Rules for award of exit degree from M.Tech./MPP/ MS by Research/ Dual Degree (Master’s+ Ph.D.) and Ph.D. programme

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**Introduction:**

Rules are classified into three separate categories as follows: (i) those which may be implemented within a department by DUGC/DPGC, (ii) those that require a decision at the level of A/Dean AP, or UGAPEC/PGAPEC, based on recommendations from the departmental bodies (iii) those that need to be discussed in the Senate for a decision

Therefore, rules are colored with one of three colors.

1. The **color green** indicates that the final authority for the rule is the Convener, DPGC.
2. The **color yellow, and underlined** means that the final authority is Associate Dean(AP)/Dean (AP).
3. The **color yellow, without an underline** means that the Convener, PGAPEC is the authority.
4. The **color pink** means that the final authority is the Senate.
5. The rule which is uncolored, is to be implemented strictly.

Any application pertaining to the rule may be sent to the appropriate authority.
The Senate in its 233rd Meeting held on 25th April 2018 approved revision in rules for exit from M.Tech. and Ph.D. programmes, which are as follows:

1. These rules shall be called “Exit rules from M.Tech./MPP/ MS by Research and Ph.D. programmes” and supersede all existing rules on the subject.

2. The exit from M.Tech./MPP/ MS by Research and Ph.D. programmes with a degree shall not be a right of the student. However, in the event of the recommendation of concerned postgraduate committee about sufficient work done deserving such consideration, the PGAPEC shall consider exit with a degree as detailed here under.

3. The eligibility for exit degree shall be as follows:

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<th>Students admitted in original programme</th>
<th>Possible Exit diploma/degree</th>
<th>Eligibility requirement as on the date of recommendation for exit</th>
<th>Required minimum CPI</th>
<th>Eligibility for exit diploma/degree on:</th>
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<td>M. Tech/ MPP/ MS by Research</td>
<td>PGDIIT</td>
<td>58 credits</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>Approval of recommendations of PGC by PGAPEC.</td>
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<td>Ph. D</td>
<td>M.S. by Research (in any academic unit, except HSS)</td>
<td>On completion of at least one year of residency in Ph.D. programme from the date of confirmation of Ph.D. registration (Ref. 260th Senate)</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>Successful Viva voce examination after submission of dissertation within six months from the date of approval of Exit degree</td>
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4. The exit with a lower degree than admitted as above may happen either when the student on own volition asks for it or the concerned Postgraduate committee recommends termination of studentship on the grounds of unsatisfactory progress.

5. The recommendation of the postgraduate committee for award of lower degree per se means that the student would be eligible for such lower exit degree on the date of the recommendation. Application from the student requesting for the exit option from the existing programme is not required. The student will automatically be registered to the lower (Exit) degree on approval of PGAPEC.
The student admitted for exit may be given up to six months to sum up the work and submit the dissertation for award of MS by Research/MA by Research (For Ph.D. students in HSS dept. only) Degree. However, the registration of the student from Ph.D. programmes shall be terminated immediately on the approval of the PGAPEC for exit and the student shall be deemed to be registered for MS by Research/MA by Research (For Ph.D. students in HSS dept. only) for submission of dissertation/thesis. The continuation of such registration shall be subject to payment of fees and other usual conditions, same as that of original programme of admission. Registration for any other course credits shall cease as soon as the exit is approved.

6. Failure to comply all requirement for the MS by Research/MA by Research (For Ph.D. students in HSS dept. only) as exit degree within Six (6) months of conversion to exit degree shall lead to termination of registration from the exit degree.

7. The payment of Scholarship/Teaching Assistantship shall cease with immediate effect on approval of exit.

8. Procedures for Evaluation of the MS by Research dissertation/MA by Research (For Ph.D. students in HSS dept. only) thesis:

I. A Four Member committee as stated below has to be formed by DPGC for viva-voce examination.
   i) Supervisor (s)
   ii) Internal Examiner
   iii) External Examiner*/Additional Internal Examiner *
   iv) Chairperson: A Professor/ Associate Professor from another academic unit or a different specialization/research area.

The Academic Unit may decide if a Chairperson is needed for the viva or if one of the Internal Examiners can also act as a Chairperson. In case the Internal Examiner happens to be a Professor/Associate Professor, he/she may be designated to also serve as the Chairperson with prior approval of the Convener, DPGC.

* The presence of an External Examiner is desirable. However, in case of difficulty in finding an external examiner in the required areas, an additional Internal Examiner may be appointed in place of the external Examiner subject to the approval of DPGC/IDPC/PGC.

II. Students will be required to submit four soft bound copies in the Department preferably two weeks prior to final defence exam.

III. The viva-voce exam would to be conducted under departmental arrangements.

IV. Forms for submission of Dissertation, duly completed must be submitted to the Academic office along with the provisional clearances from Accounts Section and from HCU(Hostel Coordination Unit)/Hostel.
V. Final recommendation is to be sent by the panel of examiners to the Convener, PGAPEC through DPGC/IDPC on completion of viva-voce.

VI. Submission of Electronic form of Dissertation:
Dissertation needs to be submitted in electronic form to the Central Library. Due academic approvals of the final version of the Dissertation should be obtained from the supervisor(s) prior to finalizing the archival version of the Dissertation.

The student shall submit the prescribed form for submission of dissertation to the Academic Unit/Academic Office, duly signed by the concerned, within ONE month, from the successful completion of the defense. If the copies of dissertation submitted after the due date, a fine of Rs.5,000/- per month from the due date of submission till the date of submission will be levied to the concerned student.

The form for evaluation of exit degree is available on:
http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/downloadForms/phdforms.jsp

The final transcripts/provisional degree certificate/final degree certificate will be issued only after receipt of dissertations.

Exit degree from Ph.D. programme: MA by Research (For Ph.D. students in HSS dept. only)
: MS by Research (in all department except HSS)

Please refer rules for award of exit degree from MTech/MPP + Ph.D. at the below link.
https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/DDMPhDd.pdf

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