

Frequently Asked Questions: Admission to M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. Zoology, University of Delhi

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Please note that these FAQs are designed based on Department's experience with admissions carried out in last few years. Since the situation is rapidly changing due to Covid-19 pandemic, there may be changes in admission process which should be consulted to better understand the current procedures.

For all general admission form related issues and procedures, please contact Office of Dean, Admissions or OSD (Officer on Special Duty), Admissions

General FAQ

Q. What are the points of contact for general and stream-specific admission enquiries?

For general enquiries regarding form filling and other procedural issues University Admissions Office. For stream-specific questions related to Zoology, you may contact the Nodal Officer (Admissions) – Prof. Alok C. Bharti (du61@du.ac.in; bhartiac2011@gmail.com; 8800171246); or the student volunteers. A list of student volunteers is provided with their email and phone, is provided at Zoology website (<http://www.du.ac.in/du/index.php?page=zoology>; <http://zoology.du.ac.in/>). Anyone of them may be contacted (Monday to Friday and from 10AM to 5PM) for any queries related to admission in M.Sc. (Zoology) at University of Delhi.

Q. I have committed a mistake in the date of birth section of the application form for M.Sc. Zoology and submitted it. Is there a way I can correct it?

Answer: As per OSD Admissions, you will not be given any opportunity to correct the form once submitted. So fill the form carefully. In case of errors in information that must be correct, a fresh form should be filled along with fresh fee submission. You may set up another registration using new email id. For further information, you should contact OSD Admissions.

Q. I belong from EWS category, however, I filled the application form for entrance exam wherein by mistake I have chosen UR category in the online form but I belongs to EWS category. Will I be considered in EWS?

Answer: No. The online form will be final and the candidature will be considered in UR category. So fill the form carefully. In such situations, a fresh form should be filled along with fresh fee submission. You may set up another registration using new email id. For further information, you should contact OSD Admissions.

FAQ related to M.Sc. Zoology admission and entrance examination

Q. How to get admission in M.Sc. Zoology if the candidate had graduated from University of Delhi Colleges with Zoology as main subject in B.Sc. Hons.?

Answer: There are two options available to DU B.Sc. (Hons.) Zoology/Applied Zoology. 1. Merit basis and 2. Entrance examination.

Q. Does Department hold interviews also for M.Sc. admission?

Answer: No. The department does not hold any interview for admission to MSc. Zoology.

Q. For M.Sc. admission, can a candidate applying under Merit category can also simultaneously opt for the entrance test?

Answer: Yes, the option will be available in online application form. However, only those students who have passed B.Sc. (Hons.) Zoology or Applied Zoology from University of Delhi only can choose both the options for Merit and Entrance test based admission.

Q. Will opting for entrance test disqualify the candidate from competing under Merit category?

Answer: Opting for entrance DOES NOT DISQUALIFY applying under the Merit category by a student of B.Sc. (Hons.) Zoology or Applied Zoology from University of Delhi.

Q. How to get admission in MSc. Zoology if the candidate had graduated from University other than DU with Zoology as main subject in B.Sc. Hons.?

Answer: The candidate must appear for entrance exam and should meet minimum eligibility criteria.

Q. What would be the pattern of entrance examination for M.Sc. Zoology?

Answer: As per last year, the question paper was Multiple Choice Question (MCQ format). There were four options for every question. Descriptive questions were not asked.

Q. How many questions will be asked?

Answer: As per last year, the total number of questions for PG (M.Sc.) courses would be 100 questions.

Q. What will be the total marks and marks per question? Will there be negative marking, if any?

Answer: Each question would carry FOUR marks. As such, maximum marks were 400 for M.Sc..For each correct answer FOUR marks were awarded. There was NEGATIVE MARKING. For each wrong answer ONE mark was deducted.

Q. What will be the duration of examination?

Answer: As per last year, the duration of the entrance examination was two hours only.

Q. What's the syllabus of entrance exam and what will be the level of questions?

Answer: The syllabus for entrance to M.Sc. Zoology is the Course described under B.Sc. (Hons.) Zoology of University of Delhi. The link for the syllabus covered in B.Sc. (Hons.) Zoology, University of Delhi is provided here:

http://www.du.ac.in/du/uploads/Syllabus_2015/B.Sc.%20Hons.%20Zoology.pdf

Q. Will the calculator be permitted during entrance exam?

Answer: Non-programmable calculator will be available at the desktop for the candidates.

Q. I'm a Zoology graduate from University other than DU with complementary subjects Botany and Biochemistry. Am I eligible for applying M.Sc, Zoology at Delhi University by means of an entrance test conducted by university?

Answer: If you have qualified a pass course, then as per the eligibility conditions for Entrance exam, you are not eligible as per category 2, as chemistry is one of the essential subject along with Zoology. However, if your course is recognized as Honours course, you fall in category 1, you are eligible for entrance exam.

FAQ related to M.Phil./Ph.D. Zoology admission and entrance examination

Q. Does Department hold interviews also for M.Phil. and Ph.D. admission?

Answer: Yes. Under normal circumstances interview constitutes a Major component of the admission process. Due to emerging COVID19 crisis, the situations may change. If university permits, the same procedure will prevail for admissions to M.Phil. and Ph.D.

Q. What would be the pattern of entrance examination for M.Phil. and Ph.D. Zoology?

Answer: There is a common written test M.Phil. and Ph.D. Zoology, however, the interviews are conducted separately for M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses. A candidate can opt for both the options. As per last year, the question paper was Multiple Choice Question (MCQ format). There were four options for every question. Descriptive questions were not asked.

Q. How many questions will be asked?

Answer: As per last year, for M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses there were 50 questions.

Q. What will be the total marks and marks per question? Will there be negative marking, if any?

Answer: Each question would carry FOUR marks. As such, maximum marks were 200 for M.Phil/Ph.D. entrance test. For each correct answer FOUR marks were awarded. There was NEGATIVE MARKING. For each wrong answer ONE mark was deducted.

Q. What will be the duration of examination?

Answer: As per last year, the duration of the entrance examination was two hours only.

Q. What's the syllabus of entrance exam and what will be the level of questions?

Answer: For M.Phil/Ph.D. entrance, 50% questions will be zoology stream-specific and rest 50% questions will be based on research methodology. The link to for the syllabus covered in M.Sc. Zoology, University of Delhi is provided here: http://zoology.du.ac.in/New_MSc_syllabus.pdf

Q. Will the calculator be permitted during entrance exam?

Answer: Non-programmable calculator will be available at the desktop for the candidates.

Q. What is additional information apart from academic qualification that may be asked during form filling or interview for M.Phil. and Ph.D. Zoology?

Answer: There is NO requirement of submission of a research synopsis or proposal. Since these two courses are research-based, following information may be asked and the candidate should keep it available before the application/interview.

1. Your proposed theme and scope of research for M.Phil./Ph.D.
2. The major writings in the field in which you would like to pursue your research.
3. Primary sources/field work, methodology, hypothesis/research, questions and issues in the proposed field of interest etc.?

Q.How the area of research will be decided?

Answer: The admission in M.Phil and Ph.D programme is not simply done based on total number of seats advertised by the Department. As per the UGC Gazette notification 2016 Clause 6.3, which states that *"The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Department concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview/viva voce."*

Therefore, for this, visit the Department of Zoology website and review the profile of each potential supervisor. The candidate should preferably contact the department faculty that in candidate's opinion could be the potential supervisors through email or personal visit a day before interview. Applicants are encouraged to have a prior discussion. Students must note that the selection is dependent not only on the interest and caliber of the student but other factors like vacancy with respective faculty, and area/topic of research of assigned supervisors.

Q. Can I be exempted for appearing in the entrance examination if I have qualified NET?

Answer: (i) The candidates who have qualified CSIR-UGC NET examination with JRF or LS at the date of application are exempted from entrance examination. But they must apply and indicate

their 'Exempt category'. As per the University Ordinance VI dated August 9, 2017 "Candidates who have qualified UGC-ET (including JRF)/ UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/ DBT-JRF. ICMR-JRF, DST- INSPIRE or equivalent national level examination/fellowship (as identified by DRC)/GATE/teacher fellowship holder may directly appear for interview."

(ii) Additionally, candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. Coursework with at least 55% marks in aggregate (or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and have successfully completed the M.Phil. degree with at least 55% marks shall be eligible for appearing directly for interview. Such M.Phil students should have been admitted in M.Phil programme following UGC 2016 guidelines. For further details on eligibility, candidates may see http://du.ac.in/du/uploads/22082017_Ordi.pdf

Q. IF I am in Exempt category for appearing in entrance test, do I also need to apply online or I can directly approach the department at the time of interview?

Answer – All candidates whether exempted from test or not, have to apply online. If you have not applied through online application, you cannot be called for the interview even if you are exempted from appearing in the entrance test. Therefore, application through online process is a must.