

TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY,
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CHENNAI - 600 032.



(Post - Graduate Degree Course Under Allied Health Science)

Regulations

FOR

M.OPTOM

THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI-32

REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

(Post-graduate Degree course under Allied Health Science)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 44 of the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai Act 1987 (Tamil Nadu Act 37 of 1987) the Standing Academic Board of the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai hereby makes the following regulations:-

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:-

These regulations shall be called as “THE REGULATIONS FOR THE M.OPTOM. OF THE TAMIL NADU Dr. MGR MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI”.

They shall come into force from the academic year 2018-2019 onwards.

The Regulations and the Syllabus framed are subject to modification by the Standing Academic Board from time to time.

2. OBJECTIVES: -

Optometry is a discipline concerned with

- (a) Application of physical concepts and methods to the understanding of human field vision in health and disease
- (b) Introduction of new and more precise techniques into the investigation and correction of vision treatment of the individual patient and
- (c) Ensuring the availability and use of resources of Optometry in day –to –day practice.
- (d) At the end of the course the student must have an in depth knowledge in the field of Optometry.
- (e) Have an understanding about the radiation applications in diagnosis correction of vision and treatment and its impact on health care and health care delivery.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:-

Candidates who have passed B.Sc. ,(Optometry) degree of this University or any other University recognized as equivalent thereto by the authority of this University.

4. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE:

Candidates who have passed any qualifying examination, as specified in Regulation No.3 above from any other Universities other than the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University before seeking admission to the affiliated institutions shall obtain an Eligibility Certificate from the University by remitting the prescribed fees along with the application form which shall be downloaded from the University website (www.tnmgrmu.ac.in).

5. DURATION OF THE COURSE:- Two years

Each academic year shall consist of not less than 270 working days.

6. AGE LIMIT FOR ADMISSION :-

No upper age limit.

7. PHYSICAL FITNESS CERTIFICATE:

Every candidate before admission to the course shall submit to the Director of the Institution a certificate of medical fitness from an authorized medical officer that the candidate is physically fit and mentally sound to undergo the academic course and does not suffer from any disability or contagious disease.

8. CUT OFF DATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE COURSE

Candidates admitted up to 30th September shall be registered to take up their first year examination from October / May of the next year, after fulfilment of the regulations.

All kinds of admissions shall be completed on or before 30th September of the academic year. There shall not be any admissions after 30th September, even if seats are vacant.

* It was resolved 48th S.A.B. Dated 02.07.2014

9. REGISTRATION:

A candidate admitted to the Post Graduate Degree in Optometry shall register his/her name by submitting the prescribed application form for registration duly filled in by remitting the prescribed fee to the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University within 30 days from the cut off date prescribed for Post Graduate Degree in Optometry.

10. COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSE:

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11. MIGRATION/TRANSFER OF CANDIDATES

Request for Migration/Transfer of candidates during the course of study from one recognized Institution to another recognized Institution of this University or from other University shall not be granted under any circumstances.

12. RE-ADMISSION AFTER BREAK OF STUDY

As per the procedure laid down in a common regulation for all the courses of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University.

13. POSTING AND TRAINING IN OUTSIDE CENTRES:

It is mandatory the M.Optom. student should undergo fifteen days of posting in each Speciality Departments like Contact Lenses, Cornea, Paediatric, Ophthalmology, Glaucoma, Low Vision and Retina (3 months).

14. MAINTENANCE OF LOG BOOK:-

- a) Every Post Graduate Degree candidate shall maintain a record of skills (Log Book) he / she has acquired during the two years training period, certified by the various Heads of Department, where he / she undergone training including outside the institution.

- b) The candidate should also be required to participate in the teaching and training programme of post-graduate and intern-students.
- c) In addition, the Head of the Department shall involve their Post- graduate Degree course candidates in Seminars, Journal Clubs, Group Discussions and participation in clinical.
- d) Every Post- graduate Degree course candidate should be encouraged to present short title papers in conferences and improve on it and submit them for publication in reputed medical journals. Motivation by the Heads of Departments is essential in this area to sharpen the research skills of the post-graduate candidates.
- e) The Head of the Department shall scrutinize the Log Book once in every three months.
- f) At the end of the course, the candidate should summaries the contents and get the Log Book certified by the Head of the Department.
- g) The Log Book for each years should be submitted 3 months prior to the final year examinations.

15. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION

- a) No candidate shall be permitted to appear in any one of the parts of M.Optom Course Examinations, unless he / she has attended the course in all the subjects for the prescribed period in an affiliated Institution recognized by this University and has to produce the necessary certificates of study, attendance, satisfactory conduct and progress from the Head of the Institution.
- b) A candidate is required to put in a minimum of 85% of attendance (of 270 days) each in theory and practical classes in each subject before admission to the examination.
- c) A candidate lacking in the prescribed attendance and progress in any one subject in theory and practical classes, wherever necessary in the first appearance, shall not be permitted for admission to the entire examination.

*** 80% attendance for all non-council PG AHS courses from the academic year 2021-22**

*** Resolved 61st SAB meeting held on 21.4.2022.**

16. CONDONATION OF LACK OF ATTENDANCE:

There shall be no condonation of lack of attendance in Post Graduate degree programme.

17. COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATION:

15th October / 15th May

If the date of commencement of examinations falls on Saturdays / Sundays or declared Public Holidays, the examination shall begin on the next working day.

18. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION:

English shall be the medium of instruction for all the subjects of study and examination of the Post - graduate Degree in Optometry.

19. PASSING MINIMUM:

A candidate shall be declared to have passed in each paper/subject if he / she secures NOT LESS THAN 50% of the marks prescribed for the examinations.

20. REVALUATION / RETOTALLING OF ANSWER PAPERS:-

Re-totalling / Revaluation of answer paper is not permitted .

21. INTERNAL ASSESSMENT:

The Internal Assessment should consist of the following points for Evaluation:-

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT – SCHEME : 50 MARKS

Theory	Practical	Log Book
20 marks	20 marks	10 marks

The Internal Assessment of the candidate has to be assessed on the above points and a report has to be submitted by the institution as detailed below:-

The aggregate of Final Internal Assessment Marks should be submitted 2 months before the commencement of the exam as per scheme of examination shall be taken by the University as Internal Assessment Marks and minimum of 50% marks is mandatory for permitting the candidates to sit for the University examinations.

22. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION * :

FIRST YEAR

Paper	Subjects	Internal Assessment Theory				Practical		Viva Voice	
		(IA)				Max	Min	Max	Min
		Max	Min	Max	Min				
1.	Principles of Epidemiology, Research Methodology, Biostatistics and Medical Ethics	50	25	100	50	--	--	-	-
2.	Ocular Diseases and Diagnostics - I	50	25	100	50	-	-	-	-
3.	Advanced Contact Lenses - I	50	25	100	50	100	50	-	-
4.	Paediatric Optometry and Binocular Vision	50	25	100	50	100	50	-	-
5.	Low Vision Care and Geriatric Optometry	50	25	100	50	100	50	-	-
6.	Clinics (General)	50	25	--	--	100	50	50	25

*** Resolved in the 60th SAB dated 20.4.2021 and this shall come into effect from the A.Y.2020-2021 admission onwards**

SECOND YEAR

S.No	Subjects	Internal Assessment (IA)				Theory		Practical		Viva Voice	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
1.	Ocular Diseases and Diagnostics - II	50	25	100	50	100	50	-	-	-	-
2.	Advanced Contact Lenses - II	50	25	100	50	100	50	-	-	-	-
3.	Low Vision Care and Rehabilitation	50	25	100	50	--	--	-	-	-	-
4.	Vision Therapy	50	25	100	50	--	--	-	-	-	-
5.	Sports Vision and Occupational Optometry	50	25	100	50	--	--	-	-	-	-
6.	Epidemiology and Community Eye Care	50	25	100	50	100	50	-	-	-	-

If a candidate fails in practical (or) theory he/she has to write BOTH the practical paper and the RELATED theory subject.

Evaluation of Dissertation	200
Viva/Presentation	50
IA	50
Total	300
Passing Minimum	150

* It was resolved XXXX111 S.A.B. Dated 19.12.2011.

The candidates having arrear papers should complete and pass the first year papers before appearing for the final year examinations.

23. SUBMISSION OF PRACTICAL RECORD BOOKS :-

At the time of Practical Examination, each candidate shall submit to the Examiners his / her Practical Record Books duly certified by the Head of the Department as a bonafide record of the work done by the candidate.

The concerned Head of the Department shall evaluate the Practical Record (Internal Assessment) and the Practical Record shall be presented to the Examiner at the time of examinations at the end of each year.

24. QUESTION PAPER PATTERN:-

Theory

Essay - 2 x 20 Marks = 40 Marks

Short Notes - 10 x 6 Marks = 60 Marks

100 Marks

Requirement for pass: 50% in each paper
