

## CHAPTER 8

### **DURATION OF COURSE WORK / RESEARCH, COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION AND EXTENSION OF PhD OR EQUIVALENT PROGRAMME**

1. The initial duration of a PhD programme shall be 3-5 years and maximum duration shall be seven years including of up to two extensions of one year each.
2. The minimum period for completion of PhD course work shall be two semesters (one year) and maximum of four semesters (two years).
3. The minimum period for completion of PhD thesis shall be four semesters (Two year) and maximum of six semesters (three years) without extension.
4. The course of a PhD programme shall be proposed by the Department processed an approved through the Statutory Bodies, i.e. Board of Studies/Research, Faculty Board, Academic Council.
5. In case the student fails to complete the course/research work within the prescribed maximum period and extended period, she/he has to take fresh admission in the program.
6. The duration of PhD programme shall be counted from the date of notification of admission of the student as per clause 10-11 of Chapter 6.
7. A student registered in a PhD degree programs shall be allowed to register between 6 to 12 credit hours in a semester while there shall be no minimum in case a student is registered in the final semester of the course work.
8. There shall be a comprehensive examination with in 90 days of the completion of the course work for a PhD programme. The comprehensive examination will be conducted from the PhD course work. The students completing the PhD course work shall be allowed to appear in Comprehensive Examination, arranged and conducted by the department concerned as per rules of IIU/HEC. The pass percentage in Comprehensive Examination shall be 70%.
9. Only those candidates who will pass the comprehensive examination will be allowed to continue with their PhD research work after approval of the topic & research proposal/synopsis from BSAR and depositing the required fee.
10. Each PhD candidate will be given maximum three consecutive chances to pass the Comprehensive Examination.
11. After availing maximum three chances if student is declared fail in comprehensive examination, he/she will not be allowed to continue his studies and will not be awarded any degree.
12. The period spent for theses evaluation shall not be counted in the maximum period of a PhD thesis.
13. The student shall be a full time research student during the research work of PhD and is expected to work under the close supervision of the research supervisor appointed by competent authority/body.
14. The language of instruction, examination & thesis for all disciplines of PhD or equivalent other than Urdu, Persian, Arabic, Shariah and Islamic Studies will be English. In case of Languages the language of instructions will be the same language. The students of Shariah and Islamic Studies can write PhD thesis in Arabic or English. In Islamic Studies and Shariah the medium of instructions for course work will be Arabic & English. The students will have to prepare abstract of the research in both the languages i.e. Arabic & English.