

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

LL.M. (Professional) Programme REGULATIONS

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the LL.M (Professional) Programme [“LL.M (Pro)”] is to enrich academic excellence in professional services. Obtaining LL.M (Pro) will not qualify a candidate for academic (and other) jobs that require a LL.M as a minimum qualification. It will also not qualify a candidate to appear for the UGC’s National Eligibility Test or similar tests.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The LL.M (Pro) programme will be a Masters programme through a mixed mode of distance education and contact learning. A person who has completed his/her graduation, in any discipline, with a minimum of 50% marks and has been in service, or has had professional experience for atleast three years will be eligible to enrol for the programme. The students currently enrolled in the LL.M., Ph.D. or any other programme at NLU Delhi shall not be eligible to apply for the LL.M.(Pro.) programme.

3. NUMBER OF SEATS

To begin with, the University will admit a maximum of 160 candidates for the programme. However, the University reserves the right to alter the number of seats for the programme in a given academic year without prior notice.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the programme will be invited in the month of March / April every year. The programme will commence in the month of August every year.

5. ADMISSION CRITERIA

Candidates will be selected on the basis of percentage secured in their graduation. The merit cut-off list will accordingly be prepared. 15% of the seats will be reserved for individuals from the Scheduled Castes, 7.5% for individuals from the Scheduled Tribes, and 3% for persons with disabilities.

6. FEES

The tuition fees for the programme for Indian Nationals shall be Rs. 1,25,000 [One lakh, twenty five thousand only]. For foreign nationals, the amount shall be USD 3500 [Three Thousand five hundred only]. Fees shall be charged separately for re-registration, repeat exams etc.

7. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme will be for a period of one academic year. The academic year will run from August to June. Contact classes will be held at National Law University Delhi for minimum one week each semester as per the schedule notified by the University.

8. **CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAMME** The Vice Chancellor shall constitute a committee to administer the programme.

9. **CURRICULUM**: The LL.M. (Pro) Curriculum shall have the following components.

(i). Core Papers (**2 papers of 4 credits each**)

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

- a) Basic Introduction to the Law and Legal System
- b) Constitutional Law: An Introduction

(ii). Optional/ Specialization papers (**4 papers of 4 credits each**)

Specialization papers will be offered in one or more group of the specialization. Each group of specialization shall consist of several papers from which the students can choose the number required to get the specialization. To begin with, the following specializations shall be offered:

- (a) Criminology & Criminal Justice
- (b) Banking & Financial Studies
- (c) Intellectual Property
- (d) Commercial Laws
- (e) Environmental Laws and Justice
- (f) Police Studies

The University may at its discretion alter the scheme and structure of specialization depending on availability of resources and other factors in the interest of the efficient conduct of the programme.

SEMESTER – I

1.1 Basic Introduction to the Law and Legal Systems	4 Credits
1.2 Constitutional Law: An Introduction	4 Credits
1.3 Specialization Paper – One	4 Credits

SEMESTER – II

2.1 Specialization course – Three	4 Credits
2.2 Specialization course – Four	4 Credits
2.3 Specialization course – Five	4 Credits

Total: 24 credits

10. EVALUATION:

Each of the Papers shall carry a maximum of 100 Marks. Each paper shall be evaluated by a end-semester examination and through assignments for a total of 100 marks. The examination may be open/closed book depending upon the particular requirement of any course. The schedule of the examination shall be announced in advance. Examinations may be conducted on week days/working days as well.

Conditions for Pass and Re-examination

- (i) To be declared successful in any Course, a candidate must secure at least 'B' Grade. Those who secure 'F' Grade shall be declared as failed.
- (ii) Candidates who fail to appear for the examination in a Course or fail to obtain at least 'B' Grade must take the examination again.
- (iii) A student admitted to the LL.M. (Pro) Programme must complete all the prescribed requirements within a maximum period of 3 years from and including the year of admission in order to be eligible for the award of LL.M (Pro).

11. 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

A candidate to be declared successful has to obtain a minimum of 50% marks or the grade equivalent to that i.e. **B** in every paper.

- (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

- (d) 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.

12. AWARD OF LL.M (Pro)

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

- (a) A student shall be eligible for the award of LL.M (Pro) 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) On graduating, 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.
- (c) The Official Transcript shall be signed by the Registrar.
- (d) All records of the LL.M (Pro) programme shall be maintained by the Examination Department/Section, in consultation with the Registrar.

13. REQUIREMENT OF ATTENDANCE

- a) The LL.M (Pro) programme will be conducted in a mixed mode of distance education and contact learning. Attendance in the contact classes is an important component of the programme, and is strongly encouraged. It is expected that students shall attend the scheduled contact classes. In no event shall a student be absent for more than 30% of the contact classes held in the subject in a semester.
- b) Every student shall secure a minimum of 70% of attendance in every course to be eligible to appear for the end semester examination. However, if any student falls short of 70% but has secured 65% or more in a particular course(s), such student may be permitted to appear for the end semester examination provided the student has secured 70% or more in all other courses in a given semester.

14. EXAMINATION SCHEME

It shall be mandatory for every student to appear for every examination conducted by the University.

A student who absents himself/herself for an examination shall be declared “Failed” in that course. He/she shall appear in Examination for that course, when conducted the next time. If he/she passes the course in the next attempt, the grade obtained shall have ® mentioned

against it in the transcript. Additional fees of Rs. 5,000/- shall be charged per paper for students re-registering to appear for examinations in a subsequent academic year.

15. (a.) In view of the nature of the conduct of course, the students shall be expected to possess the cyber equipments and the skills of using of on-line, audio-visual , virtual and other forms of technical medium.
- (b.) By virtue of enrolling to the LL.M (Pro), no student shall be entitled to claim the entitlements and privileges that may be available to the students of other regular courses in NLUD
- (c.) For all disciplinary matters pertaining to the student of this course, the existing mechanisms of the University shall apply.

16. 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) Seeking or extending help in the exam, in relation to the questions asked.
- d) Disclosure of identity in the answer sheet in any form
- e) Any threat/use of abusive language in exam or in the answer sheets
- f) Refusal to surrender unfair means material or attempt to destroy.
- g) Refusing to obey instructions of the Invigilator.
- h) Smuggling an answer book/additional answer book into or out of the Examination Hall.
- i) Inserting/substituting or removing any page from the answer book/additional answer book.
- j) Impersonation in exam including interchanging of Roll Numbers and/or answer sheets.
- k) Any other similar malpractice, which in the opinion of the University 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, reduce or condone the penalty.

17. The Vice Chancellor shall have the power to ease any complexity and resolve problems in the conduct of this course. All such measures would be tabled in the next meeting of the Academic Council