

PH.D. PROGRAMME

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

To be admitted to the candidature for a doctoral degree an applicant shall have:

- I. A Master's degree in Law or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree in Law by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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.

Or

- II. Obtained a degree in Law and Master's Degree in social sciences or humanities from any recognised educational institution Indian or a foreign educational institution accredited as per UGC Regulations, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed).

Provided that candidates with qualifications in social sciences and humanities may be admitted to the programme if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law with a special focus on public policy or law.

For the above two categories, a relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/PwD and other categories of candidates, as per the decisions of the UGC from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

Or

- III. Degree in law and passed the Company Secretary examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and awarded the Associate Membership of the Institute shall be eligible for admission to the programme, if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law.

Or

- IV. Degree in law and passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India shall be eligible for admission to the programme, if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law.

Or

- V. Judge of any State High Court in India with three years' experience or Judge of Supreme Court of India.

The Vice-Chancellor may also permit a NLU Delhi faculty member to enrol for the Ph.D. programme along with the teaching assignment of the concerned faculty member in the interest of faculty improvement on the condition that

teaching and other responsibilities of the faculty member are not hampered in any way provided such candidates fulfil the conditions prescribed in the Ph.D. Regulations.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS

a.) Admission through Open Advertisement

- A foreign national, who is interested in enrolling for the Ph.D. programme at NLU Delhi, may apply in accordance with the admission notifications of NLU Delhi.
- The candidates shall have sufficient proficiency in English language. Foreign nationals are exempted from the entrance examination conducted by NLU Delhi for Ph.D. enrolment.
- All other requirements for admission which are applicable to Indian nationals shall be applicable to foreign nationals also. The number of seats available for foreign nationals shall be in accordance with the notifications issued by NLU Delhi from time to time.
- The unfilled seats under Foreign National Category will be carried over to Unreserved Category

b) Admission of candidates from foreign universities/ institutions having MoU with NLU Delhi

- A foreign national, who is interested in enrolling for the Ph.D. programme at NLU Delhi, and is currently enrolled for Ph.D. programme at a foreign university/institution having MoU with NLU Delhi, may be allowed to be registered for Ph.D. programme at NLU Delhi subject to the condition that

one supervisor will be from NLU Delhi and one from the parent fore`ign university/institution of the candidate. Such a candidate will be exempted from appearing in the entrance test, subject to the condition that the candidate fulfils the other minimum eligibility conditions.

- The Vice-Chancellor will be the competent authority to allow registration of such candidates on case-to-case basis, on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee.
- The candidate will be required to visit NLU Delhi for Viva-Voce to defend the thesis as per NLU Delhi Ph.D. Regulations.
- The fees for the programme shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MoU between NLU Delhi and the concerned foreign university/ institute.
- No separate Ph.D. degree of NLU Delhi will be awarded in such cases. A joint degree may be awarded, if required under the MOU.

For the purpose of this regulation, a foreign national shall mean a candidate who possess citizenship of a country other than India and holds a valid passport of Foreign Country.

3. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- The number of seats available for Ph.D. programme will be notified by NLU Delhi every year before the start of admission process keeping in view the availability of teachers for guiding Ph.D. candidates. However, the number of seats may be increased up to 25% for considering the applications of regular

faculty members of the NLU Delhi for Ph.D. admission, who are otherwise fulfilling the required eligibility criteria.

- The admission shall be through a two-stage selection process, which includes (1) written entrance test and (2) the evaluation of research proposals followed by interview/ viva-voce. In the final selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% shall be given to the entrance test and 30% shall be given to the results of evaluation of research proposals and interview/viva-voce.
- 50% of the questions for the entrance test shall be relating to Research Methodology and the remaining 50% shall be from different areas of law. The candidate shall secure a minimum of 50% marks (45% in case of SC/ST/PWD candidates) in the entrance test to qualify for the second stage. Candidates equal to three times the number of available seats will be shortlisted for the second stage, based on the results of the entrance test.
- The candidate should also secure a minimum of 50% marks (45% in case of SC/ST/differently abled candidates) in the evaluation of research proposals and interview/viva-voce to qualify for the final selection.
- The Research Advisory Committee will assist the Doctoral Committee in evaluating the research proposals as per the guidelines prescribed by NLU Delhi.
- The decision of the Doctoral Committee in recommending the name of the candidates for admission to Ph.D. programme shall be final. The admissions will finally be approved by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee.

- NLU Delhi has the right to keep the seats vacant if sufficient number of candidates with minimum cut off marks are not available.

4. CATEGORIES OF ENROLMENT

A. FULL-TIME ENROLMENT

- Enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree shall ordinarily be full-time. The candidate shall put in a minimum of three-years residence of which at least 18 months shall be in NLU Delhi. During this period, the candidate may be attached to a supervisor and the candidate may assist the supervisor in teaching at NLU Delhi. After this period, a candidate may be permitted to conduct research work outside NLU Delhi. There shall thus be provision for the candidate to earn credits for research work done outside NLU Delhi.
- Five years shall be the maximum period within which a full time candidate should complete the doctoral research and submit the thesis for evaluation. However, this time is extendable up to one year in two extensions of six months each, in case the candidate requests in writing for such extension. This is subject to the approval of the doctoral committee on recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee.

B. PART-TIME ENROLMENT

- There shall be provision for part-time enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree. A part-time candidate shall put in a minimum of four years of part-time study, and this includes the time spent for research at any other place with the permission of the supervisor.

- The part-time candidates shall be in residence in NLU Delhi for at least a total period of two semesters spread over the five-year period. However, persons working at senior level such as a Judge in the High Court / Supreme Court, a senior Advocate in Supreme Court and Judicial Officers (with LL.M. degree and ten years' experience as Judicial Officer) and IAS/IPS/IRS and allied Services Officer (with LL.M. degree and 10 years' experience as IAS/IPS/IRS and allied Services Officer recruited through UPSC) may be exempted from the said residence requirement on the condition that they should complete the certificate course in research methodology within six months after admission.
- Five years shall be the maximum period in which a part-time candidate shall complete the research work and submit it for evaluation. However, this time is extendable up to one year in two extensions of six months each in case the candidate requests in writing for such extension. This is subject to the approval of the doctoral committee on recommendation of the research advisory committee.

5. CONVERSION

- Conversion from either part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time will be permitted only with the approval of the Doctoral Committee. All cases of pre and post-employment of candidates, including JRF and SRF, will be considered and approved by the Doctoral Committee.

6. MONITORING THE RESEARCH WORK

- In cases of both part-time and full-time enrolment, the supervisor of the candidate shall ensure adequate and constant monitoring of the research work done outside the campus by the candidates by insisting on production of adequate proof of work done.

7. EXPIRY/ LAPSE OF ENROLMENT

- Enrolment for the Ph.D. shall be deemed to have lapsed after six years from the date of enrolment in case of both full-time candidates and part-time candidates.
- The women candidates and differently enabled candidates (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D., for up to 240 days.

8. CONDUCT OF ALL INDIA LAW ENTRANCE TEST-2021

- All India Law Entrance Test for admission to B.A.LL.B.(Hons.), LL.M. and Ph.D. Programme will be conducted on June 20, 2021 from 10.00 am to 11.30 am.
- **Entrance Test (AILET) Scheme:** The AILET has 100 Multiple Choice Questions for 100 marks that must be attempted within 1 hour 30 minutes. 50% of the questions for the entrance test shall be relating to Research Methodology and the remaining 50% shall be from different areas of law i.e.

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all major subject of law like Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Law of Contract, Jurisprudence, Law of Tort, Corporate Law and International Law, etc.

- **All the candidates are required to appear in the Entrance Test. Only Foreign Nationals are exempted from the Entrance Test. The Foreign Nationals are also required to apply online on the same portal.**
- **NEGATIVE MARKING:** There will be Negative Marking in AILET 2021-22. The criteria for negative marking will be based on the formula $0.25 \times 4 = 1$ that means per wrong answer 0.25 Marks will be deducted. Therefore, four wrong answers will lead to deduction of one (1) Mark.

9. ENTRANCE EXAM FEE

Unreserved /Foreign Nationals	Rs.3,050/-
SC/ST and Persons with Disability (PwD)	Rs.1,050/-
Fee Exempted- Below Poverty Line (BPL) candidates of SC/ST Category only	

10. FEE STRUCTURE

PARTICULARS	FEE FROM NON-HOSTLERS
Registration Fee (at the time of	INR 50,000.00

admission)	USD 10,000 for Non SAARC Country USD 5,000 for SAARC Country candidates
Continuation Fee (from 2 nd Year onward p.a.)	INR 30,000.00 USD 3000 p.a. for Non SAARC & SAARC Country
Examination Fee (One Time)	INR 20,000.00
*Refundable Security Deposit (One Time)	INR 15,000.00
*Library Deposit	INR 3,000.00

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

It may be noted that due to paucity of rooms in the hostel, the National Law University Delhi shall not be able to provide hostel accommodation to any student admitted in the Ph.D. Programme. Accordingly, the hostel fees/dues have not been included in the above fee structure.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

The following guidelines may be read by all applicants before filling the application form for Admission to AILET 2021:

1. The candidates are advised to go through the admission notification carefully and acquaint themselves with all requirements in respect to filling up of the Online Application Form.
2. It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to make sure that he/she is eligible and fulfils all the conditions prescribed for admission in particular programme. The fee paid for application for admission shall not be refundable.
3. Incomplete application form will be summarily rejected and no request will be entertained in this regard.
4. Name of the Candidate: Candidates should write his / her Name in CAPITAL LETTERS as given in Class X or equivalent certificate. If your name has several initials, leave one blank after each of them.
5. Email address/Mobile Number: Candidates should write his/her correct mobile number and email address only which will be used for sending various communications related to AILET 2021.
6. Name of Father / Mother: Write the name of your Father or Mother exactly as in your Class X or equivalent certificate.
7. Date of Birth: Enter the date, month and year of your birth as per English calendar and as recorded in your School / Board (Class – X) / Pre-University examination certificate.
8. Gender: Select the correct option.

9. Category: Select the appropriate option for your categories – SC, ST, OBC, UR, EWS, Kashmiri Migrant, J & K Residents, Persons with disabilities and Foreign Nationals. Category certificate to be verified during admission/ Counselling process.
10. Centre Choice Details: Select any three centres of your choice in order of preference.
11. Nationality: If your nationality is Indian, option indicated for —INDIAN. If your nationality is not Indian; option indicated for —FOREIGN.
12. Contact and Family Details: Please provide your proper contact and family details.
13. Mailing Address: Write your complete mailing address IN CAPITAL LETTERS including the STATE, DISTRICT, CITY AND PIN CODE. Candidates are required to enter correct Mobile Numbers of parents and email address at which the SMS/communication will be sent.
14. Academic Qualification: Select your qualifying examinations and fill the requested information. Percentage (%)/ Grading should be entered manually.
15. **Photograph & signature of the Candidate:**
 - (i.) The candidate should upload his/her recent colour passport size photograph with white background & size as specified (i.e. 15KB–250 KB).
 - (ii.) Passport size photograph should not have cap, goggles etc. (Spectacles are allowed). The face of the candidate should cover about 75% of the photograph. The photograph must clearly show the face of the candidate in the preview box/page.
 - (iii.) Image should be in .jpg/.jpeg format only.

- (iv.) The candidate should also upload his/ her scanned signature on white paper with size as specified (i.e. 15 KB – 250KB).
 - (v.) Candidate signature should be clear and without overwriting on a white paper with Black/Blue pen within a box of 6*3cms (width*height) and clearly visible in the preview box/ page
 - (vi.) The scanned signature should be in .jpg/.jpeg format only.
 - (vii.) The candidate should keep two identical photographs with him/ her, in reserve, which may be used for pasting on the Admit Card at the time of Entrance Test/ Counselling/ Admission if required.
16. The candidate will be solely responsible for all the consequences arising out of any error or omission in the Application Form.
 17. Before submission of online application candidates are requested to check their details through PREVIEW option.
 18. Candidate will pay requisite application fee through any DEBIT/ CREDIT CARDS, and Net Banking etc. After successful payment of the registration fee and generation of acknowledgement slip, a confirmation email will be sent to the applicant.
 19. Login Id: After successful registration, candidates will be provided an application number, which will be a LOGIN ID for logging in the candidate account for which password will be sent by email/SMS.
 20. Candidate will be required to produce the following documents/certificate in original at the time of admission/counselling process:
 - a. Marks Statement of LL.M or any other qualifying examination, B.A.LL.B./LL.B. or equivalent and Class XII & X.

- b. Latest Character Certificate
- c. Transfer Certificate
- d. Valid SC/ST/OBC/EWS/ Persons with Disability / Kashmiri Migrant/
Resident of J&K Certificate (wherever applicable)

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