

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

LL.M. REGULATIONS

The University in principle would adopt the UGC guidelines for the One year - LL.M. Programme and also the latest rules and regulations of UGC from time-to-time. The admission to One year- LL.M programme will be made on the basis of Entrance Test.

1. CONSTITUTION OF CENTRE FOR POST-GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES (CPGLS): The Vice Chancellor shall constitute a Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies consisting of the faculty members competent to guide Post Graduate scholars including Ph.D. Students.

The CPGLS can make rules from time to time for the smooth conduct of the LL.M. programme. The rules will be implemented with the due approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION:

- a) To be eligible to appear for admission to One year- LL.M. Programme, a candidate should have passed the LL.B or an equivalent degree from a recognised University with not less than 55% marks in aggregate (50% in case of reserved categories, i.e. SC/ST/Persons with Disability).
- b) The admission for Foreign Nationals shall be made on the basis of:
 - (i) Academic record of LL.B. or equivalent Degree recognized by UGC/ Association of Indian Universities with not less than 55% marks or equivalent grade.
 - (ii) Assessment of necessary communication skills in written and spoken English and performance at the interview in terms of aptitude and capacity.

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURE:

- a) Admission to one year- LL.M. Degree shall be done through an All India Law Admission Test (AILET) conducted every year by the University. The candidate shall secure minimum of 50% of the marks in the written test to become eligible for admission. In case of SC/ST candidates, it is 40%. The University has a right to keep the seats vacant if there are no candidates who secured minimum cut off marks.
- b) Candidates awaiting results of the qualifying examination can appear for the Entrance Test subject to a condition that they produce proof of having passed the qualifying examination at the time of admission.
- c) The total number of seats will be 70 + 10 (Foreign Nationals) with the following reservations:

Scheduled Caste	: 15%
Scheduled Tribe	: 7.5%
Persons with Disability	: 2.5%

- d) Admission for Foreign Nationals: 5 seats are allotted to Foreign National candidates possessing the Citizenship of a country other than India will only be considered under this category. The Foreign Nationals are exempted from taking the Admission Test.

- e) The vacant seats under Foreign National Category shall be filled from the Indian National category candidates in the order of merit.

4. CURRICULUM: The One year - LL.M. Curriculum shall have the following components.

(i) Foundation/ Compulsory Papers (**3 courses of 3 credits each**)

The Foundation/ Compulsory Papers consist of the following three subjects/papers, which should be completed in the first semester.

- a) Legal Research Methodology
- b) Comparative Public Law
- c) Law and Justice in a Globalizing World

(ii) Optional/ Specialization papers (**6 courses of 2 credits**)

Specialization courses will be offered in one or more group of the specialization. Each group of specialization shall consist of several courses from which the students can choose the number required to get the degree of that specialization.

The stream of specialization once assigned shall continue for the entire period of the degree course without any scope of further change of the selected stream of specialization.

(iii) Foundation/Compulsory course shall have minimum 48 hours of teaching and the specialization/optional course shall have minimum 36 hours of teaching. (Foundation/Compulsory course being a 3 credit course is equivalent to a total of 90 contact hours, out of which, minimum 48 hours are dedicated to teaching. Remaining hours include other credit requirement such as seminars, library hours, research, tutorials etc.)

In the same manner, specialization/optional course being a 2 credit course is equivalent to a total of 60 contact hours, out of which, minimum 36 hours are dedicated to teaching. Remaining hours include other credit requirement such as seminars, library hours, research, tutorials etc.)

SEMESTER – I

1.1 Legal Research Methodology	3 Credits
1.2 Comparative Public Law/ Systems of Governance	3 Credits
1.3 Law and Justice in a Globalizing World	3 Credits
1.4 Specialization course – One	2 Credits
1.5 Specialization course – Two	2 Credits

SEMESTER – II

2.1 Specialization course – Three	2 Credits
2.2 Specialization course – Four	2 Credits
2.3 Specialization course – Five	2 Credits
2.4 Specialization course – Six	2 Credits

DISSERTATION

3.1 Dissertation	3 Credits
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Total 24 credits

5. EVALUATION:

Each of the Papers shall carry a maximum of 100 Marks.

1. The evaluation of students in a paper shall broadly be based on two segments:

a. Continuous evaluation by the teacher(s) of the course:

Continuous evaluation will be only for 50% of the total marks assigned to each course. It may comprise of projects, case analysis, assignments, presentations and other similar evaluation methods. The faculty member teaching any course will have the discretion to evolve his/her own scheme for continuous evaluation on the basis of this broad guideline.

b. Evaluation through a Semester Examination:

Each course will be evaluated by a semester examination for 50% marks of the total marks assigned to each course. The examination may be open/closed book depending upon the particular requirement of any course. The exam component cannot exceed 50% of the total marks for the course.

3. Added by the order of the Executive Council on February 23, 2024

The Dissertation will be evaluated out of a maximum 100 marks as below mentioned criteria:

- a. Synopsis - 15 Marks
- b. 1st Status Report - 10 Marks
- c. 2nd Status Report - 10 Marks
- d. Dissertation - 50 Marks
- e. Viva voce - 15 Marks

The viva-voce will be conducted by a panel of faculty members identified for the purpose by the CPGLS. The submission of final dissertation is subject to fulfilling the component mentioned in (a), (b) and (c). To successfully complete the dissertation, it is mandatory to fulfill all five components as mentioned above.

Conditions for Pass and Re-examination

To be declared successful in any Course / Dissertation, a candidate must secure at least 'B' Grade. Those who secure 'F' Grade shall be declared as failed.

Candidates who fail to appear for the examination in a Course or fail to obtain at least 'B' Grade must take the respective examination again, including presentation of fresh Assignments/ Research Papers, in the corresponding Semester.

If a candidate secures 'F' Grade in the Dissertation or fails to submit the Dissertation or fails to appear for the viva-voce, within the time permitted, the candidate will be given one more chance to submit a revised Dissertation or Dissertation or appear for viva-voce, as the case may be, within such time as the CPGLS decides.

6. GRADING OF STUDENTS:

The performance of the candidates shall be evaluated on a six point scale with the corresponding Grade Values as follows:

a) The official transcript of the University shall indicate the Grades and the Cumulative Seven point Grade Point Average only. The interpretation of the Grade system followed by the University shall be printed at the back of the transcript itself.

b) The marks secured by the students shall be converted to the Grades as mentioned below:

Percentage of Marks	Grade	Grade Value
70 and above	O (Excellent/Outstanding)	7
65-69	A+	6
60-64	A	5
55-59	B+	4
50-54	B	3
Below 50	F	0

4. Added/Modified by the order of the Executive Council on February 23, 2024

c) In addition to the Grades mentioned above, the following acronyms are also used in the transcript wherever appropriate.

Ab	-	Absent
R	-	Repeat
RW	-	Result Withheld
F	-	Failed
Db	-	Debarred

- a) The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is arrived at by dividing the sum of the Grade Values and the Course Credits in each course by the total number of credits in all the courses.

7. AWARD OF DEGREE:

Candidates who have Completed all the courses and the Dissertation obtaining at least a “B” Grade, and Secured Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3 out of 7 shall be awarded the LL.M. Degree.

- a) A student shall be eligible for the award of LL.M degree after successful completion of all the prescribed courses with a total of 24 credits and if he/she has obtained a minimum of CGPA of 3.00 out of 7.00.
- b) The Degree Certificates shall be signed by the Chancellor as well as the Vice Chancellor.
- c) Along with the Degree, all the students shall be provided with a consolidated Transcript, indicating the courses, course credits, grades obtained, CGPA as well as interpretation of these features on the reverse of the Transcript.
- d) The Official Transcript shall be signed by the Registrar.
- e) The Records of all the certificates issued by the University shall be maintained by the Examination Department/Section, in consultation with the Registrar.

8. AWARD OF GOLD MEDALS:

- a) Gold Medal(s) shall be awarded on the basis of the criteria fixed for the said Gold medal. For Gold medals based on certain streams of study, they shall be awarded on the basis of the highest average of grades obtained in the courses of that stream.
- b) If two or more students have secured the same grade or grade average, then the marks secured by the students in the course/s shall be taken into consideration in awarding the Gold medals.

- c) If two or more students also secure the same marks, then the Gold Medal shall be awarded to the student who has higher grades overall. In case the two contenders have equal overall grades, then the grades in the compulsory courses, and performance in co-curricular activities shall be taken into account.
- d) A student who has been fined or has been expelled from the Hostel/ University for any act of indiscipline shall not be eligible for the award of gold medal(s). A student who has failed in any course and has cleared the course in a Repeat Examination shall not be eligible for award of gold medals.

9. REQUIREMENT OF ATTENDANCE:

a) It is expected that students shall attend all scheduled classes. Every student shall secure a minimum of 75% of attendance in every course to be eligible to appear for the end semester examination. However, if any student falls short of 75% but has secured 70% or more in a particular course(s), such student may be permitted to appear for the end semester examination provided the student has secured 75% or more in all other courses in a given semester.

b) In no event shall a student be absent for more than 34% of the classes held in the course in a semester.

In the event a student has secured less than 70% but more than 66% attendance in any course(s) on account of medical/academic leave, the student may be allowed to appear in the end semester examination provided the student has secured 75% or above attendance in all other courses in a given semester.

c) The attendance status of every student shall be duly notified by the Examination Department every month, both on the Notice Board, and by any other appropriate means for communication, indicating the total number of classes held, the number of classes a student has attended, or was absent. The Examination Department shall declare the final attendance status of every student as well as the list of eligible candidates to appear in the end semester examinations, prior to the commencement of the end semester examination.

d) In case the student is debarred on account of shortage of attendance in any course(s), the CPGLS may allow such student to appear in the repeat examination.

The Grades obtained in the Repeat Examination shall be indicated with® at the top of the Grade.

10. ACADEMIC LEAVE:

- a) Academic leave shall only be granted by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the subject teacher. In applying for academic leave, the student shall specify the class hour/s that he/she may be absent for. Academic leave shall be given for a class hour/set of class hours, and not in terms of days. An academic leave form shall accordingly be prepared by the Centre for Post graduate Legal Studies.

6. Amended by the order of the Executive Council on February 22, 2023

7. Added by the order of the Executive Council on February 23, 2024

- b) Academic leave to a student shall be considered, subject to the prior approval of the Vice Chancellor, or any person designated by him, for participation in moot court competitions, seminars, conferences, or any other academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. It is further clarified that academic leave shall not be granted for participation in Summer School programmes, internships, job interviews, passport/visa interviews, judicial exams, competitive exams etc. under any circumstances.
- c) Invitation for participation in any of the activities, for which a student may be granted academic leave, should have been received by the University or addressed to the University. Invitations addressed to individual students will not be considered for academic leave.
- d) Academic leave in a given semester, shall not exceed 10% of the classes in each subject.
- e) No academic leave shall be granted for appearing in examinations.
- f) It is clarified that in the event a student is unable to appear for an examination on any grounds whatsoever, including medical leave or academic leave, there shall not be any rescheduling of the said examination or special examination, or any proportionate enhancement of marks on the basis of marks secured in any other examination in the said course. No request from any student in this regard can be entertained by any authority.

11. MEDICAL LEAVE:

- a) Medical leave shall be with the prior permission of the University, unless emergency circumstances do not permit it. In such an event, the Vice Chancellor shall be approached as soon as possible. Request for medical leave from students which will involve their absence from the University campus may be considered only against hospitalization for any treatment or investigation or isolation of student(s) required for any contagious diseases.

If the student is not admitted to a hospital/nursing home but isolation/bed rest is advised, the student shall submit a certificate duly certified by a registered medical practitioner in this regard, within a week after resuming the classes.

- b) All the medical records, investigations etc., done during admission in a hospital / nursing home along with the request should be submitted to the Examination Department immediately on reporting back to the University and in any case within one week of resuming the classes after the discharge from the hospital / nursing home concerned. No medical certificate shall be entertained by the Examination Department thereafter.

c) Where the student is not admitted to a hospital / nursing home, but isolation of the student from the hostels is required in the larger interest of other students, the same shall be certified by the University doctor.

d) Submission of improper medical certificates or fake certificates shall result in mandatory disciplinary action by the University.

e) In case of a student who has been granted Medical Leave, the class hour/s missed on account of the medical leave shall not be excluded for calculating the total number of classes in the concerned course.

12. EXAMINATION SCHEME:

It shall be mandatory for every student to appear for every examination conducted by the University. No student shall be allowed to absent himself/herself from any examination except with the prior written permission of the Vice Chancellor on a written request made by the student, stating the reasons for possible absence. It is further clarified that permission by the Vice Chancellor only excuses the student from appearing in the examination and is not a ground for any other relief, including those alluded to in Rule 10(f).

- a) A student who absents himself/herself for an examination without permission shall be declared “Failed” in that course. He/she shall appear in the Repeat Examination for that course. If he/she passes the course in the Repeat Examination, the grade obtained shall have ® mentioned against it in the transcript. It is further clarified that no exemption of any kind in any examination during an academic year shall be provided on medical grounds.
- b) If any student or a group of students, under a common understanding, intentionally absents himself/herself/themselves from any scheduled examination, he/she/they shall not be allowed to write the Repeat exam, and will be consider “Failed” in that course. They will have to re-register for the course as and when it is again offered, after due payment of the prescribed fine. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee as to whether the absence was pursuant to a common understanding shall be final, subject to an appeal to the Vice Chancellor.
- c) The CPGLS shall organize Repeat Examinations for those students who fail in any of the courses in a semester, as well as those students who have not appeared for the end semester examinations for any valid reasons. The Examination Department shall maintain a record of students who have not appeared for an examination, on any ground. The dates for the repeat examination shall generally be notified at the beginning of the semester. If the dates are changed, such change shall duly be notified by the Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies at least one week before commencement of the repeat examination both on the Notice Board and the website of the University.

9. Added by the order of the Executive Council on February 22, 2023

10. Added by the order of the Executive Council on February 23, 2024

The Repeat Examination shall be generally organized either immediately after the completion of the end semester examinations or just before the commencement of the following semester or within 10 days of its commencement. **The Grades obtained in the Repeat Examination shall be indicated with® at the top of the Grade.**

d) If a student fails in any course(s) in repeat examination, such student shall have to re-register to the LL.M. programme in the next academic year (“re-registered year”).

Provided, in the event the course is an elective course which is not offered again in the re-registered year, the student must re-register for an alternate elective course in the re-registered year.

e) Students who re-register for a course, will have to attend a minimum of 75% of the classes and fulfil all other requirements of the course, including all evaluation components.

f) Revaluation of Answer Scripts - A student seeking revaluation of an answer script of an end-semester examination shall apply to the Convener, CPGLS. The Convener, CPGLS shall place all the revaluation related applications before the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor after reviewing and accepting such applications shall approve a panel of examiners for the revaluation of answer scripts.

Following such approval, the Convener, CPGLS shall forward the answer scripts to the approved panel of examiners for revaluation.

An application for revaluation by student shall be made to the Convener, CPGLS by paying the prescribed fee within ten working days from the day of declaration of result.

In case of revaluation being successful, the student shall be awarded the grade as per the revaluation. In case, a student takes the Repeat Examination and also applies for revaluation, the higher grade obtained, shall be final.

If the difference between the original marks awarded and marks obtained in revaluation is more than 10 marks, the script shall be sent to a third evaluator, and the marks awarded by the third evaluator shall be final.

Students cannot seek for Revaluation in the internal assessments, dissertation or repeat examination.

11. Deleted by the order of the Executive Council on February 22, 2023

12. Added by the order of the Executive Council on February 22, 2023

13. Added by the order of the Executive Council on February 23, 2024

13. UNFAIR MEANS AND MALPRACTICES IN EXAMINATIONS:

1. Unfair means and other malpractices in relation to the examination shall include:
 - a) Possession or use of material having potential to be used for unfair means, including cell phones.
 - b) Writing on any part of the body/furniture/walls.
 - c) Plagiarism in projects/seminar/assignments submitted for evaluation.
 - d) Seeking or extending help in the exam, in relation to the questions asked.
 - e) Any boycott of exam
 - f) Disclosure of identity in the answer sheet in any form
 - g) Any threat/use of abusive language in exam or in the answer sheets
 - h) Refusal to surrender unfair means material or attempt to destroy.
 - i) Refusing to obey instructions of the Invigilator.
 - j) Smuggling an answer book/additional answer book into or out of the Examination Hall.
 - k) Inserting/substituting or removing any page from the answer book/additional answer book.
 - l) Impersonation in exam including interchanging of Roll Numbers and/or answer sheets.
 - m) Any other similar malpractice, which in the opinion of the Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies amounts to a use of unfair means.
2. Use of Unfair Means shall be inquired into by the Disciplinary Committee.
3. The Disciplinary Committee shall submit a report to the Registrar who shall impose the penalty with reasons in writing. An appeal can be made to the Vice-Chancellor who shall either uphold or reduce the penalty, or condone the same.

14. FEE STRUCTURE:

1. **deleted**
2. **The fee shall be as prescribed by the University from time to time.**

15. LL.M. JOINT AND DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMME:

Under a Memorandum of Understanding with any recognized institutions including Foreign Universities, NLU, Delhi can offer LL.M. Dual Degree Programme subject to the compliance of norms relating to admission and examination etc. stipulated in the Ordinance.

- a) The number of courses and credits, its equivalence and evaluation shall be as per the norms of the Host University.
- b) On successful completion of the courses during the study at the Host University, the candidate shall be considered for award of the LL. M Degree at NLU, Delhi and also at the Host University.

16. The Vice Chancellor shall have the power to take decision to ease any procedural intricacies in the conduct of this course. All such measures would be tabled in the next meeting of Academic Council for ratification.