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NOTIFICATION

ADMISSIONS TO NLSIU'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES UNDER THE "INTERNATIONAL STUDENT" CATEGORY

NLSIU announces admission to the BA (Hons.), 5-Year BA LLB (Hons), 3-Year LLB (Hons), LLM, MPP, and PhD programmes for students applying, and eligible under the "international student" category for the Academic Year 2026-27. The Academic Year will commence on July 1, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

In addition to the eligibility criteria specified for each of the individual degree programmes listed below, a candidate applying under the "international student" category should be a citizen of a country other than India.

BA (Hons):

Any person who has secured the higher secondary qualification [10+2 or an equivalent examination or programme] from any recognized board or school of education is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants in the general category should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 55% of total marks. Applicants in the SC/ST category should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 45% of total marks.

Students in the final year of their higher-secondary education are also eligible to apply for the programme. However, their provisional offer of admission shall be contingent upon the successful completion of their higher-secondary education with the minimum aggregate marks specified above. Selected applicants shall receive a provisional admission offer and be required to produce the mark-sheet/transcript showing that they have completed their higher-secondary education, failing which they shall lose their right to be considered for admission. Proof of completion of the qualifying degree has to be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.

5-Year BA LLB (Hons):

Any person who has passed the higher-secondary examination [10+2 or an equivalent examination] from a recognised board/school of education is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants must secure a minimum of forty-five percent (45%) marks or its equivalent grade in a higher-secondary examination or assessment process.

Students in the final year of their higher-secondary education are also eligible to apply for the programme. However, their provisional offer of admission shall be contingent upon the successful completion of their higher-secondary education with the minimum aggregate marks specified above.

Selected applicants shall receive a provisional admission offer and be required to produce the mark-sheet/transcript showing that they have completed their higher-secondary education, failing which they shall lose their right to be considered for admission. Proof of completion of the qualifying examination has to be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.

3-Year LLB (Hons):

Any person holding a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognised University is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 45% of total marks or equivalent grade. Students in the final year of their Bachelor's degree are also eligible to apply. However, their provisional offer of admission shall be contingent upon the successful completion of their Bachelor's degree with the minimum aggregate marks/grade specified above. Proof of completion of the qualifying degree has to be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.

1-Year

LLM:

Any person holding an Undergraduate law degree (LLB or equivalent) from a recognized University is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 45% of total marks or equivalent grade. Students in the final year of their undergraduate law degree (LLB or equivalent) are also eligible to apply. However, their provisional offer of admission shall be contingent upon the successful completion of their undergraduate law degree with the minimum aggregate marks specified above. Proof of completion of the qualifying degree has to be submitted no later than December 31, 2025.

2-Year Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP):

Any person holding a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized University is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 45% of total marks or equivalent grade. Students in the final year of their Bachelor's degree are also eligible to apply. However, their provisional offer of admission shall be contingent upon the

successful completion of their Bachelor's degree with the minimum aggregate marks specified above. Proof of completion of the qualifying degree has to be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.

PhD (Law) and PhD (Social Sciences, Humanities and Public Policy):

Any person holding a Master's/ post-graduate degree in law, social sciences or the humanities, from a recognized University is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 55% of total marks or equivalent grade.

Students in the final year of their Master's/ post-graduate degree are also eligible to apply. However, their provisional final offer of admission shall be contingent upon the successful completion of their Master's degree with the minimum aggregate marks specified above. Proof of completion of the qualifying degree has to be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.

ADMISSION PROCESS

The University shall admit candidates who meet the eligibility and admission criteria set out below, as per the merit list, up to:

- 6 candidates for B.A. (Hons programme)
- 15 candidates for the BA LLB (Hons) programme,
- 6 candidates for the LLB (Hons) programme,
- 6 candidates for the LLM programme
- 6 candidates for the MPP programme,
- 1 candidate for PhD (Law) programme, and
- 1 candidate for PhD (Social Sciences, Humanities and Public Policy) programme.

All candidates seeking admission to each of the above-mentioned programmes shall appear for the **NLSAT-International** entrance examination for the programme that they are seeking admission to.

Admission Test for BA (Hons), BA LLB (Hons), LLB (Hons), LLM, and MPP Programmes

Admissions tests for each of the above-mentioned programmes shall consist of a single question paper comprising two parts – Parts A and B. All candidates shall be required to attempt both parts of the question paper. The examination shall be for a duration of 150 minutes.

All candidates must appear for the NLSAT-International **online** entrance examination on April 26, 2026.

Part A:

Part A of the NLSAT-International paper will consist of Multiple-Choice Questions, and shall be for a maximum of 75 marks. 0.25 marks shall be deducted for each wrong answer, and for each unanswered question.

Part A will constitute the first stage of the admissions process. A rank list of candidates will be prepared based on their performance in Part A of the admissions test. To be eligible for evaluation of Part B of the paper, a candidate should have secured more than zero marks in Part A of the paper.

From amongst these eligible candidates, Part B of the answer scripts will be evaluated in a ratio of 1:5 based on performance in Part A. That is, five candidates per seat available will qualify for evaluation of Part B of the examination.

Part B:

Part B shall consist of subjective questions, which shall be for a maximum of 75 marks.

Interview:

A fresh rank list shall be prepared based on the cumulative performance in Parts A and B. To be eligible for the interview, a candidate should have secured more than zero marks in Part B of the paper. Based on this rank list, candidates shall be invited for the interview in a ratio of 1: 3. That is, three candidates per seat available will qualify for evaluation of Part B of the examination. The interview will be for a maximum of 30 marks.

The final rank list shall be prepared by consolidating the marks scored in Part A, Part B and the interview. To be offered admission, candidates must secure a cumulative score (sum of Part A, Part B and the interview) of 70% or more.

NLSAT-International (PhD) Examination:

Candidates shall submit the duly filled application form along with a research proposal of about

6-8 pages. The application form shall be available on the University website.

The research proposal **must**:

- i. Contain a tentative title,
- ii. Identify a research problem and discrete research questions,
- iii. Demonstrate background research and a thorough awareness and understanding of the relevant literature on the research problem,
- iv. Identify the methodological approach to respond adequately to these research questions.

Candidates who demonstrate a firm grasp of the foundational themes and methodological questions of the relevant discipline will be awarded higher marks. The research proposal must be prepared by the candidate without any external assistance or AI tools.

The admission test for the PhD programmes shall have only one part, which shall test the students on Research Aptitude and subject-matter expertise.

Candidates who secure more than 50% marks in the written test will qualify for evaluation of their Research Proposal. They will be invited to an interview, where they will make an oral presentation before the PhD Admissions Review Panel constituted for this purpose. The final offers of admission shall be based on the assessment of the research proposal, interview and oral presentation by the PhD Admissions Review Panel.

To be offered admission, a candidate should have secured more than zero marks in the test and the research proposal.

IMPORTANT DATES

- The NLSAT-International will be held in online format on **April 26, 2026** and will be accessible across the world.
- Application forms for the programmes shall be available on the NLSIU website from **December 8, 2025**.

- Application fees of **Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only)** shall be payable at the time of submission of the application.
- The last date for submission of the application form is **March 23, 2026**.
- The final admissions list will be published by the third week of May 2026.
- The Academic Year will commence on July 1, 2026.

Further guidance on the respective admissions tests will be available on the NLSIU website (nls.ac.in) from time to time.

Fees and programme details are available on the University's website.

Further details of the examination shall be communicated to enrolled students after completion of the registration process.

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