

REGULATIONS FOR THE INTEGRATED LL.M., Ph.D. PROGRAMME

The integrated LL.M., Ph.D. programme at NALSAR is envisioned as a unique experiment and is designed to enhance the quality of personnel available for legal research in India. The programme will also build capacities for teaching and interdisciplinary research in the law and social sciences. The objective is to provide a structured pathway for bright law graduates to progress towards a research degree while being given meaningful academic and logistical support. A LL.M. degree with a specialization in Legal Pedagogy and Research would be an interim qualification as part of this integrated programme.

1. ELIBILITY:

To be eligible for admission to this integrated LL.M., Ph.D. course, a candidate should have completed the B.A., LL.B. / LL.B. / B.L. Degree or equivalent degree from a recognized University and must have secured at least 65% of marks in the aggregate. Candidates who already hold LL.M. degrees from other institutions are also welcome to apply.

2. DURATION:

The integrated course will be spread over a minimum period of four years. In exceptional cases, a candidate will be allowed an extension of one more year to complete the Doctoral Thesis, if the Research Committee is satisfied with the progress made.

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURE:

The candidates for the LL.M., Ph.D. programme shall be selected through a process organized exclusively by NALSAR. The eventual selection will be based on the following parameters:

- a) Academic performance (CGPA or Percentage of marks obtained) during first degree in law: 15%
- b) Performance at the written test : 30%
- c) Statement of Purpose : 10%
- d) Writing Sample : 30% (could be a published paper or a work-in-progress)
- e) Interview: 15%.

The written test will consist of essay type questions related to the fields of Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Law and Society, Law and the Humanities etc. Candidates are also necessarily required to submit at least two letters of recommendation from individuals who have supervised their work in an academic or professional setting. Applications sent without the letters of recommendation will not be processed.

4. NUMBER OF SEATS: 05 (FIVE)

The seats shall be filled only if candidates suited to pursue the integrated programme are found. If such candidates are not found, the University may not admit anyone to this programme. The University reserves the discretion to admit less than five candidates in each academic year.

5. FEE STRUCTURE

Candidates admitted to the LL.M., Ph.D. Programme are required to pay the following fee:

Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
Registration Fee (to be paid along with Application)	Rs. 2,000/- (Rs. 1,000/- for SC/ST)
Admission Fee (to be paid at the time of admission)	Rs. 10,000/- for Indian Nationals US \$ 1000 for Foreign Nationals
Tuition Fee (to be paid at the time of admission)	Rs. 20,000/- for Indian Nationals US\$ 500 for Foreign Nationals
Fee to be paid at the time of submission of thesis	Rs. 12,000/- for Indian Nationals US\$ 1000 for Foreign Nationals

6. COURSE STRUCTURE:

The course will consist of taught courses, teaching assignments, curriculum designing, academic administration, publication of research papers and the eventual completion of a Doctoral Thesis.

Course Name	Credits
YEAR ONE	
<i>Trimester I</i>	
Research Methodology and Legal Writing (July-September)	4 credits
Law and Justice in a Globalizing World (July-September)	4 credits
Comparative Public Law and Systems of Governance (July-September)	4 credits
Engaging Tutorials for undergraduate students (July-October)	3 credits
<i>Trimester II</i>	
Curriculum Planning and Teaching Plans Development (Oct-Dec) [This will entail preparation of two detailed course plans which will be taught by the candidate during Year Two]	3 credits
Supervision and Evaluation of Student Performance (Oct-Dec)	3 credits
Co-curricular Programmes and Law School Management (Oct-Dec)	3 credits
<i>Trimester III</i>	
Ideas of Justice and Justice Education (January-March)	3 credits
Engaging Tutorials for undergraduate students (January-April)	3 credits
Preparation and submission of LL.M. dissertation (January-June)	6 credits
YEAR TWO	
Interdisciplinary Research in Law, Social Sciences and Management – I (July-October)	4 credits
Teaching a Course/Tutorials for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students (July-October)	4 credits
Submission of a statement of the research problem along with a survey of literature on the topic chosen for Ph.D.	2 credits
Interdisciplinary Research in Law, Social Sciences and Management – II (January-April)	4 credits
Teaching a Course/Tutorials for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students (January-April)	4 credits

Submission of a revised research proposal for Ph.D. (should include a Review of Literature, theoretical and conceptual framework as well as research design, if applicable)	2 credits
YEAR THREE	
Teaching a Course /Tutorials for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students (July-October)	4 credits
Submission of a research paper based on ongoing doctoral studies (to be sent for publication in a refereed journal)	
Presentations based on works-in-progress (to be made at least twice at conferences/seminars hosted by other institutions)	
YEAR FOUR	
Submission of draft doctoral thesis	
Pre-Ph.D. presentation (before entire faculty)	
Submission of final doctoral thesis	
Viva-Voce Examination (before external examiners)	

7. RESEARCH STIPEND AND EXIT OPTION:

Each candidate admitted to this integrated programme will receive a stipend of Rs. 25,000/- per month during the first year of the same. On the completion of the LL.M. dissertation at the end of the first year, the University will assess the suitability of the candidate for pursuing further doctoral studies. In case the candidate is found fit for pursuing doctoral work, the candidate will receive a stipend of Rs. 35,000/- per month till the end of the fourth year.

In the event that a candidate is not found fit to continue with doctoral studies and / or if the candidate not able to continue his studies for any reason, the University reserves the discretion to terminate the candidature and / or permit the candidate to withdraw from the LL.M., Ph.D. Integrated programme and allow the candidate to leave the programme. In both the cases, the Degree of LL.M. in Legal Pedagogy and Research would be awarded to the candidate, if the candidate fulfills all the requirements for LL.M. In such an eventuality the candidate shall remit the total LL.M. fee including Tuition Fee, Other Academic Charges, User Charges, One time payments etc. except the Refundable Deposits as applicable to the LL.M. students admitted during the academic year when the said candidate was admitted. The fee paid by the candidate at the time of admission to LL.M., Ph.D. Programme shall be deducted from the fee to be paid by him / her at the time of withdrawal.

8. SCHEME OF EVALUATION:

The performance of the candidates will be evaluated through a combination of methods such as seminar papers, student feedback and periodic evaluations of presentations based on the work leading up to the doctoral thesis.

The following shall be the scheme of evaluation for each course:

- 8.1. Each of the courses shall carry a maximum of 100 marks.
- 8.2. The Teaching of Courses/Tutorials shall be assessed by Senior Faculty Members (with expertise in the respective areas) while also taking the student feedback into consideration.

- 8.3. The Curriculum Planning and Teaching Plans Development shall be assessed by Senior Faculty Members whom the candidate is assigned to work with for the same.
- 8.4. The seminar papers, research proposals and the eventual research output will be assessed through the scrutiny of written work as well as presentations based on the same.
- 8.5. With regard to the Doctoral Thesis, the procedure enumerated in the Ph.D. Regulations of the University will be applicable.

9. EVALUATION AND AWARD OF GRADES AND GRADE VALUE (CGPA)

- 9.1 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is arrived at by dividing the sum of the products of Grade Values and the Course Credits in each course by the total number of credits in all the courses as per following table:

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

<u>Percentage of Marks</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade Value</u>
80 and above	O	8
75 – 79	D	7.5
70 – 74	A++	7
65 – 69	A+	6
60 – 64	A	5
55 – 59	B+	4
50 – 54	B	3
Below 50	F	0

- 9.2. A candidate to be successful has to obtain a minimum of 50% marks or the equivalent grade, i.e., B in every course.

10. AWARD OF THE DEGREE

Candidates who have completed all the courses obtaining at least a 'B' grade and secured a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 4 out of 8 and completed the requirements as per the Ph.D. Regulations with regard to the Doctoral Thesis shall be awarded two Degrees, LL.M. and Ph.D.