

NLUO HANDBOOK ON RIGHT TO INFORMATION



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INTRODUCTION

The Right to Information Act (RTI Act) intends to set out the practical regime of Right to Information for citizens to enable them to access the information under the control of public authority in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of such authority.

Section 2(h) of the Act defines “public authority” as any authority or body or institution of self-governance established or constituted by or under the constitution or by law made by the Parliament or

any state legislature or by notification issued by the appropriate government. It includes body owned, controlled or substantially financed by the government.

In accordance with the provisions contained in section 2(j) of the Act, Right to Information means right to information accessible under this Act which is held by or under control of a public authority.

This Information Handbook will enable the citizens to obtain information as to the provisions contained in various rules and regulations governing the University of Delhi and related information.

PROFILE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The National Law University, Orissa was established by National Law University Orissa Act 2008 [Orissa Act 4 of 2008]¹ for the purposes of advancement of course of teaching learning and research and diffusion of knowledge in the field of law as also to cater to the need of the society by developing professional skills of persons intending to take up advocacy, judicial service, legal service or service for legislative drafting as their profession and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The Act received the assent of the Governor of Orissa on 23rd November 2008 and the University began its first session in July 2009.

OBJECTS

Being what is increasingly being referred to as a “third generation law university”, NLUO is ideally placed to learn from other law schools – both from their strengths and their drawbacks. Drawing from these experiences it has embarked upon a well-defined course of action to achieve the levels of excellence it aspires to. The approach we have chosen is three pronged:

1. TEACHING

NLUO has designed its undergraduate programme keeping in mind certain specific objectives. Our endeavour is to achieve concert between the teaching of theory and imparting of practical skills essential to lawyering. We also acknowledge the need for instilling in students a sense of social and

¹ See Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 2215, Cuttack, Thursday, December 4 2008/MARGASIRA 13, 1930

ethical responsibility. We believe that class lectures, apart from relaying information and imparting skills, should help students develop critical faculties for thinking out of the box. Furthermore, NLUO strives to ensure that students' education is multidimensional. To this end, we have right from inception adhered to an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach. At present we offer B.A. LL.B (Hons) and B.B.A. LL.B (Hons) courses. We have, however, made several optional courses freely available to all students; meaning that a student from the Social Sciences stream is free to opt for a few management-related courses and vice versa.

The University is, as aforementioned, conscious of the fact that most graduates of other national law universities tend to avoid a career in litigation (as either practising advocates or judges), and instead seek employment in law firms and corporate houses. We seek to reverse this trend of “soft lawyering” by actively encouraging students to opt for “hard law” career options.

NLUO regards continuing education as an essential part of its pedagogical programme. To this end it intends to regularly organise orientation and training programmes for legal academics, judicial officers, practising advocates, social activists and so on.

2. RESEARCH

The dearth of quality legal research, both theoretical and applied, is another major challenge confronting legal education. In this respect, it is also to be noted that legal research is perceptibly distancing itself from socially relevant issues. To address this, the University proposes to establish a number of specialised centres, such as the Centre of Mining Law, Centre of Water Law, Centre of Agriculture and Food Law, and the Centre of Energy Law.

At a more general level, it proposes to nurture quality legal research by establishing conditions most appropriate for incubating scholarly activity. Foremost among them is a library comparable to best anywhere. This can be achieved only over a reasonable span of time, but already the library can be considered adequate to meet the basic needs of students, despite the acute shortage of space in the present location. This situation will be remedied once we move to the new campus at Naraj where space will no longer remain constraint. At present, however, we have acquired the best online repositories and databases, relating to not only law but also other areas such as Management and the Social Sciences.

Any significant research initiative can be sustained only through the involvement of the best minds. Accordingly, assembling a world-class faculty remains one of NLUO's topmost priorities. Even at this early stage, the young and dynamic faculty includes products of the best national and international universities. The process of handpicking the best from different parts of India will continue.

3. DISSEMINATION

Research is generally considered worthwhile when made relevant to existing needs, whether of individuals or society at large. To achieve this, it is necessary to unshackle scholarly output from its isolation in academia, and disseminate it amongst those who may derive practical benefit from it. NLUO has adopted a multi-pronged strategy for this purpose.

To begin with, this includes organising quality lectures, seminars and conferences to promote legal scholarship, propagation of legal knowledge, bridging the law and society divide, and also using the legal process as an effective means of social reform and evolution. And the second aspect is to generate publications, intended for scholars, non-legal specialists as well as the general public.

UNIVERSITY BODIES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Membership of the Executive Council –

(1) The Executive Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) one member of the General Council (to be nominated by it);
- (c) Advocate General, Orissa;
- (d) Chairman, Bar Council of India;
- (e) Chairman, the State Bar Council, Orissa;
- (f) two senior most Faculty Members to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor by rotation;
- (g) a sitting Judge of the High Court of Orissa to be nominate by the Chancellor ; and
- (h) two eminent academicians or Jurists nominated by the Visitor.

(2) Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman and the Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council.

Powers and functions of the Executive Council –

Without prejudice to the provisions contained in section 5, the powers and functions of the Executive Council shall be, -

- (a) to create, from time to time, faculty position of and appoint in the position of, Professor – Director of Schools, Chairman of Undergraduate and Postgraduate studies, Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professor and other teaching staff of the faculty on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted under the regulation of the University in that behalf;
- (b) to create positions in administrative, teaching, research and subordinate management staff, on tenure and non tenure basis on such terms and conditions as may be determined by regulations and to appoint personnel in such posts in such manner as may be determined under regulations and also have the power to delegate such functions to the Vice-Chancellor in such manner as may be stipulated in the regulation;
- (c) to grant, in accordance with the regulations, leave of absence other than casual leave to any officer or faculty member of the University and to make necessary arrangements for the discharge of the functions of such officer or member during his absence;

GENERAL COUNCIL

Membership of General Council –

(1) There shall be a General Council of the University which shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the Attorney – General of India;
- (c) the Chairperson of the University Grants Commission or his nominee not below the rank of Deputy Chairman of the Commission;
- (d) Advocate General, Orissa;
- (e) Chairman, Orissa State Bar Council;
- (f) all Professors of the University;
- (g) two retired or sitting Judges of the Supreme Court of India or of High Court nominated by the Visitor;
- (h) two eminent members of the Bar of the Orissa High Court, nominated by the Chancellor;

(i) two eminent persons nominated by the Chancellor working in the field of law and law education; and

(j) the Vice-Chancellor:

Provide that an employee of the University shall not be eligible for nomination to the General Council except the faculty nominees and the donors.

(2) Any person who makes a donation to the University at any time of an amount not less than twenty-five lakhs rupees shall be donor member during his life time and shall have a right to nominate a representative to attend meetings.

3. Chairman and Secretary of the General Council –

The Chancellor shall be the Chairman and the Registrar shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

4. Powers of the General Council –

(1) The General Council shall have all the powers necessary for the administration and management of the University and for conducting its affairs including the power to review the action of the Authorities and the power to review the regulations made by the Executive Council and shall exercise all powers of the University except as otherwise provided in this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-clause (1), the General Council shall, -

(a) recommend the broad policies and ensure good governance of the University and suggest measures for the improvement and development of the University;

(b) consider and pass the resolutions on the annual budget, annual account, annual report, the financial estimates and the audit report on such accounts; and

(c) Perform such other functions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as it may deem necessary for the better functioning and administration of the University.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee –

(1) There shall be a Finance Committee constituted by the Executive Council consisting of the following members, namely:-

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

- (b) one member nominated by the Executive Council from amongst its members;
 - (c) Finance Officer of the University;
 - (a) one senior teacher preferably a specialist of the finance and account matters nominated by the Vice – Chancellor;
 - (b) three financial experts, not having any relation with the University nominated by the Chancellor ; and
 - (c) the Registrar, who shall be the Member – secretary of the Finance Committee.
- (2) The members of the Finance Committee shall hold office for a term of three years.
- (3) The functions and duties of the Finance Committee shall be, -
- (a) to examine and scrutinize the annual budget of the University and to make recommendations on financial matters to the Executive Council;
 - (b) to consider the periodical statements of accounts and to review the finances of the University, from time to time, and to consider re-appropriation statements and audit reports and to make recommendations to the Executive Council.
 - (c) to consider all proposals for new expenditure and make recommendation to the Executive Council ; and
 - (d) to give its views and to make recommendations to the Executive Council on any financial question affecting, the University either on its own initiative or on reference from the Executive Council or the Vice-Chancellor.
- (4) The Finance Committee shall meet twice every year and five members of the Finance Committee shall form the quorum.
- (5) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside over the meetings of the finance Committee.
- (6) In case of difference of opinion among the members, the opinion of the majority of the members shall prevail.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Membership of the Academic Council –

- (1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman thereof;
 - (b) three persons from amongst the eminent educationists or men of letters or members of learned professions, who are not in the service of the University, to

be nominated by the Chancellor;

(c) one member of the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India to be nominated by the Chairman of the Committee;

(d) all Heads of the Department of the University;

(e) all the Professors other than the Heads of the Department of the University; and

(f) two members of the teaching staff, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and lecturers of the University in order of seniority in each category by rotation:

Provided that such of the Associate Professors or Assistant Professors who have been nominated as members of Executive Council by the Vice-Chancellor, shall not be nominated as members of the Academic Council by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The terms of office of the members, other than ex-officio members shall be three years.

Powers and duties of the Academic Council –

Subject to the provisions of this Act and regulations, the Academic Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the powers, -

(a) to report on any matter referred or delegated to it by the General Council or the Executive Council;

(b) to make arrangements through regulations for the instruction and examination of persons other than those enrolled in the University;

(c) to promote research within the University and to require, from time to time to reports on such research ;

(d) to consider research proposals submitted by the faculties;

(e) to appoint committees for admission to the University;

(f) to recognize diplomas and degrees of other Universities and institutions and to determine their equivalence in relation to the diplomas and degrees of the University;

DEGREE PROGRAMMES UNDER THE UNIVERSITY

1. UNDER-GRADUATE DEGREE

B.A.LL.B PROGRAMME

To bridge the gap between legal theory and praxis, an understanding of the social sciences is essential. Law is after all a profession that works in a socio-political context, and therefore for a legal practitioner training in the liberal arts is a prerequisite. National Law University, Orissa offers a five year-integrated B.A.LL.B programme that combines training in law with knowledge of the social sciences. The liberal arts component of the B.A.LL.B program includes five arts subjects (Political Science, Sociology, Economics, English and Mass Communication), which are supplemented by a range of law courses; and together they provide a broad based multidisciplinary foundation to the curricula.

B.B.A.LL.B PROGRAMME

The National Law University, Orissa also provides a five-year B.B.A.LL.B conjoint study programme which combines law with undergraduate level business administration. In this course the law subjects are studied in conjunction with business administration subjects such as Principles and Practices of Management, Financial Markets and Institutions, Cost and Management Accounting, Marketing, Corporate Accounting, Organizational Behaviour, Human Resource Management, Managerial Psychology, Ethical Entrepreneurship and Leadership, Financial Reporting and Analysis, Financial Management, Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Restructuring. This course is designed keeping in mind the emergent needs of a fast growing economy such as India's; the steady and growing influx of multinationals has created an overwhelming demand for legal managers and the said course is tailor-made to meet the same.

TENTATIVE COURSE PLAN

SEMESTER I		
COMPULSORY COURSES	LIBERAL ARTS	MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Law and Language	Microeconomics	Managerial Economics
Elements of Jurisprudence	Architecture of Social Life	Principles and Practices of Management
Law of Tort	Science of Politics	Principles and Practices of Financial Accounting
SEMESTER II		
Law, Literature & Film	Macroeconomics	Fundamentals of Marketing Management
Fundamentals of Contract Law	Contemporary Social Issues & Debates	Managerial Psychology
Family Law I	Contemporary Political Discourse	Cost and Management Accounting
SEMESTER III		
Specific Contracts	Economic Development and Planning	Strategic Management
Civil Liberties	Sociology of Social Transformation	Human Resource Management
Family Law II	Global Politics and Governance	Corporate Accounting
SEMESTER IV		
General Principles of Constitutional Law	Mass Communication I/Management Studies I	Mass Communication I/ Liberal Arts I
Public International Law	Quantitative Methods for Planning (Economics Hons. I)/Principles of Public Administration (Political Science Hons. I)/Gender, Law and Society (Sociology Hons. I)	Financial Institutions & Financial Markets (Management Hons. I)/Financial Management (Finance Hons. I)
Corporate Law I		
Penal Law I		
Law of Evidence		

SEMESTER V

Penal Law II (Specific Offences)	Mass Communication II/ Management Studies II	Mass Communication II/ Liberal Arts II
Administrative Law	Public Finance (Economics Hons. II)/Comparative Politics and Governance (Political Science Hons. II)/Religion, Law and Society (Sociology Hons. II)	Business Environment (Management Hons. II)/Merger Acquisition & Business Restructuring (Finance Hons. II)
Corporate Law II		
Penal Law III (Code of Criminal Procedure)		
Private International Law		

SEMESTER VI

Interpretation of Statutes	Mass Communication III/ Management Studies III	Mass Communication III/ Liberal Arts III
Civil Procedure Code	International Economics (Economics Hons. III)/Anatomy of Political Institutions (Political Science Hons. III)/ Urban Sociology (Sociology Hons. III)	Entrepreneurship and Leadership (Management Hons. III)/Financial Reporting and Corporate Governance (Finance Hons. III)
Property Law		
Environmental Law		
Drafting, Pleading and Conveyancing		

SEMESTER VII

SEMESTER VIII

SEMESTER IX

Taxation Law	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Professional Ethics
Competition Law	Human Rights Law	Advocacy & Trial Court Internship
Labour Law	Cyber Law	Moot Court
Intellectual Property Rights	Banking & Insurance Law	Hons. Specialization IV
Land Laws	Hons. Specialization II	Hons. Specialization V
Hons. Specialization I	Hons. Specialization III	Seminar Course I

SEMESTER X

Seminar Course II

Seminar Course III

Seminar Course IV

Seminar Course V

Honors Specialization Papers

1. Constitutional Law Group

India Federalism; Affirmative Action and Discriminative Justice; Comparative Constitution; Human Rights Law; Fiscal Responsibility & Management; Environmental Law; Local Self Government, Right to Information; Civil Society & Public Grievances; Government Accounts & Audit; Law on Education; Media & Law; Health Law; and Citizenship & Emigration Law.

2. Business Law Group

Law & Economics; Banking Law; Investment Law; Capital Market Regulation; Foreign Trade; Law of Carriage; Transportation Law; Insurance Law; Bankruptcy & Insolvency; Corporate Governance; Merger & Acquisition; Competition Technology Law; Direct Taxation; Indirect Taxation; Equity and Trust; Law on Project Finance; Law on Corporate Finance; and Law on Infrastructure Development.

3. International Trade Law

International Trade Economics; General Agreement on Tariff & Trade; Double Taxation, Dumping and Countervailing Duty; Trade in Services & Emigration Law; Cross Border Investment; Agriculture; Dispute Resolution; International Monetary Fund; Trade in Intellectual property; and International Banking & Finance.

4. Intellectual Property Rights

Patent Right Creation and Registration; Copyright; Trade Secret and Technology Transfer; Other Forms of IPR Creation and Registration; IPR Litigation; IPR Transactions; Life Patent; Farmers and Breeders Right; Traditional Knowledge and Bio Diversity Protection; and Information Technology.

5. Crime and Criminology

Criminal Psychology; Forensic Science; International Criminal Law; Prison Administration; Penology & Victimology; Offences against Child & Juvenile Offences; Women & Criminal Law; IT Offences; Probation and parole; Criminal Sociology; and Comparative Criminal Procedure.

6. Law and Agriculture

Land Tenure & Tenancy System; Law on Agriculture Infrastructure: Seed, Water, Fertilizer, Pesticide etc.; Law on Agriculture Finance; Law on Agriculture Labour; Agricultural Marketing; Farming & Cultivation; Farmer and Breeder's Right; Cooperative; Dispute Resolution and Legal Aid; Agricultural Insurance; and Law on SMEs on Agricultural Processing and Rural Industry.

7. International Law

International Organizations; International Human Rights; Private International Law; International Environmental Law; IMF & World Bank; Regional Agreement & Regionalization; UNCITRAL Model Codes; International Labour Organizations & Labour Laws; International Dispute Resolution Bodies; Maritime Law; Law of Sea and International River; Air & Space Law.

NLUO has pioneered several distinctive models in its study programmes of B.A.LL.B and B.B.A.LL.B. These are as follows:

Minor Conjoint Programme:

NLUO offers unique *minor conjoint programmes* for the benefit of its students. The minor conjoint programme for the B.A.LL.B requires students to complete 12 minor compulsory papers from among four minor liberal study areas, along with compulsory law courses in the initial three semesters. The liberal arts courses include Political Science, Sociology, Economics and English. Similarly, B.B.A.LL.B students will be required to complete 12 minor compulsory courses from among four business study areas which include Management, Finance, and Business Economics.

Conjoint Double Honours Programme:

To our knowledge NLUO is the only law university which offers the *conjoint double honours programme*. In this programme, B.A.LL.B students can choose advanced coursework for honours from among any of the following study areas of Political Science, Sociology, and Economics. Similarly, B.B.A.LL.B students can also choose honours course from among any of the following study areas of Management and Finance. All double-honours students are required to take three papers from the honours course he/she choose to study in fourth to sixth semester.

Conjoint Minor with Mass Communication Programme:

NLUO is also the first law university in India to offer Mass Communication as a minor (optional course with three papers) to its students in the fourth and sixth semesters. This programme is available to those students who are not taking double honours course. This option is available to both B.B.A.LL.B and B.A.LL.B students.

Cross-disciplinary Triple Conjoint Programme:

Contrary to the conventional interdisciplinary approach, NLUO provides its students with a cross-interdisciplinary triple conjoint programme. In this distinctive programme, students of both B.A.LL.B and B.B.A.LL.B can choose cross-disciplinary options from managerial studies and liberal arts along with law as major. Which means students of the B.A.LL.B can pick minor courses from Managerial Studies and *vice-versa*.

ELIGIBILITY:

Senior Secondary School Examination (10+2 system) or equivalent examination with not less than 50% marks in aggregate. (SC / ST candidates can apply with 45% marks). Those who have appeared for the qualifying examination in March / April, 2011 may also apply).

AGE LIMIT:

Below 21 years as on 1st August, 2011 (23 years in case of SC/ST candidates)

TOTAL SEATS:

60 seats each for B.A.LL.B. (Hons) & B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)

CATEGORY:

General - 78

Scheduled Tribes-14

Scheduled Castes-10

Persons with disabilities-4

Foreign Nationals-4, NRI/NRI Sponsored-10

Total Seats: 120

Eligibility Condition:

Applications will be entertained only on the applicant fulfilling the following criteria:

1. Applicant must have secured minimum of 50% aggregate marks (45% for SC/ST applicants) in 10+2 or equivalent examinations. Applicant's awaiting results of the qualifying examination can also appear for

the test on the condition that they produce proof of having passed the qualifying examination with the prescribed marks at the time of admission.

2. Applicant must be below 21 years as on 1st August 2011 (23 years in case of SC /ST Candidates).

3. Eligible candidates should apply in the prescribed form no later than 10th May, 2011.

4. Applicant must provide complete and accurate information in the Application Form. Failure to furnish all supporting credentials or the furnishing of incorrect information may invalidate admission and registration. Applicants should retain copies of all items submitted as part of the admission application.

FEES & FINANCE

While deciding on a law school, tuition fee and living expense is of important concern. The money involved on occasions can in fact become the overbearing determinant. Prospective candidates are usually beset with the following questions: "Can I afford the education cost?" "Will the investment prove worthwhile?" Reaching a decision is based upon the pay back prospects of the degree. Contemporaneously speaking, the financial security offered by a law degree is next to none, with prospects poised to grow further. Which coupled with the fact of one's degree coming from a prestigious institution such as our own and you can rest assured that you have made a wise financial investment in your future. To answer the first question it should suffice to say that we have a competitive fee structure and provisions for financial aid; and add to that the relatively low living cost afforded by Cuttack and you have a surprisingly affordable education.

Application Fee: An application fee of Rs. 1500 which includes Entrance Examination fee must accompany each application for admission to the Law School. No part of the fee is refundable.

Tuition and Other Fee: The level of tuition fee charged will depend upon whether you are what is termed a resident Indian, NRI sponsored, or NRI or Foreign National student. NLUO's annual tuition fee covers all elements of tuition within an academic year for both programmes. However, extra credit programmes, re-sit examination or any other course apart from the regular course may attract additional fees.

Tentative Fee Structure for Academic Session 2011-12 in Indian Rupees

Tuition Fees	50,000.00 Per Semester
Admission Fees	1,000.00 One time
Student Welfare Fund	5,000.00 Annual
Examination Fee	3,000.00 Annual
Internet Fee	5,000.00 Annual
Electricity Charges	10,000.00 Annual
Sports and Game Facilities	1,000.00 Annual
Moot Court/Seminar/Workshops	3,000.00 Annual
Hostel Fee	22,000.00 Annual
Total	1,50,000.00

Tuition Fee for Foreign National/NRI/NRI Sponsored Students:

Tuition Fees for students who are taking admissions under Foreign National/NRI/NRI Sponsored category are higher than resident Indian students. They have to pay 5000 US Dollars (or the equivalent sum in Indian currency as per the conversion rate on 1st July 2011) as Tuition Fee for the current academic session. This fee is set by NLUO and is subject to revision, usually rising in line with inflation. All other fees are same as for other students.

2. CONJOINT LL.M-PH.D DEGREE PROGRAMME

The LL.M.-Ph.D. Joint Degree Program of the National Law University, Orissa is a subject-specialty programme in law teaching and multi disciplinary research. The programme is in conjunction with specialized legal research leading to a doctorate degree in law. This combination of degrees is particularly intended for law graduates who plan to acquire advanced and specialized training in the field of Law and other disciplines, preparing them for careers in academia (both law schools and other departments), government and policymaking.

Eligibility

To be eligible for appearing in the entrance test LL.M.-Ph.D. Degree Course, a candidate should have passed B.A.LL.B. /LL.B. /B.L. degree or an equivalent degree from a recognized University and must have secured at least 60% of marks in the aggregate of the maximum marks prescribed. This combined course is for a minimum period of three years within which if the doctoral requirement cannot be completed the period can be increased. Candidates awaiting results of the qualifying examination can also appear for the test on the condition that they will have to produce at the time of admission proof of having passed the qualifying examination with the prescribed marks.

Admission Procedure

Eligible candidates should apply in the prescribed form on or before 10th May, 2011. Candidates for LL.M.-Ph.D. course shall be selected by the Admission Committee, based on a combined assessment of:

- a) The performance at the admission test conducted by the National Law University, Orissa; on 22nd May, 2011 at multiple test centres across India and
- b) Performance at the interview to determine the aptitude for higher studies and research in Law.

Admission Test

The entrance test for LL.M.-Ph.D. programme will be of 200 marks. The test will consist of multiple choice questions, short answer type questions, and two long answer type questions essentially related to Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Teaching and Research Aptitude and ability in language and communication.

No of Seats: Five

On successful completion of LL.M - Ph.D programme, all candidates are likely to be absorbed in the University itself.

The LL.M.-Ph.D. Curriculum

The unique LL.M- Ph.D will consist of course work, research work, teaching assignments, curriculum planning, academic administration, publications of high quality research papers and writing of a original thesis of doctoral standard.

Semester I

- 1.1 Research Methodology including designing of research proposals using multi-disciplinary tools and techniques. The candidate will have to start working on her/his research proposal.
- 1.2 Seminar Course on Comparative Constitutional Law – Selected themes and issues leading to publication of a high quality research paper.
- 1.3 Minimum of Four Hours academic assignments including co-teaching of LL.B. classes, mentoring and tutorials, assembling teaching materials, guided reading etc.

Semester II

- 2.1 Law & Social Transformation. This course will involve a series of taught modules, guided reading of selected books/articles and formulation of alternate research proposals for Ph.D. complete with hypothesis, research questions, research methodology, bibliography etc. The candidate will have to defend his/her final research proposal before the research advisory council at the end of this semester.
- 2.2 Educational Psychology and Teaching Learning Methods.
- 2.3 Teaching a course for LL.B. under the supervision of a senior teacher. Course would involve preparation of teaching plans, setting question papers, evaluation etc.

Semester III

- 3.1 Specialization paper I
- 3.2 Practice teaching under core faculty for a minimum period of 4 hours per week.
- 3.3 Seminar Course on selected topic of specialization leading to publication of a Research Paper.

Semester IV

- 4.1 Research Work
- 4.2 Research Work
- 4.3 Specialization paper II

Semester V

- 5.1 Two Hours of teaching per week
- 5.2 Submission of Research Progress Report
- 5.3 Publication of one research paper (Initial Product of the Research)

P.S. : *It is possible for the students to spend the semester in a law school outside NLUO doing teaching and research for the full semester in appropriate cases.*

Semester VI

- 6.1 Writing of Thesis.
- 6.2 Specialization paper III (Teaching a course in the area of specialization).
- 6.3 Submission of Thesis.
- 6.4 Open Viva after all three positive reports of Ph.D Examiners.

Fee Structure

If the Admission Committee finds a candidate suitable for pursuing LL.M.-Ph.D. Degree programme, the candidate shall be allowed to provisionally 'register' for the LL.M.-Ph.D. programme on payment of the following fee:

S. No.		Fee
1.	Tuition Fee	Rs. 50,000/ p.a.
2.	Admission Fee	Rs. 5,000/
3.	Retention Fee for every completed six months	Rs. 3,000/
4.	Fee to be paid at the time of submission of thesis	Rs. 5,000/
5.	Library Fee/Internet Fee/Electricity charges*	Rs. 5,000/
6.	Hostel Fee (for full time candidates)	Rs. 22,000/- p.a.
7.	Electricity Fee	Rs. 5,000/-
8.	Examination Fee	Rs. 1,000/-
9.	Internet Fee	Rs. 4,000/-

Fees may be revised from time to time

Research Supervisor

On completion of the third semester, the Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a Research Advisory Committee (RAC). It shall include a Supervisor as the Chairperson and two other members with

appropriate research experience from within or outside the University. In case the research work is also being guided by a Co-supervisor, he/she shall also be a member of the Research Advisory Council (RAC). An outside expert may also be appointed as a member of the Research Advisory Council.

The Research Advisory Council shall monitor the progress of the research work. The Research Advisory Council may also prepare a plan of work for the entire research programme, stipulating the teaching assignments and the number of academic activities (which may include taking of courses or publication of papers) that the candidate should get involved in.

Duration of Programme

The Minimum time period for the completion of this programme shall be 3 years. Time can be extended on the recommendation of the guide/core faculty by the Research Council/VC.

Research Stipends

Each candidate admitted to LL.M-Ph.D program on satisfactory completion of assigned responsibilities will get a stipend of Rs 15,000 per month for first two semesters and Rs.25,000/- per month for the subsequent semesters based on the satisfactory recommendation from the guide/core faculty.

3. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme

Overview

The programme offers highly qualified and intellectually outstanding students an opportunity to pursue their research work at an advanced level in a high challenging but academically conducive environment. In pursuance of the UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. degree) Regulation 2009, the Ph.D., programme of the University, is intended for those who wish to pursue research work after completing their postgraduate degrees in law and to develop higher research aptitude, and considering an academic career. With a view to encouraging interdisciplinary studies with strong legal component, the National Law University, Orissa encourages candidates from other disciplines to register for Ph.D.

Eligibility

An applicant seeking admission to Ph.D. Degree programme must have:

- a) Master's Degree in Law from any recognized University securing not less than 55% marks or its equivalent in grade; or
- b) Master's Degree in Law from any recognized University with 50% marks or its equivalent in grade and have had at least five years full-time teaching/judicial/professional/administrative experience in the subject; or
- c) Degree in Law and a Masters' Degree in Social Sciences or Humanities, Management
- d) Studies or Sciences from any recognized University with not less than 55% marks or its equivalent in grade; or
- e) obtained a Degree in Law and a Masters' Degree in Social Sciences or Humanities, Management Studies or Sciences from any recognized University with 50% marks and have had at least five years full time teaching/judicial/professional/administrative experience in the subject; or
- f) obtained a Master's Degree in Social Sciences, Sciences, Humanities or Management from any recognize University with 55% marks and have had at least two years or teaching experience; or
- g) Ph.D. in any discipline; or
- h) Judge of any State High Court in India or the Supreme Court of India

Provided that candidates with qualifications in Social Sciences, Humanities and Sciences shall be admitted to the programme, if the research they wish to pursue, interfaces with the discipline of Law.

Categories of Enrolment

A. Full-time enrolment:

1. Enrolment for the Ph.D. Programme shall ordinarily be full-time.
2. The candidate shall put in residence in the University for at least a total period of 18 months spread over the three year period.²

² Not applicable to candidates, serving as faculty members in National Law University Orissa, or in a Law College/Faculty, other than National Law University, Orissa.

Provided that the said period of 18 months, may be reduced or dispensed with by the Vice- Chancellor, with the approval/permission of the Academic Council.

3. Three years shall be the maximum period in which a full time candidate should complete the work and submit the thesis for evaluation.

B. Enrolment of a candidate, serving as a Teacher:

1. In National Law University, Orissa;

i. There shall be a provision for enrolment of candidates, serving as Teachers in National Law University Orissa, for the Ph. D Program.

ii. A Teacher-candidate, [referred to sub-clause (i) of Clause (1) of Part B], shall put in a minimum of 18 months of study in the University, from the date of registration/enrolment, before he/she can submit his/her thesis for evaluation and award of Degree.

Provided that a Teacher-candidate [referred to sub-clause (i) of Clause (1) of Part B], may submit his/her thesis before the stipulated period of 18 months, but after completing a minimum of 12 months of study from the date of registration/enrolment, with the permission of the Academic Council.

iii. Five years shall be the maximum period in which the Teacher-candidate, [referred to subclause (i) of Clause (1) of Part B], shall complete work and submit it for evaluation.

2. In a Law College/University, other than National Law University Orissa:

i. There shall be a provision for enrolment of candidates serving as Teachers, in any Law Faculty/College, other than National Law University Orissa, for the Ph.D. programme.

ii. A Teacher-candidate [referred to sub-clause (i), of Clause (2) of Part B] shall put in a minimum of 18 months of study in the University, including the time spent for research at any other place, with the permission of the Supervisor.

iii. Five years shall be the maximum period in which the Teacher-candidate [referred to subclause (i), of Clause (2) of Part B] shall complete the work and submit it for evaluation.

C. Part-Time Enrolment:

1. There shall be provision for part-time enrolment for the Ph.D. programme.
2. A Part-time candidate shall put in a minimum of three years of part-time study in the University including time spent for research at any other place with the permission of the Supervisor.
3. A part-time candidate shall put in residence in the University for at least a total period of 12 months spread over the three year period.

Provided that the said period of 12 months, may be reduced or dispensed with by the Vice- Chancellor, with the approval/permission of the Academic Council.

4. Five years shall be the maximum period in which the part-time candidate shall complete work and submit it for evaluation.

Note: In case of candidates under Clauses (C) and (D) above, the Supervisor of the candidate shall ensure monitoring of the research work done by the candidate outside the University campus by insisting on production of adequate proof of work done.

Admission Procedure

Eligible candidates may apply in any of the abovementioned categories in the prescribed form which can be downloaded from University website (www.nluo.ac.in) and sent to the Registrar with a demand draft of Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, National Law University, Orissa payable at Cuttack.

Along with the application, a candidate is required to submit the followings:

- 1) An outline of the scheme of research intended for the thesis ;
- 2) A chapter-wise proposal of the work in about 2,000 words ;
- 3) A Certificate from the institution concerned testifying length of service, wherever required;
- 4) An attested photocopy of LL.M., M.Phil., and M.A., M.Sc., M.Com.,M.B.A. Degree whichever is applicable, along with the marks sheet ; and
- 5) One set of published papers, monographs, articles and books, if any.

Admission Test

- 1) The University will hold a **RESEARCH ENTRANCE TEST (NLUORET)** in the month of August at Cuttack for admission to Ph. D. Degree for the academic session 2010-11.
- 2) The test shall be of 2 hours duration, carrying 200 marks, consisting of 50 multiple choice questions and 2 descriptive answer questions.

Registration to the Ph.D. programme shall be based, *inter alia*, on the performance of the candidate in the entrance test and the interview conducted by the Research Council constituted for this purpose with the Chairman and two or more Faculty members of NLUO or outside experts nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

Fee Structure

If the Admission Committee finds a candidate suitable for pursuing Ph.D. Degree programme, the candidate shall be allowed to provisionally 'register' for the Ph.D. programme on payment of following fee:

S. No.	Fee
1.	Admission Fee Rs. 5000/
2.	Retention Fee for every completed six months Rs. 1000/
3.	Fee to be paid at the time of submission of thesis Rs. 5000/
4.	Library Fee/Internet Fee/Electricity charges* Rs. 5000/
5.	Hostel Fee (for full time candidates) Rs. 18000/-p.a.

*Not applicable for NLUO faculty members.

Research Supervisor

The Research Council shall appoint one or more persons holding an appointment with the University to supervise programme of study of a candidate admitted to the Ph.D. programme. Provided that, when the programme of study so requires, an external supervisor possessing expertise and experience in the area of study may be appointed, in addition to at least one internal supervisor who shall be a full time academic staff member.

Expiry/Lapse of Enrolment

Enrolment for the Ph.D. shall be deemed to have lapsed after three years from the date of Enrolment in the case of full-time students and five years in the case of part-time students. In such cases, however the Research Council, on the application by the concerned student, may give extension of time for a period of six months at a time but for a maximum period of not more than one year.

LINKS FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Further details are available at the following links:

The NLUO Act:	http://www.nluo.ac.in/nluo/files/The-NLUO-ACT.pdf
Organizational Chart:	http://www.nluo.ac.in/nluo/organization-chart/
Faculty Information:	http://www.nluo.ac.in/faculty/
Library Resources:	http://www.nluo.ac.in/library/
Research Centres of the University:	http://www.nluo.ac.in/academics/research-centers/
NLUO Prospectus:	http://www.nluo.ac.in/notifications/NLUO-Prospectus-2011-12/