



GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC DIRECTIVE GNLU/AD/37/13

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Subject: Guidelines for One Year LL.M Degree Programme

1.0. Purpose

Pursuant to the University Grants Commission D. O. No.5- 1/99(CPP-II) and the approval of the Academic Council, Executive Council and the General Council of the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), GNLU will implement one year LL.M. Degree programme from the next academic session i.e. 2013-2014.

2.0. LLM program Organisational Structure:

The LLM Program shall be conducted and managed by LLM Program Centre – GNLU Post-Graduate Legal Studies Centre (GPGLSC). It shall consist of LLM Program Director, headed by Professor or Associate Professor and minimum additional two Associate Professors and four Assistant Professors. LLM lectures and training will be conducted by internal faculty as well as external practitioners and experts.

3.0. Salient Features of the Programme:

- 3.1. Duration: one academic year, normally July to following June
- 3.2. Program structure: two semesters (monsoon semester from July to November and winter semester from January to May)
- 3.3. Number of lectures: 50 lectures per subject, tutorials and field visit
- 3.4. Submission of LLM Thesis: Latest by close of business of Friday of the first week of June
- 3.5. Training and research requirement:
- 3.6. Each student shall take minimum 05 lectures in a semester or 10 lectures in One year at the undergraduate level in the area of their specialisation or interests in consultation with the LLM Programme Director and concerned faculty members.
- 3.7. Each student shall present a substantive paper in a national or international conference during the enrolment year itself.

3.8. Each student shall publish at least one substantive article in a national or international journal bearing ISSN / ISBN series number during the enrolment year itself. A proof of acceptance of publication during the enrolment year itself will be acceptable in lieu of actual publication.

4.0. Curriculum and Syllabus:

GNLU will offer total 10 papers consisting of 9 theory papers and one thesis. GNLU shall offer the following specializations, depending upon the availability of faculty and other required infrastructure, including training facility, etc. and enrolment of minimum 10 students in any of the following specialisations.

4.1. Specialization - (International Comparative Law)

- 4.1.1. Public International Law
- 4.1.2. Air and Space Law
- 4.1.3. Private International Law/Conflict of Laws
- 4.1.4. International Economic Law
- 4.1.5. Laws of International Organizations
- 4.1.6. International Humanitarian Law

4.2. Specialisation - (Corporate and Business Law)

- 4.2.1. Corporate Law
- 4.2.2. Law of Banking and Insurance on Securities and Financial Markets
- 4.2.3. Securities Law
- 4.2.4. Investment Law
- 4.2.5. Competition Law
- 4.2.6. Advanced Contracts (Evolving Jurisprudence in Contract Law)

4.3. Specialisation (Intellectual Property Laws)

- 4.3.1. Introduction to Advance Laws of IPR and International IP Organizations
- 4.3.2. Laws of Patents
- 4.3.3. Transfer of Technology and IPR Litigation
- 4.3.4. Law of Copyright
- 4.3.5. Law relating to Trademark and Geographical Indication
- 4.3.6. Law of Biotechnology and challenges of traditional knowledge

4.4. Specialisation (Constitutional and Administrative Law)

- 4.4.1. Fundamental Rights and Social Justice
- 4.4.2. Media and Telecommunications Law
- 4.4.3. Constitutional Bodies
- 4.4.4. Centre State Relations and Local Self Government
- 4.4.5. Administrative Law
- 4.4.6. Principles of Transparency and Accountability- Regulatory Framework

4.5. Depending upon the availability of faculty, other required resources and specific interests of minimum 10 students, the Centre may offer a tailor-made specialisation LLM programme.

5.0. Compulsory papers:

Paper 1: Comparative Public Law / Systems of Governance (Semester I)

Paper 2: Research Methods and Legal Writing (Semester I)

Paper 3: Law and Justice in a Globalised World (Semester I or II)

Specialisation: Total specialisation papers – Six consisting of Special Paper 1 and Special Paper 2 in each of the specialisation areas

Paper X: LLM Dissertation in any area of the specialisations

6.0. Examination and promotion:

6.1. Only students having obtained minimum 70% attendance in each subject in a semester shall be eligible to appear in the end-semester examination.

6.2. Minimum marks required to clear a paper – 50%

7.0. Evaluation Scheme:

a) Compulsory Papers (3 papers of Four credits each) – Total 12 Credits

b) Specialization Papers (6 papers of Four credits each) – Total 24 Credits

c) Dissertation (Five credits)

Total41 Credits

8.0. GNLU reserves the right to amend the above guidelines to raise the overall standard of the LLM programme without contravening the UGC guidelines.

9.0 In addition to above the Academic, Examination, Moot, Internship, Hostel and other matters Regulations 2013 shall govern the LLM Programme as appropriate.

Director