



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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### **ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY**

Kumaun University, a residential-cum-affiliating University, came into existence in the year 1973 by notification no /8651/15/75(85)/64 dated 23 November 1973 under the Act No.10 of State Legislature (U.P. State Universities Act, 1973 now adopted by Uttarakhand State) with the merger of two Government Colleges, D.S.B. Government P.G. College, Nainital, and Almora Government P.G. College Almora. These Constituent Colleges were later elevated to the status of University Campuses by Government order No. E-1861/GS dated 14/15 March 1994. The University Grants Commission, New Delhi granted recognition to the University under section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956 and its name appears at serial No.177. Since then, Kumaun University is receiving central assistance from the UGC. The academic wing of the University is spread over two campuses (D.S.B. Campus, Nainital, and newly constructed Technical Campus at Bhimtal) with an area of 5,31,373 sq.mt. (160 acres), the total built-up area is 3,00,000 sq. mt. 21 Government colleges under the administrative control of the State Government and 56 selffinanced institutes managed by the private management and 01 Government Aided College, spread over in two districts of Kumaun region are affiliated with the University. It is the biggest State University of the state (Uttarakhand) which caters to the need of about 1,00,000 students by providing a higheducational experience quality diverse in learning environments and promoting the values and institutions of democracy that prepare students to lead lives of personal integrity and civic responsibility and service in a global society.

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES AT A GLANCE**

EVENTS	DATES
Online registration and submission of Application Form (complete in all respect) through Kumaun University Website: <a href="https://www.kunainital.ac.in">www.kunainital.ac.in</a>	22 June 2023 to 12 July 2023 (Up to 05:00 pm)
Admit Card downloading by the candidate from Kumaun University Website	One week prior to the Examination date.
Date of Examination	23 July 2023
Duration of Examination	120 minutes (02 hours)
Timing of Examination	As indicated on the Admit Card
Examination Centre	As indicated on the Admit Card

### **REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS**

### **RDET WRITTEN EXAMINATION FEE**

₹2150

<sup>\*</sup>Applicable service/processing charges & GST over and above the Examination Fee, are to be paid by the candidate to the concerned Bank/ Payment Gateway Integrator.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Registration fee will not be refunded/adjusted/charged back in any circumstances.

### **IMPORTANT POINTS**

- I. The fee once deposited shall not be refunded in any case. Therefore, the candidates are advised to read all the instructions and eligibility criteria carefully before submitting the online application form for Research Degree Entrance Test (RDET)-2023.
- II. Prior to online registration, the candidates are advised to read the contents of the Bulletin of Information carefully. The Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations of Kumaun University available on the University website, www.kunainital.ac.in would be binding on them.
- III. University reserves the right to revise, amend, update, or delete any part of the Bulletin without giving any prior notice. Any change so made shall be updated on the Ph.D. Admission Portal. Changes made in any Program after the release of the Bulletin of Information shall become effective from the date it is posted on Ph.D. Admission Portal: www.kunainital.ac.in.
- IV. The candidates are advised to ascertain the Minimum Eligibility Criteria for the program(s) they are applying for. The candidate's participation in the Admission Procedure will be provisional. If, at any stage, it is found that he/she doesn't fulfil the Minimum Eligibility Criteria, his/her admission, if granted, will be cancelled ipso facto, and appropriate legal action will be taken against him/her.
- V. In case of non-compliance of any of the requirements for admission including the non-submission of relevant documents and / or non-payment of fee within the prescribed date and time, the candidate will lose his / her right to admission.
- VI. If at any stage, original documents relating to the admission of a candidate are found to be fake/ non-genuine or fabricated or in any other manner defective, the said candidate will not be admitted; and if already admitted, admission will be cancelled without any prior notice in this regard. If the same is found after the completion of Program, his / her degree will be cancelled and appropriate legal action will be taken against him / her.
- VII. Please note that applications for this examination will be accepted exclusively through the online mode. To be eligible to appear in the examination, it is imperative that candidates

- submit the required fees before the stipulated deadline. Applications submitted without the accompanying fee will be regarded as incomplete and shall be rejected.
- VIII. Candidates who are in their final year/semester of the qualifying examination (postgraduate) are permitted to fill the online application form, with the condition that they must have completed their qualifying examination (postgraduate) before the counselling process. During the counselling process, the student is required to submit their mark sheet (including details of marks obtained) through the online medium. However, admission will be granted only if the candidate fulfils the minimum qualification criteria prescribed by the university. If the minimum qualification criteria are not met, the candidate's candidature will be automatically cancelled, and the entrance examination fee deposited by the candidate will not be refunded.

### **HELP DESK**

For any general query related to admission, the candidate may:

- 1 Write an email at <u>admission@kunainital.ac.in</u>
- 2 Contact Research and Development Cell, Phone: 05942-235213
- For Department specific queries, contact the respective Department.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION FORM:

- Access the official website of Kumaun University, Nainital, by visiting the website www.kunainital.ac.in.
- Locate and select the "Apply Online" link under the entrance examination to proceed with the application process as a new candidate registration.
- Provide all the necessary details in the online registration form.
   Ensure that all required fields are completed accurately and completely.
- Upon completing the online registration form, submit the form and proceed to the payment section.
- Pay the required amount using the available payment options specified by the university.
- Upon successful payment, a confirmation message or payment receipt will be generated. Save or take a screenshot of this confirmation for future reference.
- Retain a printout of the online application form for your records.
  To do so, access the "Print Application" or "Print Application
  Form" options provided on the website. Follow the provided
  instructions to generate a printable version of your application
  form.
- Safely store the printed application form for future reference.
- Ensure that you make a note of any unique application number or reference number provided by the system for future correspondence or inquiries.

### 1 Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

### 1.1 Candidates who have completed:

A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed

or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

1.2 Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (noncreamy layer)/Differently Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

### Note:

- (A) A Ph.D. candidate is expected to pursue research in the same subject as their Master's degree. However, if the Research Degree Committee (RDC) determines that the candidate has the necessary qualifications, they may also be permitted to conduct research in related subjects within the same or different faculty. Such subjects must first be approved by the University's Academic Council.
- (B) Candidates who have been penalised in any criminal proceedings through any court of law shall be deemed ineligible for this examination. Such candidates are not eligible to apply for RDET.

### 2. RESERVATION POLICY

Ph.D. seats will be allocated based on the Reservation Policy of the State of Uttarakhand, as applicable from time to time, based on intake in a given academic year. Only candidates who hold domicile and category certificates from Uttarakhand will be eligible for reservation. Category certificates from other states will not be taken into consideration. Candidates from other states will be treated as unreserved candidates.

### **SPECIAL NOTE**

As per the decision made by the Hon'ble High Court Nainital (with respect to Writ petition (M/S) no. 2729 of 2021 on 05.05.2022) and recommendations of the internal committee of Kumaun University, candidates who appeared in the

subject of Mathematics in the cancelled RDET-2020 may appear in the RDET-2023 without being required to submit any fee. However, such candidates must apply for the examination through online mode, and inform the Research and Development Cell, Kumaun University, of their intention to apply via email or in writing beforehand, so that their fee can be waived.

### 3. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION:

Candidates seeking registration in the Ph.D. degree program will be selected through either of the following two methods:

- 3.1 Research Degree Entrance Test (RDET), followed by an interview.
- 3.2 Direct admission, whereby the candidate is exempted from RDET but must still apply by completing the online form for the Ph.D. entrance examination and submitting the requisite fees by the designated deadline. These candidates must also appear for the interview as a compulsory requirement.

## 3.3 Through Research Degree Entrance Test (RDET), followed by an interview.

(i) The University will administer a written examination worth 100 marks, with a total duration of 2 hours. The exam will consist of 100 objective/multiple-choice questions, each worth one mark, with no penalty for incorrect answers. The following is the pattern for the written examination.

### PATTERN OF EXAMINATION

The Test will consist of two papers. Both papers will consist of objective-type, multiple-choice questions. There will be no break between papers.

Paper	Marks	Number of Questions	Multiple Choice Questions	Total Duration
l	50	50	This is based on the research methodology and assesses a candidate's understanding of various research methodologies and their ability to apply them effectively in a research setting.	02 hours (120 minutes) without any break. All the questions
II	50	50	This is based on the subject selected by the candidate and will assess domain knowledge	are compulsory.
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- (ii) There will be no review or reassessment of the written test answer sheet.
- (iii) After the Research Degree Entrance Test (RDET), a 30-mark interview will be held at the relevant department/University, led by the Head of Department (HOD) and Convener of the subject at Kumaun University.

Only those candidates having a percentage score in the entrance test with 50% or more for unreserved candidates, 45% or more for OBC (non-creamy layer) candidates, and 45% or more for SC/ST/VH/PH/EWS candidates shall be eligible to be called for the interview.

(iv) The final merit ranking of candidates who pass the written examination will be determined by a combination of their scores, with 70% based on the marks scored in the written entrance examination and 30% based on the marks obtained in the interview.

(v) The selection of candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme in each subject will be based solely on the final merit list (prepared as per Clause No. 3.3 (iii) above) with consideration given to the available seats in the relevant subject at both the University campuses and affiliated Government Colleges. It should be noted that merely passing the final RDET does not guarantee admission to the Ph.D. programme in the respective subject. Admission will be strictly based on the final merit list, and the allocation of PhD seats will be determined accordingly.

### 3.4 Direct Admission (RDET- Exempted i.e., without appearing in RDET)

Candidates who have qualified for the National Eligibility Test (NET) with Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) or RGNF or NFSC or NFOBC or NFST or any equivalent fellowship, candidates who have been awarded the Inspire Fellowship, and candidates who have passed the Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT) or GATE with fellowship or an equivalent national test may be considered for direct admission to the Ph.D. programme without having to appear for the Research Degree Entrance Test (RDET). However, such candidates must submit an application by the specified deadline and pay the necessary fees for the Ph.D. entrance examination online.

Furthermore, the candidates whose fellowship certificate has expired will not be considered eligible for exemption from the RDET for the admission session 2023-2024.

\*Interview is mandatory for all candidates including those candidates who are exempted from Entrance Test.

(ii) For candidates who are exempted from the Research Degree Entrance Test (RDET), their NET scores in the relevant subject will be taken into account instead of marks obtained in the written RDET test. The final merit list will be prepared using a 70% weightage of NET scores and a 30% weightage of interview marks.

In case the NET Scores are not available, the final merit list will be prepared using a 70% weightage of their post-graduation scores in the relevant subject and a 30% weightage of interview marks.

(iii) If a candidate who is exempted from RDET appears in the Research Degree Entrance Test, their final merit calculation will be based on the result of RDET written test. Such candidates will not be eligible for admission in the PhD program under the RDET exempted category.

(iv) Teacher Category:

Candidates who have been regularly appointed as permanent teachers in Kumaun University Campus or its affiliated government colleges for a minimum period of one year, in accordance with University/State Government rules, will be exempted from the Ph.D. Entrance Test. However, it is mandatory for them to fill out the online application form for the PhD entrance examination and pay the requisite fees within the given time frame. These candidates must also appear for the interview as it is compulsory. The final merit list will be prepared using a 70% weightage of post-graduate exam scores and a 30% weightage of interview marks.

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- 1. The University will prepare a unified merit list for both RDET appeared and RDET exempted candidates based on the weightage of 70% and 30% respectively as stated earlier. The seat allotment process will be carried out based on this merit list and reservation policy, as specified in the information bulletin.
- 2. After the final merit list (RDET/Direct Admission + Interview) is prepared, counselling sessions will be conducted to allocate seats based on the availability of seats at the university campuses and its affiliated colleges.

### 6. Centers for the Entrance Test

Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Centres located in the following cities:

- 1. NAINITAL
- 2. HALDWANI
  - The University reserves the right to change/shift the examination city centre opted by the candidate to another nearby centre, if the number of candidates is more/less at any examination city centre.
  - The Examination City Centre, once opted, shall not be changed. Please check the admit card carefully for your Name, Subject, Date of Birth, Gender, Examination Centre Name, City, Category, etc. In case of any problem related to Admit card, please contact the helpdesk between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

7.	INTIMATION REGARDING ADMISSION
7.1	Results of RDET 2023 will be notified on the website of the university <a href="https://www.kunainital.ac.in">www.kunainital.ac.in</a>
7.2	Information regarding Interviews, Counselling, Admissions, and subsequent lists of selected candidates (if any), shall be notified on the Ph.D. Admission portal as well as on the website of the University.
7.3	Selected candidates are required to furnish the necessary documents at the time of admission.
	DISPLAY OF ATTEMPTED QUESTION PAPER AND PROVISIONAL ANSWER KEY FOR CHALLENGE
8.1	The University will display the Answer Key of the questions on the website <a href="www.kunainital.ac.in">www.kunainital.ac.in</a> to provide an opportunity to the candidates to challenge the Answer Key.
8.2	The University's decision on the challenges shall be final and the result will be declared on the basis of final answer keys. No grievances/representation with regard to Answer Key(s) after declaration of result will be entertained.
8.3	In the event of any discrepancy regarding a question, the Committee will be constituted and its decision will be final.

9.	CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE CANDIDATES OF RDET 2023
	(Candidates are advised to go through the instructions printed on Admit Card carefully before going for the Examination)
9.1	It is expected of candidates to maintain complete silence during the examination and focus solely on their question paper. Any form of communication, gestures, or disruptions within the examination room or hall shall be considered as a form of misconduct.
9.2	Candidates are strictly prohibited from seeking or providing any form of assistance during the examination. Any attempt to do so will result in immediate expulsion and disqualification from the examination.
9.3	If a candidate is discovered to be engaging in any kind of unfair means or impersonation, their candidacy will be nullified, and they may be barred from taking the examination either temporarily or permanently, depending on the severity of the offense.
9.4	Candidates are required to comply with all rules and regulations of the university related to their conduct during the examination. Any violation of these rules, including the use of unfair means, will be addressed in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations.

10.	ADMIT CARD FOR RDET 2023
10.1	Admit Card is issued provisionally to the candidates, subject to their satisfying the eligibility conditions. The candidate has to download the Admit Card from the university website. Admit cards shall be made available in the website one week prior to the Examination. Candidates may please note that Admit Cards will not be sent by post. Candidates have to appear for the Examination at the given Centre on Date and Shift (Timing) as indicated in their Admit Card.
10.2	The candidates are advised to read the instructions on the Admit Card carefully and follow them during the conduct of the examination.
10.3	In case the candidate is unable to download admit card from the website or notices any discrepancy in his/her particular or photograph or signatures shown in the Admit Card and Confirmation Page, the candidate may immediately approach the Help Desk between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm as and when Admit Card are issued.
10.4	No Admit Card shall be issued to the candidates whose Applications are found to be incomplete for any reasons (including indistinct/ doubtful photographs/unsigned Applications) or who do not fulfil the eligibility criteria for the examination.
10.5	Issue of Admit Cards, however, shall not necessarily mean acceptance of eligibility which shall be further scrutinized at subsequent stages of admission process.

### 11 IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

(Candidates are advised to go through the instructions printed on Admit Card carefully before going for the Examination)

Candidates MUST bring the following documents on the day of examination at the test centre. Candidates who will not bring these will not be allowed to appear in the examination.

- Print copy of Admit Card downloaded from the university website.
- Any one of the authorized Govt photo IDs (original, valid and non-expired), viz. PAN card/ Driving License/Voter ID/ Passport/ Aadhaar Card (With photograph)/ Aadhaar Enrolment No (with photograph). / Ration Card (with photograph).
- PwBD certificate issued by the Competent Authority, if claiming the relaxation under PwD category.

#### Note:

- The name on the photo identification must match with the name as shown on the Admit Card.
- Candidates who have changed their names due to events such as marriage must present the relevant document, such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or legal name change document, at the time of the exam

To ensure completion of frisking and registration formalities, candidates must arrive at the examination centre one hour prior to the commencement of the examination.

Candidates should find and sit on their allocated seats only. Any candidate found to have changed room/hall or the seat on his/her own other than allotted would be considered as a case of unfair means and the candidature shall be cancelled and no plea would be accepted.

No candidate, without the special permission of the Centre Superintendent or the Invigilator concerned, will leave his/her seat or Examination Room/Hall until the full duration of the paper is over. Candidates must follow the instructions strictly as instructed by the Centre Superintendent/Invigilators

Candidates should not be in possession of any material listed in the list of prohibited material.

Candidate may approach the Centre Superintendent/Invigilator in the room for any technical assistance, first aid emergency or any other information during the Program of examination.

### **PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

Candidates are not allowed to carry any text material, Calculators, Slide Rules, Log Tables and Electronic Watches with facilities of calculator, printed or written material, bits of papers, mobile phone, Blue-tooth devices, pager or any other electronic gadget/ device etc.

- The candidates are prohibited to bring any kind of electronic gadgets/device in the examination room/hall.
- Possession of any of the above items by a candidate will be considered as a violation of examination rules and regulations. As a consequence, the current examination will be cancelled, and the candidate will be debarred from appearing in future examination(s). The material in possession of the candidate will also be confiscated.
- Smoking, chewing gutka, spitting etc. in the Examination Room/Hall is strictly prohibited.
- Candidates are strictly prohibited from bringing in any instrument/geometry box, handbag, purse, paper/stationery, eatables/snacks, tea/coffee/cold drinks/water (loose or packed), mobile phone/earphone/microphone/pager, calculator, camera, tape recorder, any metallic item or electronic gadgets etc. into the examination room/hall.

Students with diabetes are permitted to bring food items such as sugar tablets and fruits like bananas, apples, or oranges, as well as a transparent water bottle to the examination hall. However, they are not allowed to bring packaged foods such as chocolate, candy, or sandwiches.

### **LEGAL JURISDICTION**

All disputes pertaining to the conduct of the RDET 2023 Examination including Results shall fall within the jurisdiction of Nainital only. Further, any legal question arising out of the Examination shall be entertained only when raised within 30 days from the declaration of the result.

## Syllabi for RDET - 2023: Paper I (Research Methodology) and Paper II (Subject Specific)

### Paper I: Research Methodology

The syllabus for Paper I, which covers the topic of Research Methodology, can be accessed on the university's website at www.kunainital.ac.in. By navigating to the R&D Cell tab.

### Paper II: Subject Specific

For Paper II, which focuses on the candidate's chosen subject, the syllabi are also available on the university's website under the R&D Cell tab.

### Number of seats available in a range of subjects for RDET-2023

Subject Name	Seats
BOTANY	8
CHEMISTRY	20
COMMERCE	16
COMPUTER SCIENCE	2
DRAWING & PAINTING	3
ECONOMICS	18
EDUCATION	2
ENGLISH	15
GEOGRAPHY	6
GEOLOGY	2
HINDI	12
HISTORY	16
JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION	2
LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	2
MATHEMATICS	14
MUSIC	2
PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE	8
PHYSICS	16
POLITICAL SCIENCE	5
PSYCHOLOGY	2
SANSKRIT	7
SOCIOLOGY	11
TOURISM	2
ZOOLOGY	12
Total	203

<sup>\*\*</sup> The availability of research vacancies is subject to change at any time and is tentative in nature.



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