



Bhaktivedanta Research Center

Course Information Brochure

BRC is affiliated to the University of Mumbai for conducting PhD program and MA by Research program in the subject of 'Philosophy' in the faculty of 'Arts'.

BRC MA by Research Information Guide

About the Program

Students who want to pursue a Masters by Research in this subject can apply to BRC. In this program students do research on their chosen topic in the subject of Philosophy and produce a thesis based on that research.

Duration of the Program

The duration of the program is a minimum of 2 years.

- After the selection of the students they need to submit their topic proposals within 6 months.
- It will take 3 to 6 months for the University of Mumbai to review it and approve it.
- Once the student gets the approval he can register through the University of Mumbai.
- All this process from topic submission to registration may take around 6 months to 1 year. Meanwhile, students can continue their research. This is considered part of their duration of MA by Research since after registration he can submit his thesis in 1 year.
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Eligibility Criteria

1. A candidate holding an undergraduate degree can directly apply to BRC.
2. Student needs to prepare and send their rough topic proposal based on the guidelines given in research proposal below.
3. BRC will conduct the Faculty change exam in case their undergraduate degree is in a subject other than Philosophy.

Fees

BRC charges nominal fees of whatever is required to process the student admission into the University of Mumbai. These are charges for overall completion of MA by Research.

- Topic Proposal - 200
- Eligibility form - 540
- Registration - 2645
- Thesis submission - 10000
- Total - 13385

Course Work

- MA by Research does not require to complete the coursework.
- But BRC encourages the student to complete some core courses like Research Methodology when conducted by BRC.
- For every course, 2-3 months of preparation time prior to the course, then 2 weeks of instruction, followed by 1-1.5 months of evaluation. So in total ~5 months per semester. These courses are conducted in Govardhan Eco Village. If they are not able to come to Govardhan Eco Village they should attend through an online medium.

Research Proposal

- Students need to prepare a research proposal.
- This should be in the standard format that the University of Mumbai requires. The standard format will be given to the student once he approaches.
- The topic needs to be chosen from Philosophy subject only and should be according to the research methods in Philosophy. For this one needs to go through the research methodology syllabus and MA philosophy syllabus. So please be prepared to study these subjects before applying to us.
- Study material for MA by Philosophy and research methodology syllabus can be downloaded from <http://www.ignouhelp.in/ignou-mapy-study-material/>
- MA philosophy syllabus which the students are expected to be familiar can be downloaded from <https://mu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/MA-MPhil-PhD-syllabus-2020-1.pdf>

Location

Currently foreign nationals are not directly admitted to BRC.

Thesis Submission

- Students can start writing their thesis once they submit a research proposal. The approval or rejection of the research proposal will be done by University of Mumbai. It may take some time for this, meanwhile students can work to complete their research proposal.
- Once the student got approval and registered with the University of Mumbai he can submit his thesis in a year's time.

Contact

- Persons interested to apply can send their email to info@brcmumbai.com by sending their resume.

Highlights

- BRC has the facility of taking guidance from international faculty who are very experts in the area of Philosophy.
- Some of the courses of BRC are conducted by these international faculty experts.
- After completion of Masters by Research if the students are willing to do PhD in BRC they will be given priority by BRC.

PhD Program Information Guide

About the Program

BRC is affiliated to the University of Mumbai for conducting a PhD program in the subject of 'Philosophy' in the faculty of 'Arts'. Students who want to pursue a PhD in this subject can apply to BRC. In this program students do research on their chosen topic in the subject of Philosophy and produce a thesis based on that research. As part of the program students also need to do course work which will span over 1 or 2 years.

Duration of the Program

The duration of the program is minimum 3 years and maximum 6 years.

- After the selection of the students they need to submit their topic proposals within 6 months.
- It will take 3 to 6 months for the University of Mumbai to review it and approve it.
- In case of a student coming from a different background than Philosophy then he will be called for an interview from the University of Mumbai.
- Once the student gets the approval he can register through the University of Mumbai.
- All this process from topic submission to registration may take around 6 months to 1 year. Meanwhile, students can continue their coursework and research. This is considered part of their duration of PhD since after registration he can submit his thesis in 2 years.
- After registration, he can submit his thesis in 2 years.

Eligibility Criteria

1. A candidate holding a PhD degree can directly apply to BRC. BRC will conduct the Faculty change exam in case their Masters is in a subject other than Philosophy.
2. A candidate holding a Masters degree in Philosophy needs to write a NET exam in the subject of Philosophy conducted by UGC-NTA. After clearing this test he can apply to BRC.
3. A candidate having Bachelors or Masters in any other subject needs to do Masters in Philosophy or Masters by Research in philosophy (this is being conducted in BRC)
4. Student needs to prepare and send their rough topic proposal based on the guidelines given in research proposal below.

Roadmap

The roadmap for a student to apply for PhD is given in a table below

#	Academic background	Steps
1	Bachelor Degree holder	Do an MA in Philosophy in any University. Or Do MA by Research program in Philosophy conducted by BRC. (Only after completing a Masters Degree one can apply to PhD.)
2	MA in Philosophy	Write NET in Philosophy Then one can approach BRC
3	Masters in subject other than Philosophy	Do Masters in Philosophy or Masters by Research in Philosophy (this is being conducted by BRC)
4	PhD in any field	They can approach BRC Clear Faculty change exam in Philosophy consisting of 2 papers (essay and general questions) conducted by BRC After their proposal is submitted they will be facing an interview by the University of Mumbai

Contact

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Fees

BRC charges nominal fees of whatever is required to process the student admission into the University of Mumbai. These are charges for overall completion of PhD.

- Topic Proposal - 200
 - Eligibility form - 540 or 2000 (if an Indian did Masters in foreign)
 - Registration - 2645
 - Thesis submission - 10000
- Total - 13385 or 14845

Students are required to pay for the accommodation charges and food charges for attending courses in Govardhan Eco Village.

Location

BRC courses are conducted in BRC premises in Govardhan Eco Village. So one should make plans to come for 2 weeks in a semester for two to three semesters to Govardhan Eco Village.

Currently foreign nationals are not directly admitted to BRC for PhD program.

Course Work

- Ph.D. course work shall be of 12 credits.
- The course work shall be treated as a prerequisite for Ph.D.
- For every course, 2-3 months of preparation time prior to the course, then 2 weeks of classroom instruction, followed by 1-1.5 months of evaluation. So in total ~5 months per semester
- These courses will be conducted in BRC premises in Govardhan Eco Village. So one should make plans to come for 2 weeks in a semester for two to three semesters.

Research Proposal

- Students need to prepare a research proposal within six months of their joining.
- This should be in the standard format that the University of Mumbai requires. The standard format will be given to the student once he joins.
- The topic needs to be chosen from Philosophy subject only and should be according to the research methods in Philosophy. For this one needs to go through the research methodology syllabus and MA philosophy syllabus. So please be prepared to study these subjects before applying to us.
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Thesis Submission

- Students can start writing their thesis once they submit a research proposal. The approval or rejection of the research proposal will be done by University of Mumbai. It may take some time for this, meanwhile students can work to complete their research proposal.
- Once the student got approval and registered with the University of Mumbai he can submit his thesis after two years' time.

PhD Program More Details.

- One can refer to the following flowchart prepared by the University of Mumbai for more details.
 - <https://mu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/PHD-S.O.P.-Flowchart-17-03-2021.pdf>

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