

K J Somaiya School of Languages and Literature

Admission Manual

Ph.D. Programme

English Language and Literature

2026-2027

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About Somaiya Vidyavihar University

On 26th August 2019, Somaiya Vidyavihar University has become a reality

A new milestone in a glorious ongoing journey established in 1919, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC). Somaiya Vidyavihar, with over six decades of rich experience in building and managing educational institutes of great repute, is the sponsoring body. With over six decades of rich experience Somaiya Vidyavihar has become a self-finance Private University. Somaiya Vidyavihar University is the first private university in Mumbai vide the Maharashtra Self- Financed Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act 2013. With this status, we now have the academic, administrative, and financial freedom, to achieve the dreams as imagined by our founders. We have a dream to build and support a world class institution, one that is proudly Indian, and excels in education, research and service. Somaiya Vidyavihar University will be a place where knowledge is preserved, disseminated, and new knowledge is created. It will be global in the reach of its ideas and universal in its service. Operational from 26th August 2019, Somaiya Vidyavihar University is a place where you can explore new possibilities, pursue your passion and above all, find yourself.

Our History

An all-round education must integrate Indian culture, values & morality into the curriculum.

In just five decades it has grown into a large educational complex with 34 institutions catering to diverse fields of education such as Humanities, Engineering, Education, Medicine, Management, Pure Sciences and Mass Communication, with more than 39000+ Candidates and 3000+ Faculties and staff on a throbbing 65 acre campus.

The Somaiya Vidyavihar Complex was founded in 1959 by late Shri K.J. Somaiya (1902-1999). Endowed with a sharp business acumen, a balanced perspective and a social bent of mind, Karamshibhai set up the Somaiya Trust in 1953 for furthering his dream of shaping young minds through quality education. For this purpose, he bought a large area of land at Ghatkopar, then considered to be distant, meagrely populated. In the words of Swami Vivekananda, “We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, and the intellect expanded, and by which one can stand on one’s own feet.” We have now grown into a multi-disciplinary and multi-campus education institution with over 1500 faculty, and 38, 000 candidates.

The Somaiya Vidyavihar University admitted 3000+ candidates in 100+ UG/PG/PhD/PG Diploma/Diploma/Certificate programmes in the very first year of establishment.

About KJSSLL and Research Programme

K. J. Somaiya School of Languages and Literature (KJSSLL) is a vibrant constituent school of Somaiya Vidyavihar University, dedicated to advanced teaching, research, and scholarly engagement in languages, literatures, and cultural studies. Rooted in the University's guiding philosophy, "Knowledge Alone Liberates", the School is committed to fostering critical inquiry, multilingual competence, cultural rootedness, and intellectual rigour, in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

KJSSLL offers a wide range of postgraduate, diploma, certificate, and doctoral programmes, and nurtures scholars capable of contributing meaningfully to academia, cultural institutions, education, publishing, translation, and the creative industries. A strong emphasis on research orientation, methodological training, and ethical scholarship forms the cornerstone of all academic programmes at the School, ensuring the development of well-rounded and socially responsible researchers.

In keeping with this research-driven vision, the PhD Programme in Marathi Language and Literature, launched in the Academic Year 2025–2026, marks a significant milestone in the School's academic growth. The programme is designed to promote rigorous and original research into the rich linguistic, literary, and cultural traditions of Marathi. The recognition of Marathi as a Classical Language by the Government of India in 2024 further underscores the importance of advanced scholarly engagement in documenting, interpreting, and re-evaluating its classical, medieval, modern, and contemporary literary corpus.

Building on this strong foundation, the School proposes to introduce **PhD programmes in English Language and Literature** in the Academic Year 2026–2027. These programmes aim to expand the School's doctoral research profile by facilitating advanced inquiry into Indian, global, and comparative literary studies, critical theory, language studies, and literature as a site of cultural and social transformation. Together, these doctoral programmes reflect KJSSLL's commitment to nurturing independent researchers, critical thinkers, and knowledge producers who can engage meaningfully with both regional specificity and global academic discourse.

Ph.D. Admission Eligibility for Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU): Minimum Qualifications for Admission

Subject to the conditions stipulated in the Regulations, the following candidate are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. Programme

i.	Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent as per UGC regulations.
ii.	A person whose master's dissertation has been evaluated, and the viva-voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. Programme but subject to completion of master's degree before provisional admission to SVU Ph.D. Programmes.
iii.	Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to Master's Degree of an Indian Institution, from a Foreign Educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programme.
iv.	MUST have qualified the Ph.D. Entrance Examination and interview of SVU – mandatory eligibility criteria for all candidates.
v.	Candidates exempted from appearing for Ph.D. Entrance Examination of SVU MUST fill the application form as per the schedule displayed on website. The exempted candidates need to pay the application processing fee.
vi.	A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer in case of those who are working / employed for applying to Ph.D. Programme
vii.	If candidate wants to apply more than one subject then should submit separate / another application and need to pay the application processing fee per subject.

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Eligibility Criteria	
Graduation Degree	Double Major or Single Major in Literature and Anthropology/ Sociology/ History/ Political Science/ Psychology/ Philosophy/ Archaeology/ Economics/ Culture Studies/ Mass Media OR Liberal Arts/ Liberal Studies OR Eligibility requires the successful completion of at least one course in English Language and Literature in any Graduate Degree recognised by the UGC
Post-Graduation Degree	MA/ MSc. in English or English Language and Literature or MA/ MSc. in Literature OR Double Major or Single Major in Literature and Anthropology/ Sociology/ History/ Political Science/ Psychology/ Philosophy/ Archaeology/ Economics/ Culture Studies/ Mass Media OR Liberal Arts (Major in Literature) recognised by the UGC

Exemption Criteria for SVU Ph.D. Entrance Examination

Candidates who hold a JRF Fellowship with CSIR/UGC/ICAR/ ICMR and DBT examinations **are exempted** from appearing for Ph.D. entrance examination of SVU.

For further details about exemption and category of students refer PhD regulation - [Link](#)

However, the candidates who fulfil the above criteria MUST fill the application form as per the schedule displayed on the website along with necessary fees.

Pattern and syllabus of SVU Ph.D. Entrance Examination

The Ph.D and JRF Entrance examination will be common and will be at Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus, SVU, Vidyavihar, Mumbai -77

Pattern of entrance examination will be notified separately in due course of time

Syllabus for Entrance Examination

Latest CSIR – NET/JRF syllabus for English or English Language and Literature covering mainly following topics:

- 1) British Literature
- 2) American Literature
- 3) Indian English Literature
- 4) English Language Teaching
- 5) Postcolonial Literature
- 6) Literary Theory post-World War II
- 7) Research Methods and Materials in English

Documents Required

1. UG Degree or equivalent Mark List
2. UG Degree certificate
3. PG Degree or equivalent Mark List
4. PG Degree or equivalent certificate
5. AADHAR card
6. Degree equivalence / eligibility certificate - wherever is applicable
7. Migration certificate
8. Two colour passport size Photograph
9. If appearing the PG degree examination - bonafide certificate
10. If employed, then No Objection from the employer

Important Links

Tentative Timeline / Steps adapted for Ph.D. Programme - [Link](#)
Fee Structure of Ph.D. Programme - [Link](#)
Guidelines for Payment of Fees a Refund - [Link](#)
About course work - [Link](#)

Process of getting the documents submitted return

After verifications of documents, within 7 days, documents will be returned back to students.

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