

Academic and Examination Regulations relating to B. A. LL. B. (Hons.) Course

Regulations to amend and consolidate the regulations relating to B. A. LL. B. (Hons.) Course of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

1. Name and Commencement

- (1) These Regulations may be called the “Academic and Examination Regulations of the National Law Institute University, 2017”.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on such date as the Appropriate Authority of the University may appoint.

Part I Definitions

2. In addition to the definitions given in Section 2 of the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 1997, in these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “Act” means the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 1997.
 - (b) “Academic Session” means an Academic Year as notified by the Registrar in the Academic Calendar.
 - (c) “Appropriate Authority” means an authority as defined by the Act or as may be appointed by the appropriate authority.
 - (d) “Committee” means the Committee as defined under the provisions of the Act and/or Executive Regulations or this Regulation.
 - (e) “Examination” includes End-Term Examination, Examination of Project Work/ Seminar Paper, Repeat Examination, Improvement Examination and Ex-Students’ Examination.

- (f) “Person with Disability (PWD)” means a person as defined by the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) ACT, 1995.
- (g) “Non-Resident Indian (NRI)” means a candidate who is herself or himself is a non-resident Indian as defined by the Income Tax Act, 1961 or is herself or himself is an OCI Card holder/PIO Card holder.
- (h) “NRI Sponsored” means a candidate who is sponsored by her/his First Degree or Second Degree relation who is an NRI/OCI Card holder/PIO Card holder. First Degree relation means only the mother, father, full brother, full sister, or children as the case may be. Second Degree relation means only the maternal grandmother/grandfather, paternal grandmother/grandfather, real maternal aunt/uncle, real paternal aunt/uncle, half maternal sister/brother, or half paternal sister/brother as the case may be.
- (i) “Teacher” means as defined by the Act.
- (j) “Trimester” means a trimester as notified by the Registrar in the Academic Calendar.
- (k) “University” means the National Law Institute University located in Bhopal District of the State of Madhya Pradesh in the Union of India.

Part II Academic Regulations

3. Eligibility for Admission and Award of Degree

- (1) No candidate shall be admitted to the B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Degree Course, unless she/he:
- a) is a citizen of India, and
 - b) has secured in the aggregate not less than:

- (i) forty five percent (45%) marks in case of students of Unreserved/OBC/PWD and other categories, and
 - (ii) forty percent (40%) marks in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST categories
- of the total marks in all papers except additional papers at the class 12th examination in the 10+2 scheme or its equivalent in any discipline from a recognized Board of Examination, and
- (2) No candidate shall be eligible for the award of Degree of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), unless he/she has:
 - (a) passed, not less than five years previously, the Higher Secondary School Examination (10+2) or its equivalent Examination; and
 - (b) has undergone a regular course of study in this University for a period of five academic sessions(years) and has secured at least grade 'C' or 50% marks in aggregate in all the examinations of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) conducted by this University.

4. Admission Procedure

- (1) Admission to the B.A. LL.B.(Hons.) Course shall be made through Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) or as per the resolution of the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Director.

5. Intake and Reservation for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Course

- (1) The total number of seats for the course shall be such as may be created and fixed by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Director.

- (2) The total number of seats created and fixed by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Director, for the time being, is 128 students to its B.A.LL.B (Hons.) Course and the distribution of seats is as under:

Category	M.P. Seats	State	All Seats	India	NRI/NRI Sponsored
S.C.	09		08		----
S.T.	11		04		----
O.B.C.	08		-----		----
General	--		68		18

Important notes about seat distribution:

- Out of 68 All India General Seats, 26 Seats are reserved for Madhya Pradesh State Domicile Candidates.
- In addition to the aforementioned seats, two (02) seats are reserved for Residents of States of Jammu and Kashmir as supernumerary quota as per the notification of the Government of India.
- 30% seats are reserved for women (horizontal reservation).
- 3% seats are reserved for PWD candidates (horizontal reservation).

6. Duration of Course and Trimester System

- (1) The duration of the B.A. LL.B.(Hons.) Degree Course shall be five academic years.
- (2) Each academic year shall be divided into three Trimesters.
- (3) No candidate shall be admitted to a trimester examination as a candidate after the lapse of a period of eight years after his first admission to the B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Degree Course.




7. Subjects of Study


- (1) Subjects (Papers) of Study shall include the Subjects (Papers) as may be prescribed by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Director.

Part III Examinations Regulations

8. Examinations and Evaluations

- (1) The examination for the Degree of B.A. LL.B.(Hons.) shall comprise of fifteen trimester examinations. In each trimester, a candidate shall be examined in the courses of study prescribed for that trimester in accordance with the scheme prescribed by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Director.
- (2) The examination for the Degree of B.A. LL.B.(Hons.) shall be open to candidates who have undergone a regular course of study in the University subject to the attendance rules given below:

1. Students securing at least 70% attendance in the aggregate in a Trimester and at least 65% attendance in each subject in the concerned Trimester  Eligible to appear in the End Term Examination in all the subjects of the said Trimester
2. Students securing at least 70% attendance in the aggregate in a Trimester and at least 65% attendance in some subject(s).  Eligible to appear in the End Term Examination in only those subject(s) in which the student has secured at least 65% attendance.
3. Students securing at least 70% attendance in the aggregate in a Trimester but less than 65% attendance in some subject(s) in the concerned Trimester.  Eligible to appear in Repeat Examinations of those subject(s) in which the student has secured less than 65% attendance

4. Students who do not fall under (1),(2) or (3) as above  Not eligible to appear in End-Term Examinations/ Repeat examinations of the said Trimester. However, they may apply for re-admission in the said Trimester in the next Academic Session. Such students will not be eligible for any Medals/Award. Further such students may be required to deposit all the fees and charges if re-admitted.

Attendance Rules for Exchange Programs (CASRIP and Lucerne University Programs etc.):

The period of absence for the duration of the Course in a foreign university, in case of students nominated by the NLIU to participate in the Exchange Program like CASRIP or Lucerne University Programs, may be treated as non-days for the purpose of calculation of class attendance.

Class attendance rules for extra-curricular or co-curricular activities:

A period not exceeding six (06) days in every trimester of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Course will be treated as non-days for every student who has been nominated by the University to participate in an extra-curricular or co-curricular activities either within the University or outside the University.

- (3) There shall be an Examination Committee constituted by the Director to look into the cases of use of unfair means by the students in the examination. The Committee shall consist of at least three teachers of the University.
- (4) There shall be a Moderation Committee constituted by the Director. The Committee shall consist of at least three teachers of the University.
- (5) There shall be an End-Term Examination at the end of every Trimester. As far as possible the written examination shall be based on questions designed as problems so as to require analysis, reasoning and application of logical and rhetorical skills on the part of the

candidates. The End-Term Examination shall comprise of a Written Examination of every Paper (Subject) taught in the said Trimester and a Viva-Voce Examination.

- (6) The Director shall constitute a Board of Examiners consisting of at least three examiners for the viva-voce examination for each trimester. The Director may appoint an external examiner and at least two teachers of this University on the Board of Examiners for each examination i.e. End Term Examination, Repeat Examination and Ex-Students' Examination. The board of examiner shall evaluate the performance of the students in the viva-voce examination and shall award marks on an award list. The Maximum Marks for Viva-Voce Examination shall be fifty (50).
- (7) Maximum Marks and the duration of the written examinations shall be as under:

S. No.	Name of Paper (Subject)	Maximum Marks	Duration
1.	Legal Writing	50	Three Hours
2.	Clinical Course	50	Evaluation on the basis of scheme approved by the Director.
3.	Optional Papers (Specialization)	50	Three Hours
4.	All other Papers	100	Three Hours

- (8) The Written Examination shall be of one hundred (100) marks or of fifty (50) marks as the case may be and shall consist of seven (07) questions of twenty (20) marks or of ten (10) marks each as the case may be and the examinee will be required to answer five (05) questions. The first two questions shall be compulsory without any choice. The first question shall consist of twenty (20) multiple choice questions (MCQs) of one (01) mark each. MCQs may be Reason/Assertion type, or simple MCQs, or match the corresponding entries of the two columns, or any combination thereof. The second

question shall be problem based in papers relating to Law, Economics, and Accountancy. In other Papers, the second question may preferably be problem based one. The remaining five (05) questions may be either theory/concept/principle based or problem based or any combination thereof. These five questions shall be without any internal choice, out of which the examinee shall be compulsorily required to answer any three questions.

- (9) The evaluation at the trimester examination shall be internal and continuous. The teacher who offers the course shall evaluate the performance of the students. After the declaration of results, the evaluated answer sheets shall be shown to the students.
- (10) In addition to Written Examination and Viva-Voce Examination, every student of First, Second, Third and Fourth Year shall be required to write and present a project work in every trimester in one Paper (Subject) allotted to him/her.
- (11) The Fifth Year students shall be required to write and present two Seminar Papers one each in the two optional (specialization) Papers.
- (12) The project work or Seminar Paper shall be designed to develop skills of research, analysis and interpretation of legal scholarly writings.
- (13) Each student of I, II, III, and IV Years shall be assigned a project work in each trimester and V Year students shall be assigned two Seminar Papers each in XIII, XIV and XV Trimesters.
- (14) The project assignment or Seminar Paper shall be designed to develop skills of research, analysis and interpretation of writings of leading legal scholars.

- (15) The project work or Seminar Papers shall consist of a written paper on a topic assigned by the teacher at the beginning of the trimester. The topic assigned may be a problem, or comment on legislation, or review of any specific case or problem.
- (16) The students shall be expected to research and investigate the assigned topic and write a paper as directed by the teacher of the course.
- (17) The student shall be required to complete and submit the project work or Seminar Paper to the teacher concerned on or before the date notified by him/her.
- (18) Course teachers will be available to provide guidance to students on how to write and present a project work or Seminar Paper.
- (19) A presentation of the project work or Seminar Paper shall be conducted by the course teacher during the trimester.
- (20) Originality of thought and dexterity of articulation in the project work shall merit higher award. In case, a student has plagiarized in any project work he/she shall be given no credit for it and will receive Grade F.
- (21) The division of marks of project work or of Seminar Paper, as the case may be, shall be as under:

“30 marks for written project work, 10 marks for presentation of project work and 10 marks for attendance as given below.”

Students having more than seventy percent attendance in aggregate will be given following marks in the project work.

70% or less than 70%	-	0 Mark
70.1% - 75.99%	-	2 Marks
76% - 78.99%	-	4 Marks
79% - 81.99%	-	6 Marks
82% - 84.99%	-	8 Marks
85% - 100%	-	10 Marks

- (22) To pass in an examination, a student must obtain at least 50% of the marks or grade C individually in the written examination, viva-voce examination and project work or Seminar Paper. Grading Scheme of evaluation shall be as under:

S.No.	Percentage of Marks	Grade	Grade Marks	Division
1.	80% and above marks	O Grade	7	First
2.	75% and above marks	A+ Grade	6	First
3.	70% and above marks	A Grade	5	First
4.	65% and above marks	B+ Grade	4	First
5.	60% and above marks	B Grade	3	Second
6.	55% and above marks	C+ Grade	2	Second
7.	50% and above marks	C Grade	1	Second
8.	Less than 50%	FAIL	0	Null

- (a) In order to be declared successful in a written paper, viva-voce, project work/seminar paper, a student must obtain any of the seven grades O to C mentioned above. However, if a student has cleared all the written papers of a Trimester Examination but has failed by two (02) or less than two (02) marks only in one written paper, he/she shall be awarded two (02) or less than two (02) marks as Grace Marks in said the written paper and he/she will be declared pass. No grace marks shall be awarded in Viva-Voce and/or Project work/Seminar Paper. Further, if a student has failed in a written paper or in the project work/seminar paper and/or viva-voce examination by less than one (01) mark, the fraction of one mark will be awarded to him/her in the said examination(s) and he/she will declared pass.
- (b) A candidate who obtains F grade in a written paper, viva-voce, project work/seminar paper, shall be deemed to have failed in that examination.

- (c) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be arrived at by dividing the sum of the products of the grade values and the course credits in each course by the total number of credits in the entire course.

9. Conduct of Examinations

- (1) The Examinees may be allowed to enter the Examination Center Ten Minutes before the commencement of the Examination.
- (2) No examinee will be allowed to enter Examination Center without Admit Card.
- (3) Nothing except admit card and Pen/Pencil/ Eraser/ Scale will be allowed inside the examination center.
- (4) Examinees have to strictly follow the seating arrangement.
- (5) All examinee must write their respective role numbers on their question papers.
- (6) Any sort of mark, signs, symbols or write up on the question paper may automatically disqualify the examinee(s) from the examination.
- (7) No examinee shall be allowed to leave the Examination Hall till the completion of Thirty Minutes after the commencement of the examination.
- (8) Students are not allowed to carry mobile phones, laptops, or any other unauthorized electrical or electronic gadgets and/or any text/ material to the Examination Hall.
- (9) Candidates must use BLUE OR BLACK pen to write answers.
- (10) A student with disability, subject to his/her eligibility, will be allowed an extra thirty minutes of time in the End-Term and Ex-Students' Examination.
- (11) No examinee shall write his/her name, roll number, enrolment number, symbol, marks, or any other indication in or on the answer script except in the designated space. Such an act

shall amount to use of unfair means. The above instructions are in addition to the “Control of Unfair Means and Disorderly Conduct Rules”.

- (12) No examinee shall answer more questions than prescribed. Extra answer(s) shall not be evaluated.

10. Repeat Examination

- (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Regulation, a student who fails in the Written Paper(s) (Subjects) in the End-Term Examination, or in the Viva-Voce Examination, or in the Project Work or Seminar Paper; or has been unable to take an examination may be permitted to appear in the Repeat Examination conducted only once in the Trimester immediately following the Trimester in which he/she has failed.
- (2) A student shall not be permitted to appear in the Repeat Examination in those examinations in which/she has obtained the Pass Marks. Pass Marks obtained by him/her in the Written Paper(s) (Subjects), or in the Viva-Voce Examination, or in the Project Work or Seminar Paper, as the case may, shall be carried forward to the Tabulation Chart of the Repeat Examination.
- (3) There shall be no Repeat Examination of the XV Trimester.
- (4) There shall be only Repeat Examination of End-Term Examination. There shall be no Repeat Examination.
- (5) The University shall ordinarily organize the repeat examination of first, fourth, seventh, tenth and thirteenth trimesters in the months of October/ November and the repeat examination of second, fifth, eighth, eleventh and fourteenth trimesters in the months of February/March so as to determine the eligibility of the candidate for promotion to fourth, seventh, tenth and thirteenth trimesters as the case may be. However, the repeat

examination of third, sixth, ninth and twelfth trimester shall ordinarily be organized in the months of August/September in the next Academic Session and result of these repeat examinations of these trimesters shall not make the candidate eligible for promotion to fourth, seventh, tenth and thirteenth trimesters as the case may be. In other words, only the results of regular examinations of the trimesters and the results of repeat examinations of first and second trimesters; fourth and fifth trimesters; seventh and eight trimesters; tenth and eleventh trimesters shall be taken into account for the determining the eligibility of the candidate for promotion to fourth, seventh, tenth and thirteenth trimesters as the case may be.

- (6) The marks/grade secured at the Repeat Examination shall carry the letter ‘**R**’ at the top.
- (7) The Repeat Examination shall be held within the immediately following trimester on such dates(s) as may be notified by the University.
- (8) In the case of Optional Papers (Specialization) the Repeat Examination shall include written examination, paper and option paper written report and oral presentation as the case may be and the marks/grade obtained earlier will be taken into consideration while determining the marks/grade in the course.
- (9) In the case of ‘Clinical Course’ where a modified scheme may be announced, the scope of Repeat Examination to be taken by the failed students shall be prescribed by the Director and the Repeat Examination shall be held within the immediately following trimester.

11. Re-Evaluation of Answer Script

- (1) If a student is dissatisfied with the award of marks he/she has obtained in a written paper, he/she may apply for re-evaluation of his/her answer script by depositing the amount of

re-evaluation fee as prescribed by the Executive Council. Re-evaluation of the answer script shall not be done by the first examiner. The Director may appoint either an internal member of the faculty or an external examiner for the purpose. However, the marks so obtained by the student shall not be counted towards determination of merit for purposes of award of medals. No application for re-evaluation of marks obtained in the Viva-Voce Examination, Project Work, and Seminar Paper shall be entertained.

- (2) Marks obtained as a result of re-evaluation of answer script shall be taken into account only if there is an increase of at least ten percent marks in comparison to the marks obtained in the first evaluation.
- (3) The candidate making an application for re-evaluation shall not be entitled to any grace marks in the result of re-evaluation.

12. Procedure for making an application for Re-Evaluation, Improvement/ Repeat Examination and Ex-students' Examination

- (1) A student may deposit the prescribed fee and apply for re-evaluation of his/her answer scripts(s)/ Repeat Examination/Improvement Examinations/ Ex-students' Examination on or before the notified date. In case, a student fails to deposit the prescribed fee and/ or make the application on or before the notified date his/her application shall not be accepted.

13. Promotion Rules

- (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Regulation:
 - (a) Promotion from one trimester to another trimester in the same class of the same academic year shall be automatic.

- (b) No candidate shall be promoted to the fourth trimester and shall automatically become an ex-student unless he has passed in at least half of the total number of written papers, two viva-voce examinations, and two project works at the first, second and third trimester examinations taken together.
- (c) No candidate shall be promoted to the seventh trimester and shall automatically become an ex-student unless she/ he has cleared all the examinations of the first, second and third trimesters and, has also passed in at least half of the total number of written papers, two viva-voce examinations, and two project works at fourth, fifth and sixth trimester examinations taken together.
- (d) No candidate shall be promoted to the tenth trimester and shall automatically become an ex-student unless she/he has cleared all the courses of first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth trimesters and has also passed in at least half of the total number of written papers, two viva-voce examinations, and two project works at seventh, eighth and ninth trimester examinations taken together.
- (e) No candidate shall be promoted to the thirteenth trimester and shall automatically become an ex-student unless she/he has cleared all the courses of first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth trimesters and has also passed in at least half of the total number of written papers, two viva-voce examinations, and two project works at tenth, eleventh and twelfth trimesters taken together.

14. Re-admission

- (1) A candidate who has not been promoted to fourth trimester, seventh trimester, tenth trimester, or thirteenth trimester as the case may be or has failed in any of the courses offered in thirteenth, fourteenth or fifteenth trimester shall automatically become an ex-

student. Such ex-students may be re-admitted in the next Academic Session only for the purposes of taking the examinations in which he/she has failed. Such students will be required to pay (i) re-admission fee only once in an Academic Session, and (ii) Examination Fee as may be prescribed.

- (2) A student who has been detained for shortage of attendance shall automatically become an ex-student. Such ex-students may be re-admitted, in the next Academic Session, in the Trimester in which he/she has been detained. If admitted in the next Academic Session, such students will be treated as the Regular Student and will be required to attend classes to fulfill the requirement of attendance rule. Such students will be required to pay (i) re-admission fee only once in an Academic Session, and (ii) other fees and charges as applicable to Regular Students.
- (3) Application for re-admission shall be made to the Registrar as per the notification issued in this regard.
- (4) The Registrar may refuse re-admission if in his opinion the continuance of the candidate is not in the best interest of the University.
- (5) The University shall organize only one examination of one paper subject, viva-voce, project work, and/or seminar paper in an academic session for ex-students.
- (6) No student shall be eligible to take any examination after the completion of eight years from the date of his/her admission and deemed to be student not fit for the course.

15. Improvement Examination

- (1) A candidate obtaining a grade other than 'F' in all the written papers of the End-Term Examination may, if he/she so desires, appear at the repeat examination in only one written paper by depositing the amount of fee as may be prescribed by the Executive

Council. Such opportunity for improvement shall only be availed *once* at the immediately following repeat examination.

16. Fees and Charges

- (1) Each candidate admitted to the course shall be required to pay the amount of fees under different heads and amount of charges under different heads as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.
- (2) The amount of fees and charges shall be deposited by the students as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.
- (3) The amount of fees and charges once paid by the student shall not be refunded under any circumstances unless the fee or charge, as the case may be, has expressly declared to be refundable by the Executive Council.

17. Gold Medal and Silver Medal

- (1) A student will be eligible to the award of Gold Medal and/or Silver Medal as per the applicable Regulations of the University. No student having a Repeat Examination, Ex-Student Examination, and/or Grace Mark will be eligible for the award of Gold Medal and/or Silver Medal.

18. Examination (Control of Unfair Means and Disorderly Conduct) Regulations

- (1) Examination (Control of Unfair Means and Disorderly Conduct) Regulations shall form part and parcel of this Regulation.

19. Student Conduct and Discipline Rules, 1999

- (1) Student Conduct and Discipline Rules, 1999 shall form part and parcel of this Regulation.

20. Hostel Rules

- (1) Hostel Rules shall form part and parcel of this Regulation.

21. These Regulations shall be applicable to all the existing and new batches of B. A. LL. B. (Hons.) Course.

22. Removal of Difficulties

(1) The Director on the recommendations of a Committee constituted by the Director, shall have the power to make such modifications, alterations or amendments in these Regulations as may be necessary to remove any difficulty arising during a period of first five years from the date commencement of these Regulations. The changes made by the Director shall be reported to the Academic Council.