



Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University

Ph.D. Admission Announcement- 2025

Total Seats: 17 (Disciplines: Commerce: 1 (SC-1) Computer Science: 8 (Gen-4, SC-1, OBC/MOBC-3), Education: 1 (STH-1), Journalism & Mass Communication: 3 (OBC/MOBC-2, PWD-1), Management: 2 (EWS-1, STP-1), Sociology: 1 (STH-1), History: 1 (Gen-1).

In continuation with the earlier advertisement, dated 02/09/2025 in Assam Tribune and in the University website, the University is going to conduct entrance exam for the above vacant seats. Interested candidates are requested to kindly apply as per the process given below.

The number of vacant seats may vary subject to the approval of the competent authority.

The Ph.D. Programme of KKHSOU is offered in Regular Mode. The time schedule for the Ph.D. admission, 2025 is as follows:

- a. Opening of Online Application form for entrance exam: 14th-22nd October, 2025.
- b. Conduct of entrance exam: 26th October, 2025
- c. Declaration of results: 7th November, 2025
- d. Date of Interview cum Viva-voce for qualified candidates: 11th-13th November, 2025
- e. Publication of final list of Selected Candidates: 21st November, 2025.
- f. Date of Admissions into Ph.D. Programme for candidates selected through entrance exams: 22nd-30th November, 2025.
- g. Beginning of Course Work: 3rd December, 2025.

The application for Entrance Test will be through online mode only. The applicants are requested to visit the university website www.kkhsou.ac.in for online application and detailed advertisement. The application fee for the Ph.D. program will be Rs 1000/- (Non-refundable) only.

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Ph.D. Detailed Advertisement (2025-26)

The Ph.D. programmes will be conducted as per the following clauses:

1. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme.

(A) Candidates who have completed:

i. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed

or

ii. Equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(B) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

2. Duration of the Ph.D. Programme:

Minimum duration of Ph.D. programme including course work shall be for a period of three years and maximum duration will be six years. A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

3. Procedure for Ph.D. Admission and Entrance Exam

The NET (JRF), NET (Assistant. Professor) and NET (Ph.D.) qualified candidates are required to apply and if found eligible shall be shortlisted to appear for the Interview to be held on the given date. Admission to the Ph.D. programme is based on the performance in the interview. If any vacancies are available, then an entrance exam will be held for the otherwise eligible candidates.

The shortlisted candidates will have to give a presentation of the research proposal (format to be notified later) before a panel of experts based on where the final selection will be done. The schedule of the Ph.D. Admission is as provided in the Ph.D. admission announcement.

The entrance test will comprise of two parts: Part A: 50 marks MCQ based on research methodology; Part B: 50 marks descriptive type, based on the specific discipline. Shortlisted candidates of the written test will have to make a presentation of their synopsis on a research proposal before a panel of experts.

5. Application Form for Ph.D. Programme:

For admission to the Ph.D. programme, candidates shall apply online through the following link

[KKHSOU PhD Admission Portal](#)

7. Course Work:

There is a six months of course work in regular mode for the selected Ph.D. candidate which is mandatory. At the end of the course work the candidates will have to appear for a course-work examination.

8. Fee Structure of the Ph.D. Programme:

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| Admission Fee | : | 20,000 |
| Course Work Fee | : | 5,000 |
| Monthly Fee | : | 1,000 |
| Thesis Submission Fee | : | 5,000 |
| Examination Fee (Viva voce) | : | 5,000 |