

Department of Communication Disorders
University of Dhaka
Curriculum
Of
The Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)

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1. Introduction

The degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) awarded by the University of Dhaka is an academic research program which gives researcher a scope to conduct independent research on a specific topic of a discipline. Sometimes this research program is also regarded as an excellent preparation for doing PhD research work. So, considering the above fact, the Department of Communication Disorders has introduced Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) program with a view to providing the students an opportunity of independent research works on various aspects of speech, language and communication disabilities and impairment.

2. Objectives

The prime objectives of the degree of M.Phil. program of the Department of Communication Disorders are to-

- a. Conducting advanced research work with a view to creating true academic atmosphere in the department of Communication Disorders.
- b. Generating new knowledge and information on different topics of communication disorders.
- c. Providing research data of various fields on cognition, language and communication to the persons as well as research institutes dedicated to explore different aspects of speech and language disorders.

For admission and other necessary works like attending course works, examination, writing dissertation and other responsibilities of this program, the researcher must abide by the following guidelines that have been designed according to the regulations for the degree of Master of Philosophy of the University of Dhaka approved by the Academic Council – the highest academic authority – and the Syndicate – the highest administrative authority on 29th April 2013 and 30th April 2013 respectively (Please PhD & M.Phil. regulation by the University of Dhaka).

3. Admission

The minimum qualifications for the admission to M.Phil. candidate under the regulation of PhD and M.Phil. 1 (M.Phil. section) are –

- a. 1 year master degree with 4 year bachelor degree, or 1 year master degree with 3 year bachelor degree with minimum 50% marks in Communication Disorders, Speech and Language Therapy/Pathology, Audiology, Speech Pathology, Linguistics from a recognized national or international university and shall have at least Second Class/Division in all earlier examinations (SSC, HSC, and BA/BSS/BSc level). Students of grading system shall have CGPA 3.5 out of 5 or CGPA 3 out of 4 in all academic levels (from SSC to Masters Degree). The qualification may be relaxed or other relevant requirements can be assigned by the Academic Committee of the Department of Communication Disorders.
- b. Student from any other discipline than disciplines mentioned above possessing the required academic qualifications can be admitted according to the recommendation of the Academic Committee of the Department of Communication Disorders. In this case, the student will have to take non-credit prerequisite course entitled ‘Com MP 601 Introduction to Communication Disorders’.
- c. Other criteria of regulation 1:IV (N), 2 and 3 regarding admission will remain same.

4. Selection of courses and examination

- a. Students completing Masters Degree in the disciplines mentioned in section 3.a will take any two of the following courses in their first year of study except the non-credit course entitled ‘Com MP 601 Introduction to Communication Disorders’. The list of courses is as follows.

Course No.	Title	Type of the course	Marks
Com MP 601	Introduction to Communication Disorders and linguistics	Non-credit	100
Com MP 602	Linguistics for Communication Disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 603	History of Communication Disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 604	Language and cognitive development	Credit	100
Com MP 605	Introduction to Nonverbal Communication	Credit	100
Com MP 606	Introduction to Sign Language	Credit	100
Com MP 607	Neurology of Speech and Language	Credit	100
Com MP 608	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Language	Credit	100
Com MP 609	Audiology and Hearing Impairment	Credit	100
Com MP 610	Aphasiology and Acquired Language Disorders	Credit	100

Com MP 611	Specific Language Impairment	Credit	100
Com MP 612	Motor Speech Disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 613	Voice Disorders and Dysphagia	Credit	100
Com MP 614	Stuttering and Cluttering	Credit	100
Com MP 615	Autism and Communication Disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 616	Developmental language disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 617	Cleft palate and lip and Speech-language Deficiencies	Credit	100
Com MP 618	Dyslexia and Dysgraphia	Credit	100
Com MP 619	Learning Disabilities	Credit	100
Com MP 620	Culture, Community and Language Disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 621	Music Therapy for Speech-Language Disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 622	Therapy for persons with speech-language disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 623	Inclusive education children with speech-language disorders	Credit	100
Com MP 624	Rehabilitation and management for persons with speech-language disorders	Credit	100

The non-credit prerequisite course entitled ‘Com MP 601 Introduction to Communication Disorders’ will be assigned to the students coming from the disciplines not mentioned in section 3.a.

- b. Regulation 4 states that a student of M.Phil. program will appear at the written examination of 200 marks (each unit 100 marks) on completion of their first year. In addition, they will have to face an oral examination of 100 marks.
- c. Student attending the non-credit prerequisite course Com MP 601 will also appear at a written examination of 100 marks after one year and will have to pass. In the official record this will be documented as ‘non-credit’ course.
- d. The pass mark of all courses including the ‘non-credit prerequisite’ one is 50.

5. Transfer from M.Phil. to PhD

After successfully completing 1st year an M.Phil. researcher can transfer his/her research work to PhD program. The following conditions apply in this regard.

- a. Securing 60% and above marks in two compulsory courses in the final examination.
- b. Publishing minimum one article in any recognized national/ international research journals as a first author.
- c. Presenting one seminar with a view to defending the PhD proposal.

If a researcher fulfils the above conditions, he/she can apply to the Academic Committee with a recommendation of PhD supervisor. Before placing this application to the higher authority of the university the Academic Committee of the department will evaluate the status of this application.

6. Attendance of the researcher and length of the program

- a. In this 2 year full-time M.Phil program the researcher will spend the first year to complete their course work, and second year for writing dissertation (regulation 3). So, he/she must regularly attend the course works and it will be at least 75% of the total lectures of concerned course. At the same time, students will have to attend minimum two national/international seminars/conferences organized by the department/supervisor/respective organizations. After all, in the first and second year researchers are required to –
 - I. Discuss their progress with supervisor/s, at least once every a week.
 - II. Attend their department, faculty, and participate fully in the intellectual, research and academic life of their academic unit.
 - III. Attend all necessary courses, seminars, workshops presented and organized by both department/supervisor(s).
 - IV. Present one seminar to the department on concerned topic.

6. Writing Dissertation

- a. Writing dissertation on concerned research topic is a must to be awarded the M.Phil. Degree of the Department of Communication Disorders, University of Dhaka. So, the researcher will submit a dissertation on his/her research works at the end of the second year to the proper authority of the university. The dissertation will be written by the researcher him/herself under the direct guidance of supervisor(s) who will be teacher(s) of the Department of Communication Disorders in the rank of Professor, or Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor with PhD degree. Co-supervisor(s) can be assigned outside the department.
- b. The dissertation will be a reflection of unique research work on concerned area of communication disorders, or of related fields that will reflect and fulfil any one of the objectives mentioned earlier.
- c. The researcher will write his/her dissertation in English/Bengali.
- d. The length of the dissertation will be of between 5000 and 10,000 words
- e. Other conditions of regulation 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 13 (M.Phil. section) shall remain unchanged.

7. Responsibilities of the supervisor(s)

The supervisor(s) will be responsible mainly to maintain a professional relationship with researcher and help him/her to create a positive impression towards their study and research. Supervisor(s) will therefore –

- a. Give support about the nature, choice of topic, planning as well as previous sources and literature of concerned research topics.
- b. Take attendance of the researcher at taught courses where appropriate.
- c. Encourage the researcher to show initiative and self-motivation so that the researcher will be able to pursue independent research.
- d. Maintain a regular schedule for meeting with the researcher in accordance with department's schedule.
- e. Facilitate the candidate meeting other researchers and attending seminar or conference.
- f. Arrange time-schedule in the department to make presentation of the research works, if needed.

8. Registration and Tuition and Examination fees

Regulation 11: a & b, 12 and 13 regarding tuition, examination fees and extension will be followed without any change.

In addition, other relevant regulations of the M.Phil Admission prospectus provided by the University of Dhaka will also be applicable in this regard.