



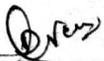
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA AND
HEADQUARTERS ARMY TRAINING COMMAND, SHIMLA

FOR AWARD OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M PHIL) DEGREE TO
OFFICERS OF INDIAN ARMY

General

1. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Calcutta, a state university herein after referred to as the First party

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Headquarters Army Training Command, Shimla herein after referred to as the second party

2. Herein after jointly referred to as "Parties" whereas the parties have agreed relating to admission of Army officers in M Phil course (Economics) of the University of Calcutta.

3. This MoU covers the methodology to be adopted for selection of officers for the M Phil Degree and conduct of the courses.

Objective of this MoU

4. (a) To assist Indian Army Officers to enhance their educational qualification.
- (b) To enhance the effectiveness of Indian Army officers in formulation and implementation of their organizational strategies.
- (c) To enhance the scholastic linkages between academia and Indian Army.

Responsibilities

5. **Headquarters Army Training Command**

- (a) To nominate required number of officers for M Phil courses as per laid down procedures.
- (b) To forward the list of selected officers to University of Calcutta well before the start of Academic year.
- (c) Further modalities are covered in succeeding paras.

6. **University of Calcutta**

- (a) To conduct the courses and exams as per the laid down University/ UGC guidelines.
- (b) University will allot from its qualified faculty from Post Graduate Departments/ Centre or from affiliated colleges, research supervisors for each candidate for dissertation project as per rule and convenience.

Terms of Agreement

7. Admission will be made to following courses of University of Calcutta as per the number of seats mentioned against each in accordance with the terms & conditions of MoU.

<u>Name of the Course</u>	<u>No of Seats</u>
M Phil Economics	Maximum 03

8. **Eligibility for Enrollment.** An officer must fulfill the following conditions to be able to enroll for M Phil in Economics:-

- (a) Should be a commissioned officer of Indian Army.
- (b) Should have a Master's Degree in Economics with 55% Marks in aggregate either from the University of Calcutta or from any other University recognized by the University of Calcutta/ UGC. This also includes all those defence courses whose equivalence has been recognised by various universities to a post graduate degree in Economics. Some knowledge on mathematical methods is desirable for this course.
- (c) Should preferably be carrying out research related duties or involved in imparting instructions in military related subjects. Research related duties may include:-
 - (i) Officers formalising concepts and doctrines.
 - (ii) Officers involved in Financial studies .
 - (iii) Officers posted to various Faculties of Studies and dealing with formulation and conduct of Financial and economic studies.
 - (iv) Officers involved in publication of Economics literature which is being used by various training institutions for imparting training for post graduate and/ or officer courses.

Terms and Conditions

9. All eligible officers of Indian Army can apply for M Phil in Economics. Sponsoring officer/ Formations will give a certificate, to be attached to the application form; to the effect that the officer has requisite academic qualification.

10. Names of all desirous candidates shall be forwarded by Headquarters Army Training Command after scrutiny/ screening to the University as per the time schedule given in the MoU formulated in consultation with the University of Calcutta.

Modalities for Award of M Phil in Economics

11. The duration of the course shall be two academic years spread over four semesters. This will include attendance of classes along with online classes as per the convenience of the faculty members of the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta. If a candidate, however, has passed the first semester examination is unable to complete the course within the time frame/ duration of the program, he/ she shall be permitted to complete it as per the regulations of the University.

12. Officers who are eligible for grant of M Phil as per conditions given at para 8 above would have to undertake the following:-

(a) Undergo the course work as per university guidelines. Such course work would be conducted at University of Calcutta. Further modalities for the course work would be circulated as and when finalised. This will include online materials, classroom training, presentation of term papers etc as and when required and presence in at least five seminar/ conferences held in the University.

(b) Submit a dissertation on a subject approved by the University of Calcutta and undergo a viva-voce on the dissertation submitted.

(c) Undertake semester examination in December/ January and May/ June as per schedule fixed by the University.

(d) Qualify basic course or any other such course recognised by University of Calcutta as per rules applicable from time to time.

Attendance on Classroom Training Programme

13. The officer will not be given any Temporary Duty Sanction to attend the classroom training with the University and same will be attended during personal leave of the officer.

Procedure for Enrollment

14. Officers must opt for pursuing the M Phil programme latest by first week of Sep every year. All applications must reach Headquarters Army Training Command by the stipulated time failing which applications will not be entertained. Detailed instructions on the subject will be issued to the environment well in time by Headquarters Army Training Command. Broad time plan is given in subsequent paragraphs. University of Calcutta should receive the list of nominated candidates by November so that their interview can be scheduled as per University convenience.

15. **Documents to be submitted.** The following documents will be submitted for scrutiny:-

(a) Enrolment Form.

(b) Eligibility Form (along with applicable fee).

- (c) Photocopy of Master's Degree certificate.
- (d) Photocopy of Master's Degree mark Sheet.
- (e) Photocopy of Date of Birth Certificate.
- (f) Migration Certificate in original.

16. Original copies of all the certificates mentioned above will be submitted to the University within one month from the date of admission for scrutiny. Thereafter late fee will be applicable as per University rules.

University Selection Process

17. University of Calcutta will conduct an entrance test separately for shortlisted Army officers to check their suitability to undergo the M Phil Economics. The dates and syllabus for the test will be intimated to the shortlisted candidates.

18. Based on the performance in the test, the University will then nominate/ select the candidates for this course.

Coordination: Establishment of University Division (UD) Cell

19. A University Division (UD) cell has been established to function under combat Support Section of the Doctrine Branch of Headquarters Army Training Command. UD cell would be responsible for interaction with University of Calcutta and conduct of M Phil programme for eligible candidates as per conditions laid down above.

20. Officer Incharge of UD will be nominated as the liaison officer to carry out all coordination with the University of Calcutta on various policy matters.

Liaisoning Between Army Training Command and University of Calcutta

21. All coordination and liaison with University of Calcutta will be carried out by Headquarters Army Training Command. The following actions will be taken:-

- (a) **Sep- Dec.** Scrutinise all the applications received from the desirous officers and shortlist them for the M Phil degree curriculum.
- (b) List of shortlisted candidates forwarded to the University for conduct of entrance exam and approval of candidates.
- (c) On approval by the University, Candidates take admission as per the university guidelines by depositing the required fees and certificates.
- (b) Ensure officers attend requisite classes in each semester and appear for Semester Exams.

Fees Structure

22. **Fees.** Fee Structure as prescribed by the University of Calcutta will be applicable for the respective academic year.

23. Fees Structure may fluctuate from session to session and is given by the University at the beginning of the session. Fees will be paid by the individual officer directly to the University in time as per instructions issued by the University. Receipt of the same will be endorsed to Headquarters Army Training Command to ensure smooth conduct of the curriculum.

Financial Liability

24. There will be no financial liability on both parties and the fee structure will entirely be borne by the student officers.

Duration and Amendments

25. This MoU shall become affective from the start of the academic year 2020-21 and remain valid until either of the institution may wish to terminate. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the MoU by providing other party with three calendar months advance notice. The termination of this MoU for whatever reason will not affect the rights of the party and officers undergoing courses will be allowed to complete their respective courses.

Joint Intellectual Property

26. All intellectual property jointly made, conceived first reduced to practice, fixed in any tangible medium of expression or created by First Party and Second Party during the term of this Agreement will be joint property of and the entire right, title and interest is hereby assigned jointly to First Party and Second Party, and each party may enjoy all rights and privileges awarded ownership of such joint property without accounting to the other papers.

Modification and Scope for Enhancement

27. The University and Headquarters Army Training Command mutually agree to modify the terms and conditions, and/ or enhance the scope of this MoU in terms of vacancies and admission in other disciplines/ courses of the university.

Arbitration

28. Any dispute or difference whatsoever arising between the parties out of or relating to the construction, meaning, scope, operation or effect of this agreement or the validity or the breach thereof shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and the award made in pursuance thereof shall be binding on the parties. First Party and Second Party will mutually appoint the sole arbitrator and will conduct the Arbitration in accordance with the rules. The seat and venue of arbitration shall be a place mutually agreed by First and Second Party.

Date of Effect

29. This MoU shall become effective from the start of the academic year 2020-21, to be signed by the authorized representatives of both parties.

In agreement of the above terms and conditions, this MoU is hereby signed by the below mentioned parties on this **Day the Thirtieth of July Two Thousand and Nineteen.**

On behalf of University of Calcutta

Debasis Das
30/07/2019
Authorised Signatory on behalf of
Vice Chancellor

**Deputy Registrar (Acting)
University of Calcutta**

On behalf of Headquarters
Army Training Command

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30 Jul 19
Authorised Signatory on behalf of
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
Headquarters Army Training Command

