



RECOMMENDATION ON ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN BELLS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, OTA

1. MPhil Program (Terminal):

- Possession of a master's degree with a weighted average falling within the range of 50% to 54.99% or a CGPA ranging from 2.50 to 2.99 on a 5-point scale, obtained in a relevant field from a recognized university.
- Submission of academic transcripts.

2. MPhil Program (PhD Conversion or MPhil/PhD):

- Attainment of a master's degree with a weighted average ranging from 55% to 59.99% or a CGPA between 3.00 and 3.99 on a 5-point scale, acquired in a relevant field from a recognized university.
- Provision of academic transcripts.
- Submission of a research proposal elucidating the proposed research topic and methodology.
- Furnishing of letters of recommendation from academic referees.

3. PhD Program:

- Possession of a master's degree with a weighted average not below 60% or a CGPA of 4.00 on a 5-point scale, obtained in a relevant field from a recognized university.
- Submission of academic transcripts.
- Presentation of a research proposal showcasing the candidate's capability to undertake independent research.
- Provision of letters of recommendation from academic referees.

Note:

1. A prospective PhD candidate may be considered for an M.Phil/PhD program if they fall short of the required Weighted Average (WA) of 60% or a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 4 on a 5-point scale, but still maintain at least a WA of 55% or a CGPA of 3.00.

2. A candidate holding a professional master's degree cannot gain direct admission to a PhD program. Professional master's degrees typically lack a significant research component, which is essential for postgraduate students to develop. Consequently, such candidates will only be considered for an MPhil/PhD program, even if they meet the necessary Weighted Average (WA) or Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) required for entry into a PhD program.
3. A candidate admitted to an MPhil/PhD program is required to attain a cumulative weighted average of 60% in their MPhil coursework. Meeting this criterion enables a seamless transition to the PhD program without the need for re-application. The research conducted during the M.Phil phase acts as a cornerstone for the ensuing PhD thesis, facilitating a deeper and broader exploration of the research topic. However, failing to meet the minimum cumulative 60% weighted average requirement for progression to the PhD program will result in the award of a terminal MPhil degree.
4. Candidates who do not meet the Weighted Average (WA) or Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) criteria for MPhil/PhD or PhD programs may be advised to enroll in the MPhil terminal program. These individuals must satisfactorily complete their coursework, defend their dissertations, and subsequently have the option to re-apply for the PhD program if they achieve a 60% score in their MPhil program.