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NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS, 2022

CHAPTER I: GENERAL

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1. Short title and commencement

(a) These Regulations shall be called the NLSIU Academic and Examination Regulations ("**Regulations**") and shall apply to the B.A., LLB (Hons), LL.B (Hons), LL.M. and Masters Programme in Public Policy programmes conducted by the National Law School of India University ("**University**").

(b) These Regulations shall supersede all the earlier Academic and Examination Regulations, rules and policies of the University, along with the amendments thereto. Any amendments to these Regulations that may be made from time to time shall be binding.

(c) These Regulations shall come into force from the II trimester of the Academic Year 2022-23 for the B.A., LLB (Hons), LL.M. and Masters Programme in Public Policy, provided that any appointments under these Regulations may be made at any time after the notification. These Regulations shall come into force from the I trimester of the Academic Year 2022-23 for the LL.B (Hons) programme.

(d) It is further clarified that the Regulations shall be implemented for students admitted in previous years, in such a manner, so as to prevent any undue disadvantage.

(e) Any word or phrase, unless specifically defined in the Regulations, shall carry its ordinary meaning.

(f) Removal of difficulties: If any unforeseen difficulty arises in the implementation of these regulations, the same may be resolved using the discretionary power of the Vice Chancellor in accordance with Clause 18(5) of the Schedule to the National Law School of India Act, 1986.

1.2. Definitions

Any word or phrase, unless specifically defined in the Regulations, shall carry its ordinary meaning. In these Regulations, unless context otherwise requires:

(a) *"Academic Administration Department"* shall be the staff members that support the Programme Chairs in the implementation of these Regulations;

(b) *"Academic Council"* shall mean the Academic Council constituted pursuant to Section 11 of

the National Law School of India Act, 1986;

(c) *"Carried forward course"* shall mean a course in which a student secures an "F" grade or an attendance shortage, which the student must re-enrol for in the subsequent academic year/s.

(d) *"Class Representative"* means the student elected from each year to represent their class.

(e) *"DARIC"* means the University's Disciplinary matters Advisory Review and Investigation Committee constituted under the NLSIU Principles of Conduct, 2002;

(f) *"Immediate family"* means Persons related to a student in terms of being a sibling, spouse, child, parent, in-laws, or grandparent;

(g) *"Project assignments"* means independent research papers or other writing assignments, not completed in a controlled setting, and submitted as part of course evaluation.

(h) *"Re-admission"* means the enrolment in courses in which the student has secured an "F" grade or has an attendance shortage, in respect of students who are not promoted under these Regulations from the previous academic year;

(i) *"Re-registration"* means the enrolment in courses in which a student has secured an "F" grade or has an attendance shortage, which have been carried forward from the previous academic year under these Regulations;

(j) *"Trimester"* means the academic term period of 12 weeks. There shall ordinarily be 3 trimesters in a single Academic Year;

(k) *"Viva voce"* means the oral evaluation of the student. For the purposes of these Regulations, use of the term viva voce shall also mean to include "project presentations".

2. AUTHORITIES UNDER THESE REGULATIONS

2.1. Programme Chairs

(a) The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint the following Chairs and Vice-Chairs for each programme under these Regulations and in the manner prescribed:

i. One or more B.A. LL.B. (Hons) Chair and Vice-Chairs, in-charge of the B.A., LLB (Hons) Programme;

ii. One or more LL.M. Chair and Vice-Chairs, in-charge of the LL.M programme;

iii. One or more LLB (Hons) Chair and Vice-Chairs in-charge of the LL.B (Hons) Programme;

iv. One or more MPP Chair and Vice-Chairs in-charge of the Master's Programme in Public Policy.

The term "Programme Chair(s)" may refer to each of the above officers, including the Programme Vice-Chairs, or any of them collectively, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Each Programme Chair and Programme Vice-Chair shall be from the faculty teaching the programme, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

(c) The term of the Programme Chairs and Programme Vice-Chairs shall ordinarily be two years.

(d) The Programme Chairs and Programme Vice-Chairs shall be collectively responsible for the administration and implementation of these Regulations every year. They shall endeavour to take decisions after appropriate consultation wherever necessary.

(e) The Vice-Chairs shall discharge their responsibilities under the supervision and direction of the Programme Chair.

2.2. Functions of the Programme Chairs and Vice Chairs

The Chairs and Vice Chairs shall:

(a) oversee and guide the delivery of their relevant programme in accordance with these Regulations.

(b) act upon complaints and grievances referred to it under the Regulations.

(c) refer all disputes arising out of the Regulations to the Academic Review Committee for resolution.

2.3. Academic Review Committee

(a) The Academic Review Committee ("**ARC**") shall comprise the Programme Chairs appointed under these Regulations.

(b) The ARC shall be chaired by the Dean (Academics), who shall be nominated from among the members of the ARC by the Vice-Chancellor on a rotational basis.

(c) The term of the Dean (Academics) shall ordinarily be two years.

(d) The ARC shall meet at least once every month to redress grievances on the implementation of these regulations; review and recommend academic policies of the University; supervise and design the delivery of the academic programmes.

2.4. Academic Administration Department

The Academic Administration Department (hereinafter "AAD") shall consist of the staff members that support the Programme Chairs in the implementation of these Regulations. They shall be responsible for all notifications and communication to the student body in connection with the Regulations. Provided that any other relevant authority may also share communications with the Student Body with the permission of the AAD.

3. GRADE POINTS AND CGPA

3.1. Grade point scale

Students will be evaluated through letter grades on a seven-point scale with the corresponding grade values given below:

Grade	Grade Description	Grade point	Percentage (of marks)
O	Meets the highest standards for the assignment or course	7	70% and above
A+	Meets very high standards for the assignment or course	6	65% to 69.99%
A	Meets high standards for the assignment or course	5	60% to 64.99%
B+	Meets most of standards for the assignment or course	4	55% to 59.99%
B	Meets basic standard for the assignment or course	3	50% to 54.99%
C+	While acceptable, falls short of meeting basic standards in several ways	2	45% to 49.99%
C	Lowest passing grade	1	40% to 44.99%
F	Failing, very poor performance	0	Below 40%

Provided, in the case of the LL.M. Programme, the Grade Point Scale is as follows:

Grade	Grade Description	Grade point	Percentage (of marks)
O	Meets the highest standards for the assignment or course	7	70% and above
A+	Meets very high standards for the assignment or course	6	65% to 69.99%
A	Meets high standards for the assignment or course	5	60% to 64.99%
B+	Meets most of standards for the assignment or course	4	55% to 59.99%
B	Meets basic standard for the assignment or course	3	50% to 54.99%
F	Failing, very poor performance	0	Below 50%

3.2. Cumulative Grade Point Average

(a) The Cumulative Grade Point Average ("CGPA") indicates the overall academic performance of a student in all Courses registered up to and including the latest completed Academic Term/trimester.

(b) The CGPA should be calculated as the sum of Grade Points earned for each course (Grade Value x Course Credits) divided by the Total number of course credits attempted.

Illustration:

S. No.	Course	Course Credits	Grade	Grade value	Grade Points / Course (No. of credits * Grade value)
1.	Introduction to Public Policy	2	A	5	10
2.	Principles of Economics	2	B+	4	8
3.	Politics and Society in India	2	B	3	6
4.	Introduction to Data Systems	4	A+	6	24
5.	Transformative Constitutionalism	3	B	3	9
6.	Reading Judgements and Statutes	2	O	7	14
	Total	**15**			**71**
	CGPA = 71/15 = 4.73/ 7.00				

3.3 Mandatory Non-Grade Point Courses: The approved curriculum of the University may have some courses designated as non-grade point courses. It shall be mandatory for the students to successfully complete such courses.

Students will be evaluated through the following letter grades and these grades will be reflected in the transcript

Grade	Grade Description
H (Honours)	Meets the highest standards for the assignment or course
P (Pass)	Meets basic standard for the assignment or course

LP (Low-Pass)	While acceptable, falls short of meeting basic standards in several ways
F (Fail)	Failing, very poor performance

However, the grades in such courses shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Cumulative Grade Point Average under Regulation 3.2.

Students who obtain an F Grade in any such course will be required to carry forward the course and redo all the components and meet all other academic requirements of the course in the next academic year.

4. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.1. All students must attend a minimum of 75% of classes, lectures, tutorials, clinic, field work or such other academic or curricular session held in every course, including elective courses, conducted during the trimester, as specified by the Academic Administration Department.

4.2. **Unauthorised exit from the class**

(a) If a student leaves a class without permission, after having obtained attendance for that hour, the teacher concerned shall intimate the Academic Administration Department, who shall deduct 3 hours of attendance from the overall classes attended by the student at the end of the trimester. The teacher shall inform the student about the loss of attendance.

(b) Repeated violations shall result in disciplinary action by the University.

4.3. Failure to meet the attendance requirement in *any one course* shall lead to re-registration in the said course in the next Academic year. The student will have to compulsorily make up the shortfall of attendance and write the exam, or fulfil the evaluation components as required. The student may carry forward the marks for internal assessment, where applicable.

Provided, submitting a new Project and viva is optional if the student secured more than 50% in the previously submitted project and viva. If the student chooses to redo the project and viva, the marks attained in the fresh attempt would be considered for all purposes.

Provided further, if the said course is an elective Course which is not offered again, the student will have to compulsorily re-register for an alternate elective course, fulfil the attendance requirement and all evaluation components in the next academic year.

4.4. Failure to meet the attendance requirements in more than one course, including an elective course, in the academic year, including carried forward courses from the previous year, shall lead to compulsory re-admission to the same class in the next academic year. In case of re-admission, the student shall fulfil all attendance and evaluation requirements *de novo*.

Provided further, where any of the said courses is an elective Course, the student shall have to re-register either for the same course or an alternate elective course, fulfil the attendance requirement and all evaluation components in the next academic year.

Illustration 1: If a student has less than 75% attendance in two courses in the 2nd year, the student shall be compulsorily re-admitted to the 2nd year and shall not be promoted to the 3rd year.

Illustration 2: If a student has less than 75% attendance in one course carried forward from 1st year and in one course of the 2nd year, the student shall be compulsorily re-admitted to the 2nd year and shall not be promoted to the 3rd year.

4.5. Condonation of attendance shortage

Students may apply for condonation of attendance shortage on (i) medical grounds or (ii) bereavement or serious illness in the immediate family:

(a) Condonation of attendance shortage shall only be considered when a student has attended at least 66% of the classes held in that trimester.

(b) Students seeking condonation shall submit an online application within 6 days of resuming classes.

(c) In case of medical grounds, the application shall be supported by a Doctor's Certificate, diagnostic reports, medical prescriptions and Hospital Discharge Summary (if applicable). The University shall verify that a student was incapacitated, such that they could not attend classes on the basis of their application.

(d) In case of bereavement or serious illness in the immediate family, the application shall be supported by proof of relationship and the relevant circumstances, which the University shall verify.

4.6. **Attendance status** – The attendance status of every student shall be reflected on the University's online portal, and students shall keep track of the same.

5. PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS

This Regulation shall apply to all courses where a term paper is a mandatory component of evaluation.

5.1. Project topics

Project topics for the trimester shall be notified by the AAD within the first week of the commencement of the trimester. No change of topic shall be permitted by the course teacher after one week of the notification of the project topics, and any change in the topic must be in writing

with the permission of the course teacher. However, this rule will not apply if students are required to choose their own topics.

5.2. **Project Submission**

(a) The deadline for submission of projects shall be notified by the AAD to all students shall be announced at the commencement of the trimester [hereinafter "notified date of submission"].

(b) The students shall submit their projects in soft copy on the online portal no later than 11:59 pm on the notified date of submission, unless another time is specifically notified for the said submission.

5.3. **Penalty for late submission of Project Assignments**:

(a) If a student does not submit the project before 11.59 pm on the notified date of submission, half a mark (0.5) shall be deducted from the total marks scored by the student in the concerned course for each day of late submission up to the sixth day, including holidays.

(b) Projects delayed by more than 6 days shall not be accepted by the AAD.

Illustration – If the submission date was 1st of the month, no submissions will be accepted from 12:00 am on 8th of the month onwards.

(c) Notwithstanding Regulations 5.3 (a) and 5.3 (b), the Programme Chairs may, in consultation with the faculty, notify a shorter window for late submission of an assignment and consequent penalties, depending on the nature of the assignment. In such cases, assignments submitted beyond such window shall not be accepted by the AAD.

5.4. **Project Extensions**

(a) Notwithstanding Reg.5.3. above, the respective Programme Chair may grant a Project extension for a maximum period of **six (6)** days from the notified date of submission in the following circumstances:

(i) The student has submitted an application on medical grounds or bereavement or serious illness in the immediate family:

- In case of medical grounds, the application shall be supported by a Doctor's Certificate, diagnostic reports, medical prescriptions and Hospital Discharge Summary (if applicable). The University shall verify that a student was incapacitated, such that they could not submit their project on the basis of their application.
- In case of bereavement or serious illness in the immediate family, the application shall be supported by proof of relationship and the relevant circumstances, which the University shall verify.

(ii) The student is differently abled.

(b) The deduction of marks shall be calculated from the extended date of submission until six days from the original date and no projects shall be accepted after 6 days from the original notified date of submission.

Illustration 1: If the original project submission date is 1st of the month and the extended date is 4th of the month, (3 days extension out of maximum possible 6 days), a student submitting the project on 5th of the month will lose ½ a mark and not 1½ marks.

Illustration 2: Where the original project submission date is 1st of the month and the extended date is 4th of the month, no submissions shall be accepted from 12:00am on the 8th of the month onwards.

(c) In circumstances falling within Reg. 5.3 (c), the above rules in Reg. 5.4 (a) and (b) will apply mutatis mutandis to the window for delayed submissions.

Illustration: The Programme Chair notifies that the window for extended submissions of an assignment is 4 days, and a student will incur a 1-mark penalty for each day of delay. In such a case, the window for extensions on grounds mentioned in Reg. 5.4 (a) is also a maximum of 4 days. If the student has an extension for 2 days and submits the assignment on the 4th day, they will incur a penalty of 2 marks. No submissions shall be accepted beyond this window.

5.5. **Non-submission of Project Assignments**

The failure to submit a project in a course that includes a mandatory project component will result in an automatic zero marks in that component. Students who do not submit their projects will not be allowed to participate in the viva-voce or presentation (if any) linked with that project.

5.6. **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism i.e. passing off someone else's work as one's own, by copying words, phrases and ideas without proper citation, is strictly prohibited by the University. Notwithstanding anything in the NLSIU Principles of Conduct, 2002, in case of a suspected case of plagiarism, the following process shall be followed:

(a) Course teachers who suspect plagiarism shall report the project and the author to the AAD, who shall refer the complaint to the relevant Programme Chair. The Course teacher shall indicate as to why they suspect that the project is plagiarized.

(b) On receiving such written intimation, the Programme Chair shall seek a written explanation from the student as to why action should not be taken against them on grounds of plagiarism

("**Show-Cause notice**"). The similarity report (if any) and the course teacher's remarks shall be provided to the student.

(c) After receiving the written explanation (if any) from the student, the Programme Chair shall determine whether the project submitted by the student amounts to plagiarism.

(d) A student found to have engaged in plagiarism by the Programme Chair shall be given zero marks for the plagiarized project and viva, and will not be permitted to write the mid-term (if any), final or repeat exam held in that course. The student will have to compulsorily re-register for the course in the next academic year. A second violation will lead to suspension for a trimester.

(e) In the event the student found to have engaged in plagiarism has already written the final or repeat exam for the concerned course prior to the decision of the Programme Chair, the marks for the same shall stand cancelled.

(f) A student aggrieved by the decision of the Programme Chair may request a review of the decision by the ARC. The ARC's decision shall be final.

5.7. Multiple Submissions

The procedure prescribed in Reg.5.6. above shall be followed in all cases where a student is suspected to have submitted the same paper, or substantially the same paper, in more than one course.

5.7A Use of generative AI in contravention of instructions by Faculty

Use of generative AI in any written submission as part of internal component of evaluation in any course, in contravention of instructions issued by the Faculty, shall constitute an academic misconduct and the procedure and the penalty prescribed in Reg.5.6. above shall be followed in any case where a Faculty reports a complaint of use of generative AI in contravention of instructions.

5.8. Viva Voce and Project Presentations

(a) Viva voce/presentations shall be scheduled after class hours. They may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Course teacher or the coordinating teacher, as applicable.

(b) All viva voce / presentations shall be conducted by the course teacher and the coordinating teacher, if any, in the presence of other students.

(c) Students shall be awarded zero marks for their viva-voce/ presentation if they fail to attend the same as per schedule, without prior written permission of the AAD.

(d) Viva voce is a part of the examination process. The AAD shall announce the schedule of vivas and presentations at the beginning of the trimester.

5.9. **Project Exemptions**

(a) Project exemptions may be granted to students, except those enrolled in the LL.M. or MPP, who participate or win in moot court competitions and client counselling or negotiation competitions, as provided below:

(i) Students who have participated in any national moot court competition specifically designated for project exemptions (as notified by the Programme Chairs) or in a national or international client counselling or negotiation competition involving written submissions and specifically designated for project exemptions (as notified by the Programme Chairs) are eligible to apply for one project exemption.

(ii) Students who have won national moot rounds of any international moot court competition specifically designated for project exemptions (as notified by the Programme Chairs) and subsequently qualify for the international round of the said moot, or who have participated in any international moot specifically designated for project exemptions (as notified by the Programme Chairs), are eligible to apply for two project exemptions.

(b) Project exemptions may be granted to students belonging to any programme, who have participated in any other University-authorised research activity, which can be submitted in lieu of a Project, as recommended by their respective Programme Chairs and approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

(c) All project exemption applications shall be submitted at least one week before the date of the notified deadline for first submission.

(d) The student shall apply for exemption in the course whose submission date is closest to the date of submission of moot memorials/research activity. However, if in the relevant trimester there is a course related to the moot/research activity subject the student must seek an exemption only in that specific course.

Explanation: If the memorial submission is closest to the first submission then exemption can be sought for a subject in that submission and not for subjects in the second half. If submissions are during vacations, then exemptions can be taken from among the second half submissions of the previous trimester.

(e) The moot memorial or written submission submitted in lieu of the project shall be evaluated on the total of the project and presentation/viva voce marks. The memorials/written submissions should be submitted to the AAD within 3 days of the memorial/written submission deadline for the relevant competition. A faculty member nominated by the respective Programme Chair shall evaluate the memorial.

(f) No Viva voce shall be conducted for the course in which the student has been granted an exemption;

(g) Under no circumstances shall a student avail of more than 2 exemptions in a trimester or 4 exemptions in any given academic year. B.A., LL.B students shall be permitted no more than 10 exemptions during their course period; 3 Year LL.B students no more than 6 exemptions during their course period; and MPP students no more than 4 exemptions during their course period.

6. ELECTIVE COURSES

6.1. Offering of Elective Courses

(a) Elective courses, with course outlines, shall be notified at least 7 days before such courses begin, along with instructions on the mode of registration.

(b) Elective courses offered by any full-time programme under these Regulations may be made available to students enrolled in any other full-time programme under these Regulations, subject to the approval of the respective programmes' Programme Chair.

(c) All requirements for elective courses, such as presentations and written exams, must be completed in the same trimester and cannot under any circumstances be deferred to the following trimester(s).

(d) All written assignments or course-specific evaluations except for Elective Paper submissions shall be administered by the respective course faculty per instructions prescribed in the Course Description notified.

(e) Students shall not be permitted to opt out of any elective course they have registered for after the commencement of the classes of that course.

(f) Barring in exceptional circumstances, the number of students in each elective course shall not be less than 10 and more than 40.

6.2. Elective course structure

(a) Unless otherwise approved by the respective Programme Chair, all elective courses must cover a minimum of 40 class hours.

(b) The marking scheme for the course shall be approved by the Academic Review Committee before the commencement of the course. Not more than 60% of the total course evaluation component shall consist of a written examination component, with the remaining consisting of continuous evaluation components

6.3. Elective Paper topics

Elective Paper topics shall be finalised on such date as determined by the Course Teacher. *Provided,* the date shall be no later than three weeks from the commencement of the

trimester. Students who wish to change their paper topic must obtain the written permission of the course teacher, however no change of topic shall be permitted by the Course Teacher after the expiry of three weeks from the commencement of the trimester.

6.4. Deadline for Elective Paper submission

The deadline for all elective written submissions/elective papers shall be as per the deadline approved by the ARC, but ordinarily not later than the one week before the last date of classes held in the trimester.

6.5. Elective Paper submission regulations

Unless specifically provided for otherwise in this Regulation, all provisions of these Regulations related to evaluation, including the provisions pertaining to 'Project Submissions' (Reg.5.2), 'Non submission of projects (Reg.5.5), 'Plagiarism' (Reg.5.6), 'Multiple Submissions' (Reg.5.7), Use of generative AI in contravention of instructions by Faculty (Regulation 5.7A) and 'Viva voce and Project presentations' (Reg.5.8) shall apply equally to Elective Courses.

6.6. Offering of Teaching Electives

(a) Any course teacher who has taught at the University for more than one year has the option of selecting one Teaching Elective student from the 5th year B.A., LLB class, 3rd Year LL.B class or LL.M. class.

(b) The courses open for the Teaching Elective shall be notified by the AAD one month before the end of the previous trimester.

(c) The selected students shall be intimated at least two weeks before the end of the previous trimester.

(d) No student shall be allowed to take more than one teaching Elective course in an academic year.

(e) Students going on an exchange program cannot apply for a teaching Elective in a trimester in which they will be away on exchange.

(f) Students applying for a Teaching Elective course shall submit an application stating their grade in the concerned subject, along with a Statement of Purpose, within three days of the notification of Teaching Elective offerings.

(g) Teaching Elective students shall be selected by the Course faculty on the basis of the following criteria:

- Grade obtained in the concerned course (as given in the transcript);
- Work done by the students in the course subject area;

- Communication skills
- Overall Academic Record

6.7. Teaching Elective attendance requirement

Students are required to attend a minimum of 20 class hours of the total number of classes held, failing which they will need to re-register for an alternate course in the next trimester Students are advised to carefully study the course schedule to avoid clashing hours with regular/Elective courses, in order to meet the attendance requirement.

6.8. Teaching Elective marking scheme

The marking scheme for teaching Electives shall comprise the following components:

- Teaching (4 - 6 hours) and assistance in project consultation - 30 marks
- Assistance in preparation of reading materials and research - 20 marks
- Assistance in project consultation and office hours and review of submissions – 20 marks
- Submission of a Written Report (3000 words) – 20 marks
- Overall performance - 10 marks

7. EXAMINATION

7.1. General Terms

(a) The schedule of examinations for each trimester shall be notified at least one week before the date of first examination.

(b) Students' marks and grades obtained in each subject shall be reflected on the online portal. The University will maintain a record of the result separately.

(c) The AAD shall also declare the aggregate results of the cohort in each course and make available anonymised copies of the highest-marked answer for each question of the examination.

7.2. Examination Malpractice

(a) Examination malpractice includes, but is not limited to, any of the following acts:

i. Gaining unauthorised access to documents, including examination question papers, answer sheets, records, or other confidential documents, whether physically, by employing electronic means, or otherwise, at any given point of time;

ii. Removal of an answer sheet from the venue of examination, after the commencement of the examination;

iii. Carrying of electronic equipment into the examination hall, without prior written permission to do so;

iv. Carrying in any material into the exam hall which is not permitted by the course teacher or university authorities;

v. Any communication, whether by words, gestures or otherwise, with other candidates in the examination hall, during the examination;

vi. Deliberate revelation of identity of the candidate on the answer sheet, so as to vitiate the examination results;

vii. Any other activity that, in the opinion of the invigilator, amounts to malpractice;

viii. Any attempt to commit any of the above.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the NLSIU Principles of Conduct, 2002, upon the discovery of, or reasonable suspicion of, any examination malpractice, any faculty member, or member of the university staff, shall immediately refer the said instance to the AAD. Students suspected of examination malpractice during an ongoing examination shall be permitted to complete their examination, after confiscation of any unauthorised material or device or replacement of any compromised answer sheet or question paper as necessary.

(c) The AAD shall refer the complaint to the relevant Programme Chair, with intimation to the student concerned. The Programme Chair shall decide on malpractice after due consideration of the complaint and providing an opportunity to the student concerned to explain the circumstances in writing. Pending the decision of the Programme Chair, the examination result of the concerned student in that course shall be withheld.

(d) A student found guilty of examination malpractice shall be awarded '0' marks for the relevant examination and will not be permitted to write the end-term or repeat examinations held in that course. The student will have to compulsorily re-register for the course in the next academic year. A second violation will lead to suspension for a trimester.

Provided, if the student was permitted to write any examination in the same academic year while the Programme Chair's inquiry and decision was pending, and the student is subsequently found guilty of examination malpractice, then the result of such examination shall be cancelled.

(e) A student aggrieved by the decision of the Programme Chair may request a review of the decision by the ARC. The ARC's decision shall be final.

(f) The procedure prescribed above in this Regulation shall also be applicable in the case of any in-class assignment or exercise conducted as part of internal evaluation in any course

7.3. Viewing of Answer papers

After the declaration of results, students shall have the right to view their answer scripts and may discuss the same with the course teacher.

7.4. Grievance redressal

(a) If a student wishes to contest the grade awarded in the end-term examination of any course, they may submit an online application addressed to the AAD, under the following circumstances:

(i) there is an arithmetic error, in which case, the AAD shall rectify the error;

(ii) there is an instance of non-marking of an answer in the original marking, in which case, the AAD shall refer the question to the course teacher who originally evaluated the answer-sheet;

(b) The grade obtained in the revaluation shall be final.

(c) Pending the results of revaluation, the student shall be permitted to write the Repeat examination (if any). If upon completion of revaluation, the student obtains passing marks, the marks scored in the revaluation shall be final.

7.5. Repeat Examination

(a) Repeat examinations will be conducted for students who obtain an 'F' grade. Students, except those enrolled in the LL.M programme, with a CGPA of less than 3.00 may also opt to write the repeat examinations of the courses they are registered in, to improve their grade to achieve a CGPA of 3.00.

(b) The repeat or improvement examination shall be for the marks assigned to the examination component of the course, and the remaining shall be the marks already obtained for the project and viva voce or other evaluation component, as the case may be.

(c) Students who wish to attempt a repeat examination shall apply for the same, individually in each subject where an examination is sought, and shall pay the requisite fee **3 days prior** to the date of the exam.

(d) **Elective courses** - In case a student fails in an elective course, they may resubmit an improved written submissions/seminar paper on the same topic within ten days of the declaration of results, with or without a fresh paper presentation.

Provided, if the ground for failure was due to late submission or non-submission of the paper, such students will have to compulsorily re-register for an additional elective course in the next Academic Year.

(e) **Clinical Courses –** There shall be no repeat examination for the Litigation Clinic and Placement Clinic courses as there are no components of examination to be repeated.

(f) In case a student scores less marks in the repeat or improvement examination, the marks obtained in the end-term examination shall be treated as final and the marks scored in the repeat or improvement examination shall be disregarded.

7.6. First Attempts/ Medical First Attempt

(a) Students who are unable to appear for the term examinations in any mandatory course, may apply to sit for the Repeat examinations at the end of the academic year or in a subsequent trimester, which shall be recorded as a First Attempt (FA), on one or more of the following grounds:

(i) Representation, which shall not include memorial submission, of the University in competitions to be notified by the University, the dates of participation for which fall within three days of the date of the examination. A student may claim FA only for the specific exam which falls within three days and not any other exam;

(ii) Medical conditions rendering the student unable to attempt or write the examination, which shall be known as a Medical First Attempt(MFA);

(iii) Bereavement of immediate family necessitating the student's absence from the examination;

(b) An application for First Attempts shall be submitted online. It shall be accompanied by:

(i) in cases of representing the University in any competition, a detailed travel plan including official communications regarding dates of participation and travel records;

(ii) in case of medical reasons, the doctor's certificate and Hospital Discharge summary, if applicable

(iii) in case of bereavement, travel documents and proof of relationship.

(c) Applications must be verified and considered by the respective Programme Chair and reasons for grant or refusal of the application must be recorded. In the case of participation in a competition, the student shall apply for the First Attempt at least ten days prior to the date of examination.

Provided, in cases where the student is prevented from making an application prior to the examination due to bona fide reasons, they shall make such application no later than **ten** days after the date of the examination, and explain the cause of delay.

(d) If the student who has been granted a First Attempt is absent for the First Attempt examination, it shall be counted as a 'Fail' grade, and the student will need to re-register for the course in the next academic year.

(e) No repeat examination fees shall be paid by students who are taking the repeat examination as a **first attempt**.

7.7. Communication of Transcripts

Transcripts shall be issued to the students, and in case of B.A., LLB (Hons) students, additionally sent to the parents of students within one week of the announcement of results.

7.8. Transcript References

- A first attempt examination on medical grounds shall contain the letters "MFA" in the transcript, which reads as "Medical First Attempt";
- A first attempt examination on any other grounds shall not bear any reference in the transcript;
- In case of re-registration, the grade must carry "RR";
- In case of Repeat examination, the grade must carry "R";
- In case of Special Repeat examinations (per applicable programme regulations), the grade must carry "SR" instead of "R";
- In case a student repeats the course / repeats the same year more than once, the grade must carry as many Repeats as he / she repeats;
- A repeat examination in a course where the student had received a grade of 'C+/ C' shall be referenced by "I" which reads as 'improvement'.

8. PROMOTION

8.1. A student will be promoted to the next programme year only if **ALL** of the following conditions are fulfilled:

(a) The student has obtained a minimum CGPA of 3.00 at the end of the academic year;

(b) Does not have an 'F' grade in more than 3 (three) courses;

(c) Does not have an attendance shortage in more than 1 (one) course;

(d) Does not have an 'F' grade or attendance shortage in any of the carried forward courses.

Illustration 1: If at the end of a student's 2nd year, they have secured an 'F' grade or attendance shortage in a carried forward course from 1st year, they shall not be eligible for promotion to the 3rd year.

Illustration 2: If at the end of a student's 2nd year, they have secured at an 'F' grade in one course from 2nd year, they shall be eligible for promotion to the 3rd year.

8.2. **Completion of carried-forward courses**:

If a student has a carried forward course from the previous academic year, the student may pass this course in the following manner:

(a) By writing the examination when held at the end of the relevant trimester/Repeat examination.

(b) By completing the attendance requirements, if necessary, as per Regulation 4.3 and 4.4; and

(c) By mandatorily completing all internal components of evaluation (excluding class participation), if they obtained less than 50% of the total marks in internal components in the previous academic year.

8.3 **Completion of course components by re-admitted students**

(a) A re-admitted student shall fulfil all attendance and evaluation requirements *de novo* in the subjects they received an F grade in the previous academic year.

(b) Re-admitted students who have obtained C or C+ in a course in the previous academic year shall be allowed to write an improvement examination in that course, if necessary, to achieve a CGPA of 3.00. They may also choose to complete all components of evaluation of the course, including continuing evaluation and examinations. The marks obtained in the continuing evaluation components shall be considered only when the student writes the improvement examination also.

9. EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

9.1. An **Exchange Programme Coordinator** (hereinafter "EPC") shall be notified by the Vice-Chancellor before the start of the Academic Year.

9.2. Offer of Exchange Programmes

The EPC shall coordinate the details of potential exchange programmes at foreign universities, before the end of the previous academic year, in consultation with the Programme Chairs as the case may be, in order to align the same with the academic programme of the University. The EPC shall notify students approaching their Final Year of the available exchange programmes.

9.3. Selection and approval

Students in their Final Year of any multi-year programme may apply for exchange programmes that will be approved by the EPC taking into due consideration the following factors such as:

(a) Whether the student can reasonably fulfil all the academic requirements of his/her current academic year such as attendance, submission of essays/projects, viva voce in person, examinations, etc.

(b) Whether the student can reasonably fulfil all the other pending academic requirements of the previous academic years such as attendance, project submission, viva voce, examination in re-registered mandatory or Elective courses.

(c) Whether the student can fulfil the Internship programme requirements of the University.

(d) Whether the student has faced any serious disciplinary action or is facing any pending disciplinary enquiries.

(e) Whether students have achieved a minimum CGPA of 4.0/7 by the end of their penultimate year. Provided, students belonging to the SC/ST categories must have achieved a minimum CGPA of 3.5/7 by the end of their penultimate year.

(f) Whether the student was promoted to their final year without having been detained in any previous academic year due to failure to fulfil the required promotion criteria.

(g) In the case of MPP students, whether the MPPC has provided its prior approval to the student's application.

9.4. Transfer of credits

(a) All students who have gone on exchange to a foreign university must complete 16 credits in that university. Completion of any further credits will not offset credits at NLSIU.

(b) The grades obtained by a student during their exchange programme shall not be included to calculate their final CGPA at NLSIU.

(c) The name of the foreign university, courses taken, and grades obtained by a student on exchange shall be indicated in the student's Official Transcript separately.

10. ACADEMIC HONOURS

10.1. **Gold Medals** - Gold medals shall be awarded to deserving students at the Convocation on the basis of the following criteria:

(a) The student should not have written a repeat examination;

(b) For gold medals based on CGPA, the CGPA at the end of the final year shall be used.

(c) For gold medals allocated for specific subjects, the average marks secured in the mandatory courses comprising that subject shall be used.

(d) For gold medals awarded to postgraduate students based on their Dissertation, the student securing highest grade/marks in the research project notified and evaluated by the respective Programme Chairs will be considered;

(e) For any other gold medals, faculty selection based on predetermined criteria shall be used.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11.1. Use of mobile phones, laptops, tablets or any other electronic gadgets in any manner in the classroom shall attract a compulsory fine of Rs. 2000/-. *Provided*, laptops may be used in the classroom, if permitted by the concerned teacher.

11.2. Any other behaviour of students not in keeping with the discipline and decorum of the class shall be brought to the notice of the Programme Chairs in writing by the Course teacher. The Programme Chair may refer the matter to DARIC for appropriate disciplinary action.

11.3. **Reasonable accommodations for Persons with Disabilities:** In case of a disability or health reasons, a student may request the AAD for reasonable accommodations including:

(a) Appointing a scribe;

(b) Additional time;

(c) Accessible course materials, assignments etc.;

(d) Any other reasonable accommodation that may be considered necessary for such students to have an equal opportunity to participate in their academic programme.

CHAPTER II: FIVE YEAR B.A., LLB (HONS)

The provisions under this Chapter shall apply only to students enrolled in the B.A., LLB (Hons) programme of the University.

12. **Credit Structure**

Every successfully completed course, including compulsory courses, electives and clinical courses, shall earn a student the credits assigned to that course in the approved curriculum.

13. **Number of Courses**

(a) The University shall ordinarily offer such number of courses (including compulsory and elective courses) in each year of the academic programme as is provided in the approved curriculum of the Programme.

(b) Every student shall successfully complete a minimum of 240 credits (including compulsory and elective courses) with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 and a Compulsory Clinical Course on Internship within the maximum period of 8 years, to be awarded the B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.

Provided, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension beyond 8 years.

(c) A student who is unable to obtain promotion to the Second Year of the Programme for two consecutive years shall be deregistered from the Programme.

Provided that, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension for such a student.

14. **Core Course Marking Scheme**

(a) All courses shall be marked on a total of 100 (One hundred) marks. The marking scheme for the course shall be approved by the Academic Review Committee before the commencement of the course. Not more than 60% of the total course evaluation component shall consist of a written examination component, with the remaining consisting of continuous evaluation components.

(b) Repeat examinations shall be evaluated on the examination components of the course. The marks obtained in the continuing evaluation components shall be retained and cannot be repeated.

(c) In cases of plagiarism or any other academic malpractice in any continuous evaluation component, the procedure mentioned in rule 5.6 of the AER shall be followed

14A **Majors**

(a) Every student registered in the B.A., LL.B. (Hons) Progamme must register for a Major towards the end of their first year of the programme, by the date announced by the AAD.

(b) The criteria for selection to a Major track shall be notified by the Programme Chairs.

(c) The final transcript shall indicate the Major that each student has completed.

CHAPTER III: THREE YEAR LL.B (HONS)

The provisions under this Chapter shall apply only to students enrolled in the LL.B. (Hons) programme of the University.

15. Credit Structure

Every successfully completed course, including compulsory courses, electives and clinical courses shall earn a student the credits assigned to that course in the approved curriculum.

16. Number of Courses

(a) The University shall ordinarily offer at least 12 (twelve) and up to 15 (fifteen) courses (including core courses, elective, clinical courses and practicums) in each year of the academic programme equalling 48 (Forty-eight) credits per academic year.

(b) The number of optional elective courses required to be completed shall be as prescribed by the Course Curriculum.

(c) Every student shall earn a total of 148 credits with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 within the maximum period of 5 years, to be awarded the LL.B. (Hons.) Degree.

Provided, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension beyond 5 years.

(d) A student who is unable to obtain promotion to the Second Year of the Programme for two consecutive years shall be deregistered from the Programme.

Provided that, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension for such a student.

17. Course Marking Scheme

(a) All courses shall be marked on a total of 100 (One hundred) marks. The marking scheme for the course shall be approved by the Academic Review Committee before the commencement of the course. Not more than 60% of the total course evaluation component shall consist of a written examination component, with the remaining consisting of continuous evaluation components.

(b) Repeat examinations shall be evaluated on the examination components of the course. The marks obtained in the continuing evaluation components shall be retained and cannot be repeated.

(c) In cases of plagiarism or any other academic malpractice in any continuous evaluation component, the procedure mentioned in regulation 5.6 of the AER shall be followed

CHAPTER IV: ONE YEAR LL.M.

The provisions under this Chapter shall apply only to students enrolled in the LL.M. programme of the University.

18. Credits Structure

Every student shall earn a total of 44 (forty-four) credits from courses and 4 (four) credits from Dissertation, with a minimum CGPA of 3.00, within the maximum period of 3 years, to be awarded the LL.M. Degree.

Provided, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension beyond 3 years.

19. Number of Courses

The number of mandatory and optional elective courses required to be completed per term shall be as prescribed by the Course Curriculum.

20. Project Marking Scheme

The marks assigned to continuous evaluation components including projects and viva voce, response/reaction papers, assignments etc., shall be pre-approved by the LL.M Chair before the commencement of the course. Not more than 50% of the total course evaluation component shall consist of a written examination component, with the remaining consisting of continuous evaluation components.

21. Examination Marking Scheme

(a) The concerned subject teacher may decide the examination scheme for their course, in consultation with the LL.M Chair. The emphasis of the evaluation scheme shall be on continuous evaluation, including but not limited to projects, response/reaction papers, assignments etc. Once approved it cannot be changed without prior approval of the LL.M

Chair.

(b) Written examinations, if any, shall be held at the end of the trimester they are taught in. The total marks for the written examination shall not exceed 50 (fifty) marks.

(c) For clinical courses, the examination scheme shall be governed by rules as notified by AAD.

(d) The mid-term examination is optional for all courses, and may be conducted at the teacher's discretion with prior information to the LL.M Chair and students.

22. Special Repeat Examination

Notwithstanding Reg.8.1., in the case of LL.M. students, a special repeat examination shall be held only where a student cannot graduate in view of failure of only one course at the end of the programme.

Provided that if a student has failed a course owing to non-submission or late submission of a project and consequent penalisation under Reg.5.3. or Reg.5.5, they will be permitted to resubmit a new project, and a viva voce shall be conducted as part of the special repeat examination process. The marks obtained in the project so resubmitted, viva voce conducted and secured in the special repeat examination shall constitute the final marks awarded to the student in that course.

23. LL.M. DISSERTATION

23.1. General Terms:

(a) During the course of their academic year, a student shall engage in research on a specific topic which carries a total of 150 marks (4 credits). 100 marks shall be for the written dissertation; 35 marks shall be for the presentation; and 15 marks shall be for continuous evaluation.

(b) In the First Trimester, AAD shall invite students to submit two topics which they propose for their Dissertation, along with abstracts, in their order of preference;

(c) On receipt of the topics and abstracts, the LL.M Chair shall scrutinise the feasibility of the research and identify a faculty member to supervise the Dissertation. The LL.M. Chair shall also identify another faculty member as the Second Reader for the Dissertation.

(d) The AAD shall notify the student of the Supervisor and Second Reader nominations;

(e) No change of allotted Dissertation Supervisor or research area will be allowed, except if the Supervisor is unavailable due to resignation, retirement, or leave;

(f) The Dissertation must demonstrate the following:

(i) It is the outcome of original research;
(ii) Familiarity with relevant research literature on the subject matter and ability to critically engage with it;

(iii) Ability to design a research project and apply appropriate research methods to address the research question(s) raised;

(iv) Ability to analyse the data to answer the research question(s) and to draw conclusions from such analysis; and

(v) The ability to apply conceptual tools and theories appropriate to examining, explaining, and understanding of the research area chosen.

23.2. Submission and evaluation of Dissertation

(a) The written submission shall be evaluated for a total of 100 marks, by both the Supervisor as well as the Second Reader. The marks secured for the written submission shall be the average of the two.

(b) The student shall make a presentation of their research work to the Supervisor at least one week before the final submission. The presentation carries 35 marks.

(c) The student shall submit a progress report at the end of the second trimester as per the guidelines circulated by the LL.M. Chair. The progress report carries 15 marks and shall be evaluated by the Supervisor. If a student fails to submit the progress report within the deadline notified by the Academic Administration Department, they will be awarded zero marks for the progress report.

(d) Three hard copies of final written submission shall be submitted to AAD. In addition to this, the student is required to submit a soft copy on the online portal on the date of submission of the hard copies.

(e) If the student does not submit the dissertation within the stipulated time, they will have to compulsorily apply for re-admission in the next Academic Year.

(f) If a student fails their Dissertation, they will have to re-submit the Dissertation within one month from the date of declaration of results.

(g) If a student is found to have engaged in plagiarism or any other academic malpractices, including use of generative AI tools in writing the dissertation, they will have to resubmit the dissertation in the next trimester (i.e., first trimester of the next Academic Year), as per the deadline provided by AAD.

(f) In cases of plagiarism or any other academic malpractice in a dissertation, the procedure mentioned in rule 5.6 of the AER shall be followed.

CHAPTER V: MASTERS PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC POLICY (MPP)

The provisions under this Chapter shall apply only to students enrolled in the Master's Programme in Public Policy of the University.

24. **Credit Structure**

(a) Every successfully completed course shall have variable credit scores of between 1 (one), 2 (two) and 4 (four) credits.

(b) Each credit shall ordinarily entail 15 hours of classroom teaching or internship/ client-led project.

25. **Number of Courses**

(a) Every student shall pass the prescribed and optional courses (including elective courses, seminars, field-work and client-led projects and dissertation) amounting to 91 (ninety one) credits with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 within the maximum period of 4 (four) years, to be awarded the Master of Public Policy Degree.

Provided, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension beyond 4 years.

(b) All students are required to compulsorily undertake at least three (3) elective courses offered over the duration of their programme.

26. **Seminar Courses**

(a) Prescribed and elective courses may be structured as Seminar courses, that shall not be taught courses, rather guided reading of scientific papers by seminar participants and reporting of findings of original fieldwork or research shall form the content of seminar courses.

(b) The duration of such Seminar courses shall be determined by the credit weight (i.e., 1 credit = 15 hours).

(c) The evaluation of seminar courses may follow innovative approaches, but shall largely follow the evaluation scheme of electives. The scheme of evaluation shall be approved by the MPP Chair.

27. **Field-work**

(a) All students shall compulsorily undertake a Fieldwork study comprising three (3) weeks of stay in a community at the beginning of the II Trimester of the 1st year.

(b) The student shall maintain a Field Diary documenting their experience and signed by the nodal agency.

28. **Deleted**

29. **PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS**

Project Marking Scheme

(a) Projects shall be evaluated on a total of 20 marks as per the criteria approved by ARC. Any deviation from the same has to be approved by the MPP Chair.

(b) The course teacher may choose either a project presentation or viva voce component for their course evaluation, which shall carry 10 (ten) marks.

30. MPP DISSERTATION

30.1. General terms

In the second year of the programme, students shall work on a research project and submit a dissertation which carries 250 marks (8 credits):

(a) A Dissertation Monitoring Committee (DMC) appointed by the MPP Chair shall administer the provisions under this Regulation and provide detailed guidelines to the students, subject to the approval of the MPP Chair, including its evaluation pattern.

(b) No change of allotted dissertation guide or research area will be allowed except if the supervisor is unavailable due to resignation, retirement, or leave.

(c) DMC shall identify a faculty member to supervise the research work, and notify the candidates, after obtaining willingness from the concerned faculty.

(d) **The dissertation must demonstrate the following:**

i. It is the outcome of original research;

ii. Familiarity with relevant research literature on the subject matter and ability to critically engage with it;

iii. Ability to design a research project and apply appropriate research methods to address the research question(s) raised;

iv. Ability to analyse the data to answer the research question(s) and to draw conclusions from such analysis; and

v. The ability to apply conceptual tools and theories appropriate to examining, explaining, and understanding of the research area chosen.

(e) Any data collection must comply with the University's existing ethics committee/ethics review board guidelines.

(f) If a student is found to have engaged in plagiarism or any other academic malpractices, including use of generative AI tools in writing the dissertation, the following process shall be followed:

(i) Based on assessment for plagiarism by the supervisor assigned to the student, the Programme Chairs shall seek a written explanation from the student as to why action should not be taken against them on grounds of plagiarism ("Show-Cause notice"). The similarity report (if any) and the supervisor's remarks shall be provided to the student.

(ii) After receiving the written explanation (if any) from the student, the Programme Chairs shall determine whether the submission by the student amounts to plagiarism.

(iii) A student found to have engaged in plagiarism by the Programme Chairs will have to compulsorily re-register for dissertation in the next academic year. A second violation will lead to suspension for a trimester.

(iv) A student aggrieved by the decision of the Programme Chairs may request a review of the decision by the ARC. The ARC's decision shall be final.

30.2. **Supervision**

For each student, a supervisor will be appointed in the beginning of second year. Every student is entitled to approximately 15 hours of face-to-face consultation with the supervisor, or the equivalent if part of the supervision is conducted via email.

30.3. **Delays and Non-submission of the Dissertation**

(a) If a student fails to submit the required progress reports within the deadlines announced by the DMC at any of the stages of the dissertation, they will be given zero marks for that round of assessment.

The Programme Chairs may grant an extension for a maximum period of six (6) days from the notified date of submission in the following circumstances:

(i) on medical grounds; or (ii) bereavement or serious illness in the immediate family.

In case of medical grounds, the application shall be supported by a Doctor's Certificate, diagnostic reports, medical prescriptions and Hospital Discharge Summary (if applicable). The University shall verify that a student was incapacitated, such that they could not make the required submission on the basis of their application.

In case of bereavement or serious illness in the immediate family, the application shall be supported by proof of relationship and the relevant circumstances, which the University shall verify.

(b) If a student fails to achieve 40% marks for the dissertation component overall or does not submit the final dissertation within the deadline announced by the DMC or does not successfully complete any other requirements of the dissertation within the stipulated time, the student will have to compulsorily apply for readmission in the next Academic Year to complete the dissertation requirements for the MPP degree.

31. **Examination Marking Scheme**

(a) Written examinations for all mandatory courses and elective courses (which have an examination component) shall be held at the end of the trimester they are taught in.

(b) For courses with a project component, the total marks for the written examination shall be 50(fifty). The remainder of the evaluation shall consist of project (20 marks), viva voce (10 marks) and internal assessment (20 marks)

(c) For courses without a project component, the total marks for the written examination shall be a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 70 marks. The remainder of the evaluation shall consist of internal assessment (minimum 30 and a maximum of 40 marks).

(d) Repeat examinations shall be evaluated on the total marks for written examination component. The remaining marks shall be the marks already obtained for the other evaluation components such as project, presentation, viva voce or internal assessment.

CHAPTER VI: YEAR B.A. (HONS)

32 Credit Structure

Every successfully completed course, including compulsory courses, electives & clinical courses shall earn a student the credits assigned to that course in the approved curriculum.

33 **Credit Requirement**

(a) The University shall ordinarily offer 12 (twelve) courses (including compulsory and elective courses) in each year of the academic programme.

(b) Every student shall successfully complete 144 credits (compulsory and elective courses) and a Compulsory Clinical Course on Internship (4 credits) with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 within the maximum period of 5 years, to be awarded the B.A., (Hons.) Degree.

Provided, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension beyond 5 years.

(c) A student who is unable to obtain promotion to the Second Year of the Programme for two consecutive years shall be deregistered from the Programme.

Provided that, in exceptional circumstances, the ARC may recommend to the Academic Council to consider an appropriate extension for such student.

(d) Every student registered for the 4th Year shall successfully complete 168 credits (including compulsory courses, elective courses and dissertation) and a Compulsory Clinical Course on Internship (4 credits) with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 within a maximum period of 6 years, to be awarded the B.A., (Hons. with Research) Degree.

34 Course Marking Scheme

(a) All courses shall be marked on a total of 100 (One hundred) marks. The marking scheme for the course shall be approved by the Academic Review Committee before the commencement of the course. Not more than 60% of the total course evaluation component shall consist of a written examination component, with the remaining consisting of continuous evaluation components

(b) Repeat examinations shall be evaluated on the examination components of the course. The marks obtained in the continuing evaluation components shall be retained and cannot be repeated.

(c) In cases of plagiarism or any other academic malpractice in any continuous evaluation component, the procedure mentioned in rule 5.6 of the AER shall be followed.

(d) For Clinical Course on Internship, the grading scheme shall be governed by Internship Guidelines as notified by AAD

35 Majors

(a) Every student in the NLS BA (Hons.) programme will have the option of electing a major-minor combination, or a double major.

(b) For successful completion of a major in the B.A. (Hons.) programme, a student will have to complete 40 credits in that major, out of which 24 credits shall be obtained through six core courses of 4 credits each. Students will be required to complete 16 credits through elective courses in that major. Elective courses for any particular major will be designated by the Programme Chairs.

(c) Students will declare their first major at the time of entry into the programme.

(d) The criteria for selection to major track shall be notified by the Programme Chairs.

36 Minors

(a) At the end of the first year, all students are required to opt for a **minor**, in addition to their first major, unless they choose to pursue a **second major**. Any of the available majors may also be taken as a minor.
(b) The criteria for selection to the double major track shall be notified by the Programme Chairs.
(c) For successful completion of a minor in the B.A. (Hons.) programme, a student will have to complete 24 credits in that minor, out of which 16 credits shall be obtained through four core courses of 4 credits each. Students will be required to complete 8 credits through elective courses.

(d) The Programme Chairs will notify specific combinations of core and elective courses for each minor.

37 Double Majors

(a) Every student registered in the BA (Hons) may opt for a Double Major instead of a Minor at the end of their First Year. Those opting for a second major in place of a minor must complete 40 credits in the second disciplinary area, out of which 24 credits shall be obtained through six core courses of 4 credits each. Students will be required to complete 16 credits through elective courses in that major.

(b) The criteria for selection to the double major track shall be notified by the Programme Chairs.

38 Fourth Year Research Track

(a) Students registered in the BA (Hons) may be selected for the Fourth Year Research Track on the basis of their academic performance in the First Three Years of the Programme.

(b) Students selected for the research track shall be required to complete the following components in the Fourth Year:

(i) A 10,000-word dissertation based on original research, carrying 8 credits. The dissertation including the various components like proposal, presentation shall carry 200 marks. The specific components and the evaluation process shall be notified by the Programme Chairs.

(ii) Teaching Assistantship with a Faculty Member in each of the three terms, carrying a total of 8 credits. The components of Teaching Assistantship and evaluation process shall be notified by the Programme Chairs

(iii) Research Assistantship with a Faculty Member or a Research Centre/Chair through the three terms carrying a total of 8 credits. The components of Research Assistantship and evaluation process shall be notified by the Programme Chairs.

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