

**NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY**  
**BANGALORE**

**Regulations relating to LL.D. Degree Programme**

**I. (a) ADMINISTRATION**

The Post graduate Council constituted by the Vice-Chancellor from time to time shall be in charge of the administration of the Ph.D. programme.

**(b) ADVERTISEMENT**

The University will on the advice of the P.G. Council, issue an advertisement every year inviting applications from candidates seeking admission for the Research Degree Programmes. The maximum seats available during a particular year will be determined by the P.G. Council.

**II. ELIGIBILITY**

**Ph.D. in Law** obtained through regular mode from any recognized University India or abroad **with a minimum 10 (ten) years of Teaching experience or exceptional academic achievements in the field of law.**

**Or**

**An inter-disciplinary Ph.D. in any subject** obtained through regular mode from any recognized University in India or abroad **with 10 (ten) years of Teaching experience or exceptional achievement in the concerned field along with at least an LL.B. degree.**

**III. DURATION**

- a) The LL.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of **three years**, including course work and a maximum of **six years**.
- b) *Failure to complete the course within the maximum period of **six** years, will automatically result in cancellation of registration.*

**IV. ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

1) **Application**

- a) Application along with the research proposal of about 10 pages to be submitted within the stipulated time
- b) **The research proposal should contain:**
  - i) Title
  - ii) Statement of the problem and the background information on the subject

- iii) A set of research questions along with Hypothesis & Methodology
  - iv) A Research Design
- c) The research proposal for inter-disciplinary research shall have components which have a bearing on legal aspects.

## **2) Presentation**

- a) The eligible shortlisted candidates shall be required to make an oral presentation before a panel of expert on the dates specified by the University.
- b) The candidate will entitle for admission, only if the candidature is approved by the panel of experts.
- c) In deserving cases, the expert panel may recommend the second opportunity to make the oral presentation within a period of 20 days.
- d) If the expert panel finds the candidate unsuitable even after the second presentation, the said candidate will be considered as having failed in the selection process and the candidate may be informed accordingly.

## **V SELECTION PROCESS**

- (a) The candidate will be selected by the P.G. Council upon consideration of the research proposal and the report submitted by the expert panel on the oral presentation.
- b) The list of selected candidates as above shall be displayed on the NLSIU website.
- c) the candidate secures admission only on payment of requisite fee as notified by the University within the stipulated period, failing which the selection will be cancelled.
- d) A candidate who has failed once may apply afresh during the next academic year, and the same procedure mentioned above shall be followed.
- e) A candidate who has failed in a second attempt shall not be eligible for any further attempts to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme in NLSIU.

## **VI ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SUPERVISORS**

Regular Professors working at NLSIU shall be recognised as 'Supervisors'.

## **VII ALLOCATION OF SUPERVISORS**

The allocation of the Supervisor for a selected candidate shall be decided by the P.G. Council depending on the available specialization among the faculty supervisors, etc.

## **VIII. PROGRESS REPORT SUBMISSION & PRESENTATION**

There will be two progress reports before a draft thesis is submitted. If a particular progress report is not satisfactory the candidate may be asked to resubmit the same. All such presentations shall be ordinarily made before a committee consisting of the Supervisor and two experts identified by the P.G. Council. All progress reports shall be submitted to the examination department, which will transmit the report to the supervisor and fix a date for oral presentation.

### **First Progress report:**

- (a) The first progress report shall be submitted to the examination department in writing within six months from the date of registration. The candidate may prepare the progress report in consultation with the supervisor before doing so.
- (b) The first oral presentation shall be made within one month of the date of written submission. It would require the scholar to detail out the problem identified for research, indicate the research outline, identify and firm up research questions and hypothesis, if any, proposed methodological approach and survey of literature.
- (c) If the scholar's work report and oral presentation are not satisfactory, a second chance may be provided for improvement within a further period of three months from the date of the first oral presentation. The scholar may consult his/her supervisor and take guidance before submitting the improved written report to the examination department.
- (d) The examination department shall transmit the reworked progress report with the supervisor and fix a date for oral presentation.
- (e) Only a scholar who has satisfactorily completed the First Presentation will be permitted to submit the second progress report and the presentation thereof.

***After the first presentation, based on the suggestions made by the experts, the scholar may modify the title, if needed, without changing the subject.***

## **Second Progress report:**

(a) On completion of six months after the first presentation, the scholar is required to submit a report of the research work to the examination department. This second progress report would explain and analyse the progress made by the scholar. The same will be sent to the supervisor and the scholar will interact with the supervisor to review progress and receive suggestions.

(b) The second oral presentation shall be within one month from the date on which the second written submission is made to the examination department. The suggestions/ comments made by the experts will be furnished to the scholar by the supervisor.

(c) The same procedure as laid down for the first progress report and presentation is applicable to second progress report and presentation also.

The first two presentations are meant to evaluate the progress made by the scholar and to give suggestions for further improvement of research work. The examination department will fix the date in such manner that the written report of progress is available to the supervisor and the invited expert at least 7 days before the date of presentation.

If either of the first two presentations is not satisfactory the scholar may be given a repeat chance for such presentation within three months of the said unsatisfactory presentation.

The candidate may then submit his/her final draft thesis to the supervisor who will subject the said draft to an appropriate plagiarism test. If the extent of 'plagiarism' is less than 20% and if the said lacuna can be corrected by duly acknowledging the source of textual material used through appropriate footnoting, the correction will be allowed before the supervisor approves the final draft.

If however the said plagiarism is more than the 20% limit mentioned above the supervisor may reject the final draft thesis and decline the third and final presentation. The same shall be reported to the P.G Council for its appropriate decision, which may include de-registration of the candidate.

If the supervisor finds that the candidate has cleared the plagiarism test and also finds the candidate has made satisfactory progress otherwise he/she may recommend that the candidate is fit to move into the third and final presentation.

### **Third and final presentation.**

(a) The final draft shall be submitted to the examination department within three months from the date of completion of three years. In case of necessity, based upon the valid ground, the extension of not exceeding three years may be granted. The total period shall not exceed six years.

The scholar shall submit a soft copy as well as four hard copies to the Examination Department. The Examination department will subject the full text to a plagiarism test and send the report to the Supervisor and the scholar concerned about the same.

(b) If the plagiarism test reveals a level of plagiarism higher than 20%, the Supervisor may reject the draft thesis and make a report of the same to the P.G. Council and recommend cancellation of registration. The P.G. Council will take an appropriate decision after due hearing. A scholar so disqualified shall never be re-admitted to the LL.D. programme of the NLSIU.

(c) If the plagiarism test reveals a level which is below 20% the supervisor will help the scholar to revisit the draft thesis, make necessary corrections after which the supervisor may re-examine the final draft and if the same is found to be in a suitable condition to be evaluated, he may endorse the draft and the scholar will be asked to furnish five copies of the draft thesis to the examination department.

(d) If the minimum standards are not complied with the supervisor may give another three months for adequate compliance of all requirements, unless the candidate is already disqualified for plagiarism as above.

(e) Once the final draft is approved for due processing and endorsed by the supervisor the final presentation shall take place within two months from the date on which the said five copies are submitted to the examination department. There shall be at least three external experts on the panel to evaluate the final presentation of the draft thesis. The experts will be furnished with a copy of the draft thesis at least fifteen days before the date of final presentation. Comments and suggestions may be made by the experts at the time of oral presentation.

(f) After incorporating the recommendations made by the external experts, the final thesis may be submitted with due certification by the Supervisor within a period of three months from the date of completion of three years in the format prescribed by the University along with the payment of prescribed fee applicable at the time of submission, failing which they may have to take fresh admission.

**IX.** The LL.D. Scholars must publish at least one research paper in refereed journal and make two paper presentations in Conferences / Seminars before the submission of the thesis and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and / or reprints.

## **X EVALUATION**

- a) The candidates are required to submit the thesis both in soft copy and 5 (five) hard copies after paying the requisite fee.
- b) The thesis shall be in English and it shall be the result of candidate's own work keeping in mind the standard of literary presentation.
- c) The thesis should not include any other work done by the candidate for any other degree successfully completed at the present University or elsewhere.
- d) The candidate should obtain a certificate from the Supervisor and the thesis should contain the same.
- e) The thesis submitted by the candidate will be sent to **three external examiners** selected by the Vice-Chancellor, from out of a panel of external examiners submitted by the P.G. Council.
- f) The examiners shall send detailed evaluation reports which shall include:
  - i) A detailed report in the proforma sent by the University;
  - ii) A definite recommendation as to whether the thesis be accepted in the present form or with minor revision or major revision or to be rejected.
- g) If the three examiners recommend unanimously the award of the LL.D. Degree, the award of the Degree is recommended to the Academic council.
- h) In case of one of the external examiners not recommending the award of the Degree, the candidate shall be provided through the Supervisor copy of the suggestions / comments made by the examiners. The candidate is required to resubmit the thesis after incorporating the suggestions / comments and submit the modified thesis within **three months** along with the prescribed fee. Only one such resubmission shall be permitted.
- i) The public viva-voce of the research scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation report of the external examiners are satisfactory and include a specific recommendation for conducting the viva-voce examination.

- j) The entire process of evaluation of LL.D. thesis shall be within a period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis.
- k) **Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Degree, an electronic copy of the thesis shall be submitted to the INFLIBNET for hosting the same.**

**X AWARD OF DEGREE**

The Degree shall be awarded after completion of all the above process at the time of Annual Convocation. However, the candidate is entitled to take a Provisional Certificate after the results are declared.

**XI GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF THESIS**

- a) The length of the thesis should not be less than 300 printed pages (not including foot notes);
- b) The thesis to be printed on single side;
- c) The thesis should be written in English;
- d) The font shall be `Arial' (12 font size to the body of the text and 10 font to be used for tables, figure, appendices, etc.);
- e) To begin each chapter on a new page;
- f) A margin of at least 4 cm to the left, top, bottom and right side may be stick to 2.5 cm;
- g) The thesis should be free from grammatical and punctuation errors;
- h) Certificate, Declaration, etc. – Formats duly filled in have to be enclosed

**FEE STRUCTURE**

Rs. 30,000/-	Registration Fee (at the time of admission)
Rs. 25,000	Annual Fee (Every year within one month from the date of registration, failing which they will have to pay the fine prescribed by the University)
Rs. 50,000/-	Fee for Final Presentation
Rs. 20,000/-	Examination Fee (at the time of submission of Thesis)
Rs. 20,000/-	Re-submission of thesis

**Foreign Nationals**

Rs. 65,000/-	Registration Fee (at the time of admission)
Rs. 65,000/-	Course Work Fee (at the time of admission)
Rs. 57,000/-	Annual Fee (Every year within one month from the date of registration, failing which they will have to pay the fine prescribed by the University)
Rs. 1,12,500/-	Fee for Final Presentation
Rs. 45,000/-	Examination Fee (at the time of submission of Thesis)
Rs. 45,000/-	Re-submission of thesis

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