

# **GUJARAT NATIONAL** LAW UNIVERSITY PHD PROGRAMME **ADMISSION NOTIFICATION** 2025





## **Notification**

# Admission Notification for Admission to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme in Law and Allied Subjects for the Academic Year 2025

Day & Date: Friday, 29 August 2025 Ref No: GNLU/PHD/2025/01

Gujarat National Law University invites applications in the prescribed form for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme for the academic year 2025 in Law and other Subjects. The University offers the PhD Degree Programme in the following disciplines: (1) Law, (2) Interdisciplinary Research with Law in the disciplines of Management, Social Work, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Physics, Botany, Forensic Science and other allied subjects.

#### 1. Number of Seats

Sr. No.	Subject	#Available Seats	Mode of Enrollment			
1	Law	16	08 - Full Time 08 - Part Time			
Interdisciplinary Research with Law						
2	Management/Allied Subjects*	04	Full Time/Part Time			
3	Social Work/Allied Subjects*	06	Full Time/Part Time			
4	Sociology/Allied Subjects	03	Full Time/Part Time			
5	Political Science	01	Full Time/Part Time			
6	Economics/Allied Subjects*	03	Full Time/Part Time			
7	Physics/Allied Subjects	08	Full Time/Part Time			
8	Botany/Allied Subjects	01	Full Time/Part Time			
9	Forensic Science/Allied Subjects	04	Full Time/Part Time			

<sup>\*</sup>Allied subjects include Commerce/Business Studies/Management/Public Policy and other associated subjects.

**Note:** The suitability of the topic and eligibility of the candidate will be determined by the availability of the Supervisor/research facility/appropriateness of the research proposal to be accepted by the University.

<sup>#</sup>The above numbers of seats are tentative, the seats may increase of decrease, the final numbers of seats will be notified on university website.

#### 2. Minimum Qualifications for Admission

- Law or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- b) A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time. Kindly attach necessary certificates to claim such relaxation.
- c) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- d) The applicants who have cleared the entrance test with 50% score as qualifying marks are required to do a presentation on the preliminary research proposal with a statement of the research problem and a literature survey which demonstrates that the research topic is unexplored and an original scholarly contribution can be made on the same.
- e) A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

#### 3. Reservation Policy

Number of seats are subject to change and may increase or decrease. Reservation norms as applicable will be applied as per the University provisions.

#### 4. Eligibility Conditions for Admission

- a) It is desirable that the applicants, who possess minimum prescribed qualifications for admission to the PhD Programme should have an excellent academic/professional track record in the relevant discipline.
- b) The applicant for part-time PhD should:
  - I. Prove to the satisfaction of DRC that his official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time to research.
  - II. Ensure that facilities for pursuing research are available at his place of work in the chosen field of research, where required.

#### 5. Duration of the PhD Programme

- a) The PhD programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.
- b) Extension beyond the above limits will be governed by the relevant clauses as stipulated in the Statute/Ordinance of the University.
- c) The women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for PhD in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of PhD programme for up to 240 days.

#### 6. Category of Scholars

Scholars can be registered full time or on part-time basis.

- I. A full-time scholar has to attend the University regularly and will be subject to the prescribed attendance rules of the University.
- II. Professionally employed personnel may be allowed to pursue PhD on part-time bases. Such candidates are required to submit a 'No Objection Certificate' from their parent organization/department/employer stating that he/she is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis and that his/her duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research. Part Time Scholars will have to attend the classes for assigned course-work as per the rules of the University/UGC.

#### 7. Course Work

- a) Registered Full-time and Part-time PhD Scholars shall undertake course work of one/two semesters in the University within one year from the date of provisional registration, failing which his/her registration shall be cancelled.
- b) The credit assigned to the PhD course work shall be a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 16 credits.

- c) The course work shall be treated as a prerequisite for PhD.
- d) Additionally, the Scholar Research Advisory Committee (SRAC) may prescribe the course(s) to the research scholar.
- e) A PhD scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the PhD programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

#### 8. Important Dates

Last date for filling out the online application form

Last date of receipt of application forms (in hard copy)

Date of examination (online)

September 29, 2025 (Friday)

September 26, 2025 (Friday)

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The image of the composal presentation (at GNLU Campus)\*:03rd - 04th October 2025

\*Date and time will be communicated to selected candidates

#### 9. Selection Process:

#### For UGC NET/JRF passed candidates (exempted from GPAT 2025):

- I. Registration
- II. Presentation of the proposed research before the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) & interview
- III. Final declaration of provisional selection list for admission to PhD Degree Programme

#### For candidates appearing for GPAT 2025:

- I. Registration
- II. GNLU PhD Admission Test (GPAT-2025)
- III. Declaration of GNLU PhD Admission Test (GPAT-2025) Result
- IV. Presentation of the proposed research before the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC)
- IV. Final declaration of provisional selection list for admission to PhD Programme

### 10. Format of Admission Test & Presentation

Description	Admission Test	Presentation	
Duration	60 Minutes	15 Minutes	
Mode	Multiple Choice Questions Based Online Examination (100 Questions)	PowerPoint Presentation	
Focus Areas	Paper I: Research Methodology & English (50 Questions)  Paper II: Subject Awareness  • Domain Knowledge (50 Questions)	Research Intent:  1. Topic of Research 2. Why research on topic? 3. Proposed Research Objectives 4. Literature Review done (if any) 5. Intended outcome of the research	
Syllabus	UGC NET syllabus for both Paper I: Research Methodology & English (50 Questions) and Paper II: Subject Awareness (50 Questions).		

#### 11. Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2025

Fee Structure for PhD Degree Programme				
Fees	Full Time	Part Time		
Admission Fee	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000		
Non-Refundable Security Deposit/ Alumni Fund	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 15,000		
Total (one time)	Rs. 20,000	Rs. 20,000		
Semester Fee				
Semester Fee	Rs. 30,000	Rs. 30,000		
Semester Fee – NRI & Foreign National	4000 USD	4000 USD		
Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (Per Annum)	Rs. 16,500	NA		
Examination Fee (Per Semester)	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 6,000		
Academic Facility Fee (Library, Computer, Internet, Training, etc.) <b>(Per Annum)</b>	Rs. 12,000	Rs. 12,000		
Hall of Residence, Mess and other related Fees (facility not provided during vacation period, rooms are provided on sharing basis)** If applicable (Per Annum)	Rs. 79,500	NA		

Extra-Curricular, Adventure, Sports and Gymnasium,		
Social and Cultural Activities, Welfare Fee	Rs. 3,000	NA
(Per Annum)	110. 3,000	
Total	Rs. 147,000	Rs. 48,000
Total Fees	Rs. 167,000	Rs. 68,000
Total Fees for Foreign Student	4000 USD + Rs. 1,37,000	4000 USD + Rs. 38,000

# PhD Thesis Evaluation Fees of Rs. 30,000 required to be paid while submitting final thesis.

\*Subject to change as per the decision of the Finance Committee/ Executive Council of the University.

#### 12. Admission Form and Fees Payment

The candidates who are interested in seeking admission to PhD Programme can apply directly by filling out the online admission form and paying the application fee of **INR 4,000**/- (non-refundable) through the following link -

Link for Admission Form: <a href="https://forms.gle/4tXjvibJD33VDDSv8">https://forms.gle/4tXjvibJD33VDDSv8</a>

Link for Payment of Admission Application Fees: https://rzp.io/rzp/pfNx6TT

The hard copy of the filled-in admission form along with all the relevant certificates shall reach the University through the post to the below-mentioned address latest by Monday, 22 September 2025. The cover shall be clearly marked as "Application for Admission to the PhD Programme – Relevant Subject".

**Address:** The Registrar, Gujarat National Law University, Opposite PDEU Metro Station, Koba, Gandhinagar - 382426 (Gujarat), INDIA.

Registrar

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Hall of Residence, Canteen and other related Fees are for 11 months only. Please be aware that hostel rooms will be allotted subject to availability.

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