Step 8	After all the due formalities are completed, candidates are advised to take a print out of the confirmation page as it will come handy for future purposes.
Step 9	If there is any correction required in filled information's, the candidate will be able to correct them in the prescribed correction period as mentioned in <i>Important date's title of this brochure.</i>

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria for admission to **Ph.D. Programme** are -

Candidates who have completed: First year/2 semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8 semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2 year/4 semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with the least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in the country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those 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. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4- year/8 semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be

allowed for those 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 UGC from time to time.

Or

Candidates who have completed the M. Phil. Programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is 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 quality and standards or educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those 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 UGC from time to time.

Ph.D. PROGRAMME OFFERED

Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj has offered Ph.D. programme (Regular Mode) in various subjects for academic session 2025-26. The subjects, subject code for the particular subject and number of seats are given below-

Subjects	Sub. Code	No. of Available Seats for 2025-26
Computer Science	001	SC-03, OBC-02, UR-03, EWS-01
Nutrition Food and Dietetics	003	OBC-01, UR-01
Medieval and Modern History	005	OBC-01
Political Science	006	SC-01, UR-01
Commerce	007	OBC-01, UR-02
Business Administration and Business Management	008	SC-01, OBC-01, UR-01
Education	009	SC-04, OBC-01, UR-02, EWS-01
Sanskrit and Prakrit Language	010	OBC-01
Statistics	011	OBC-02, UR-02
Hindi and Modern Indian Language	013	SC-02, UR-02
Geography	014	SC-01, OBC-01, EWS-01
Ancient Indian History and Archaeology	015	SC-01, UR-01
Mathematics	016	SC-02, OBC-02, UR-03, EWS-01
Zoology	017	SC-01, OBC-02, UR-03

Note: The No. of Available Seats as mentioned above may be increased or decreased or cancelled as per availability of Eligible Research Supervisors or as per University Policy/Decision.

DURATION OF Ph.D. PROGRAMME

The UPRTOU Ph.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years duration except the conditions of UPRTOU Ph. D. Guidelines 12.3.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION

The JRF/NET/Equivalent test qualified Candidates will be called for an interview. The overall merit list would be prepared on the basis of JRF/NET/Equivalent test scores or marks obtained in the JRF/NET/Equivalent test and interview.

STEPS OF SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Process For Admission

The JRF/NET/Equivalent test qualified/appeared Candidates will be called for an interview. The overall merit list would be prepared on the basis of JRF/NET/Equivalent test scores and interview.

Steps of Selection Process:

Step I : Ph.D. Admission Application	<u>Eligibility for Application</u> Category-1: Awarded for JRF and Appointment as Assistant Professor in the Concern Subject Category-2: Qualified for Appointment as Assistant Professor in the Concern Subject Category-3: Qualified for Admission to Ph.D. Programme Only in the Concern Subject Only the Candidates who Qualify the NET/JRF or Equivalent Exam in the above Categories will be eligible to apply. The Marks Obtained in the NET or Equivalent Exam by the Candidate in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year only for admission to Ph.D.		
<u>Step II : Interview</u>	A research proposal in the area of research interest of the applicant's which will be submitted to the interview board. A power point presentation of the said research proposal by the applicant must be presented before the interview board. The presentation of tentative synopsis followed by an Interview shall be organized by the concerned school of studies. Candidates must bring all the relevant documents during interview.		
<u>Step III : Merit List Preparation</u>	As per availability of seats, admission for Ph.D. Program shall be given to the candidates on the basis of merit list. Amongst those candidates who have applied and fulfill the Eligibility as mentioned in Step-I , and participated in Step II (Interview) a merit list in 100 Points comprise of 70 % Scores of JRF/NET/Equivalent Exam scores, and Scores on presentation of tentative synopsis followed by an Interview shall be prepared subject-wise and category-wise. Break-up of 100 Merit Base Points shall be as below:		
S.N.	Particulars	Maximum Marks	Maximum Point

1.	UGC-JRF/NET or Equivalent in the Concern Subject Scores	70 percent of JRF/NET Exam Scores	70
2.	Presentation of Tentative Synopsis through PPT and Interview	30	30
Total		100	100

The presentation of tentative synopsis followed by an Interview shall be organized by the concerned school of studies. The reservation rules/policy of U.P. Govt. will be followed for admission. Vertical and horizontal reservation rules/policy of U.P. Govt. will be implemented as per availability of seats in the particular subject under 100 point's roster rule. If there is no eligible or selected candidate available in a particular category of reservation, the backlog will followed for the coming session only and after that those seats will convert and filled with open category.

Note: (1) *In case of a tie, the first preference will be given to the candidate who secures higher percentage of marks in PG examination. If the marks secured in PG, UG, 12 class and 10 class marks are also same, then in that case the older candidate will be given priority.*

(2) *The merit list would be displayed on the University website.*

REGISTRATION

- 1- After selection in the combined merit (the JRF/NET or equivalent test/Entrance Test Scores and Interview Scores) announced by UPRT Open University the candidate shall be admitted to Pre-Ph. D. course work and after approval of research title and supervisor the candidate shall be provisionally enrolled for Ph. D. program. The successful completion of the Pre-Ph. D. course work shall be treated as prerequisite for Ph. D. Programme.
- 2- The selected candidates already holding M. Phil. Degree and having cleared the M. Phil Course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate and admitted to the Ph. D. Programme shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to Ph. D. degree. All other candidates admitted to the Ph. D. Programme shall be required to complete the Pre-Ph. D. course work prescribed by the concerned School of Studies. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50% may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non creamy layer)/ differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per decision of the U.G.C. from time to time.
- 3- There shall be two categories of Ph. D. candidates: **Full-time and Part-time**. Part time Ph. D. will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant of Ph. D. ordinance are met. All those who are offered a fellowship by the University or by any other agency and registered with the University to pursue a research degree programme of the University shall belong to the category of full-time candidates. In other cases, the Research Degree Committee may allow registration of **full-time candidates** who do not have fellowships. The full –time candidates shall work on their projects at Prayagraj. Candidates who are employed and desirous of pursuing a research degree programme may be permitted to register as **part- time candidate**. Ordinarily, teachers and other staff while continuing on

their jobs shall belong to this category. But such candidates have to devote not less than 200 days with the supervisor for his/her research work and the University shall obtain a **"No Objection Certificate (NoC)"** through the candidates for a part-time Ph. D. programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly, stating that:

- a. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
- b. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
- c. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work

- 4- All registrations to Ph. D. Programmes shall be provisional and the same shall be confirmed according to the procedures prescribed by the Academic Council from time to time.
- 5- After declaration of step III result, a candidate, who has been offered admission for Ph. D. Programme shall deposit the prescribed Pre-Ph. D. course work fee within a prescribed period and the programme fee with registration fee within a period of six weeks from the date of approval of **research title** and **research supervisor**, failing which his/her admission may be treated as cancelled. However, a candidate who has been registered for Ph. D. Programme **the Ph. D. registration of a candidate may be cancelled for any of the following reasons:**
 - i. Non-payment of fees within due date
 - ii. Unsatisfactory progress of research
 - iii. Non-compliance with the provisions of the ordinances
 - iv. Non-completion of Pre-Ph. D. course work
 - v. Failure to submit the Ph. D. Thesis within the time limit prescribed.
- 6- The Research Degree committee may consider requests for **re-registration** from candidates whose registration is cancelled. An application for re- registration, if made within a period not exceeding one year from the cancellation of the candidate's registration, may be considered only on the recommendation of the Director concerned.
- 7- Except fee for registration all other fees prescribed by the University shall always be charged on annual basis or as decided by the university from time to time.

COURSE WORK

The Course work for Ph.D. program is of 16 credits. A student shall be deemed to have completed his/her course work successfully if he/she obtains a minimum of 50% marks in each internal and external assessment separately and 55% of marks aggregate in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50% may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non creamy layer)/ differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per decision of the U.G.C. from time to time. In each theory paper of Ph.D. Course work, 30% of the total marks shall be assigned for the sessional assessment, while rest 70% marks will be assigned through written Examination.

FINAL SYNOPSIS

The Three copies of synopsis duly forwarded by the proposed supervisor and Joint-supervisor (if any) have to be submitted between 3 to 6 months from the date of Research Degree Committee (RDC). Each page of the synopsis must be signed by the candidate and the supervisor both. The synopsis must include (i) the title of the problem (ii) the need of study (iii) the review of the related literature (iv) the methodology (v) the data sources (vi) the chapter plan and (vii) the bibliography.

THE FEE STRATURE FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME

SN	Details of Fee	Fee	Specifications
01	Application Processing fee for	Rs. 1000.00	(Not Refundable)
		Rs. 500.00	For SC/ST Applicants (Not Refundable)
02	Application Processing fee with late payment	Rs. 1500.00	(Not Refundable)
		Rs. 750.00	For SC/ST Applicants (Not Refundable)
03	Ph.D. Programme Registration fee	Rs. 3000.00	Once (Not Refundable)
04	Ph.D. Programme fee	Rs. 20,000.00	Per Annum (Refundable)*
05	Late payment for Ph.D. Programme fee	10% of Programme fee	Per Annum (Not Refundable)
06	Admission with Exam fee for Pre-Ph.D. Course Work	Rs. 10,000.00	Once (Refundable)*
07	Pre-Ph.D. Course Work Back Paper fee, if required	Rs. 2000.00	Per Paper (Not Refundable)
08	Pre-Submission Presentation fee for final submission of Ph. D. Thesis	Rs. 10,000.00	At the time of request for Pre-Submission Viva (Not Refundable)
09	Re- Pre-Submission Presentation fee for final submission of Ph. D. Thesis	Rs. 3000.00	For each Re-Pre Submission Viva (Not Refundable)
10	Evaluation of Thesis and viva voce fee	Rs. 15,000.00	At the time of Submission of Thesis Once (Not Refundable)

Or as determined by the Academic Council from time to time. The fees shall be payable on such dates and such mode as may be notified from time to time.

POLICY FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME FEE REFUND*

Category	% of Refund of Fees*	Point of time when notice of Withdrawal of admission/registration is received in the University
(1)	100%	15 days or more before the formally notified last date of admission/registration
(2)	90%	Less than 15 days before the formally notified last date of admission/registration
(3)	80%	15 days or less after the formally notified last date of admission/registration
(4)	50%	30 days or less, but more than 15 days after formally notified last date of admission/registration
(5)	00%	More than 30 days after formally notified last date of admission/registration