

**MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY
(Abstract)**

M Phil Social Work - Anomalies in Scheme of Examination of M.Phil. Social Work - Recommendation of the Board of Studies in Social Work (PG) – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued
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ACADEMIC A V SECTION

U.O. No.5332/AV/2/M Phil Social Work/2013/AC
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P.D. Hills, Dated, 04.10.2016

Read: 1. Minutes of the Board of Studies meeting held on 04.06.2016.

ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Studies in Social Work (PG) held on 04.06.2016 discussed on certain anomalies in the Scheme of Examination of M. Phil Degree Programme in Social Work at affiliated colleges pointed out by the examination branch. The Scheme shows the external marks, whereas the Question Paper shows weightage and this confused the examiners who valued the scripts. A disparity in the grading system and classification on the Scheme of 2015-16 admission is observed. In order to sort out the above problems, an urgent meeting of the Board of Studies in Social Work (PG) was convened and the Board of Studies vide minutes read as (1) recommended the following:

Agenda I

I. To solve the Anomalies in the Scheme of M.Phil Social Work

1.1) External marks and weightage disparity – 2014-15 admissions

As per the approved scheme and syllabus, the evaluation is based on marks. But the question papers of the examinations of the M. Phil 1st Semester were based on weightage. The maximum weightage was 30. The Board recommended to follow the approved scheme of valuation based on marks. Hence the scores obtained by candidates should be converted into marks.

For a thirty (30) weightage course, maximum weighted Grade point (WGP) should be 120 as the score equivalent to the highest grade is 4. The Board recommended a formula which is as follows

$$\text{Marks} = \frac{\text{Weighted grade point obtained by the candidate (WGP)}}{\text{Maximum weighted Grade Point WGP assigned for the course}} \times \text{Maximum marks assigned for the examination}$$

eg. For a candidate scoring 60 WGP for a course of maximum 120 WGP in the external examination, conversion into marks will be calculated as $60/120 \times 50$ where

60 = The assumed WGP secured by the candidate for a course,

120 = The maximum WGP

50 = The maximum assigned marks for the examination

therefore the marks obtained by the candidate is $\frac{60}{120} \times 50 = 25$ marks.

1.2) Amendments in the Scheme and Syllabus of 2014-15 M.Phil Social Work – Grading System

The fifth grade, i.e., 'C' assigned to the candidates scoring 40-49 marks out of 100 marks with a grade point 'O' should be declared as 'FAIL' instead of 'Poor'. In the Grading system table (page No.1) of the scheme 'Quality' can be replaced with 'Performance'

1.3) Grading of Results (Page No. 10 of the scheme)

Since indirect grading system is recommended to be followed, the grading of results at the end of the programme based on marks is not relevant. Hence the final publication of results can be as per the prescribed grading system. The final grading based on marks given in the scheme page No. 10 titled "grading of results" need not be considered.

1.4) Recommended distribution of the course between two semesters

First Semester

Course Code	Course	Credits	Internal Marks	External marks	Total
SOWK-C1	Research Methodology and Statistics	4	50	50	100
SOWK-C2	Social Work Practice and Research: Issues and Challenges	4	50	50	100
SOWK-E1-7	One elective course	4	50	50	100
SOWK -FP -1	Field Practicum -1	3	100	-	100
SOWK - IC -1	Integrated Colloquium -1	2	Audited	-	Audited
	Total	17	250	150	400

Second Semester

Course Code	Course	Credits	Internal Marks	External marks	Total
SOWK-FP 2	Field Practicum -2	3	100	-	100
SOWK - K-2	Integrative Colloquium – 2	2	Audited	-	Audited
SOWK – C3	M. Phil Thesis	12	200	200	400
SOWK – C4	Viva Voce	4	-	100	100
	Total	21	300	300	600

Grand Total 1st and 2nd Semester

	Grade	Marks
1 st Semester	17	400
2 nd Semester	21	600
Total	38	1000

Agenda II

M.Phil in Social Work 2015-2016 Admissions

The Board recommends to follow the scheme of 2014-2015 admissions for 2015-2016 admissions

The Board also recommends the revised syllabus of 2015-2016, which is already submitted to University

SOWK – C1 – Research Methodology and Statistics.

SOWK – C2- Advanced Social Work Theory and Practice: Micro, Mezzo, Macro levels of practice within a Cultural context.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to approve the above recommendations, exercising the powers of the Academic Council under Section 10 (17) Chapter 3 of Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 to rectify the anomalies pointed out by the examination wing for finalizing the result of M.Phil programme in Social work at affiliated colleges

Orders are issued accordingly.

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