



PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

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Ph.D. Admissions - 2023-24

(Only for Entrance Examination Exempted Category)



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From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

It gives me great pleasure in extending my hearty welcome to all those who are seeking admission to various Programmes of Pondicherry University. Pondicherry University holds a special place in the Indian University System. It was created to meet out the demands of the local community, and ever since its inception in 1985, it has shown a tremendous commitment to innovation and to serving the needs of the nation. The University takes great pride in having established strong, industry-focused teaching programmes and cutting-edge research. We offer our students a research-enriched education that is complemented by work-integrated learning opportunity. Pondicherry University, accredited with "A" Grade by NAAC, is one of the most sought-after campuses amongst the students from across the nation as a destination for the Higher Education and Research. Pondicherry University was the first in the country to implement "Choice-Based Credit System" (CBCS) which is now being followed by many other Universities.

The quality of education disseminated in the University churns the vibrant young minds with the major skill-sets required for the industry. The courses offered are very carefully designed keeping the functionality of output to bridge the gap between higher education and employment. We kindle the passion in students and churn them out as a brigade of enterprising leaders.

The publication of our in-house research journals with high academic visibility and impact factor, various Memorandums of Understanding and collaboration with

International and National Universities for various programmes, research projects and conferences, specially designated 'Chairs', for academic excellence, distinguished faculty, and enthusiastic students are taking our university to incredible heights.

In addition to the green campus, excellent architecture, state-of-the-art infrastructure, well-equipped laboratories, cosy workrooms for research and teaching, facility of online admissions, Credit-Based Evaluation System, more than twenty thousand learners in various disciplines, two off-campus, one located in Port Blair (Andamans) and another at Karaikal, with two Constituent Colleges, one at Puducherry and another at Mahe add credit to Pondicherry University. Further, the campuses off the University are ICT enabled and provide an e-learning and e-connect environment, along with class coordination system, document management system as well as virtual class rooms.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

ONLINE

Application forms are to be submitted online through the University website www.pondiuni.edu.in by following the instructions posted therein.

APPLICATION FEE

Name of the Course	Application fees (Per Course)		
	SC*/ST*	PH**/Transgender**	Others
Ph.D	500	Nil	1000

* Subject to submission of relevant certificate.

** Subject to submission of relevant certificate from Govt. Medical Officer.

FILLING OF APPLICATION FORM

1. Apply separately for each programme.
2. Fill in all columns with complete and correct information after going through the Information Brochure. Incomplete/ false/ wrong information will entail rejection of application. **Any claim based on wrong information, wrong course code, category (OBC/SC/ST/EWS/Gen), etc. will not be entertained at a later stage.**
3. Application forms are to be filled and submitted online, as per instructions in the University website: www.pondiuni.edu.in
4. Due care should be taken in filling the application form. Select the correct course in the relevant column as this is very important.
5. All columns should be filled correctly and unambiguously.
6. While filling in the qualification and marks, care should be taken to provide the relevant marks/ grades.
7. After proper filling of the application form and payment of fee online, candidates can download their printable application from the University website by following the instructions therein.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

■ Admission to the various courses of the University is open to all those who have the prescribed qualifications without any discrimination of race, caste, creed, language or sex.

■ Students should have, in general, obtained their Bachelor's/ Master's degree from a recognized University under 10+2+3 / 10+2+3+2 system, i.e., the candidate should have studied for 15 years to obtain his/her/ bachelor's degree and 17 years to obtain his/ her Master's degree to apply for admission to Ph.D. programmes respectively offered at each school/ department/ centre.

■ The minimum eligibility criteria for different courses are as prescribed in the appropriate sections. Candidates qualified through other system of studies should obtain eligibility certificate from the University before admission.

■ Unless otherwise specifically stated, candidates should have secured a minimum of 55% of marks in their P.G. degree for admission. **Eligibility marks will not be rounded off.** For example 54.99% will not be rounded off to 55% for the purpose of admission.

■ Candidates awaiting their results are also eligible to apply. Such candidates, however, must produce the mark sheet/ degree certificate as the proof of fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria on or before the date notified by the university without which provisional admission, if granted, will be cancelled.

■ All admissions are provisional, subject to verification of required documents, as per prescribed norms.

■ The students will be required to take up a group health insurance (for hospitalization, etc.) through the University.

■ Admitted students are required to carry the University Identity Card at all times while they are inside the campus.

■ Those who need accommodation in the hostels must report to their departments prior to registration and counselling.

■ The University reserves its right not to offer a course advertised, for any administrative or other reasons.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The admission shall be made based on presentation and personal interview conducted by the concerned departments / centres.

Admission granted will be cancelled at any time, if it is found that the information furnished by the candidate is false or incorrect or if, at a later stage, it is found that the candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria prescribed for the course.

The list of selected/waitlisted candidates will be hosted on the University website.

No individual admission intimation will be sent to the selected/ waitlisted candidates. Hence, the applicants are advised to see the University website regularly for updates regarding admission.

The University reserves the right to increase/ decrease the intake of any of the programmes. The University also reserves the right not to offer any of its courses due to administrative reasons.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements for Ph.D. programmes

Eligibility:

Only those candidates who have qualified the National Eligibility Test conducted by UGC/ CSIR or such other National Level examination recognized by the University as equivalent, and awarded a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for pursuing doctoral research are eligible. The candidates who have been selected for the award of Junior Research Fellowship under the schemes of National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC), National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC) and Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students (MANF) as per UGC Notification F.No.82-44/2020 (SA_III) dated 17.12.2020 shall be treated on par with candidates who have qualified in UGC-CSIR-NET with JRF for admission into the Ph.D. programmes of the University. These candidates could be admitted at the beginning of monsoon and winter semesters, on the recommendation of the Ph.D. Admission Committee. NET qualified candidates without JRF will have to take the entrance test.

Educational Qualification (Ph.D. Full-time)

(a) Candidates who have studied under 10+2+3+2 pattern of education (or 10+2+5) and qualified for the Master's Degree in the subject concerned or in an allied subject and have qualifications as prescribed by the regulations for the subject concerned under all the Schools/ Departments/ Centres of Humanities and Social Sciences, Management, Commerce, Science, Education, Fine Arts and Languages and such other disciplines of Pondicherry University, or a degree accepted as equivalent by the University securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

(b) Candidates who have studied under 10+2 pattern of education and qualified for the Master's degree in the Schools/ Faculty of Law, Engineering and Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary Science or the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Master of Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine/Dentistry/Paramedical of this University or any other University, through regular full time study, recognized by this University securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

(c) Candidates who have studied under 10+2 pattern of education and qualified for the Degree of Master of Science of three-year duration in the School/ Faculty of Medicine of this University or of any other university recognized by this University securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

(d) Candidates of Indian origin or overseas students who have qualified for a Master's degree of an accredited overseas university securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

(e) A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade is allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/differently-abled categories.

General Conditions

(a) The candidate would be required to give a seminar before the Admission Committee on the proposed topic of research in the concerned School/ Department/ Centre. The Admission Committee/University may also adapt any other method of evaluation of the candidate which will also form the basis for

considering the provisional admission to the candidate. The Admission Committee/ University should be convinced of the potential of the candidate to carry out research.

(b) All the Ph.D. applicants called for interview should submit at the time of interview, a clear written proposal of the research to be conducted, giving sufficient back-ground material and the proposed line of research, and obtain the consent of a research supervisor duly recognized by the University within the University area.

Mere possession of required educational and other qualifications and being called for interview alone can not be claimed as a right for admission to the Ph.D. programme in the University.

Mode of admission

Based on the presentation and interview conducted by the concerned Departments / Centres.

Reservation:

SC/ST Candidates

In accordance with the policy of the Government of India and the guidelines of the University Grants Commission, the University has reserved 15% of seats in each course for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and 7.5% seats for those belonging to the Scheduled Tribes with a provision for inter-changeability between these categories, wherever necessary. Candidates should submit a certificate about their caste from a Revenue Officer not below the rank of the Tahsildar at the time of admission.

OBC Candidates

27% reservation for **OBC category (Non-Creamy Layer)** is implemented by the University as per Government of India instructions.

EWS Candidates

In accordance with the policy of the Government of India, the University implements 10% reservation in admission for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) candidates in each course. The candidates have to produce the necessary certificate from the Revenue Department, in the format prescribed by Government of India.

Differently abled Candidates

5% of seats in each course are reserved for differently abled candidates. Differently abled candidate shall be required to submit a certificate from a government hospital indicating the extent of physical disability and also the extent to which the disability hampers the candidate in pursuing his/her studies. The candidates may have to undergo a fresh medical examination if required by the University before being admitted.

Ph.D. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Only UGC/ CSIR-NET/NFOBC / NFSC /MANF with JRF Fellowship holders will be considered and they are exempted from Entrance Exam

Course Code	Subject	Intake	Eligibility criteria for admission	Remarks
167	Adult & Continuing Education	-	Master's degree in Humanities, Social Sciences or any other related discipline with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
101	Anthropology	4	Master's degree in Anthropology with a minimum of 55 % of marks.	-
157	Applied Psychology	4	Master's degree in Psychology/ Applied Psychology with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
143	Asian Christian Studies	-	M.A. degree in Christian studies from any University or its equivalent with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
146	Banking Technology	35	a) MBA (Banking Technology)/ MBA (Finance/ Systems)/ M.Com. Business Finance with a minimum of 55% of marks. b) PGDM of IIMs or equivalent Management Degree with Banking/ Finance/ Systems specializations with a minimum of 55% of marks. c) Professional degrees like C.A., ICWAI, ACS. d) M.E./ M.Tech. (CSE/ IT) or equivalent degree from a recognized university e) Working professionals of BFSI sector/ IT sector with the above academic degrees with minimum number of years experience.	-
102	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	9	Master's degree in Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology/ Biotechnology/ Microbiology/Life Sciences/Zoology/Botany or in any other related areas with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
104	Bioinformatics	15	Master's degree in Bioinformatics/ Life Sciences/ Computer Science/ Physics/ Chemistry/ Applied Mathematics/ Statistics/ IT & Engineering or any other relevant areas with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
103	Biotechnology	9	Master's degree in Agriculture/Bioinformatics/ Biochemistry/ Biotechnology/Botany/ Microbiology/ Veterinary Science/ Zoology or in any other related areas with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
107	Chemistry	28	Master's degree in Chemistry/Chemical Sciences and any other related areas in Chemistry with a minimum of 55% of marks. Candidates wishing to apply for the fields of Physical Chemistry should have studied mathematics at +2 level and those for theoretical Chemistry should have studied allied mathematics at B.Sc. level. For organic and inorganic chemistry fields, mathematics at +2/B.Sc level is not mandatory.	-
105	Commerce	6 (Karaikal)	Master's degree in Commerce with a minimum of 55% of marks	-

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Course Code	Subject	Intake	Eligibility criteria for admission	Remarks
106	Computer Science & Engineering/ Computer Science *	9	M.E. / M.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering/ Network and Internet Engineering/ Network and Information Security or Information Technology OR MCA/ M.S./ M.Sc. in Computer Science/ Information Technology/ Software Engineering or equivalent with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
147	Disaster Management (Port Blair, Andamans) **	8	Master's degree in Disaster Management / Geology/ Geography/ Geo-Physics/ Chemistry / Physics / Maths / M.Tech./ ME in Computer Science or related field with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
140	Drama & Theatre Arts	6	Master's degree in Drama & Theatre Arts or any discipline in Performing Arts with a minimum 55% of marks and should have knowledge and experience in Drama and Theatre Arts	-
110	Earth Sciences	14	Master's degree in Geology/Applied Geology/Marine Geology/ Geophysics with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
111	Ecology & Environmental Sciences	-	Master's degree in Ecology & Environmental Sciences or any related branch of Science or Technology with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
108	Economics	-	Master's degree in Economics with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
151	Education	-	M.Ed/M.Ed. (Elementary Education)/ M.Ed. (Educational Technology)/ M.A. Education with B.Ed./ M.Sc.Education with B.Ed. with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
154	Electronic Media	-	Master's Degree with 55% of marks in Electronic Media, Journalism, Mass Communication, Fine Arts, Visual Arts & Performing Arts	-
155	Mass Communication	8	Master's Degree with 55% of marks in Mass Communication, Journalism, Electronic Media	-
138	Electronics and Communication Engineering	15	B.E./B.Tech. degree followed by M.E/M.Tech. degree in Electronics/ Communication Systems/ Electronics and Communication Engineering/ Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering / other related specializations with an overall minimum aggregate of 55% of marks in the qualifying examination (M.E./M.Tech.)	-
109	English	-	Master's degree in English with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
112	Environmental Technology	9	Master's degree in Science/ Technology with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
169	European Studies	-	Master's degree in Social Sciences and European Languages with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
152 / 158	Food Science & Nutrition / Food Science & Technology	16	M.Sc. / M.Tech. in Food Science / Nutrition / Food Technology / Food Engineering and its related subjects / Microbiology / Biotechnology	-

* Candidate admitted for Ph.D. Programme with

i) Masters in Computer Science & Engineering or equivalent Engineering Degree will be offered Ph.D. in Computer Science & Engg. Degree
ii) Masters in Computer Science or Computer Applications or equivalent Science degree will be offered Ph.D. in Computer Science Degree

** Admission process for Ph.D will be carried out at Department of Coastal Disaster Management in the University campus at Port Blair.

Ph.D. Admission 2023-24
(Entrance Exam exempted category)

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Course Code	Subject	Intake	Eligibility criteria for admission	Remarks
113	French	6	Master's degree in French with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
159	Green Energy Technology	27	<p>Bioenergy/Biofuels /Combustion Technology M.Sc. Biotechnology/Bioenergy/Microbiology/Environmental Science /Marine Science (OR) M.E/M.Tech. Energy/ Green Energy Technology/ Nanotechnology / Biotechnology/ Environmental Engineering</p> <p>Energy Materials/Energy Conversion & Storage M.Sc. Physics/ Chemistry (with allied Mathematics at BSc level)/ Materials Science (OR) M.E/M.Tech. Materials/Energy /Green Energy Technology with B.E./B.Tech in Chemical Engineering/ Electronics /Electrical Engineering</p> <p>Solar Thermal Energy Technology M.Sc. Physics/ Material Science (OR) M.E/M.Tech Energy/ Thermal Engineering/ Green Energy Technology</p> <p>Photovoltaic Technology M.Sc. -Physics/ Material Science (OR) M.E/M.Tech Material Science / Nanotechnology / Energy / Green Energy Technology with B.E /B.Tech in Material Science /Electronics/ Electrical Engineering</p> <p>Wind/Ocean/Tidal Energy Technology / Green Building/Sustainable Technology M.Sc. Physics/ Chemistry (with allied Mathematics at BSc. level)/ Materials Science/ Nanoscience (OR) M.E/M.Tech. Energy/ Mechanical/Material/Civil/Green Energy Technology with B.E./ B.Tech. in Mechanical/Electrical Engineering/Electronics (OR) M.Tech Energy / Thermal Engineering/ Green Energy Technology</p> <p>Organic Photovoltaics and Green Chemical Technologies M.Sc. Chemistry /Materials Science/ Nanoscience (OR) M.E/M.Tech. Energy/Green Energy Technology/ Nanotechnology / Material Science/Energy Science and Technology</p>	-
115	Hindi	4	Master's degree in Hindi with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
114	History	--	Master degree in History/ Ancient History and Archaeology with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
145	International Business	33	MBA (International Business) MBA (Marketing, Finance, HR, Tourism, Systems), MIBA, M.Com., Master's degree in Foreign Trade, Economics, and other relevant disciplines with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
144	Law	-	Master's degree in Law with a minimum of 55 % marks	-
156	Library & Information Science	9	Master's degree in Library and Information Science with a minimum of 55% marks	-
117	Management Specialization (Puducherry Campus) Finance - 5 Marketing - 11 HumanResource - 4 (Karaikal Campus) Insurance/Marketing/HR - 9	39 (Puducherry) 2 (Karaikal)	Master's degree in Business Administration, Management, Commerce, Industrial Engineering, Industrial Management, Production Engineering, Foreign Trade, Operations Research, Statistics, Public Administration, Sociology, Social Work, Economics, Psychology, Tourism, Hospitality, Hospital Management, Mass Communication and other relevant disciplines with a minimum of 55% of marks. Candidates with affiliation to professional bodies such as ICAI, ICSI and ICWAI and any other relevant disciplines may also be considered.	-
119	Marine Biology (Port Blair, Andaman) #	6	Master's degree in Marine Biology / Zoology / Botany / Biochemistry / Biotechnology / Fisheries / Life Science with a minimum of 55% of marks	-

Admission process for Ph.D will be carried out at Department of Ocean Studies and Marine Biology in the University campus at Port Blair.

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Course Code	Subject	Intake	Eligibility criteria for admission	Remarks
174	Maritime Studies	-	M.A. in Political Science/International Relations/South Asian Studies/Security Studies/Economics/History/Maritime related studies with minimum of 55% of marks.	-
118	Mathematics	4	Master's degree in Mathematics with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
128	Microbiology	-	Master's degree in Microbiology/ Biotechnology/ Botany/ Biochemistry/Veterinary Science/ Zoology/Medicine or in any other related areas with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
160	Nanoscience and Technology	9	M.Sc./ M.Tech in Nanoscience and Technology/ Physics/ Chemistry/ Material Science/ with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
120	Philosophy	9	Master's degree in Philosophy with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
121	Physical Education & Sports	-	Master's degree in Physical Education with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
122	Physics	20	Master's degree in Physics/ Material Science and Technology with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
116	Politics & International Studies, Political Science and Public Administration	6	Master's degree with at least 55% marks in Political Science, International Relations, Area Studies, Public Administration and Defence Studies	-
123	Sanskrit	8	Master's or Acharya degree in Sanskrit with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
170	Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy	4	Master degree in Anthropology/ Sociology / Social Work with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-
153	Social Work	8	Master's degree in Social Work with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
124	Sociology	4	Master's degree in Sociology with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
150	South Asian Studies	-	M.A. in Political Science/ International Relations/ South Asian Studies/ Economics/ related Social Sciences disciplines with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
126	Women's Studies	8	Master's degree in any Social Science discipline with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
161	Southern Asia Studies	-	M.A. in Political Science/ International Relations/ South Asian Studies/ Economics/ History/ Sociology/ Defence Studies or related disciplines with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
149	Statistics	9	M.Sc. Statistics, M.Sc. Applied Statistics, M.Sc. Biostatistics, M.Sc. Actuarial Statistics, M.Sc. Statistics & Operations Research with Probability Theory, Distribution Theory and Statistical Inference as the core papers in the respective post-graduation programme with a minimum of 55% marks.	-
125	Tamil	9	Master's degree in Tamil with a minimum of 55% of marks	-
142	Tourism Studies	4	M.B.A Tourism, M.T.A, M.A. (Tourism), M.T.M, Master's degree in Hospitality Management, M.B.A with a minimum of 55% of marks.	-

FEES

The following fees are applicable to the students admitted to Pondicherry University departments.

● Fee Table:1 - Ph.D. Programmes (Full Time)					(in ₹)
Sl. No.	Item		Initial Payment at the time of admission	Subsequent semester wise payment	Remarks
1.	Research Fee	Humanities	2500	2500	--
		Science	3500	3500	
2.	Registration Fee		1000		
3.	Matriculation Fee		500		
4.	Recognition Fee		500		--
5.	Sports Fund		250	250	
6.	Medical Examination / Facilities Fund		250	250	
7.	Library Fund		1000	1000	
8.	Advanced Lab Facility Fund(for Science Departments except Mathematics, Statistics, Applied Psychology and Library Science)		5000	5000	
9.	Amenities Development Fund		6000		
10.	Students' Welfare Fund		250	250	
11.	Alumni Association Fund		500		
12.	Caution Deposit (Refundable)				
	Science Courses		2000		
	Other Courses		1000		
13.	ICT Fund & Computer		1500	1500	
14.	Group Medical Insurance (for full-time candidates only)		378		--
15.	University Development Fund		2000		--
	TOTAL Humanities		17628	5750	--
	TOTAL Science		24628	11750	--

Payment of Fees

Ph.D. scholars shall pay all the fees to the University at the time of admission. For the subsequent semesters, the fees should be paid within ten days from the beginning of each semester.

Refund of fees, caution deposits, etc.

Caution deposit money is refundable, on an application from the student on his/her leaving the University, after deducting all dues against him/her.

If any student does not claim the refund of any amount lying to his/her credit within one calendar year of his/ her leaving the University, it shall be deemed to have been donated by him/ her to the Students' Aid Fund. If, after having paid the fees, a candidate desires to discontinue he/ she shall be refunded all fees after deducting ` 1000/- provided he/she discontinues on or before the date notified by the university.

If a student owes any money to the University on account of any damage he/she may have caused to the University property, it shall along with outstanding tuition fees and fines, if any, be deducted from the security deposit due to him/her.

PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SCHOLARS ACADEMIC ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PU-RAMS)

PU-RAMS is an online-platform that is meant to manage the complete ambit of a PhD scholar's research activity - from provisional registration of PhD, research supervisor allocation, constitution & approval of doctoral committee members, course work, doctoral committee meetings, confirmation, pre-PhD synopsis submission, thesis reviewer selection, thesis submission, thesis review status and submission of documents related to the conduct of viva. All the payments related to Ph.D can be done online through RAMS. The software works on the principle of differential access and need-to-know basis.

The features of PU-RAMS include complete implementation of Pondicherry University's regulation which is based on the UGC Ph.D Guidelines. Timely progression of academic & research progress, all research document uploads, application submissions (registration, synopsis, thesis), selection of supervisor/co-supervisors/DC members/thesis reviewers and Viva Voce examiner, auto-generated letters/note sheets/ application forms, capturing date & time of progress, electronic data and customized output, easy to access user interface, fee payment and validations, report generation and review are key features of PU-RAMS.

PU-RAMS has been helping all the stake holders including research scholars, faculty, heads, deans, administration and the Vice-Chancellor to monitor research work across Pondicherry University.

HOSTELS

At present, Pondicherry University has twenty one hostels in the campus, of which, thirteen are for boys and eight for girls. Out of the thirteen boys' hostels, nine are for PG students and four for research scholars. Out of the eight girls' hostels, seven are for PG students and one is for research scholars. The Karaikal campus has three hostels two for boys and one for girls. One boys hostel and one girls hostel is available at the Port Blair campus also.

A Circular for Hostel fees is floated for the year 2023-24 by the Hostels in the University website.

Discipline

All hostel-related communication from the hostel inmates to the University authorities shall be routed through the proper channel, i.e. through the wardens of the respective hostels and Chief Warden. Any subversive activity, misdemeanor, obnoxious behaviour, flouting of hostel rules & regulation, misconduct, disobedience, ragging, failure to clear dues, etc. shall be severely punished, and even result in dismissal from the hostel as well as from the department by the University authority whose interpretation of the rules shall be final.

A set of rules and regulations applicable to the inmates of the hostels will be given to each student at the time of admission into hostel. Consumption of alcohol and narcotics is

considered as a serious offence. Therefore, intoxicating drugs or liquor should not be consumed in the campus. Smoking in the hostel premises is prohibited. Fire-arms should not be brought to the hostel in any case. Such acts will mean immediate expulsion of the resident from the hostel. Accommodating outsiders/passed out students in the hostel leads to trespassing and such students will be handed over to the police for prosecution. Therefore inmates must be careful before entertaining outsiders.

As per the University hostel rules & regulations under clause 10.24, damaging University / public property is illegal. It will be considered as an act of indiscipline and misconduct, and will be punished under Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984

Mess

Dining in the hostel mess is compulsory for hostel students. No permission will be granted for dining outside the hostel mess under any circumstances. Subramania Bharathi Hostel and Bharathidasan Hostel are managed by the research scholars and the rest of the mess are outsourced. Five well-equipped mega mess (three for boys & two for girls) are available for dining by hostel residents of the University. The hostel mess are run by experienced and qualified caterers. The mess offer meals at reasonable rates.

Ragging

Ragging or teasing in any form is strictly prohibited in the University. Students are therefore, forbidden from indulging in such activities within the hostel premises. Ragging will invite very severe punishment including expulsion from the University. It is also punishable by law. No introductory meeting of the students is to be held in the hostels by the senior students.

General facilities

The University Health Centre offers medical facilities round-the-clock to the students residing in the hostels. For the mobility of the students from hostels to departments, library, computer centre, etc., bus facility is provided within the campus. Wifi connectivity is also provided to all the hostels to enable the students to have internet access.

*** Detailed Pondicherry University Hostel rules & regulations are available in the hostel office and in the University website.**



CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

Pondicherry University has zero tolerance towards

(a) Ragging

(b) Sexual Harrasment

Students enrolled in Pondicherry University must abide by their duties and responsibilities to the University, to faculty and to other students. Failure to maintain appropriate standards of conduct will attract disciplinary action.

Students should not bring mobile phones to the Seminar Halls, Research Labs and Examination Halls and should not use mobile phones in the classroom.

Misconduct

Students' misconduct includes but is not limited to the following:

- disruption of classroom activity or hindering the learning of other students anywhere in the University;
- copying / cheating in examinations and assignments;
- behaviour which interferes functioning of the University, disrupts education, endangers the health or safety of staff or students, or damages any property within the campus including University property;
- pastings posters or conducting students' meetings / protests / processions within the campus without prior permission of the University authorities;
- the possession or use of intoxicating beverages inside the campus;
- the possession or use of illicit drugs inside the campus;
- the falsification of documents or providing false information in order to obtain admission to classes;
- the possession of weapons; and
- the failure to return loaned materials or settle dues to the University

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary action may include:

- Reprimand or warning;
- fail mark for an assignment or course;
- suspension for a semester or more
- withholding of official transcripts;
- suspension of campus privileges including hostel accommodation;
- suspension or expulsion from the University;
- any other disciplinary action which the University authorities deem appropriate in the circumstances.

Prohibition of Ragging

Ragging in any form is strictly prohibited.

Senior students are not permitted to invite their juniors to their rooms for any introduction meetings.

In the past, six students (hostellers) who were involved in ragging were expelled from the hostel for a period of one year.

Redressal Mechanisms

The Anti - Ragging committee of the University consists of all Deans. The list of members with their contact numbers is available on the University website

1) Anti-Ragging Committee

Students can report any incident of ragging to the Registrar/Deans of respective Schools/Dean of Students' Welfare/ Chief Wardens (Boys & Girls) directly for remedial action

2) Students' Grievances Redressal Cell

Students can report any grievances directly to the Dean, Students' Welfare for redressal.

3) Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee (SHPC)

The University has an SHPC and the list of members with their contact phone numbers is available on the University website. Any sexual harassment complaint can be reported to the Chairperson or any member of SHPC for redressal or can be recorded in the register kept for this purpose in the Registrar's office

4) Women's Cell

Grievances relating to gender bias and discrimination affecting women in the campus can be reported to the Head of Women's Cell and the list of members of the cell with their contact phone numbers are available on the University website.

5) Legal Services Clinic

'Legal services clinic' is setup in Pondicherry University for the students of the institution and especially for the students hailing from North Eastern states

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