



# GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

## ACADEMIC DIRECTIVE GNLU/AD/24/11

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### Academic & Research Initiatives

To enhance overall standards of education, research, extension and training which will contribute to a holistic personal and professional development of students the Academic Council of GNLU has ratified following initiatives which will come into effect from 01 July 2011.

1. **Continuous and End-Semester Evaluation:**

Revised distribution of continuous and end-Semester Exam from 40:60 to 50:50 and focus on innovative newer and better, critical ideas of continuous evaluation, including online demand evaluation.

2. **Research Aptitude:**

Each student, during his/her 5 year degree course, shall produce 3 research papers of their choice. This will help promote critical thinking, research, discipline and provide excellent drafting training. Head of Exam will be the custodian of the records, while Academic Administrator shall be responsible to monitor and follow-up with concerned faculty members.

3. **Student Exchange among NLUs:**

GNLU will try to work out a *modus operandi* permitting GNLU students to spend at least 1 semester in other NLUs of their choice. This will give students opportunity to learn a new environment, new teaching methods, style, evaluation, etc.

4. **Goodness marks as an eligibility criterion:**

Each student shall be required to obtain 2 or more marks out of 5 in order to be eligible for passing a particular subject/appearing in the end-Semester exam. Basic standards of Goodness towards faculty, staff and other students and discipline will be very helpful in the overall growth of the students.

5. **Continuous Evaluation Passing Marks:**

Each student shall obtain 40% or above passing marks in each of the continuous and end-semester examination for clearing a concerned subject. In other words, students shall secure 2 out of 5 in Goodness & Discipline; 40% in internal and 40% in end-semester exam. If a student does not secure 40% in continuous evaluation, he/she shall not be eligible to appear for the end-semester examination.

6. **Foreign Language:**

To cope up with the challenges of globalization, including possible entry of law firms in India and to promote Indian law firms/practitioners business abroad, each student shall be required to acquire basic knowledge of at least one of the most important foreign languages during the 5 year course. These languages are Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, German, French, Swahili and Spanish.

7. **Book review:**

Each student shall have fully reviewed at least one book of his/her choice and publish the same during his stay at the GNLU. This will help to critically appreciate a particular scholarship/subject, bring out scholarship to the wider audience and help build research relationship between the author/publisher and reviewer student. GNLU will have a *GNLU Annual Book Review Journal* to promote this initiative. The reviews will be subjected to the assessment and be awarded appropriate marks, as may be determined by the faculty members.

8. **Ethics and Values in the Legal and Judicial Profession:**

Each student shall organise 5 meetings/2 for LL.M, focusing on value and ethics of legal and judicial profession during five year stay at the GNLU and shall get a report from the host person as a mandatory requirement for obtaining LL.B/LL.M degree.

9. **Foreign jurisdiction:**

Each student shall choose and write one research paper of his/her choice on any particular legal subject/issue of a foreign jurisdiction to be eligible to obtain an integrated law degree. This research paper shall be submitted and will be evaluated by the concerned faculty prior to the end of 9<sup>th</sup> Semester.

10. **Grassroot Judiciary internship:**

To acquaint future lawyers/judges/legal advisors with the functioning, challenges and role of the grassroot judiciary in the entire set up of the nation building, each student shall undertake a mandatory training of at least 15 days at such judiciary either in Gujarat or any of the Indian states. This will also help the judiciary in their efforts to reduce the backlog of cases.

This academic directive shall come into effect from 1 July 2011 and shall be applicable to students who enrol at the GNLU from July 2011 academic year.

However, initiative number 4 and 5 shall be applicable for currently enrolled students with effect from 1 July 2011. If any currently enrolled student wishes to opt for any of the above initiatives, he/she can do so and apply through the Academic Administrator and the permission shall be granted by the Class Coordinator.



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