

**THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF  
JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA**

**Master of Law (LL.M.) -  
Regulations**

(Revised vide 25<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting dated 17 August 2015)



**2013**

## **1. Degrees Offered**

University offers full-time LL.M. Degree with specialization in

- (a) Corporate and Commercial Law; and
- (b) International and Comparative Law.

## **2. Administration of LL.M.**

2.1 There shall be constituted a Centre of Post-Graduate Legal Studies (CPGLS) and a Post Graduate Curriculum Committee (PGCC)

2.2 The Vice-Chancellor in coordination with CPGLS and PGCC is responsible for the general supervision of LL.M. Degree at the University. The CPGLS and PGCC shall perform the functions in accordance with this Regulation.

2.3 The CPGLS would consist of minimum 10 faculty members and such other staff as may be required for the administration of LL.M. A minimum of 8 faculty members of CPGLS would be at the level of Professor/Associate Professor. The members of the CPGLS are nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

2.4 The CPGLS is responsible for:

- (a) recommending admission (as per Regulation 3), reviewing the students' progress and arranging for the supervision and examination of the student.
- (b) reviewing and monitoring the conduct of the LL.M. examination and dissertation.
- (c) ensuring compliance with the LL.M. Regulations.
- (d) disclosing the information required under the UGC Guidelines for introduction of One Year LL.M. Degree Programme, 2012.

2.5 The PGCC shall consist of such number of Professors and Associate Professors forming part of CPGLS as may be required. The members of the PGCC are nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

2.6 The PGCC is responsible for formulating, reviewing and revising the LL.M. curriculum on a regular basis.

## **3. Admission**

3.1 The requirements for admission to LL.M. program are as follows:

- a) The candidate must have completed a bachelor's degree in Law (LL.B.) with a percentage of at least 55 or an equivalent cumulative grade point average from any Indian University recognised by UGC or any equivalent degree offered by a foreign University;

Explanation: In case of degree by foreign University, the factor of equivalence would be decided by the CPGLS.

- b) The candidate must have been allotted with a seat through the All India Admission Test for LL.M. organized by NUJS coupled with the requisite merit in the form of work experience, publications and statement of purposes.

Explanation: The Admission test shall be conducted for 70 marks. The work experience, publications and statement of purposes shall be evaluated out of 30 marks.

- 3.2 Provisional admission may be offered, subject to the approval of CPGLS, for an applicant, whose result is due, to undertake the program provided the result / provisional degree certificate is submitted before the beginning of the first semester examination.

In case, the provisionally admitted candidate fails to submit the result / provisional degree certificate before the beginning of the first semester examination, the provisional admission of the candidate shall stand cancelled.

#### **4. Duration of the Course**

- 4.1 University offers a full-time one-year LL.M. program spread over two semesters.
- 4.2 Students are allowed a maximum of two years from the date of admission to complete the requirements of the degree.

#### **5. The Course Details**

- 5.1 Students in each stream of specialization are required to pass nine papers and a dissertation.
- 5.2 Out of the nine papers, students are required to pass the following three compulsory papers of three credits each.
- (i) Research Methods and Legal Writing
  - (ii) Comparative Public Law/Systems of Governance
  - (iii) Law and Justice in a Globalizing World
- 5.3 Students specializing in 'Corporate and Commercial Law' shall pass the following four papers of two credits each.
- (i) Company Law
  - (ii) International Trade Law
  - (iii) Bankruptcy Law
  - (iv) Competition Law / Investment Law
- 5.4 Students specializing in 'International and Comparative Law' shall pass the following four papers of two credits each.
- (i) Public International Law
  - (ii) International Organizations
  - (iii) Air and Space Law
  - (iv) International Human Rights Law / International Criminal Law

- 5.5 Students are required to take two optional papers from the range of papers on offer during the concerned semester barring the papers already studied.

**Explanation:** Maximum two optional papers for each branch would be offered in each semester in addition to the option to choose a branch specific paper from the other branch.

**Note:** The detailed structure of papers to be taught in each semester is given in schedule I.

## 6. Project Work and Examination

- 6.1 Student shall be allowed to take end-semester examination in a paper only if the minimum attendance requirement fixed by the University is fulfilled.

- 6.1.1. Any student so debarred under 6.1 would be eligible to appear for the examination in that paper only in subsequent academic year after duly attending the course.

- \* 6.2 Each paper is assessed based on the following components and marks:

Sl. No.	Name of the Component	Marks Allocated
1	Internal assessment (Test)	20
2	Project	20
3	Presentation	10
4	End Semester Examination	50
	TOTAL	100

However, the concerned course teacher shall have the discretion to change the components and marks with prior approval of the Vice Chancellor.

- 6.3 A student must secure a minimum of fifty percent marks in each paper and dissertation in order to fulfil the requirements of the Degree.

6.3.1. A student failing to conform to the above requirement in any of the papers shall appear in the repeat examination for that paper as and when it is held and secure the minimum marks prescribed in 6.3.

\* Amended vide 23<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council meeting dated 21 June 2014

#### 6.4 Grading system

Percentage of Marks	Grade	Grade Value
70% and above	E (Excellent)	7
65% and above but below 70%	A+ (Distinction)	6
60% and above but below 65%	A (Very Good)	5
55% and above but below 60%	B+ (Good)	4
50% and above but below 55%	B (Pass)	3
Below 50%	F (Fail)	0

### 7. Dissertation

7.1 Student is required to submit a dissertation containing minimum of 30,000 words (**main text**) in the partial fulfilment of the Degree.

7.2 Dissertation carries three credits and a total of 200 marks, which includes the following components and marks.

Sl. No.	Components	Marks
1	Synopsis	10
2	Synopsis Presentation	15
3	Pre-submission Presentation	25
4	Thesis	150

7.3 Student is required to finalize the dissertation topic **and intimate the AR (Academics) within 7 days after the puja vacations along with a detailed synopsis (minimum 5000 words)** for evaluation and approval of the dissertation topic.

- 7.4 An initial presentation of the topic shall be made before the CPGLS after the submission of the synopsis but within **20 days after the puja vacations**.
- 7.5 After the successful completion of initial presentation, a guide shall be assigned to the student by the CPGLS based on the feasibility and subject-matter expertise of the concerned faculty.
- 7.6 **Each guide should have not more than 5 candidates.**
- 7.7 **After the completion of writing dissertation to the satisfaction of the guide**, student is required to make a pre-submission presentation before CPGLS during the period between **15 April** and **30 April** of the concerned year with an advance notice of 15 days to the office of AR (Academics).
- 7.8 Final written-submission (thesis) shall be submitted within one month from the date of pre-submission presentation. Five hard copies of the thesis must be submitted along with a softcopy in pdf format to the office of AR (Academics).
- 7.9 Thesis shall be assessed by both an internal and an external examiner selected by the CPGLS.
- \* 7.10 In case the assessment of thesis component as mentioned in 7.2 by the internal and external examiners varies by more than 15% (fifteen percent), the assessment of thesis shall be referred to the third examiner, and the third examiner will invariably **be** an external examiner, as decided by the Chairman of the CPGLS for assessment.

The average of two nearest marks given by examiners shall be the final marks for determination of result.

\* Amended vide 24<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting dated 21 January 2015

**Addition:**

**Note: A student failing to conform to any requirement mentioned above has to redo the entire dissertation by following the norms in the next academic year.**

8. **Any issue not covered by the foregoing rules, shall be governed by the decision of the Vice-Chancellor.**

# Schedule - I

## DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE PAPERS TO BE TAUGHT IN EACH SEMESTER

### 1. Corporate and Commercial Law Specialization

**Semester I:** (a) Research Methods and Legal Writing  
(b) Comparative Public Law/Systems of Governance  
(c) Company Law  
(d) International Trade Law  
(e) Optional Paper - I

**Semester II:** (a) Law and Justice in a Globalizing World  
(b) Bankruptcy Law  
(c) Competition Law / Investment Law  
(d) Optional Paper - II  
(e) Dissertation

### 2. International and Comparative Law Specialization

**Semester I:** (a) Research Methods and Legal Writing  
(b) Comparative Public Law/Systems of Governance  
(c) Public International Law  
(d) International Organizations  
(e) Optional Paper - I

**Semester II:** (a) Law and Justice in a Globalizing World  
(b) Air and Space Law  
(c) International Human Rights Law / International Criminal Law  
(d) Optional Paper - II  
(e) Dissertation