



## **UNIVERSITY OF SWAHILI: PANAMA – 00395**

### **DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) / DOCTOR OF LETTERS (D.Litt.) Regulations D.Sc./D.Litt.**

#### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

A candidate who has qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree of this University or any other Degree recognized as equivalent thereto from other Universities may present himself / herself for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.), the highest degrees of this University in the Faculties of Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Education, Commerce and Management provided that,

- i) Minimum requirement of registering D.Sc. degree :  
He/she should have sufficient research publications in the reputed journals. (Web of service evidence to be produced for journals)
- ii) Minimum requirement of registering D.Litt. degree :  
He/she should have sufficient research publications in the referred journals and books in standard publications. (Evidence to be produced for referred journals)
- iii) He / She has been doing post-doctoral work for a minimum period of five years in the Department of this University or Affiliated colleges or Institutions to conduct Ph.D. programme or departments of the government.
- iv) The publications or thesis submitted by him / her for consideration for the award of D.Litt. / D.Sc. are substantially the result of post-doctoral research work done and shall not form part of any research work which have been already considered for the award of any degree/diploma's of this University.
- v) A candidate already holding D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree in a particular discipline is eligible to register for D.Sc. / D.Litt. in another discipline after a gap of two years provided that he / she provides evidence of standard publications in the second discipline in which he intends to submit for D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree.

#### **2. REGISTRATION**

The candidate shall state in his / her application for Registration for D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree, the special subject or area of knowledge upon which the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis will be based. Such subject shall be one, which relates to the branch of knowledge chosen for the Ph.D. degree. The candidate shall also provide, along with the application, material evidence for active postdoctoral research, in the form of published research articles / books / reports. After confirmation of his / her registration for D.Sc. / D.Litt. the candidate shall submit four copies of his thesis, which shall ordinarily be published work or published papers or books, making a distinct contribution to scientific knowledge.

The thesis must be focused on one theme. The other contributions and papers submitted shall be related or connected to the main theme. Additional papers can be submitted in support of the main thesis, only if the candidate indicates to that effect, in the preface of the main work upon which the candidate bases his/her application.

If the thesis submitted had formed, in part, the basis for the award of a previous research Degree, the candidate shall clearly set forth in preface or written statement, the portion or portions upon which the award of the previous Degree had been based. The university also permits interdisciplinary research in any faculty.

### **3. SUBMISSION OF THESIS**

The candidate shall submit his / her thesis after a period of one year from the date of registration but not later than three years.

Extension of time for submission of D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis will be granted for a further period of two years. Such extension will be granted in the first instance for six months followed by additional three six-monthly extensions making a total of two years in exceptional cases, by the research committee.

### **4. EVALUATION**

- a) (i) The thesis together with any other contributions and papers submitted shall be referred by the committee for adjudication, to a Board of three examiners.
  - (ii) The Vice Chancellor shall constitute a panel of three examiners, constituting two from abroad and one from within the country in consultation with Chairperson, BOE (U.D.). The Chairperson BOE (UD) will be convener to conduct the Viva-voce examination and the Indian examiner is the Viva-voce examiner.
  - (iii) In case, the Chairman himself / herself is a candidate for the D.Sc. / D.Litt. programme, the next senior member with Ph.D. in the Board of Studies shall be appointed as the Convener.
  - (vii) If any member of the Board of Examiners expresses his / her unwillingness or incapacity to evaluate the thesis, then The Chairperson BOS (UD) should be consulted by the Vice-Chancellor to nominating the other member of the examiner.
- b) (i) The thesis may be graded by the examiners either as **COMMENDED** or **NOT COMMENDED**.
  - (ii) On receipt of the reports of the examiners, the Convener shall submit a consolidated report to the Syndicate, based on the individual reports of the examiners.

