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NOTIFICATION

ADMISSION TO THE NLSIU BA (Hons.) PROGRAMME

NLSIU announces admission to its 3-year BA (Hons.) programme with the option of an additional 4th year in the research track. The academic year for the programme will commence on July 1, 2026.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

NLSIU has pioneered and developed an integrated 5-year BA LLB (Hons.) degree that transformed Indian legal education. Several NLSIU graduates have pursued further degrees in humanities, social sciences, and business and then embarked on very successful careers in these fields.

As NLSIU develops into a multi-disciplinary university, in line with national and state education policies, the NLS BA (Hons.) programme has evolved organically from 35 years of experience in offering the integrated 5-year BA LLB (Hons.) programme.

The design and structure of the BA (Hons.) programme received formal approval from the University's governing bodies in 2024. The Programme welcomed the first cohort in July 2025.

The NLS BA is uniquely designed to include :

- I. A Common Core series of foundational courses jointly offered to all first year undergraduate students across the BA and BA LLB programmes;
- II. Option of selecting a major-minor track *or* a double major track in the disciplines of History, Sociology & Anthropology, Politics, Economics;
- III. Learning a selection of Indian languages;
- IV. Practice courses in areas such as AI & Machine Learning, Film-making, Business Consulting, User Experience Research, Digital Journalism, Creative Writing, Entrepreneurship, Policy Advocacy and Analysis.

ELIGIBILITY

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.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The maximum intake for the NLS BA (Hons) Programme for the Academic Year 2026-27 is 60 and ONLY students qualifying as per the criteria set out below will be admitted. Admission to the programme will be through an all-India written admissions test: NLSAT-BA.

NLSAT-BA

All candidates seeking admission to the programme shall appear for the NLSAT-BA. The NLSAT-BA will have 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.

Part A:

Part A of the NLSAT-BA paper will consist of Multiple-Choice Questions and shall be for a maximum of 75 marks. Each question will be of one mark. 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 NLSAT-BA. To be eligible for evaluation of Part B of the NLSAT-BA 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 NLSAT-BA 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 on the basis of their performance in Part A 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.

A fresh and final rank list shall be prepared on the basis of cumulative performance in Parts A and B of the NLSAT-BA. Offers of admission shall be made according to this final rank list, subject to the candidate satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) The candidate should have secured more than zero marks in both Parts A and B of the NLSAT-BA.
- (b) The candidate's cumulative score (sum of Part A and Part B) should be above the 75th percentile of the eligible candidates if they have applied under the General and EWS categories. Their score should be above the 40th percentile of the eligible candidates if they have applied under the SC/ST/OBC-NCL or PWD categories.

Admission offers will be made to the top 15 candidates on the merit list for each of the majors, prepared on the basis of cumulative performance in Parts A and B of the NLSAT-BA.

The final admission offers will be communicated on the admission portal by the end of May 2026.

Note: The applicable reservations policy shall be applied at each stage of the admissions process.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application forms for the NLS BA (Hons) programme will be available on the NLSIU website from November 15, 2025. Application fees of Rs. 2500 (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred only) shall be payable at the time of submission of the application. Candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PWD/EWS category shall be required to pay Rs. 2000 (Rupees Two Thousand only). Applications shall be accepted till 11:59 pm on **March 23, 2026**.

The NLSAT-BA will be held on **April 26, 2026, between 10.00 am to 12.30 pm** in specified centres across the country. The final admissions list will be published by the end of May 2026. Classes will commence from July 1, 2026.

INTAKE AND RESERVATION

Seats shall be reserved as follows:

Category	Percentage of Seats Reserved
Scheduled Castes	15%
Scheduled Tribes	7.5%
OBCs	27%
EWS	10%

5% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally for Persons with Disabilities (PWD); 30% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally for women, and 25% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally (compartmentalised) for Karnataka Students.

Karnataka Students Category.

1. Candidates who have studied for not less than 7 years in a recognized educational institution in Karnataka shall be considered as 'Karnataka Students.'

2. Candidates who have not completed seven years of study in Karnataka shall be eligible to apply under the Karnataka Students category if they fall under any of the below categories:

- a) Children of defence personnel/ex-servicemen, who at the time of joining service, have declared their hometown to be in the State of Karnataka, and who have served or are serving outside Karnataka, corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.
- b) Children of employees of the Karnataka State Government who have served or are serving outside Karnataka, corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.
- c) Children of serving or retired employees belonging to the Karnataka cadre of the All India Services (IAS/IFS/IPS), who have served or are serving outside Karnataka, corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.
- d) Children of working or retired employees in the Central Armed Police Force service, who upon joining service declared their hometown to be in the State of Karnataka, and who have served or are serving outside Karnataka, corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.

Illustration: If the candidate has studied in Karnataka for three (3) years, they must prove that their parents were serving outside Karnataka for at least four (4) years, corresponding to their own period of study outside Karnataka.

If the candidate has not studied in Karnataka continuously for at least one (1) year, they must prove that their parents were serving outside Karnataka for at least seven (7) years corresponding to their own period of study outside Karnataka.

3. Eligible candidates must keep their Study Certificates issued by their educational institutions and other relevant documents ready to be submitted at the time of admission.

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