



NLSIU International Brochure 2026-27

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National Law School
of India University
Bengaluru

NLSIU International

Be the Future



India's Premier Law School.
Your Global Journey Begins Here.

A space where diverse perspectives shape meaningful learning. This program offers a unique opportunity to engage with India's legal, political and constitutional heritage while building global understanding, networks, and leadership skills.

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About NLSIU

Mission and Vision

India's First National Law University Leading Legal Education Since 1986.

NLSIU was the first National Law University established in India in 1986. The premier law school was set up with a mission to pioneer legal education reforms and to anchor the transformation of the Indian legal system through research and policy interventions.

Consequently, NLSIU was among the first institutions in the country to introduce the five-year integrated undergraduate law degree, with the commencement of the first batch of the BA LLB (Hons) programme in 1988. For over 35 years, the University has irrefutably remained a leader in the field of legal education in the country. This long-standing record has been possible through strong collaborations between legal academics, the Bar, the Bench, and the State Government.

Over the years, NLSIU has evolved into a multi-disciplinary university in line with national and state education policies. The University introduced a Master of Laws Programme, a Master's Programme in Public Policy, and a 3-year LLB (Hons) professional postgraduate degree. In 2025,

the University welcomed its first cohort of the BA (Hons) programme, developed using NLSIU's unique pedagogical philosophy that combines a rigorous academic curriculum with experiential learning and professional orientation.

Mission

To pioneer legal education reforms and transform the Indian legal system through innovation in teaching, research excellence, and meaningful policy interventions supported through strong institutional partnerships.

Vision

NLSIU envisions driving a paradigm shift in legal education by aligning academic excellence with social relevance and global best practices. Through research excellence, sustainable legal reforms, and the digitisation of academic and research resources, the University empowers scholars and students to address contemporary legal and policy challenges.

Why Study at NLSIU?



Outstanding Faculty

The University is home to a vibrant group of scholars in law, social sciences, and public policy, alongside leading practitioners who contribute through elective courses and workshops.



India's Premier National Law University

NLSIU is consistently recognised as the country's top law school and has been at the forefront of academic excellence, innovation, and policy-focused education.



Research Excellence

Through research centres, faculty-led projects, and interdisciplinary engagement, students are immersed in cutting-edge theoretical and applied research.



A Multidisciplinary Academic Environment

Students are trained in law, social sciences, public policy, and humanities through rigorous, practice-oriented programmes.



A Transformative Campus Experience

NLSIU's residential campus provides a culturally rich, diverse, and interactive environment that shapes academic, professional, and personal growth.

The NLSIU Way



Faculty

Students learn from faculty members who bring together deep academic expertise and professional experience. The University hosts full-time scholars across law and social sciences, supported by practitioners and visiting faculty who offer specialised electives.

→ [Read more about the Faculty here](#)



Course Structure & Credit Requirements

NLSIU maintains an excellent faculty-student ratio, enabling a high degree of interaction inside and outside the classroom. At the beginning of each course, students are provided a detailed outline and curated doctrinal and theoretical materials, and are expected to prepare and actively participate in class discussions.

→ [Read more about the Course Structure here](#)



Research Ecosystem

NLSIU maintains multiple research centres engaged in theoretical and applied research. Students have opportunities to work with faculty and centres on legal, social, and policy projects.

→ [Read more about Research Ecosystem](#)



Core Courses

These introductory courses include legal and interdisciplinary subjects that equip students with analytical frameworks and methodological tools.

→ [Read more about the Core Courses here](#)



Library

The Sri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library is one of India's finest law libraries. It houses extensive collections across law and social sciences, with access to leading global electronic databases—available both on campus and remotely.

→ [Read more about the library here](#)



Elective Courses

Electives deepen subject expertise and are taught by in-house faculty, practitioners, and experts.

→ [Read more about the Elective Courses here](#)

Programmes at NLSIU

NLSIU offers undergraduate, postgraduate, research, and professional programmes that build strong foundations, specialised expertise, and flexible pathways across law and public policy. Blending academic rigour with real-world impact, we prepare learners to think critically, lead responsibly, and shape the future.

Undergraduate Programmes

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)

Duration–5 years

An integrated undergraduate law programme building strong legal foundations through interdisciplinary study and early professional exposure.

[→ Read more](#)

B.A. (Hons.)

Duration–3 years

A undergraduate programme offering majors and minors across social sciences, with an optional fourth year focused on research and academic depth.

[→ Read more](#)

Postgraduate Programmes

LL.B. (Hons.)

Duration–3 years

A postgraduate professional law degree for graduates from all disciplines, combining legal education with experiential & practice-oriented learning.

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Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP)

Duration–2 years

An interdisciplinary programme addressing complex public challenges through social science perspectives, immersive field projects, and policy practice exposure.

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LL.M.

Duration–1 years

A master's in law programme offering core and elective courses to enable specialisation and diverse academic, research, as well as professional pathways.

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PhD Programmes

Ph.D (Law)

This Ph.D programme supports original research and scholarly contribution in law. Candidates may teach or participate in research aligned with their dissertation.

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Ph.D (Social Sciences, Humanities and Public Policy)

This Ph.D programme fosters interdisciplinary research and academic contribution. Candidates may teach or engage in research connected to their dissertation.

[→ Read more](#)



A black and white aerial photograph of a building with a red circular graphic overlay in the center. The building has a tiled roof and a black and white striped curb. The red circle contains the following text:

Where global
perspectives meet
India's legal and
policy future.

About NLSAT-International

NLSAT-International is the dedicated admissions pathway for international students applying to NLSIU's degree programmes.

Who Can Apply?

A candidate applying under the international student category must:

- Be a citizen of a country other than India.
- Satisfy the eligibility requirements of the specific programme they are applying for.
- The test is designed to assess competence in reading, analytical reasoning, legal aptitude (where applicable), and writing ability.

Detailed programme-wise admission criteria are provided in the following pages.



About NLSAT-International

**The structure of
NLSAT-International
typically includes:**

Reading Comprehension

Analytical Reasoning

Writing Ability / Essay
Section

Legal Reasoning (for law
programmes)

This test helps identify learners with a curious mind, a strong reasoning foundation, and the potential to thrive in an intellectually challenging academic environment.



Eligibility & Admissions

All Programmes



BA (Hons.)

Eligibility

- Must have completed Higher Secondary education (10+2 or equivalent).
- Minimum 55% aggregate marks (General category) or 45% (SC/ST).
- Students appearing in the final year of higher secondary are eligible, subject to meeting minimum marks.
- Proof of completion must be submitted by 31 December 2026.

5-Year BA LLB (Hons.)

Eligibility

- Must have passed Higher Secondary examination (10+2 or equivalent).
- Minimum 55% aggregate marks (General category) or 45% (SC/ST).
- Final-year higher secondary students may apply provisionally.
- Admission is subject to submission of qualifying marksheets by 31 December 2026.



3-Year LLB (Hons.)

1-Year LLM

Eligibility

- Must hold a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university.
- Minimum 55% aggregate marks (General category) or 45% (SC/ST).
- Candidates in the final year of bachelor's degree are eligible to apply.
- Proof of qualifying degree must be submitted by 31 December 2026.

Eligibility

- Must possess an LL.B. degree (3 yrs / 5 yrs) from a recognized university.
- Minimum 55% aggregate marks (General category) or 45% (SC/ST).
- Final-year LL.B. students may apply provisionally.
- Proof of completion of the degree must be submitted by 31 December 2026.



Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP)

Eligibility

- Must hold a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized university.
- Minimum 55% aggregate marks (General category) or 45% (SC/ST).
- Candidates in the final year of bachelor's degree are eligible.
- Proof of qualifying degree to be submitted by 31 December 2026.

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

Eligibility

- Must hold a Master's degree in Law or a relevant discipline from a recognized university.
- Minimum 55% aggregate marks or equivalent grade (relaxation as per applicable norms).
- Candidates appearing in the final year of their Master's degree may apply provisionally.
- Admission is subject to submission of proof of qualifying degree by the prescribed date.

NLSAT-International Exam

Format 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 Exam

Format for (PhD) Programmes

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:

- Contain a tentative title
- Identify a research problem and discrete research questions
- Demonstrate background research and a thorough awareness
- 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 offer 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.



**Come as a
learner. Leave as
a leader.**

How to Apply?

1

Check Programme Requirements

Review the eligibility criteria and international admissions policy for the programme of your choice.

2

Register for NLSAT-International

Submit your application through the official NLSIU admissions portal.

3

Upload Required Documents

Provide academic transcripts, identity documents, and programme-specific materials such as statements of purpose or research proposals (PhD programmes).

4

Appear for NLSAT-International

Candidates must appear for the test on the notified date.

5

Programme-Specific Selection Rounds

Following appearance in the NLSAT-International, shortlisted candidates will be required to comply with programme-specific requirements. These are set out in the following pages.

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Final Admission Offer

Admission is granted based on merit, programme requirements, and successful completion of the selection process.

Scan Here to Register



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Fee Structure

Course fees for B.A. (Hons.) and 5-Year B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)

Tuition and Facilities Fee	Housing Fees	Total fees
Rs. 9,54,600	Rs. 1,32,800	Rs. 10,87,400

Figures mentioned above are on a per annum basis

Note:

- A 'one-time admission fee' of Rs. 41,700 will be collected at the time of admission.
- A refundable security deposit of Rs. 71,100 will be collected at the time of admission. The security deposit will be refunded upon graduation or withdrawal from the programme, subject to deductions towards applicable convocation fees, certificate issuance fees, and any outstanding dues.
- The Housing Fee includes a meal plan covering breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack.
- The fees mentioned above are provisional and subject to ratification by the University Governing Bodies.

Course fees for 3-Year LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. and Master's Programme in Public Policy

Tuition and Facilities Fee	Off-Campus Housing Fees	Total fees
Rs. 9,54,600	Rs. 1,88,200	Rs. 11,42,800

Figures mentioned above are on a per annum basis

Note:

- A 'one-time admission fee' of Rs. 41,700 will be collected at the time of admission.
- A refundable security deposit of Rs. 71,100 will be collected at the time of admission. The security deposit will be refunded upon graduation or withdrawal from the programme, subject to deductions towards applicable convocation fees, certificate issuance fees, and any outstanding dues.
- The Off-Campus Housing Fee includes a meal plan covering breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack.
- The fees mentioned above are provisional and subject to ratification by the University Governing Bodies.

Course fees for Ph.D (Law) and (Social Sciences, Humanities & Public Policy)

Registration Fee (<i>one time</i>)	Rs. 90,000/-
Course Work Fee (<i>one time</i>)	Rs. 90,000/-
Annual Fee (<i>every year for the first three academic years of the programme</i>)	Rs. 75,000/-
Total fee – per annum	Rs. 2,55,000/-

Continuation Fee (<i>after the first three academic years of the programme</i>)	Rs. 45,000/- p.a.
Fee for Final Presentation	Rs. 1,50,000/-
Examination Fee (<i>at the time of submission of thesis</i>)	Rs. 60,000/-
Re-submission of thesis	Rs. 60,000/-



Life @ NLSIU

NLSIU offers an immersive residential experience designed to support learning, wellbeing, and community life.



Halls of Residence

Hostels provides:
Dining facilities
Laundry access
Common rooms
Peer-support networks

Sports & Recreation

The Campus includes:
Basketball & tennis courts
Table tennis facilities
Renovated gymnasium
FIFA-standard football stadium

Well-being & Support

Students can access:
Counselling
Wellness resources
Supportive residential environment

Student Experience

Student life at NLSIU is shaped by its vibrant peer community.

Activities include:



Student-led clubs and societies



Literary and debate activities



Cultural events



Student groups build collaboration, leadership and creativity



Campus initiatives and community engagement projects

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Visiting Scholars Programme

The Visiting Scholars Programme at NLSIU welcomes exceptional international scholars and practitioners engaged in research across law and social sciences.

The programme extends to those holding a rank of different position such as Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor/Doctoral/Post Doctoral Candidate in their home university. The aim of the programme is to enable collaborative scholarship and promote a culture of knowledge sharing across disciplines. Visiting Scholars conduct their research in collaboration with or support of the NLSIU faculty members, and participate in the broader intellectual life at NLSIU.

Visiting Scholars are hosted as guests of NLSIU for a pre-defined duration i.e., from three months to a year. Scholars will not be entitled to remuneration/honorarium or housing during their visit. They will have access to University facilities (e.g. Library) and office space, subject to availability.

The Visiting Scholars Programme is anchored by the Office of the Dean Research. Applicants to the programme must be referred by a faculty member who is willing to act as an advisor to the proposed research.

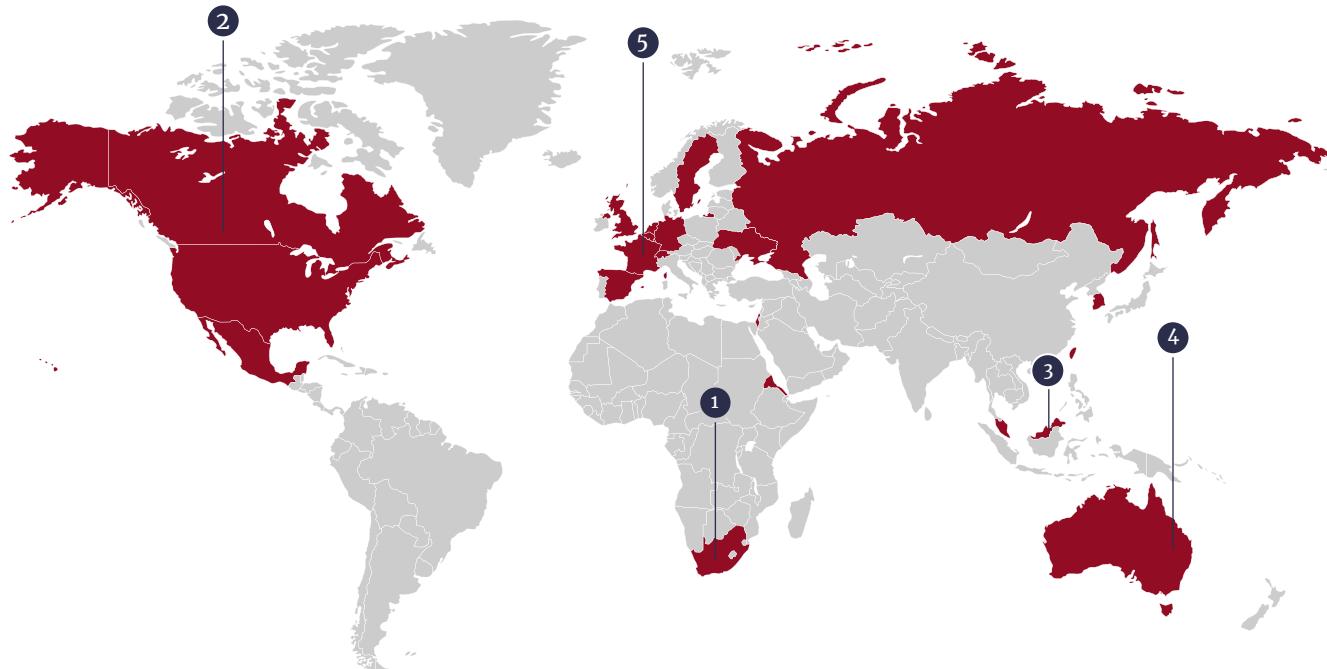
It is the responsibility of a prospective Visiting Scholar to contact appropriate faculty members in advance to support their application.



Douglas McDonald-Norman

“I am a PhD candidate at the University of New South Wales and was a Visiting Scholar at NLSIU from July to October 2024. The programme offered rich academic engagement through seminars, conferences, teaching interactions, and fieldwork across India. Returning to NLSIU was both professionally enriching and personally meaningful, and I am grateful for the support and collaborations received.”

NLSIU Global Collaborations



Strong partnerships with 20+ countries across 5 continents



Career Edge

Global learning and research help students stand out in careers and higher studies.



Learn Beyond Borders

Students benefit from exchanges with global faculty, peers, and ideas.



Grow Globally

These collaborations create pathways for international learning and academic growth.

Partner Universities Worldwide

1 AFRICA

Eritrea

Eritrea School of Law

South Africa

University of Cape Town
University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban

2 AMERICA

United States of America

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
University of Houston, Texas
University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce
Center for Intellectual Property
University of Wisconsin Law School

Mexico

Legal Research Institute, New Mexico

Canada

Dalhousie University

3 ASIA

South Korea (Republic of Korea)

Korean National Police Academy
School of Law, Korea University

Singapore

National University of Singapore

Taiwan

College of Law, National Taiwan
University

Israel

Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty
of Law

4 AUSTRALIA

Australia

Macquarie University
University of Queensland
University of South Australia, Adelaide

5 EUROPE

Belgium

Ghent University

Spain

Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid

Sweden

University of Gothenburg

France

École de Formation des Barreaux
Pantheon-Sorbonne, University of Paris
Sciences Po, Paris
University Paris-Dauphine

Germany

Bucerius Law School, Hamburg
EBS Law School
Hof University
University of Cologne

Luxembourg

University of Luxembourg

Netherlands

Maastricht University
University of Groningen

Russian Federation

Saratov State Academy of Law, Saratov

Switzerland

University of Bern
University of Zürich

Ukraine

Yaroslav Mudryi National Law
University, Kharkiv

United Kingdom

Dickinson Poon School of Law, King's
College London
Queen Mary University of London, School
of Law
University of Exeter

Internships & Career Support

Students gain exposure to legal practice, public policy institutions, research organisations, NGOs, and sector-based organisations depending on their programme. International students follow the same internship framework as domestic students, subject to visa regulations.

NLSIU's programmes include:



Internships



Fieldwork



Externships



Opportunities to engage with research centres

Key Dates

NLSIU will release detailed dates for:

1 Opening of applications

Application forms for the programmes shall be available on the NLSIU website from December 8, 2025.

2 Registration deadline

The last date for submission of the application form is March 23, 2026.

3 NLSAT-International test date

The NLSAT-International will be held in online format on April 26, 2026 and will be accessible across the world.

4 Application fees

Application fees of Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only) shall be payable at the time of submission of the application.

5 Final admission results

The final admissions list will be published by the third week of May 2026.

6 Programme commencement

The Academic Year will commence on July 1, 2026.

Contact Information

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Programme pages



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Campus Life



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