

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

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Academic Calendar - Ph.D. Batch – 2026 (Combined for Full – Time and Part – Time Ph.D. Scholars)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Dates
1	Orientation	7 th September, 2026
2	Course Work	September, 2026 – February, 2027 (Commencement of Classes From 10 th September, 2026)
3	Course Work Exam	March 2027 (date shall be notified later)
4	Submission of 1 st Six monthly report & Work-in-Progress Presentation	September /October, 2027

Scholars will be required to submit six monthly reports to the Supervisor & Ph.D. Department regularly till the time they appear for Pre-Ph.D. Presentation.

All Ph.D. Scholars are requested to read NLUD Ph.D. Regulations carefully. Few important regulations are written below for ready reference:

I. Regulation 6 of Ph.D. Regulations, 2017: Scholars are requested to keep the following regulation in mind in order to complete their Ph.D. on time:

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 NLUD. During this period, the candidate may be attached to a supervisor and the candidate may assist the supervisor in teaching at NLUD. After this period, a candidate may be permitted to conduct research work outside NLUD. There shall thus be provision for the candidate to earn credits for research work done outside NLUD.
- Six 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 period is extendable up to two years in case the candidate requests in writing for such extension after following the process of re-registration. The university may give two extensions of one year each or shorter duration on case to case basis. The total period for completion of Ph.D. programme will not exceed 8 years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. This is subject to the approval of the doctoral committee on recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee. However, women candidates and differently enabled candidates (more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two years for Ph.D. The total period of completion of a Ph.D. Programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. 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.

B. Part-Time enrolment

- i) There shall be provision for part-time enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree. A part-time candidate shall put in a minimum of three years of part-time study, and this includes the time spent for research at any other place with the permission of the supervisor.
- ii) (a) The part-time candidates shall be in residence in NLUD 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.

(b) The part -time candidates will be required to submit "No Objection Certificate" from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:
 - The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
 - If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.
- iii) Six 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 period is extendable up to two years in case the candidate requests in writing for such extension after following the process of re-registration. The university may give two extensions of one year each or shorter duration on case to case basis. The total period for completion of Ph.D. programme will not exceed 8 years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. This is subject to the approval of the doctoral committee on recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee. However, women candidates and differently enabled candidates (more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two years for Ph.D. The total period of completion of a Ph.D. Programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. 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.

C. Conversion

- i) 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.

D. Monitoring the Research Work

- i) 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.

E. Expiry / Lapse of Enrolment:

- i) Enrolment for the Ph.D. shall be deemed to have lapsed after six years from the date of enrolment both in case of full-time candidates and part-time candidates unless the re-registration is done for extension by candidates.
- ii) A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration after completion of six years. The total period for completion of a Ph.D. Programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. Programme.

Provided further that the women candidates and differently enabled candidates (more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two years for Ph.D. The total period of completion of a Ph.D. Programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph. D programme.

- iii) 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.

II. Regulation 7 of Ph.D. Regulations, 2017:

- vi) A candidate shall pursue the programme of study and research as approved by supervisor / supervisors. Such programme shall include the presentation of a thesis embodying the results of the candidate's research work.
- vii) For the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy the thesis must form a distinct contribution to the knowledge in the subject and afford evidence of originality shown either by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical analytical power.
- viii) Within one month of completion of course work and allotment of supervisor, the candidate shall submit the title of the thesis for approval by the supervisor/supervisors. The title approved by the supervisor should not be substantially altered except with the permission of the Doctoral Committee.

The scholars may be required to assist the University for Various Activities as per the following conditions:

Other conditions: The Fellow, with the consent of the guide/head of department, may assist the university/institution in its academic work, including tutorials, evaluation of the test papers, laboratory demonstration, supervision of fieldwork, Invigilation Duties during Examinations, library activities like group seminars and symposia, provided such work is not likely to hinder the research programmes on hand. The total amount of time to be spent on such activities should not exceed ten hours a week. In special cases the fellow is entitled for transfer of fellowship once during the tenure of their award. The fellow may apply to the UGC along-with No Objection Certificate from both Institutions duly forwarded by Registrar/Director/Principal for transfer of fellowship.

NOTE:

*Course Work is compulsory for all candidates whether full-time or part-time.

** Academic work includes teaching, tutorials, evaluation of the test papers, laboratory demonstration, supervision of fieldwork, library activities like group seminars and symposia.

*** Please note that Ph. D scholars enrolled for part-time Ph. D are required to research for minimum three years before submission of Thesis. Therefore, they will be required to submit additional six-monthly progress reports. All six-monthly reports should be duly signed by the respective supervisors.

**** All Ph.D. scholars will be required to appear for work-in-progress presentation before the Research Advisory Committee.

*****All proposals, revised proposals, if any, and report duly signed with the concerned Supervisors are required to be submitted to the Ph.D. section or e-mailed on phd@nludelhi.ac.in.

COURSE WORK FOR Ph.D. BATCH 2026-27

Course work item	Credits	Mode of conduct
Research Methodology	4 credits	As a regular taught course and through advanced level workshops Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Vice chancellor NLUD, Prof. (Dr.) Amita Punj & Dr. Vishal Mahalwar
Research and Publication Ethics/ Advanced level courses	4 credits	Dr. Garima Tiwari & Dr. Tasneem Deo
Teaching assignment	2 credits	To be covered by respective faculty supervisors- minimum engagement time- 15-20 hours
Status Paper	2 credits	To be covered by respective faculty supervisors- requires research writing and presentation/viva voce

I. Research Methodology- 4 credit course

II. Research and Publication Ethics - 4 credit course

III. Status Paper in respective subject area- 2 credit course

- Every student is required to write a status paper in the area of his research indicating the literature surveyed, status of research documented and the need for research in that area. Every scholar will be required mandatorily to have a minimum 4-hour discussion with the Supervisor.
- Review and evaluation of Status paper by respective supervisors for 100 Marks.

III. Teaching Assignment- 2credit course

- Practical teaching course: Every scholar is required to provide teaching assistance and other academic support to the supervisor. Supervisors are required to draw a plan for involving their respective scholars in teaching and other academic works.
- The teaching assignment will be reviewed and assessed by respective supervisors 100 Marks.

Approval for external faculty members for teaching in Ph. D course work for Batch 2026

- I.** Research Methodology- 4 credit course: 2-hour class on each Monday and Thursday
 - a. Course to be taught by Prof. (Dr.) Amita Punj & Dr. Vishal Mahalwar
 - b. The course will be taught by Internal Faculty Members and a few External Faculty Members.
 - c. Two advanced level workshops (minimum 8-10 hours each):
 1. Workshop on Research Methodology- Law and Technology
 2. Workshop on Legal writing and critical perspectives in law
- II.** Research and Publication Ethics - 4 credit course: 2-hour class on each Tuesday and Wednesday
 - a. Course to be coordinated by Dr. Garima Tiwari & Dr. Tasneem Deo

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