



**BY-LAWS OF THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE WITH COURSEWORK AND A RESEARCH COMPONENT (SLQF 10)**

BHIKSU UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**By-Law Number – 03/2025**

**Preambles**

By-laws approved by the Council of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, in accordance with the Buddhasravaka Bhiksu University Act No. 26 of 1996, and amended by Act No. 15 of 2012.

These by-laws will be cited as Master of Arts Degree with course work and research component (SLQF 10) by-laws No. 01 of 2025 and will be effective from. 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The term 'University' refers to the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.

01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The “Master of Arts” (MA) Degree Programme with coursework and a research component is structured to be conducted over two (2) academic years. Each year consists of two semesters.</li><li>ii. The permitted maximum duration to complete the Degree Programme would be five (5) years.</li><li>iii. The Programme equivalent to Sri Lanka Qualification Framework Level (SLQF) 10 consists of a minimum of 60 credit units after SLQF 5 and 6 and a research component with a minimum of 15 credits.</li><li>iv. The duration of each semester shall be 15 weeks.</li><li>v. On successful completion of course modules, research component, thesis defence examination, and other requirements, the student shall be awarded the degree of</li></ul>	<b>Structure of the Degree Programme</b>
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<b>"Master Arts".</b>			
<b>Course Unit/ Module Code</b>	<b>Course Unit/ Module Name/ Other</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>	<b>Status (Compulsory /Optional)</b>
<b>Year 1 - Semester 1</b>			
MA02 - 51014		4	Compulsory
MA02 - 51024		4	Compulsory
MA02 - 51034		4	Compulsory
MA02 - 51043		3	Optional**
MA02 - 51053		3	Optional**
MA02 - 51064	Research Methodology	4	Compulsory
<b>Year 1 - Semester 2</b>			
MA02 - 52074		4	Compulsory
MA02 - 52084		4	Compulsory
MA02 - 52094		4	Compulsory
MA02 - 52103		3	Optional**
MA02 - 52113		3	Optional**
MA02 - 52123	Introduction to Research & Proposal Writing	3	Compulsory
<b>Year 2 - Semester 1</b>			
MA02 - 61014	Field Work Practices/applicable paper if any	3	Compulsory
MA02 - 610210	Thesis *	10	Compulsory
<b>Year 2 - Semester 2</b>			
MA02 - 620310	Thesis *	10	Compulsory

\* The proposal preparation for the research component will be

	<p>commenced in year 1 semester 2.  <b>**In each semester one optional course should be selected.</b></p>	
02	<p>Conditional on these By-laws, a candidate may be awarded the “MASTER OF ARTS” if the candidate has,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. fulfilled all the admission requirements for the degree programme as set out in Section No 03 of the by-laws of the degree programme,</li> <li>ii. registered in the degree programme for the period prescribed in the governing by-laws,</li> <li>iii. pursued the degree programme at the University to the satisfaction of the University Senate as prescribed in the By-laws of the degree programme and other rules and regulations of the University,</li> <li>iv. completed the course work and all other prescribed requirements within five (05) academic years after being registered to the degree programme,</li> <li>v. Paid in full, all prescribed fees and other dues to the University.</li> </ul>	<p><b>General Conditions for Fulfillment of the Degree</b></p>
03	<p>The minimum requirements for admission to the Master of Arts degree programme should be,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A Bachelor’s degree including 30 credits in the relevant subject area,</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></li> <li>ii. A qualification of SLQF level 6 or above in the relevant area of study (the subject area determined by the university),</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></li> <li>iii. A professional qualification equivalent to SLQF level 6 or above,</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>or</b></li> <li>iv. Completion of NVQ level 7 with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 0-4 as determined by the university, may be considered for admission in the field of specialisation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligibility for Admission</b></p>

	<b>or</b>	
	v. Any other equivalent qualifications acceptable to the Senate, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka upon qualifying examination or interview and recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.	
04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The application shall be on the prescribed form providing the information as candidate may be required to submit, including the candidate's qualifications for undertaking the course of study.</li> <li>▪ The candidate shall forward the following documents along with the application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Certified copies of the educational qualifications Bachelor's/ Master's degrees (SLQF 9)</li> <li>➤ Certified copies of other relevant professional qualifications</li> <li>➤ A certified copy of the Birth Certificate</li> <li>➤ Copy of NIC/Passport</li> <li>➤ Two passport-sized photographs</li> <li>➤ Copies of any other documents to support the admission requirements</li> <li>➤ Declaration of release of the student from work by the employer, if applicable</li> <li>➤ Declaration regarding <i>samaneras/upasampada</i> Bhikshu under section 41 of the Buddhist Temporalities ordinance No. 19 of 1931.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Dully-filled applications will be scrutinised by the Higher Degree Admission Committee.</li> </ul>	<b>Application Procedure</b>
05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Higher Degree Admission Committee shall examine the information stated by the candidate in the application and if required, shall call for an interview for selection.</li> <li>ii. The names of selected candidates shall be presented to the Senate of the University, by the Higher Degree Committee for approvals.</li> </ul>	<b>Selection Process</b>
06	On acceptance by the Higher Degree Committee and the Senate of the University, a candidate shall be registered as a postgraduate student of the University upon payment of prescribed programme	<b>Registration</b>

	fee by the University.	
07	The period of registration shall be commenced from the date of registration. Any registration shall be for a period of one year.	<b>Registration Validity</b>
08	The registration for the Master of Arts shall be deemed to have lapsed at the expiry of its period of validity. A candidate whose registration has so lapsed may renew for a further period, provided that the candidate is considered eligible for such re-registration by the University Senate.	<b>Renewal of Registration</b>
09	A candidate who wishes to make changes to any initially accepted terms and conditions of registration should submit such requests to the Higher Degree Committee. All such changes in registration should receive the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee and approval of the Senate.	<b>Changes in Registration</b>
10	The University shall have the right to cancel the registration of a candidate at any time, notwithstanding anything stated contrary to the above.	<b>Cancellation of Registration</b>
11	The total programme fee is not refundable in any case.	<b>Refund Policy</b>
12	<p>i. No candidate shall be absent or withdraw from the examination or any other assessment without the prior approval of the Higher Degree Committee.</p> <p>ii. Excuses for the absence will be granted only if the absence is due to serious ill health, the death of a member of the immediate family/ temple or any other cause acceptable to the Higher Degree Committee and approved by the Senate. Even though an excuse is granted to a student, he can sit the examination only on the current occasion or the next immediate occasion as a proper candidate.</p> <p>iii. If a student fails to attend academic activities or examinations due to a medical reason, such absence should be reported to the Senior Assistant Registrar (UPEDEC) by a valid medical certificate within 14 days of absence.</p> <p>iv. The Higher Degree Committee will accept medical certificates certified by the Government Registered Medical Officer.</p> <p>v. Students who fall ill during an examination session should immediately report to the Higher Degree Committee through the Supervisor of the examination.</p>	<b>Absence from Classes and Examinations</b>

	<p>vi. If a candidate falls ill during the period of examination, he should obtain a medical certificate and should be sent to the Senior Assistant Registrar (UPEDEC) within 14 days.</p> <p>vii. The above candidates are allowed to sit for the repeat examination as proper candidates and they are expected to pay the examination fee in such an attempt.</p> <p>viii. The absence of a candidate from an examination in the event of a death of an immediate family/ temple member will be excused if approval is obtained from the Higher Degree Committee and the Senate by submission of the death certificate and appropriate proof of relationship. In that event, the student will receive a symbol of “DFR” (Deferred) for that course.</p> <p>ix. All the Terms and Conditions stipulated in the by-law for Examination Rules and Regulations including exam offences by-law approved by 244<sup>th</sup> Council on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 shall be applicable for this Degree Programme.</p>	
13	The Master of Arts degree Programme shall include course units as prescribed in the student handbook.	<b><i>Course Module</i></b>
14	Adding and dropping of the courses are allowed within two weeks of the commencement of the academic semester.	<b><i>Adding and Dropping Courses</i></b>
15	The Senate shall have power, on the recommendation of the Study boards, Higher Degree Committee, and University Curriculum Development Committee to amend the number of course modules, the course structure, the syllabi, the number of question papers thereof and the scheme of evaluation.	<b><i>Changing Curriculum</i></b>
16	The medium of instruction, examinations and thesis writing of the Degree Programme is Sinhala/English.	<b><i>Medium of Instruction and Examinations</i></b>
17	The Higher Degree Committee shall decide to obtain the services of qualified lecturers, either a member of the teaching faculty or another suitable person with SLQF level 10 or above qualification, to conduct the respective course modules.	<b><i>Teaching Panel</i></b>
18	The candidate shall have access to the library and IT centre for required study materials including publication archives and	<b><i>Library and IT Facilities</i></b>

	journal databases.	
	<p>i. A candidate shall not be permitted to sit for end of course examination unless</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. He has been duly registered as a postgraduate student from the commencement of the academic year semester in which that examination is held.</li> <li>b. He has submitted a duly filled examination application on time.</li> <li>c. He shall bind by all rules relating to the Examination Procedure, Offenses, and Punishment of the University.</li> <li>d. He has attended at least eighty percent (80%) of the classes held.</li> <li>e. He has paid examination fees and all dues of the programme.</li> </ol> <p>ii. If a candidate fails to maintain 80% attendance in any course unit, he has to repeat it at the next available attempt.</p> <p>All rules relating to the Examination Procedure, Offenses, and Punishment of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka apply to the Master's degree examination.</p>	<b><i>Eligibility for End-Semester Examination</i></b>
19	The examination question paper and the marking scheme of the end-semester examination shall be assessed by two independent examiners appointed by the University Senate, on the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee.	<b><i>Examination Question Paper Moderation</i></b>
20	<p>i. The candidate has the liberty to select the supervisor of the research from the Higher Degree Committee concerned. The Supervisor who has SLQF level 10 or above qualification shall be appointed by the Higher Degree Committee after obtaining approvals from the University Senate.</p> <p>ii. In the case of, the appointed Supervisor/s is/are unavailable due to any circumstances, the Higher Degree Committee shall appoint new supervisor/s after obtaining approvals from the University Senate.</p> <p>iii. In the case of the unavailability of a supervisor in the relevant subject area within the University academic community, approval shall be taken from the Senate to appoint a relevant supervisor from outside the University.</p>	<b><i>Research Supervisor</i></b>

	<p>iv. In a case where the research study is supervised by more than one supervisor, one of the supervisors should be from Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>v. The Higher Degree Committee shall appoint interim supervisor/s to support prospective MA candidates in developing their concept notes until the main supervisor and co-supervisors are appointed by the Senate upon the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee.</p>	
21	The ethical clearance shall be obtained from a relevant ethical clearance body, before commencement of the research, if required. The candidate must include such a clearance in the thesis.	<b><i>Ethical Clearance</i></b>
22	<p>i. After completion of the first semester of the first year of the degree programme and before the commencement of the second semester examination, the candidate should hand over the research proposal to the SAR (UPEDEC) to evaluate its acceptability.</p> <p>ii. One week after the completion of the second-semester examination, the candidate should present the research proposal to the evaluation panel.</p> <p>iii. The final proposal should be submitted within one month from the date of presentation.</p>	<b><i>Research Proposal Evaluation</i></b>
23	<p>The evaluation panel shall consist of the following members, appointed by the Higher Degree Committee.</p> <p>a. Director / Dean (Chairperson)</p> <p>b. Dean of the relevant faculty</p> <p>c. HoD of the relevant Department</p> <p>d. Academic Coordinator</p> <p>e. Two subject experts (relevant subject /research methodology)</p> <p>f. Supervisor (observer)</p>	<b><i>Proposal Evaluation panel</i></b>
24	In the case of changing the research title, the candidate shall obtain the recommendation from the Higher Degree Committee, and approval from the University Senate.	<b><i>Change of Research Title</i></b>
25	The candidate should submit the progress of the research every three (03) months to the Higher Degree Committee through his research supervisors within one month from the completion of	<b><i>Research Progress</i></b>

	the three-month period.	
26	The thesis shall consist of the candidate's account of his research. It must provide a marked contribution to knowledge and afford evidence of originality. Only research conducted after registration will be considered for the Degree Programme. The thesis should be submitted in the format in accordance with the Regulations made under this by-law. Thesis formatting guidelines are defined by the Higher Degree Committee (Annexure 1).	<b>Thesis Guideline</b>
27	<p>i. Maintaining intellectual integrity and avoiding plagiarism shall be the candidate's sole responsibility when the thesis is prepared for submission. Every candidate working on the research shall appraise himself and be fully aware of the necessity to ensure and uphold intellectual integrity and desist from any act of plagiarism. Candidates should be aware that the Academic Coordinator shall check the submitted thesis for plagiarism and the similarity should not exceed 20% excluding technical terms, affiliations, and another obvious expression alike.</p> <p>ii. In case of violation of this condition at any point before or after graduation, the Higher Degree Committee shall recommend to the Senate to take action against such candidate according to the University rules relating to examination offences and punishments, which may include the cancellation of registration of the candidate and debarment of the candidate from further registration with the University.</p>	<b>Maintaining Intellectual Integrity and Avoid Plagiarism</b>
28	<p>i. The students shall be required to submit a thesis prepared in accordance with the guidelines approved by the University Council. The candidate can be submitted the thesis two months before the deadline of the eligible period if he has completed the research. However, the thesis defence examination shall only be conducted after completion of the minimum period of two years.</p> <p>ii. By the time of thesis submission, the candidate should have completed all the courses prescribed by the Higher Degree Committee with satisfactory grades.</p> <p>iii. Three (03) softbound copies of the thesis should be submitted to the UPEDEC with the signatures of the</p>	<b>Thesis Submission for Evaluation</b>

	<p>supervisor/s along with the application for the <u>thesis defence examination</u>.</p> <p>iv. At least three months prior to submission of the thesis to the Higher Degree Committee, the candidate shall, with the approval of the supervisor/s, inform the UPEDEC of his intention to submit the thesis, enabling the Higher Degree Committee to proceed with making necessary arrangements for a pre <i>viva voce</i> and to appoint examiners.</p>	
29	<p>Upon completion of the research, the Higher Degree Committee shall nominate the following panel for thesis defence examination of the Master of Arts degree upon receipt of the application by the candidate. Senior Assistant Registrar of the UPEDEC will be the Convener.</p> <p>a) Director UPEDEC/ Dean of a Faculty (Chairperson)  b) Dean of the relevant faculty  c) Head of the relevant subject  d) Academic Coordinator  e) Two External Examiners  f) Oral Examiner  g) Research Supervisor/s (Observer/s)</p> <p>The Higher Degree Committee shall recommend two examiners (at least one from outside the University), for the approval of the University Senate. The evaluation shall be done by the two Examiners and oral Examiner. The SAR/UPEDEC, shall send the thesis to the examiners and arrange the thesis defence examination within a period of three (03) months from the date of thesis submission.</p>	<b><i>Thesis Evaluation and Defence Panel</i></b>
30	<p>i. The Higher Degree Committee shall recommend two external examiners, for the approval of the University Senate. The SAR (UPEDEC) send the thesis to the examiners and arrange the thesis defence examination within a period of three (03) months.</p> <p>ii. The examiners appointed by the Senate for the evaluation of the thesis shall submit written evaluation reports to the SAR (UPEDEC), within two months.</p> <p>iii. The Senate, on the recommendation of the Higher Degree</p>	<b><i>Thesis Evaluation</i></b>

	<p>Committee shall appoint additional examiner/s in the event that the examiner/s does/do not comply with the requisite time period for evaluation.</p> <p>iv. The examiner/s has/have options in his report to recommend the thesis as it is or recommend it with suggested minor/major corrections or not recommend the thesis. The report shall be submitted within a period of preferably two months. In the case of that the thesis is not recommended, the examiner/s should provide the reasons and justification.</p> <p>v. If the examiners accept/recommend the thesis (at least a B grade obtained by both examiners), the candidate shall be eligible for the thesis defence examination and shall call for the <i>viva voce</i>.</p> <p>vi. In the case where one thesis examiner does not recommend the thesis (less than B grade) for defence, the thesis shall be sent to a third examiner upon approval of the Senate with the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee. The final marks will be determined by averaging the marks given by the third examiner and selecting the marks from the first or second examiners that closely align with the marks of the third examiner.</p> <p>vii. If both examiners do not recommend the thesis (each examiner marks less than B grade), the candidate has to re-submit the thesis addressing the recommendations given by the examiners. In such a case, the candidate should bear the cost of re-evaluation of the thesis.</p>	
31	<p>If the examiners recommend to re-submit the thesis during thesis evaluation, the candidate should resubmit the thesis only after a period of six months and before one year from the date of first attempt. This thesis shall be re-examined. Such a candidate shall not call for the thesis defence examination. The candidate should submit three softbound copies of the revised thesis certified by the supervisor(s), with a separate letter indicating the changes made in a tabular form including the revisions suggested, actions taken and the relevant page numbers of the thesis. The candidate should follow the thesis submission guidelines as mentioned in section 26. In such a situation, the candidate should register for the respective academic year.</p>	<p><b><i>Re-submission of Thesis</i></b></p>

32	<p>For a student to be eligible to sit for a thesis defence examination, he shall be required to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. obtain at least a minimum of a B grade from the thesis evaluation.</li> <li>ii. keep the registration in force during the semester until the final thesis is submitted, and should have successfully completed the necessary courses prescribed by the Degree Programme.</li> <li>iii. the student should have paid in full all remaining dues.</li> </ul>	<b><i>Eligibility for Thesis Defence Examination</i></b>
33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The purpose of the thesis defence (<i>viva-voce</i>) examination is to evaluate the originality of the work, the candidate's ability to present and support his thesis, and answer questions on the work and the subject matter of his suitability to receive the degree.</li> <li>ii. The final decision of the thesis defence examination shall be made at the thesis defence with the majority of the examiners' decision.</li> <li>iii. The candidate may receive decisions of satisfactory or unsatisfactory for the defence. Further, the panel shall inform the status of the thesis evaluation whether it is accepted as it is or accepted with minor/major revisions.</li> <li>iv. If a candidate receives an unsatisfactory decision, he shall receive a maximum of three attempts, including the first, to defend the thesis.</li> <li>v. The candidate should settle all dues before applying for the thesis defence examination.</li> </ul>	<b><i>Thesis Defence (Viva-voce) Examination</i></b>
34	<p>If a candidate fails to secure a satisfactory grade at the third attempt of the thesis defence examination, the Higher Degree Committee reserves the right to recommend that the candidate be awarded a “Master of Arts” equivalent to SLQL-9.</p>	<b><i>Unsatisfactory Thesis Defence</i></b>
	<p>If a candidate is absent for the thesis defence examination, he should inform the Higher Degree Committee and if it is on medical grounds, he should submit a valid medical certificate/s, approved by a Government Medical Officer within 14 days to the SAR (UPEDEC). If a candidate is absent, he shall defer one attempt for the thesis defence.</p>	<b><i>Absence from the Thesis Defence Examination</i></b>

35	The Higher Degree Committee may provide the option of the video-conferencing facility to conduct a thesis defence examination with the approval of the Director UPEDEC in an unavoidable circumstance. In such a situation, the candidate should make a written request through the main supervisor to the Director UPEDEC.	<b><i>Video Conferencing Facility</i></b>
36	<p>i. If there are minor corrections recommended by the examiners, the candidate should submit the corrected three (03) hardbound thesis within a period of one (01) month with the approval of the main supervisor.</p> <p>ii. If there are major corrections recommended by the examiners, the thesis should be submitted within a period of 3 to 6 months with the approval of the main supervisor.</p> <p>iii. All the corrections should be submitted with a separate letter indicating the changes made in a tabular form including the revisions suggested, actions taken and the relevant page numbers of the thesis.</p>	<b><i>Final Thesis Submission</i></b>
37	Regulations related to examinations in the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka are applicable to the Degree Programme. The decision of the Senate on any examination matter shall be the final.	<b><i>Examination Regulations</i></b>
38	<p>i. The evaluation shall be throughout and at the end of each semester.</p> <p>ii. Course units shall be evaluated based on continuous assessments as well (quizzes, reports, assignments, presentations, case studies, etc.), and end-semester examinations.</p> <p>iii. The contribution of each course unit from the end-semester examination to the final grade shall be 50% while the rest is covered by the continuous assessments.</p> <p>iv. The end-semester examination shall consist of a question paper for each course module with a maximum duration of three hours for which all candidates should appear.</p> <p>v. The research component shall be evaluated based on the thesis and the thesis defence examination.</p>	<b><i>Evaluation Criteria</i></b>

	<p>vi. A student must obtain a minimum of “B” grade to pass a course unit.</p> <p>vii. A student must obtain a “B” grade to pass the Thesis at the thesis defence examination.</p>																									
39	<p>The board of examiners shall consist of the following members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Vice Chancellor (Chairman)</li> <li>b. Director UPEDEC</li> <li>c. Deans of the Faculties</li> <li>d. Heads of Departments</li> <li>e. Academic Coordinator</li> <li>f. Senior Assistant Registrar of the UPEDEC (Observer)</li> <li>g. Senior Assistant Registrar/ Assistant Registrar examination (Secretary/ Convener)</li> </ul>	<b>Examination Board</b>																								
40	<p>The following scheme shall be used to compute the Grade Point Average (GPA)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="321 947 1146 1304"> <thead> <tr> <th>Percentage Mark</th> <th>Letter Grade</th> <th>Grade Point Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>85-100</td> <td>A+</td> <td>4.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70-84</td> <td>A</td> <td>4.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65-69</td> <td>A-</td> <td>3.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60-64</td> <td>B+</td> <td>3.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>55-59</td> <td>B</td> <td>3.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50-54</td> <td>B-</td> <td>2.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>00-49</td> <td>E</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated using the formula given below. Grade Point Average (GPA) is the weighted arithmetic mean of the grade point values. i.e. the GPA is determined by dividing the total Grade Point Value (GPV) by the total number of credits.</p> $\text{i.e.} = \frac{\sum C_i G_i}{\sum C_i}$ <p>Where <math>C_i</math> is the number of credits for the <math>i^{\text{th}}</math> course, and <math>G_i</math> is the grade point value obtained for the <math>i^{\text{th}}</math> course</p> <p>Candidates who get a lower than B for a course should repeat</p>	Percentage Mark	Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	85-100	A+	4.0	70-84	A	4.0	65-69	A-	3.7	60-64	B+	3.3	55-59	B	3.0	50-54	B-	2.7	00-49	E	0.0	<b>Grading System</b>
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	<p>that course at the next immediate opportunity within the prescribed time period and he shall be given a maximum of B grade even if the student obtains more than 54 marks. If a student fails to complete the requirements of a registered course due to illness or some other valid reason supported by evidence acceptable to the Higher Degree Committee, he shall obtain an "I" (Incomplete) grade for that course. Such a student shall complete the requirements for that particular course on the immediate attempt the course is next offered. In this instance, unlike the case of a repeat examination, on successful completion of the course, he will be given the actual grade obtained for that course.</p>	
41	<p>i. The University shall display on the Learning Management System/ University Website, the results of the candidates who have appeared for the examination of the Master's degree.</p> <p>ii. The results of each semester will be reported to the candidates at the end of each semester with the grade earned by the candidate for each course as indicated in the grading scale (section No 40).</p> <p>iii. The results sheet will be issued based on the request made by the candidate following the release of results of each semester by the Examination Branch of the University after confirmation by the University Senate.</p>	<p><b><i>Notification of Results</i></b></p>
42	<p>i. To be eligible to award the Master of Arts with the level of performance "Pass", the student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ must successfully complete the required 60 credits at the examination.</li> <li>▪ must obtain a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.70.</li> <li>▪ should obtain a "B" grade for thesis defence.</li> <li>▪ complete the relevant requirements within a period as prescribed in section 02 of the governing by-laws</li> </ul> <p>ii. Level of performance: Award of Merits</p> <p>A student may be awarded a 'Merit Pass' provided he</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ obtains grades of "A-" or better in course units aggregating to 60 credits at 1<sup>st</sup> attempt of the examination.</li> <li>▪ obtains a minimum GPA of 3.70 and</li> <li>▪ completes the relevant requirements within two</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Award of Degree</i></b></p>

	<p>academic years.</p> <p>iii. Level of performance: Award of Distinction  A student may be awarded a 'Distinction Pass' provided he</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ obtains grades "A" or better in course units aggregating to 60 credits at 1<sup>st</sup> attempt of the examination.</li> <li>▪ Complete the relevant requirements within two academic years.</li> </ul> <p>A student shall pay registration fees from the date of first registration to the date of the defence of the thesis and should have paid in full all remaining dues in order to qualify for the award of the degree.</p>	
43	<p>i. The effective date of the Master's degree shall be the date on which the candidate submits the softbound copies of the thesis to the UPEDEC, only if the candidate could submit the hardbound copy within one (01) month of the thesis defence examination.</p> <p>ii. If a candidate fails to submit the final hardbound copy of the thesis within the stipulated time, the effective date shall be the date on which he submits the final bound copy of the thesis.</p> <p>iii. If the candidate passes the thesis defence examination, with recommended major corrections, the effective date shall be the date on which he submits the final hardbound copy of the thesis.</p> <p>iv. If a candidate has to rewrite/resubmit the thesis, the examiners reserve the right to decide, at the thesis defence examination, if the candidate has to face another thesis defence examination after resubmitting the thesis.</p> <p>v. A candidate shall pay registration fees from the date of first registration up to the date the final hardbound thesis is submitted in order to qualify for the award of the degree.</p>	<b><i>Effective Date of the Degree</i></b>
44	<p>If a candidate wishes, he shall request to verify examination marks and grades, particularly for end semester examinations. Re-scrutinization of marks and grades shall be limited only</p>	<b><i>Re-scrutinization of Examination Results</i></b>

	during the 2 weeks immediately following the release of results of an examination. As the cost of the re-scrutinization process must be borne by the candidate, a non-refundable fee, calculated based on the actual cost of the re-scrutiny process shall be levied on the candidate.	
45	A student who does not satisfy the conditions for a pass grade or fails to submit a proper medical certificate in his absence to the examination, or is not eligible for the examination shall be referred to as a repeat candidate.	<b><i>Repeat Candidate</i></b>
46	<p>i. No special repeat examinations would be arranged for the repeat students. Two repeat attempts shall be allowed.</p> <p>ii. There will be additional fees charged from repeat candidates and reexamination of thesis defence as determined by the University Senate, depending on the expenses incurred by the University to serve their repeat attempts in the examination process.</p> <p>iii. The highest grade obtainable in repeat examinations of course units will be limited to a “B” grade.</p> <p>iv. The grace attempt will be allowed subject to the approval of the Higher Degree Committee and the University Senate after the lapse of all three attempts.</p> <p>v. Repeat candidates shall make all payments as prescribed by the University Senate on the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee.</p>	<b><i>Repeat Examinations</i></b>
47	The fees payable for a certificate or statement of results or transcript shall be determined by the Higher Degree Committee.	<b><i>Results Sheets/ Transcripts</i></b>
48	If a Master of Arts candidate requires an early exit having completed a minimum of 30 credits of coursework with a minimum 2.5 FGPA without the research component can obtain a Master of Arts (SLQL 9). In such cases, the effective date will be the date that the candidate completes the final examination.	<b><i>Early Exits pathways</i></b>
	<p>i. A Master of Arts candidate whose thesis is evaluated as unsatisfactory as Section No 34, the candidate can subsequently request a Master of Arts equivalent to SLQL 9.</p> <p>ii. In such case, the candidate should complete a minimum of</p>	<b><i>Fall back pathways</i></b>

	<p>30 credits of coursework with a minimum 2.5 FGPA.</p> <p>iii. The effective date of the Master of Arts shall be the date of his completion of the final examination.</p>	
49	<p>If the candidate could not finish the degree programme on the said period, he should request a period of extension to the Higher Degree Committee and register for the extended period. The maximum period of extension shall be three (03) years and maximum period of the programme is five (05) years.</p>	<b><i>Extension of the Degree Programme</i></b>
50	<p>i. If a candidate registered for the course applies for a postponement of the academic year, he may be allowed to follow the next immediate offer after the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee and approved by the University Senate. Such a candidate should complete the degree within the stipulated time as prescribed in section No. 02 of the governing by-laws. Such candidates are required to pay the registration fee for the new academic year. However, if the course fee of the next offer has been increased, he has to pay the balance of the course fee to be registered.</p> <p>ii. If a candidate applies for a postponement after attending lectures, he is not allowed to postpone the academic year. However, the final decision on such a candidate will be taken by the Higher Degree Committee.</p> <p>iii. The request for postponement should be made to the Director UPEDEC within a month after the registration.</p>	<b><i>Postponement of the Academic Year</i></b>
51	<p>i. The fee structure of the Master of Arts degree is designed to be a self-financed programme and programme fees shall be decided by the Higher Degree Committee and approved by the University Finance Committee.</p> <p>ii. Programme fee shall be subjected to change by the Higher Degree Committee followed by the approval of the University Finance Committee as may be deemed necessary by the circumstances.</p> <p>iii. Maximum two equal instalments could be allowed upon the approval of the Higher Degree Committee.</p>	<b><i>Course fee</i></b>
52	<p>There shall be a Higher Degree Committee, which serves as an Advisory Committee.</p>	<b><i>Higher Degree Committee</i></b>

53	<p>The composition of the Higher Degree Committee for the Master of Arts shall consist of following members,</p> <p>i. Ex-Officio members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Director UPEDEC (Chairman)</li> <li>b. Deans of the faculties</li> <li>c. Heads of the Departments</li> <li>d. Academic Coordinator</li> <li>e. Director/ Coordinator, Unit of International Affairs</li> <li>f. Professors and Associate Professors</li> </ul> <p>ii. Appointed members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Three distinguished external members appointed by the Senate.</li> </ul> <p>iii. On invitation</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Subject expert as required/ Supervisor</p> <p>iv. In Attendance:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Senior Assistant Registrar of the UPEDEC – (Secretary)/Convener)</p> <p>The term of office of the Higher Degree Committee nominees shall be for three years.</p>	<b>Composition of Higher Degree Committee</b>
54	<p>The quorum of the Higher Degree Committee shall be one-third of its total membership.</p>	<b>Quorum of the Higher Degree Committee</b>
55	<p>The Higher Degree Committee makes recommendations to the Postgraduate Degree programmes, especially in the following aspects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identification of suitable research supervisors</li> <li>b. Evaluation of the progress of the research programmes.</li> <li>c. Recommendation of examiners.</li> </ul> <p>Any other recommendations to improve academic standards of the MA degree programme.</p>	<b>Function of the Higher Degree Committee</b>
56	<p>There shall be a Director (a senior academic member of the University) for the postgraduate programme who shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the</p>	<b>Director UPEDEC</b>

	<p>Council.</p> <p><b>Role of the Director UPEDEC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Management of the entire programme (i.e. planning, organizing and controlling of the entire programme of study).</li> <li>b. Monitoring of the entire programme when it is run throughout.</li> <li>c. Liaising with the Registrar/ Senior Assistant Registrar on the administration of the programme.</li> <li>d. Liaising with Supervisors and Examiners.</li> </ol> <p>Director UPEDEC is the overall in-charge of the degree programme under the guidance of the Higher Degree Committee and the Senate and finally accountable to the Vice Chancellor of the University.</p>	
57	<p>A Senior academic member shall be appointed as the Academic Coordinator by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee.</p> <p><b>Role of the Academic Coordinator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assisting the Director UPEDEC in planning, organizing and controlling the programme for its smooth functioning.</li> <li>b. Assisting the Director UPEDEC in liaising with the Supervisors, Examiners, and students.</li> <li>c. Monitoring and evaluation of the research programmes.</li> <li>d. Any other duties as directed by the Director UPEDEC.</li> </ol>	<b>Academic Coordinator</b>
58	<p><b>Role of the Senior Assistant Registrar of Higher Degree Committee</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assisting the Director UPEDEC in the work pertaining to student registration.</li> <li>b. Assisting the Director UPEDEC in all other administration work pertaining to conduct study programme.</li> <li>c. Assisting with the Director UPEDEC in the work pertaining to the examinations.</li> <li>d. Any other duties as directed by the Director UPEDEC.</li> </ol>	<b>Senior Assistant Registrar</b>
59	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. All payments should be made to the credit of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.</li> <li>ii. The application fee should be paid at the time of submitting the application.</li> </ol>	<b>Financial Procedures</b>

	<p>iii. All prescribed fees and other dues should be paid to the University.</p> <p>iv. Fees shall be charged for the replacement of a lost student identity card or a lost library card at the rates determined by the Council.</p> <p>v. Financial matters shall be handled according to the financial regulations of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>vi. To ease the activities of the postgraduate programme, a separate ledger account called “Postgraduate Fund” (PF), is maintained by the University with the approval of the Governing Council of the University and all the income shall be credited to the PF.</p> <p>vii. In case of remittance by cheques, authorized officers of the University should sign the cheques.</p>	
60	<p>i. Sources and Income All funds generated from Postgraduate degree programmes, are subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>ii. Disbursement and Expenditure of the Fund.</p> <p>iii. The funds generated through the Postgraduate degree programmes shall be used for the payment of advertisement, inauguration, lecturer fees, Higher Degree Committee monitoring and administration, examination, overheads, and other expenses as described in the budget. A percentage of income shall be credited to the funds of the University that approved by the Council as per the university requirement.</p>	<b><i>Income and Expenditure</i></b>

61	<p>In these by-laws unless the context otherwise requires.</p> <p>“Council” means the Council of Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, constituted by the University Act No. 26 of 1996, and amended by Act No. 15 of 2012.</p> <p>“Senate” means the Senate of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, constituted by the University Act No. 26 of 1996, and amended by Act No. 15 of 2012.</p> <p>“Higher Degree Committee” means, the Higher Degree Committee appointed by the 151<sup>st</sup> Senate of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>“UPEDEC” means the Unit caters for Postgraduate External Degrees and Extension Courses.</p>	<b><i>Interpretations</i></b>
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**Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka - Anuradhapura**  
**Unit of Postgraduate, External Degrees and Extension Courses (UPEDEC)**

**Guidelines for the Documentation and Submission of Postgraduate Thesis**

**01. Introduction**

All postgraduate students who are registered for Postgraduate programmes in the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, are expected to read the following guidelines carefully and adhere to the instructions given below before submitting applications for their Thesis/Dissertation.

Thesis/Dissertation is a logical and coherent writing, advancing an original point of view or a hypothesis, arising from a candidate's original research in partial fulfillment of requirements for a MA, MPhil or a PhD Degree. **The final copies of the Thesis /Dissertation may not be accepted if the students have not prepared the Thesis /Dissertation according to the required guidelines.**

**02. General Instructions**

**1. Number of Copies and Minimum Words**

By adhering to number of words, the student must submit soft and hard bound copies of the Thesis /Dissertation to the Director of Unit of Postgraduate, External Degrees and Extension Courses (UPEDEC), Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, as mentioned in the table below, on due time before the stipulated deadlines.

Degree Program	Number of words	Number of soft bound copies	Number of hard bound copies
Master of Arts (MA)	30,000 - 50,000	02	03
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)	60,000 - 80,000	02	03
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	80,000 - 100,000	02	03

**2. Page Format**

**2.1. Paper format:** A4 white paper of good quality (80 gsm) should be used. Other papers may be used if required (e.g.: for maps) on the instructions of the Supervisor.

**2.2 First submission for Examiners:** Two (02) soft-bound copies of the Thesis/Dissertation with word-processed and **single-sided** should be submitted to the UPEDEC for the use of examiners. Required line spacing should be 1.5, except for the abstract, tables and indented quotations where single line spacing may be accepted.

2.3 **Final Submission:** Three (03) hard-bound copies of the final Thesis/Dissertation to be submitted to the UPEDEC with word-processed and **single-sided**. One and a half line spacing is required, except for the abstract, tables and indented quotations where single line spacing may be accepted.

2.4 **Fonts:** **Times New Roman** or **Times Ext Roman** should be used for documentation in English and **FMAbhaya** or **Sinhala Unicode** should be used for documentation in Sinhala.

- **Chapter Heading:** Title Case (only for English documents) - 16 Font size, Bold
- **Section Heading:** Title case -14 Font size, Bold
- **Section Sub-Heading:** Sentence case (only for English documents) -12 Font size, Bold
- **Body of the Text:** Sentence case (only for English documents) - 12 Font size
- **Tables and Illustrations:** Font size may be varied while ensuring legibility.

2.5 **Margins:** Margins of 1.5 inches on left and 1 inch on top, bottom & right should be used.

### 3. **Pagination**

Each page should have a page number except on the Cover and inner Pages.

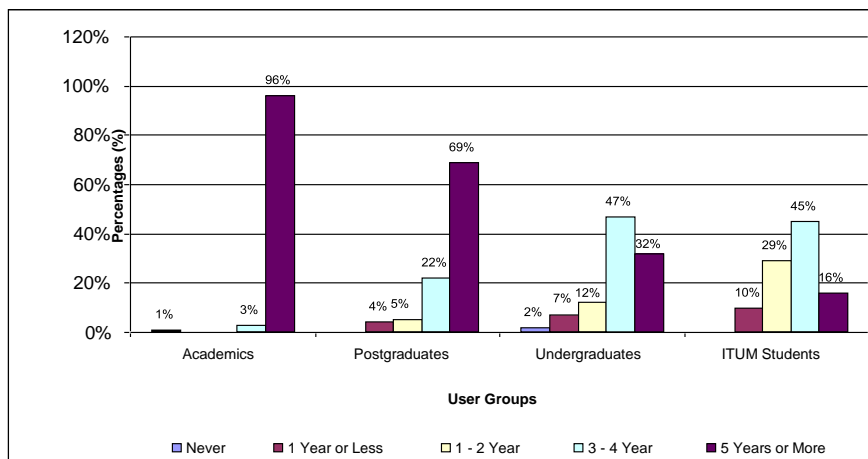
Lower case **Roman Numerals** should be assigned centered at the bottom of the page to all preliminary pages (Eg. Refer Appendix II; i - ix in content page).

Pagination of the body text and appendices is to be in **Arabic Numerals** centered at the right bottom of the page. (Pagination of body text starts from the first page of the first chapter.)

### 4. **Tables and Illustrations**

Tables and grids consisting of columns and rows that present numerical or verbal facts by categories. Figures include charts, graphs, diagrams, photographs, maps, examples, drawings and other images. All these types of non-textural material are collectively referred to as illustrations.

**All tables and figures must be referred to in the text by number (not by a phrase such as "the following table")**. Charts, graphs, maps, and tables that are larger than the standard page should be attached as Appendices. Tables and illustrations should be centered. All figure titles should appear at the bottom of the figure and all table titles should appear at the top of the table. If a figure or table is directly taken from any other source, the source needs to be indicated clearly at the bottom of the figure or the table (Eg. See figure 1 and table 1).



**Example - Figure 1:** The Internet Experience of the Participants  
(Mention the source - If Any)

**Example - Table 1:** Kruskal - Wallis Test results for the Internet experience vs. user category

User Category	N	Median	Ave Rank	Z
Academics	73	5.000	233.5	6.90
Postgraduates	87	5.000	189.9	2.78
Undergraduates	139	4.000	130.1	-5.75
ITUM Students	31	4.000	95.5	-4.29
Overall	330		165.5	

(Mention the source - If Any)

## 5. Photographs

High-quality coloured or black-and-white photographs or reprints with sufficient clarity may be incorporated. Photographs with glossy finish and dark backgrounds should be avoided where possible. State **“Original in Colour”** in the title where necessary.

## 6. Additional Materials

Additional materials if any (Eg: software, audio, video etc.), could be enclosed in a CD/DVD as an Appendix. These CDs/DVDs must be submitted in a pocket pasted inside back cover. Both CD label and the pocket should carry the following information: Name, Title of submission with Registration number, Date of submission (example: May 2019), Degree and Department. (Example: MA in Education Science, Department of Social Science and Comparative Studies)

## 7. Binding

### 7.1. Cover Page

See the **Appendix - I** for the format of the cover page. Lettering on the Cover should be in **GOLD**.

### 7.2. Draft

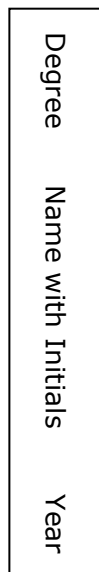
The draft to be submitted to the examiners should be soft bound.

### 7.3. Final Submission

The final corrected copy of the Thesis/Dissertation must be free from typographical, grammatical and other errors. After making the alterations mentioned by the examiners, **three (03) hardbound copies** of the Thesis/Dissertation should be submitted with the appropriate colour of the relevant Degree as follows.

<i>PhD</i>	- Red
<i>MPhil</i>	- Green
<i>MA</i>	- By Research: Blue

**Short Name of the Degree and the Year submitted** should be indicated at 40mm and 80 mm from the bottom of the spine respectively. The name of the candidate with initials should be mentioned at 20mm from the top of the spine (See figure 2). **Lettering on cover should be in GOLD (Times New Roman or Times Ext Roman/ FMAbhaya or Sinhala Unicode) and Font Size should be 16.**



**Figure 2: Sample**

### 03. Components

#### 1. A Thesis/Dissertation should contain the following parts in the given order.

1.1	Cover Page
1.2	Inner page
1.3	Declaration page of the candidate & supervisor
1.4	Dedication (if any)
1.5	Acknowledgements
1.6	Abstract
1.7	Table of contents
1.8	List of figures (if any)
1.9	List of tables (if any)
1.10	List of abbreviations (if any) Local and Technical Terms, (if any) Conversion Tables (if any)
1.11	The body of the Thesis/Dissertation
1.12	Reference list
1.13	Appendices (if any)
1.14	List of Plates <b><u>(Not included in the text. if any)</u></b>

#### 1.1 Cover Page

A sample cover page is available in **Appendix I**.

#### 1.2 Inner Page

The first page should be the Inner page (see **Appendix - III**). It should contain:

- The title & subtitle of the Thesis/ Dissertation
- Candidate's full name
- Registration number
- Official name of the Degree to which the Thesis/ Dissertation is submitted
- Official name of the Department of the University
- The month and year of submission

1.3 Declaration, Copyright Statement and the Statement of the Supervisor

Declaration of the Candidate :-

**“I declare that this Thesis/ Dissertation is my own original work and it does not incorporate any material previously submitted for a Degree or Diploma in any other university or institute of higher learning and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it does not contain any material previously published or written by another person except where the acknowledgement is made in the text”.**

**Signature of the Candidate :**

**Date :**

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Declaration of the Supervisor/ Supervisors :-

**The above candidate has carried out this research for the MA/MPhil/PhD degree under my supervision.**

**Name of the Supervisor:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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#### 1.4 Dedication

May be included if desired, (except names of teachers and supervisors)

#### 1.5 Acknowledgements

In the acknowledgment section, the student is required to declare the extent of assistance which has been given by his/her faculty/department staff, fellow students & external bodies or others in the collection of materials and data, the design & construction of apparatus (if any), the analysis of data and preparation of the Thesis/Dissertation. If the research was sponsored, it is necessary to mention the name of the funding organization and other details (if any). In addition, it is appropriate to highlight the supervision and advice given by the Thesis/Dissertation supervisor.

#### 1.6 Abstract

Every copy of the Thesis/Dissertation must have an abstract. Abstract must provide a brief introduction to the subject in addition to the concise summary of methodology, tests, results, conclusions and recommendations (300 words or less). If the Thesis is written in a language other than English, an English translation of the abstract should also be include in the Thesis.

It should also accompany a list of Keywords (3-5) in alphabetical order, which could improve the accessibility of the Thesis/Dissertation in an online environment.

**Abstract Title:** Title case - Times New Roman or Times Ext Roman (in English) or FMAbhaya or Sinhala Unicode (in Sinhala) 12 point Bold (If used other fonts, change the size appropriately)

**Text** : Times New Roman or Times Ext Roman (in English) or FMAbhaya or Sinhala

**Spacing** : Single line

#### 1.7 Table of Contents (see **Appendix - II**)

All the main chapters and subsections of each chapter must be included in the table of contents with their page numbers. The page numbers of abstracts, acknowledgment and others which come first in the Thesis/Dissertation should also be included. If there are any appendices and other addenda, also should be included in the table of contents.

#### 1.8 List of Illustrations (see **Appendix - IV**)

If the Thesis/Dissertation contains any figures, then a separate list should be prepared including the name of the object and the page number. The chapter number should be included in defining the number of figures.

#### 1.9 List of Tables (see **Appendix - V**)

If the Thesis/Dissertation contains any tables, then a separate list should be prepared including the name of the object and the page number. The chapter number should be included in defining the number of tables.

#### 1.10 List of Abbreviations (see **Appendix - VI**)

Abbreviations must for the International Standards. When an abbreviation is used for the first time, it must be explained in the text. A separate list should be prepared for all abbreviations used in Thesis/Dissertation with their full meaning. The abbreviations in the list should be arranged according to the alphabetical order (Eg. IBA UNESCO etc.)

#### 1.11 Body of the Thesis/Dissertation

**The Thesis/Dissertation should be started from an introduction and the last part of the Thesis /Dissertation should include the major findings and conclusions.** All the chapters of **Thesis /Dissertation** should have a title and a chapter number. **Every chapter should be started from a new page.**

**Footnotes may be allowed at the bottom of a text page.** All of them must be numbered as given in the text, and must necessary be short, not exceeding 3-5 lines.

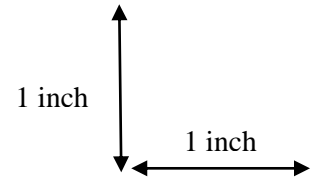
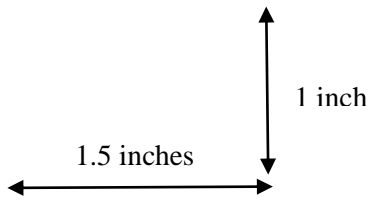
Use of phonetics for Pali and Buddhist words is permitted, provided that, their use is standard and uniform over the whole writing.

### 1.12 Reference List

A reference list is a list of all books, articles, and other source of materials, which were referred and should be listed according to the international referencing method adopted. Necessarily the items of the reference list referred to inside the body text of the Thesis/Dissertation. **APA Style or Harvard Style is recommended.** Chapter-wise reference lists are not necessary.

### 1.13 Appendices (see Appendix - VII)

Long Supplementary material could be included as Appendices rather than in the main text. For example, Appendices may contain questionnaires, detailed descriptions on apparatus (if any), extensive tables of raw data, computer programs, etc. All appendices must have page numbers written in the same typeface and size used for pagination throughout. If appendices contain photocopied material, the photocopies should be of letter quality.



**[Appendix - I: Cover Page]**

**Title of the Thesis/Dissertation (Research Topic)**

**(All Capital - Bold - 18 Font Size - 1.5 Space - Centered)**

(6 Lines: Times New Roman or Times Ext Roman - 16 Font Size - 1.5 Space)

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(Single Line: Times New Roman or Times Ext Roman - 14 Font Size - 1.5 Space)

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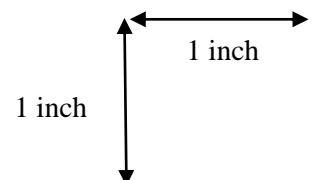
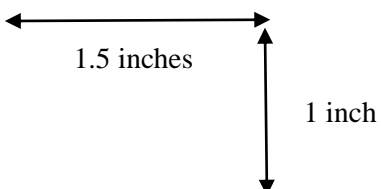
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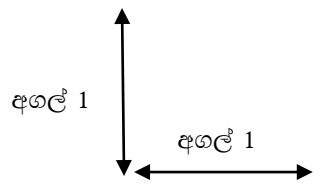
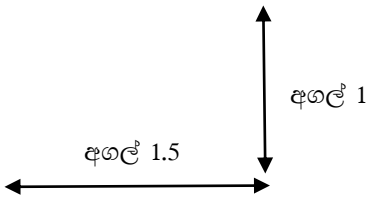
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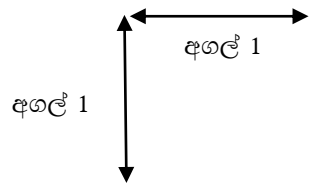
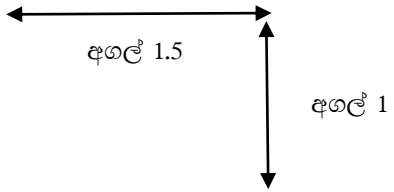
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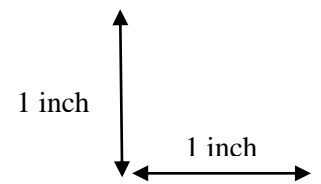
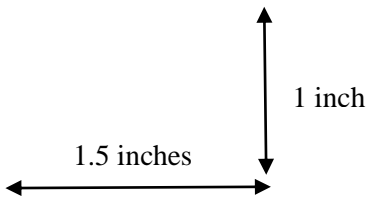


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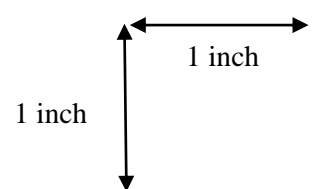
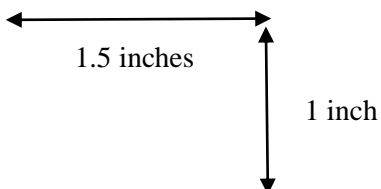
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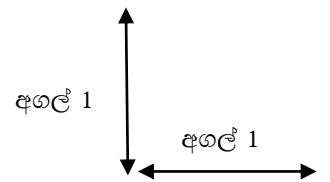
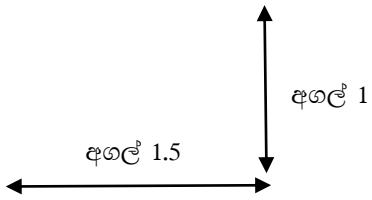
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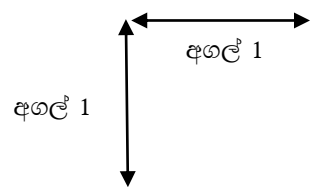
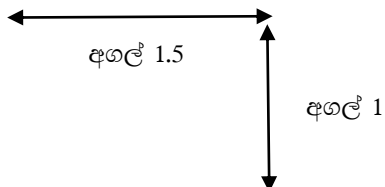
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##### **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Description</b>
ACM -	Association for Computing Machinery
IEEE -	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
OPAC -	Online Public Access Catalogue

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