GENERAL NORMS FOR LL.M. REVISED COURSI

1. OBJECTS

The LL.M. Course, being intended to produce academicians and Lawyers of competence and expertise, it is imperative that the students should have an in depth knowledge not only of the concepts and basic principles of law, but also of social, political and economic aspects of law.

To develop the capacity of the students for coherent and reasoned understanding as well as expression in the matters of Legislative and Judicial Policy, Legal Process and Legal Institutions, methods of interpretation of laws and to suggest pragmatic solutions to the present institutional, Legal and Social problems.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The minimum qualification for a candidate of general category making an application for admission to the LL.M. Degree course is a Second Class LL.B. Degree of this University or a Degree recognized as equivalent thereto. However candidates belonging to reserved category may make an application to the LL.M. Degree course will be given 5% relaxation.

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

An application for admission to the LL.M. Degree course must be made in the prescribed form and be submitted to the Department of Law/concerned College within the prescribed time, immediately after the declaration of the results of the LL.B. Degree examination of this University held in first half of every year.

No Students will be permitted to pursue the LL.M. Degree course simultaneously with any other course of this or any other recognized University.

Admission of the students shall be made in accordance with the merits in the qualifying examination.

Admission to the LL.M. Degree course shall be made for the entire Academic year i.e. for both the First and Second Semesters at the beginning of the Academic Year at one time.

A candidate for being eligible for the Second Semester must have successfully kept terms for the First Semester, irrespective of the result of the First Semester Examination.

A candidate for being eligible for admission to the Third Semester must have either passed in the First and Second Semesters or must have got exemption in at least six papers of the First and Second Semesters.

4. STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

LL.M. Course shall be Semester Course, consisting of Four Semesters spread over two years.

The LL.M. Course shall consist of Foundation Course of five papers and any one Optional Group of six papers from six Groups offered by the University. The Colleges/Department shall ensure that each paper is taught in at least 60 units of 60 minutes duration.

Optional Group will be permitted to be taken only if a minimum of 20 students is opting for the same group.

FIRST SEMESTER

The **First Semester** shall be of two Foundational Papers and two papers of an Optional Group. Each paper shall be of 100 marks.

SECOND SEMESTER

The **Second Semester** shall be of one Foundational Paper and two papers of an Optional Group opted by the student in the First Semester. Each paper shall be of 100 marks. In addition, there shall be a Practical Examination of 100 marks. Of these 100 marks, 25 marks shall be assigned to Class Room Teaching, 25 marks to Doctrinal Research, 25 marks to Non-Doctrinal Research, 15 marks for Class Room Seminars and 10 marks for attendance.



A student will be required to engage two lectures, each of ane hour duration, in the classes of First and / or Second Semester. The topic of the lecture shall be a topic of either Doctrinal Research / Non-Doctrinal Research by the student or any other topic in consultation with the concerned teacher. The students shall be encouraged to use Power Point, Over Head Projector, LCD, and other modern techniques of teaching during this session.

b) DOCTRINAL AND NON-DOCTRINAL RESEARCH

- The research paper shall run into 4000 to 5000 words.
- The topic for the Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal research shall be a current legal issue having social, economic or political implications.
- The list of the topics, to be assigned to the students, shall be prepared by the teachers of the concerned Group and shall be submitted to the University.
- The research work assigned to the students should be completed and submitted within a month from the date of the assignment of the topic / project.

c) CLASS ROOM SEMINARS

Every student of the Third Semester shall organise and conduct one Seminar on a topic, which shall be finalised in consultation with the concerned teacher.

THIRD SEMESTER

The **Third Semester** shall be of one Foundational Paper and two papers of the Optional Group. Each paper shall be of 100 marks.

FOURTH SEMESTER

The **Fourth Semester** shall be of Dissertation of 150 marks and Vivapresentation of 50 marks.



SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

Each theory paper will carry 100 marks out of which 80 marks are for Written Examination and 20 marks for Internal Assessment. The question paper shall have eight questions carrying equal marks. The question paper shall include seven questions for writing long answers and one question for writing short notes. Writing short notes will be a compulsory question. The question for short notes shall have four bits and the students shall write at least two bits. The students will have to answer at least four questions including short notes.

CRITERIA FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT.

i) Class Test 10 Marks

(Teacher is expected to take at least two test papers at regular intervals and the average mark is to be taken)

ii) Seminar on a topic relating to the Optional Subjects 05Marks

iii) Active participation in Class 05 Marks

PASSING RULES

a) Passing Standards:

Distinction 70% and above

First Class 60 %to 69%

Second Class 50% to 59 %

- b) No LL.M. student will be allowed to appear for the examination unless he / she has attended 75 % of the total number of Lectures and Seminars conducted in each semester.
- c) No Class will be awarded to the students in the First, Second and Third Semester examination.
- d) Class will be awarded on the basis of the total performance of the student in all the Four Semesters.
- e) To pass LL.M. examination, a student must obtain a minimum of 45 % of the marks in each paper and 50 % in aggregate in each of the Semesters.

- f) Two teachers of the concerned group, nominated by the University, shall evaluate Dissertation and the average of the same is to be taken. An Internal Examiner and External Examiner will conduct viva. The examiners shall submit the mark sheets directly to the Examination Department of the University.
- g) Students failing in Practical Examination in the Second Semester and / or in Dissertation and Viva Examination in the Fourth semester shall undergo the Practical Examination and/or Dissertation and Viva as the case may be.

IMPROVEMENT

The students whose performance is not satisfactory will be permitted to improve their performance. The students can choose a maximum of 50% of the theory papers (i.e., excluding Practical and Dissertation) for improvement. The students shall have three attempts for improvement.

CURRICULAM

Foundation Courses

- 1. Law and Social Transformation in India.
- 2. Legal Education and Research Methodology.
- 3. Indian Constitutional Law: The New Challenges.
- 4. Judicial Process.
- 5. Dissertation.

Optional Groups.

- A Criminal Law and Criminal Administration.
- B Business Law.
- C Environment and Legal Order.
- D Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law.
- E Science, Technology and Law.
- F Jurisprudence.

