



**LL.D. REGULATIONS 2020**

**[Adopted under the WB National University of Juridical Sciences Act 1999]**

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

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**THE WB NUJS REGULATIONS GOVERNING AWARD  
OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAW (LL.D.) 2020**

**1. TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

**1.1** These Regulations shall be called the Regulations governing the standards and procedures for the award of the degree of Doctor of Law [LL.D.] of the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata.

**1.2** These Regulations shall come into force from the date of assent by the Academic Council.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires

**2.1** "Approved list of Examiners" means the panel of examiners chosen by the Vice Chancellor, recommended by the Academic Council and approved by the Executive Council of the University for adjudicating/evaluating the LL.D. thesis. \*\*

**2.2** "Candidate" means any person who satisfies the prescribed eligibility conditions as stated later in Regulation 4 and who intends to register for the LL.D. degree;

**2.3** "Degree" means the degree of Doctor of Law [LL.D.];

**2.4** "Doctoral Committee (LL.D)" means the Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor and approved by the Academic Council.

**2.5** "University" means the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata.

**3. CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DOCTORAL COMMITTEE (LL.D.)**

**3.1** The Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) shall consist of

- (a) The Vice Chancellor,
- (b) Four internal members designated by the Vice Chancellor for three years among the Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors of the University having Ph D degree.
- (c) Two external members either holding LL.D. degree or being senior professors of law having done significant contribution in the field of law.
- (d) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Doctoral committee. Wherever the Vice Chancellor shall be absent, the senior most internal member of the University shall be the Chairperson. The Assistant Registrar (Academics) shall be the secretary of the committee.\*\*

**3.2** The Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) shall

- (a) Conduct pre-submission colloquium as in 6.1 below;

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- (b) Assist the Vice Chancellor in selecting ten examiners for the evaluation of the thesis from the Approved List of Examiners as in 7.1 below.
- (c) Conduct open viva-voce of the candidate as in 7.4 below.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A CANDIDATE**

Any candidate who satisfies the following conditions is eligible to seek registration for LL.D. in the University upon application for registration after going through these Regulations and Guidelines for LL.D. which shall be supplied along with the application.

- 4.1 The candidate shall have Ph.D. Degree in Law of any recognized University.
- 4.2 The candidate must have published as the first author a minimum of ten articles in the UGC CARE listed Journals of which five preferably shall be published in the SCOPUS listed journals after the completion of Ph.D.\*\*

#### **5. REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Application for Registration with prescribed fees shall be submitted to the University along with 10 hard copies and one soft copy of the synopsis.
- 5.2 The LL.D. Registration is valid for FIVE years only from the date of Registration.

#### **6. SUBMISSION OF THE THESIS**

- 6.1 (a) The candidate is eligible to submit his / her Thesis only after completing 3 years of Research Work from the date of his / her Registration.
  - (b) The candidate shall submit to the University 10 copies of the Synopsis of his / her LL.D. Thesis highlighting contents of the Thesis and enclose evidences of five research publications in the area of research authored solely by him/her in SCOPUS listed Journals in the form of acceptance letters and/or published papers.
  - (c) The Chairperson of the Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) shall organize the Pre-Submission Colloquium meeting before the faculty members in the University at the earliest.
  - (d) The Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) shall advise and offer suggestions to the candidate for the finalization of the Thesis.
  - (e) The decision of the Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) shall be communicated to the candidate.
  - (f) If the Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) is not satisfied with the Pre-thesis Submission Colloquium of a candidate, it may ask the candidate to appear for the Colloquium again after a gap of three months.\*\*

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- 6.2 After the successful completion of pre-submission colloquium, the candidate shall submit a soft copy of the final thesis.
- 6.3 The candidate shall prepare a Thesis embodying results of original research and submit 8 copies of his / her LL.D. Thesis along with 10 copies of abstract of not more than thousand words and the electronic version of the Thesis in .pdf format (3 discs) for evaluation.
- 6.4 A declaration by the candidate about the originality and the fact that it has not been previously submitted by the candidate either for award of any Degree or Diploma to this or any other University, shall be enclosed along with the Thesis.
- 6.5 If any candidate fails to submit his / her LL.D. Thesis within five years, he / she may apply to University for extension of his / her Registration for a maximum of two more years with the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) by remitting a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- in addition to the annual fee.
- 6.6 If a candidate fails to submit Thesis even after seven years, his / her LL.D. Registration shall stand annulled.

## **7. EVALUATION OF THE THESIS**

- 7.1 The Thesis shall be evaluated by three external examiners, out of which one shall be a foreign examiner, selected by the Vice Chancellor from the list of six Indian examiners and four foreign examiners shortlisted by the Vice Chancellor in consultation with the Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) from the approved list of examiners.\*\*

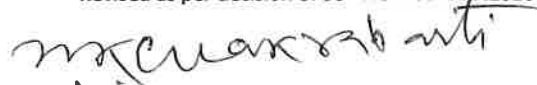
### **7.2 Evaluation Reports:**

- (a) The External Examiners shall send the Evaluation Report to the University.
- (b) Apart from the Evaluation Report, each Examiner is required to submit a Short Report in the prescribed proforma duly signed and sent as Hard Copy/ FAX/ Scanned Image by E-mail.

### **7.3 Decision about Evaluation:**

- (a) For award of LL.D. degree there shall be unanimous recommendation by all the three external examiners that the thesis be accepted for the award of LL. D. degree.
- (b) If a minimum of two out of three External Examiners reject the Thesis outright, the University shall notify rejection of the Thesis and cancellation of LL.D. Registration.
- (c) If one of the External Examiners rejects the thesis, the thesis shall be referred to another examiner. If this Examiner also rejects the Thesis, the University shall notify Rejection of the Thesis and cancellation of LL.D. Registration.

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(d) If any one or more of the Examiners recommend/s revision and revaluation of the Thesis, then the candidate shall revise the Thesis based on the suggestions made by the Examiner(s) and submit the Revised Thesis with payment of the prescribed fees to the University. The University shall send the Revised Thesis at the earliest to the same Examiner(s).

(e) If any Examiner recommends the award of degree after incorporating the suggested revisions / corrections, such modifications shall be complied with by the candidate. The Revised Thesis shall be submitted to the University along with the prescribed fees.

**7.4 Viva-Voce Examination:**

After receipt of three positive reports from the examiners, open Viva-Voce examination shall be conducted by the University in the presence of one of the external examiners, the members of the Doctoral Committee (LL.D.), members of the concerned Faculty, research scholars and students by giving wide publicity.

**7.5** The LL.D. degree would be awarded if three examiners give positive reports and the candidate successfully completes viva voce examination.

**7.6 LL.D. Notification:** The LL.D. Declaration Notification shall be done by the Registrar on the Official Letter Head.

**8. CHANGE OF TITLE**

8.1 A candidate desiring to change the title of the Thesis shall apply to the University with 10 copies of revised Synopsis and changed Title after paying the prescribed fee.

8.2 The University shall seek the opinion of the Doctoral Committee (LL.D.) for the change of title. Such a change can be permitted anytime before the Pre-thesis Submission Colloquium.

8.3 If a candidate decides to change the topic of research, his/her registration stands cancelled, and the candidate has to undergo the Registration process again and may apply for pre-submission colloquium only after a period of three years from the date of registration of change.

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

