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**ACADEMIC SECTION**

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**OFFICE ORDER**

**Subject: Revised Academic Performance Requirement of PhD students**

The Academic Council of NISER in its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 has revised the existing guideline on Academic Performance Requirement of PhD students for their continuation in the Ph.D program under different schools of NISER.

The revised guidelines will be effective for all Ph.D students admitted from July 2019 onwards.

1. A student needs to pass all the courses amounting to 60 credits (including the course on Research Methodology) at the end of two semesters Ph.D coursework.
2. A warning shall be issued by the PGCS Convener of the concerned school, with intimation to the academic office and PGCI, to a PhD student if his/her SGPA is less than 6.0 at the end of first semester. It is expected that such a student shall make up his/her grades in the second semester courses to achieve the requirement of 6.0 CGPA.
3. The minimum CGPA requirement at the end of second semester is 6.0 in order to continue in the PhD programme of NISER. Students with CGPA less than 6.0 at the end of second semester shall be terminated by the Academic Office.
4. If a student at the end of second semester secures minimum 6 CGPA, but fails to clear any of the theory courses of first/second semester then continuation of such a student in the third semester may be recommended by the PGCS & Chairperson of the school to the Dean, Academics with proper justification. A final decision on such cases will be taken by the Chairman, Academic Council.

Furthermore, before recommending such cases the School has to certify that the theory courses in which the student has failed are being offered during the third semester of the student's programme. If it is a core course, then the same has to be cleared and if it is an elective course then it may be replaced with another elective course. The student has to clear the failed course/s in the third semester itself.

5. A student will normally be not allowed to continue in the PhD programme if he/she has more than 3 X's towards research grades at any given point of time. Putting in other words, the maximum number of X's in research grades throughout the tenure of the PhD program should not be more than 3.
6. A warning will be issued by the PGCS Convener of the school, with intimation to the academic office and PGCI, to a Ph.D. student when he/she accumulates one or more X's in research grades.



Dean, Academics

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