

Dissertation (6 credits each semester)

Outcomes expected of Dissertation writing track in the 2nd Year of PG Programme

Semester III

6 Credits

The following four outcomes must be achieved by the end of III Semester:

1. Research Problem identification

- Critically examine contemporary issues in commerce, finance, and allied disciplines to identify a research-worthy problem.
- Define a clear, focused, and feasible research problem with appropriate scope, objectives, and academic justification suitable for a dissertation.

2. Review of literature

- Systematically locate, select, and evaluate relevant scholarly sources including journal articles, reports, and databases.
- Synthesize existing literature to establish a theoretical or conceptual foundation and identify research gaps to be addressed in the dissertation.

3. Research design formulation

- Develop a structured research design including research objectives, questions/hypotheses (where applicable), data sources, sampling design, and analytical techniques.
- Justify the choice of methodology in alignment with the research problem and ensure coherence and feasibility of the proposed design.

4. Commencement of experimentation, fieldwork, or similar tasks

- Initiate dissertation-related activities such as pilot studies, surveys, interviews, or preliminary experimentation in accordance with the approved research design.
- Begin systematic data collection and maintain proper documentation of research procedures.
- Demonstrate the ability to translate the research plan into practice while ensuring reliability, validity, and ethical compliance.

Semester IV

6 Credits

The following three outcomes must be achieved by the end of IV Semester:

1. Completion of experimentation/ fieldwork

- Carry out the final phase of experimentation, surveys, interviews, or fieldwork in accordance with the approved research design.
- Apply appropriate analytical tools and techniques to process and interpret the collected data.
- Derive meaningful findings and develop logical, evidence-based conclusions and recommendations.

2. Submission of dissertation

- Prepare and submit a well-structured dissertation that clearly presents the research problem, literature review, methodology, analysis, findings, and conclusions.
- Adhere to academic writing standards, referencing norms, and ethical guidelines.
- Effectively communicate research outcomes through coherent writing and, where required, oral presentation or viva.

3. Research output in the form of any one of the following

- Develop a prototype or product and/or file a patent demonstrating innovation and practical application of research.
- Undertake any other recognized scholastic work as recommended by the BRS and approved by the Research Council.
- Publish research findings in reputed journals, such as Scopus-indexed or other equivalent quality journals, reflecting academic rigor.
- Contribute to a book or book chapter published by a reputed national or international publisher, showcasing scholarly contribution.