

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

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



**2012**

## 1. Degrees Offered

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

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

## 2. Administration of LL.M.

2.1 The Vice-Chancellor is responsible for the general supervision of LL.M. Degree at the University and of the Post Graduate Council (PG Council). The members of the PG Council are nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

2.2 The PG Council 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 revising the LL.M. curriculum on a regular basis.
- (c) reviewing and monitoring the conduct of the LL.M. examination and dissertation.
- (d) ensuring compliance with the LL.M. Regulations.

## 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 PG Council.

- b) The candidate must have been allotted with a seat through the Common Law Admission Test / NUJS organized admission test for LL.M.

3.2 Provisional admission may be offered, subject to the approval of PG Council, 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 two-year LL.M. program spread over four semesters.
- 4.2 Students are allowed a maximum of four 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 twelve papers and a dissertation.
- 5.2 Out of the twelve papers students are required to pass the following four compulsory papers.
  - (i) Research Methodology and Legal Education
  - (ii) Jurisprudence
  - (iii) Judicial Process
  - (iv) Law and Social Transformation in India
- 5.3 Students specializing in 'Commercial Law' shall pass the following six papers:
  - (i) Contract Law
  - (ii) Corporate Law
  - (iii) International Trade Law
  - (iv) Competition Law
  - (v) Insolvency Law / Law of Industrial Relations
  - (vi) Law of Taxation / Banking Law
- 5.4 Students specializing in 'International Law' shall pass the following six papers:
  - (i) Fundamentals of International Law
  - (ii) Law of International Institutions
  - (iii) International Human Rights Law
  - (iv) International Criminal Law / Conflict of Laws
  - (v) International Space Law / International Aviation Law
  - (vi) International Environmental 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.

**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.

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

Project Work	Project Presentation	Class Participation (Optional)	End-Semester Examination	Total
25 Marks	15 Marks	10 Marks	50/60 Marks	100 Marks

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.

6.4 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. Promotion

Student shall be promoted to second year LL.M. only if the student has passed six out of eight papers offered in the first year.

## 8. Dissertation

8.1 Student is required to submit a dissertation containing minimum of 30,000 words in the partial fulfilment of the Degree.

8.2 Dissertation carries 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

- 8.3 Student is required to finalize the dissertation topic by the beginning of the third semester. Student must submit a synopsis for evaluation and approval of the dissertation topic.
- 8.4 An initial presentation of the topic shall be made before the PG Council after the submission of the synopsis but before the end of third semester.
- 8.5 After the successful completion of initial presentation, a guide shall be assigned to the student by the PG Council based on the feasibility and subject-matter expertise of the concerned faculty.
- 8.6 Student is required to make a presentation before the final submission of the dissertation.
- 8.7 Final written-submission (thesis) shall be assessed by both an internal and an external examiner selected by the PG Council.

# Schedule - I

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

### 1. Commercial Law Specialization

**Semester I:** (a) Research Methodology and Legal Education  
(b) Jurisprudence  
(c) Contract Law  
(d) Corporate Law

**Semester II:** (a) Judicial Process  
(b) International Trade Law  
(c) Competition Law  
(d) Optional Paper I

**Semester III:** (a) Law & Social Transformation in India  
(b) Insolvency Law / Law of Industrial Relations  
(c) Law of Taxation / Banking Law  
(d) Optional Paper II

**Semester IV:** **Dissertation**

### 2. International Law Specialization

**Semester I:** (a) Research Methodology and Legal Education  
(b) Jurisprudence  
(c) Fundamentals of International Law  
(d) Law of International Institutions

**Semester II:** (a) Judicial Process  
(b) International Human Rights Law  
(c) International Criminal Law / Conflict of Laws  
(d) Optional Paper I

**Semester III:** (a) Law and Social Transformation in India  
(b) International Space Law / International Aviation Law  
(c) International Environmental Law  
(d) Optional Paper II

**Semester IV:** **Dissertation**