

## **Post Graduate Diploma in Air and Space Law (PGDASL)**

### **About the Course**

Air and Space Law has become one of the most important branches of law in the recent period of time. The scientific and technological developments in field of air and space are so rapid that they have posed challenge to the legal fraternity, since the first and second half of the twentieth century respectively. While the legal response to air technology has been primarily at the municipal level, despite a number of conventions at the international level, the legal response to space technology has been primarily at the international level, though now it is percolating into the municipal sphere. At present, the significance of Air Law and Space Law needs no explanation due to indispensable uses of airspace and outer space for the purposes ranging from commercial to military. The increasing volume of disputes in the field of air and space has also resulted in the manifold increase in the legal practitioners working in the field of air and space at developed countries like United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Russia, Japan, France, Australia etc.

Keeping this in mind, the Post Graduate Diploma in Air and Space Law (PGDASL) is a unique initiative undertaken at NUJS, Kolkata. The Course is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of Air Law and Space Law along with some fundamental principles of public international law related to air and space. The course would be extremely useful to the candidates having wide-ranging background, from legal to scientific.

**Course duration:** One year

**Mode:** Distance education

**Qualification required:** Bachelor degree in any discipline from a recognized University. The course is also open to those candidates who are in the final year of Bachelor degree. However, the granting of the Degree (PGDASL) is contingent upon the successful completion of the Bachelor degree by the candidate.

**Subjects:**

- Paper I – International Law Basis of Air and Space Law
- Paper II – Fundamentals of Air and Space Law
- Paper III – Emerging Issues in Air Law
- Paper IV – Emerging Issues in Space Law
- Paper V – Dissertation

- Components:** Paper I to IV would compose of individual project in each paper and annual examination.
- Paper V would be a dissertation of about 50 to 60 pages on a topic chosen by the student in consultation with the teacher concerned.
- Study material:** The study material on paper I to IV would be prepared and provided to the students during the first session of contact classes. The same would be sent by post to the students who do not attend the first session.
- Library access:** All the students are entitled to have access to NUJS library on all working days.
- Contact classes:** 12 hours per subject
- The classes would be held once in three months for three days at NUJS premises. The information about the contact classes would be provided subsequently.
- Attending the contact classes is optional.
- Marks allocation:** Total marks would be 500. Papers I to IV would carry 100 marks each, which includes 30 marks for projects and 70 marks for final examination. Dissertation would be evaluated out of 100 marks.
- Passing marks:** Minimum 40% of marks must be obtained by the students to pass a paper.
- Examination:** The final examination would be conducted annually in the month of April / May.
- Maximum period:** The candidate must complete the course by obtaining minimum passing marks within three years from registration. Upon the failure to complete the course within stipulated period, the registration of the candidate gets cancelled. The candidate, if willing, must register afresh by following the usual procedure prescribed for first admission.
- Fee structure:**
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| Application Fee  | – | Rs. 1,000/-             |
| Registration Fee | – | Rs. 20,000/-            |
| Examination Fee  | – | Rs. 1,000/- per subject |

**Note:** The application fee and the registration fee must be sent along with the application form. The examination fee must be paid one month before the final examination.

**The filled in application form along with the demand draft for Rs. 21,000/- (Rupees twenty one thousand only) drawn in favor of ‘The WBNUJS’ payable at Kolkata must be sent to the following contact address. The last date for submission of application form is 31 August 2010.**

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[\*The commencement of the course is contingent upon the registration of minimum number candidates decided by the University. In case of not having the minimum number of registration, the fee already paid by the candidates would be refunded]