

SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

Regulations for the Ph.D. Program

Addendum for the School of Natural Sciences

Reference: Regulations Clause VII. Course Work

*“... **Course requirements**, including research methodology, language requirements and courses with international components, **as well as the minimum Grade Point Averages**, for continuation in the program and for continuation of fellowship, **may be prescribed by individual Schools.**”*

For the School of Natural Sciences (SoNS), the prescription is the following, to be read with the complete set of “Regulations for the Ph.D. Program”[†]:

The minimum GPA required for Qualification to Candidacy and continuation in the Ph.D. program is 7 at the end of the second semester, with the completion of a minimum of 12 credits of courses, *not* counting courses graded as S (satisfactory)/U (unsatisfactory). If a Ph.D. scholar takes more than 12 credits of such courses in the first two semesters, the GPA for this purpose shall be calculated using the best performances in at least 12 credits of such courses. After two semesters of coursework, if this condition is not met, the registration of the scholar shall stand terminated.

This will be applicable to all full-time Ph.D. students admitted in SoNS starting August 2014.

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[†] e.g.,

- The total minimum registration requirement for full-time students at the University is 12 credits per semester, till their Qualification to Candidacy for the Ph.D. degree.
- Details of required course work in each discipline shall be prescribed by the concerned Department(s).
- The course work should include research methodology.
- Any scholar with Teaching Assistant duties will be required to register for PTC 899 (Practicum in Teaching), for which (s)he will receive a grade of ‘S’ (satisfactory) or ‘U’ (unsatisfactory).