



UGC GUIDELINES FOR PLAGIARISM

As per UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism
in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018

APPLICABLE TO Ph.D. THESES / DISSERTATIONS AND OTHER ACADEMIC WORKS

SIMILARITY INDEX*	PLAGIARISM LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	CONSEQUENCE	TIME PERIOD FOR REVISION / RESUBMISSION
Up to 10%	LEVEL 0 (No Plagiarism)	Similarity within permissible limit.	No penalty.	-
Above 10% to 40%	LEVEL 1	Low to moderate plagiarism.	Revised thesis to be submitted.	Within 3 months from the date of intimation by the institution.
Above 40% to 60%	LEVEL 2	Substantial plagiarism.	Debarred from resubmission for 1 year.	After 1 year, the thesis may be resubmitted for consideration.
Above 60%	LEVEL 3	Severe plagiarism.	Registration for the Ph.D. programme may be cancelled.	Not Applicable (Registration liable to be cancelled).

* Similarity is calculated after excluding references, bibliography, acknowledgements, table of contents, properly quoted material, standard equations, laws, symbols and generic terms.



IMPORTANT NOTES

- The similarity check must be done using a plagiarism-detection software approved by the institution.
- The report must be obtained before submission of the thesis for evaluation.
- Institution may prescribe stricter limits than the above, as per their internal policy.

REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THESIS SUBMISSION

- ✓ Scholar to submit an undertaking of originality.
- ✓ Supervisor to provide a certificate of originality.
- ✓ Thesis to be checked through approved plagiarism-detection software.
- ✓ Plagiarism report to be enclosed with the thesis for evaluation.

i These guidelines are as per UGC Regulations, 2018 read with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.