

**Directorate of Distance Education**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This is to inform all the students who are planning to submit their Ph.D. thesis (Distance education – Off campus) to Dravidian University that they need to present a synopsis seminar before they submit the thesis. Hence, they require to submit their synopsis on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The synopsis seminars would be scheduled between 1-15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

It may also be noted that all those who have submitted their thesis from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 till date also must give a synopsis presentation.

This is to inform that the following regulations would be followed strictly for all the Ph.D. theses that are being submitted or submitted to Dravidian University under Distance Education (Off Campus).

1. Students have to make a synopsis seminar presentation at Dravidian University campus before submitting the thesis / processing of theses.
2. DU had adopted an anti-plagiarism policy and any thesis having similarity index higher than **10% in plagiarism check** would not be accepted for examination.
3. At the time of submission, it is mandatory to submit **one published full sized research paper** in a good quality technical and peer reviewed research journal.
4. The thesis work should be presented in at least **one conference**.
5. **Panel of experts** that the Ph.D. guide submits for thesis evaluation must consist of at least **50% experts from national institutions** or institutions of high repute.

These regulations, adopted from UGC guidelines and norms followed at Dravidian University for all its regular Ph.D. students would be strictly applied to all theses submitted/submitting under Distance Education (Off campus) at Dravidian University.

Registration gets cancelled on completion of 10 years (5 years + 5 yearly extensions) and no extensions would be given under any circumstances.

For students from **2007-08** and **2008-09** batches thesis submission stands **closed** and theses would not be accepted any more. **For students from 2009 batch, the last date of thesis submission is 31/05/2019.**

**Status** of all thesis submitted under Distance Education would be uploaded on the University website by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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Director**