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Academic Graduate Studies and Research Division

BITS Pilani

Information related to Admission of Part-Time Students to the Doctoral Program, First Semester, 2024–25

A Candidate seeking "Part-Time" admission should:

- Work in an organization which encourages and facilitates research.
- Meet the requisite minimum qualification for admission to Ph.D program of BITS Pilani.
- Have a minimum of one year work experience in related field.
- Furnish a "Consent & No Objection Certificate" from his/her parent organization in a prescribed format (provided at the end of this document)

Minimum eligibility criteria for admissions:

- M.E./M.Tech./M.Pharm./MBA/M.Phil. or an equivalent Degree with a minimum of 60% aggregate in the qualifying examination.
- M.Sc./B.E./B.Pharm. or an equivalent degree with a minimum of 60% aggregate in the qualifying examination
- For admissions to Humanities and Social Sciences, candidates with an M.A. degree and a minimum of 55% aggregate may apply.

Meeting the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission into the PhD program. In addition, Departments may set specific admission criteria for shortlisting. Shortlisted candidates will have to appear for an admission test, which may comprise of a written exam and/or interview. Candidates admitted with qualifications like M.Sc., B.E., B.Pharm., M.A. etc., will be required to do course work on admission to the program.

Not all Departments across the campuses of BITS Pilani are likely to admit 'Part-time' students. Department's Preference with regard to the "Part-Time" student admission into the Doctoral program (First semester, 2024-25) is available in the PhD admission brochure. General admission information and the PhD admission brochure are available at "[PhD Brochure \(bitsadmission.com\)](https://bitsadmission.com)"

Financial Assistance:

Financial assistance is not provided to the candidates under PhD (Part Time) program. It is mandatory for interested part-time candidates to obtain all necessary permissions from his/her employer. Admission will be made by following the same process of selection as that for full-time candidates. All existing academic regulations that apply to full-time students admitted to the Doctoral program will also be applicable to part-time PhD students, unless specifically mentioned otherwise.



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PhD course work for Part-time candidates:

Course work is decided by the Department based on the background of the candidate and whether he or she will work in an area of research different from his background. Candidates may contact the respective Department HOD for required information. The number of courses to be taken will again depend on the background and/or area of research of the candidate. General guidelines for coursework may be noted as given below:

- (i) A candidate having an Undergraduate Degree equivalent to the First Degree of BITS Pilani i.e. BE, BPharm or MSc. will need to do coursework which typically is spread across 2 Semesters.
- (ii) A candidate having a Higher Degree equivalent of BITS Pilani like ME, MPharm, MBA etc. may need to do coursework of one or two semester duration (to be decided by the concerned Department at the time of interview).

In both cases, the courses offered will be at the discretion of the Department. Coursework will have to be done on campus. Off-campus coursework is not permitted.

***Format for obtaining "Consent & No Objection Certificate" from employer (To be submitted on official stationery of organization along with application form)**

This is to certify that Mr./Ms..... is working in our organization as.....since.....The Organization has no objection if Mr./Ms..... is admitted to part-time PhD programme of BITS Pilani. The organization will grant leave as and when required and all necessary facilities to the employee in order to complete all components of PhD programme.

Date:

Signature of Head of the organization with Seal