

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA (NLUO)



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NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA (NLUO), CUTTACK

The National Law University Odisha (NLUO) has made a place for itself in the field of legal education in a very short time. It was established by Act 4 of 2008 and started its Academic Activities from the year 2009. In a span of fourteen years, the University has made a name for itself by earning laurels with excellent performance of its students in various moot courts, literary debating competitions & other co-curricular activities. Our faculty research output has always been of a very high standard. Faculty publications in several top-tier international publications bespeak their subject expertise and scholarship. The student community's engagement with co-curricular activities has yielded remarkable results, including consistent high performance in moot court competitions and active participation in prestigious national and international conferences and seminars. Our rigorous academic discipline, coupled with a friendly learning environment, provides a platform for the students to realize their true potential and develop in their fields of interest and passion.



The University has received recognition from the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 12(b) of the UGC Act 1956 and has been receiving grants under the 12th Plan. The University's degrees are duly recognized by the Bar Council of India. It is also an associate member of the UGC-INFLIBNET and a participant in the National Knowledge Network under the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication, Government of India. The University was accredited with an 'A' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the year 2016. National Law University Odisha, Cuttack (NLU Odisha) again ranked among the top 10 under the 'Top 10 Law Colleges' category in India Today's Best Colleges Ranking of 2022, being at no. 9. This category is for the highest-scoring colleges among those set up in or after 2000. NIRF Ranking for 2022 ranked the National Law University Odisha at twenty-fifth rank amongst all categories of law colleges of the country and Tenth among NLUs. NLUO has its own campus spread over 50 acres near Naraj at the western extreme of the historical city of Cuttack. The area is known for its scenic beauty.



ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING AT NLUO

1. NLUO provides a platform for a multi-dimensional learning experience that integrates rigorous academic, applied, practical, and cross-disciplinary perspectives to ensure a deep understanding of law in all its contexts.
2. We invest in quality legal research and promote an environment that allows the exchange of intellectual thought processes. Our law school is an incubator for nurturing scholarship and innovative ideas and inculcating analytical and critical thinking in the classroom, enriching our students' understanding of law.
3. NLU Odisha students are trained by a group of experienced, dynamic, young, and most significantly committed teachers. The teachers at NLUO are mostly alumni of the leading National Law Universities in India and reputed law schools abroad. They come from diverse backgrounds, having served in the office of the Chief Justice of India, practiced in law at Bar, served in civil society organisations, served in Indian Police Service, and have headed various reputed educational institutions in the past. Our faculty is our pride, and we are committed to investing in the scholarship of our faculty so that you get the best in the country.
4. We provide state-of-art infrastructure like a fully equipped library, 24 x 7 wi-fi enabled campus, audiovisual enabled classrooms and moot court hall, Seminar-cum-Convention Hall, Amphitheatre, Conference Hall, Gymnasium, Sports Complex, single bedded hostel rooms, etc. to facilitate the smooth and enjoyable learning process.
5. To fulfill our social commitment, we organize legal aid camps in the villages across the State of Odisha in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program, the High Court of Orissa, and the District Judiciary. These programs are organized, coordinated entirely by the student body under the supervision of law professors. This enables the students to learn the application of law in society and connect it with the principles of law taught in the classroom





6. To multiply the effect of legal scholarship, we frequently organize lecture series/ seminars/ conferences/ workshops on diverse aspects of law and allied subjects by inviting scholars, practitioners, lawyers, judges, and members of the media who share their critical perspectives and experiences in the fields of law, politics, judiciary, economic affairs, international affairs, history, and culture. This provides a platform for open dialogue between scholars, faculty, and students and generates a healthy environment of cross-sectoral learning.
7. NLUO provides an excellent opportunity for students to hone their moot skills, which include drafting memoranda and presenting arguments. Students are also well supported to travel nationally and internationally to represent the University in prestigious moot court competitions. The University has its own state-of-art moot courtroom facility.
8. To keep a close check on our quality standards, we conduct periodic revisions of academic curriculum, course syllabus, teaching pedagogy, and learning skills to meet the changing needs of legal education based on the student feedback, peer review process, and professional and industrial inputs.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS

Research and innovation are the bedrock of any progressive institution. NLUO has adopted this principle since its establishment. In pursuit of this commitment, we have invested in the establishment of research centres to develop legal scholarship in the selected branches of law. United Nations organisations like UNDP and UNICEF have been actively supporting our research endeavours. University's Centre for Child Rights (CCR), in collaboration with UNICEF, is a testimony to this partnership. NLUO has published a number of books in collaboration with national and international publishers. Some of the publications of NLUO are

1. Journals- NLUO publishes four journals, NLUO Law Journal, Human Rights Law Journal, Journal on the Rights of the Child, and NLUO Student Law Journal. In addition to it research centers and committees publish newsletters.
2. Books- NLUO has published books in collaboration with national and international publishers. Some of them are Socio-Legal Androcentric and Gender Inequalities (Center for Women and Law), Social-Legal Status of Unwed Mothers: Issues, Challenges and Way Ahead (Center for Women and Law), Through the Lens of Maritime Law: A World View(Center for Maritime Law), Tribal Justice(Tribal Rights and Advocacy Center), Trade Facilitation and the WTO(Center for International Trade Law), Guide to WTO Appellate Body Reports(NLUO Center for International Trade Law), and Litigation Management in Higher Education: A Case Study of Odisha (NLUO).



ACADEMIC EVENTS

Various student committees and research centers at NLUO regularly conduct academic events and invite distinguished persons for lectures and interaction with students. Some of the important events that took place in the last academic year are:

- NLUO hosted Fulbright specialist Mr. Warren Burke (Senior Attorney at the House of Representative Office at Legislative Council) in January-February. He conducted a credit course on Public Health Law.
- Justice Indirani Banerjee (former judge of the Supreme Court of India) delivered the 4th Sailbala Pujari lecture on 'The Constitutional Vision of Justice and the Role of Judiciary in India' on 20th April 2023.
- Center for International Trade Law organized an international webinar on Sustainable Fishing: Politics, Economics, and Science in which, apart from the NLUO faculty Prof. (Dr.) Priyambada Mohanty Hejmadi (Padmashree and Former Vice Chancellor of Sambalpur University and NLUO), Mr. Haneul Jung (Lawyer and former Director of Trade Dispute Settlement Division, Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy of the Republic of Korea), Dr. Madhuri Ramesh (Assistant Professor, School of Development, Azim Premji University), Prof. (Dr.) Abhijit Das (Director, Center for WTO Studies, IIFT) participated.
- Dr. Usha Ramanathan, Independent Law Researcher, conducted an interactive session on Research and Publication on 15th July 2022 organised by IQAC, NLUO
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- Ms. Rekha Lohani participated in a national seminar on Women Police Stations/Mahila Thana, " organised by NLUO, Centre for Women and Law on 28th October 2022
- Dr. Kiran Bedi, Retd. IPS, Ex-Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry chaired the National Seminar on "Women Police Stations / Mahila Thana: Working, Efficiency and Effectiveness" - organised by NLUO, Centre for Women and Law on 28th October 2022
- Justice M.M. Das, 4th CLS Certificate Course on "Judicial Accountability: Structure, Reforms, and Challenges" - 18th and 19th February 2023
Justice M.M. Das conducted a certificate course on Judicial Accountability, focusing on the structure, reforms, and challenges of the judiciary.
- The Constitutional Law Society of National Law University Odisha organized a guest lecture on the topic 'State of Legal Education in India - Social Relevance, Accessibility, and Inclusivity'. The lecture was delivered by Mr. Rahul Bajaj (Senior Associate Fellow at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy) and Mr. Husain Anis Khan(Research fellow in the Legal Design and Regulation team at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy).
- There was a movie screening and group discussion with Prof. Uma Chakrabarty (feminist historian and filmmaker) Dr. Usha Ramnathan (Indian Law Researcher and Human Rights Activist, Prof. Hamid, and Prof. Ved Kumari on 6th April, 2023.
- Mr. Arun Bothra (Additional DGP, CID – Crime Branch and Transport Commissioner, Odisha) was invited by the Informal Discussion Group to give a lecture on Police Investigation: Insights and Challenges.
- Center for Corporate Law invited Mr. Vinod Kothari (Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary, and eminent professional in the field of Law). He gave a lecture on 'Insights on the Contemporary Issues and Debates in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Regime' in January 2023.
- Mr. Ashirbaad Nayak, an alumnus of NLUO and lecturer at the Jindal Global Law School, interacted with the students on 'Maximising Time in Law School to Build a Corporate Career in March 2023.
- On the occasion of the 132nd birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Ambedkar Society of NLUO invited Mr. Dhammachari Ratnakumar, Ms. Fhulari Chakma, and Dr. Doleswar Bhol for an interactive session on 'Gender and Caste Intersectionality'.
- Center for Research and Management of Natural Resources organized a lecture on 'Public Participation in Environmental Decision making Process' by Mr. Prafulla Samantara, environmental activist and recipient of the Green Nobel Prize, on 18th April 2023, in collaboration with Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN MOOT COURTS

NLUO conducts Maritime Moot Court Competition which sees participation from all important law universities and departments in the country. The moot court is judged by known experts from India and abroad. In addition to it, NLUO students have been continuously performing well in national and international moot-court competitions. Mentioned below are some achievements of the students in the last academic year.

- NLUO team was Runner up in the 5th Surana and Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition 2022.
- NLUO team was the winner and got the best memorial award in the 29th M.C. Chagla Memorial Government Law College National Moot Court Competition, 2022.
- NLUO team was a semi-finalist in the 10th INSOL India – NLIU National Corporate Law Moot 2022.
- NLUO team was semi-finalist in the 15th NALSAR- Justice B R Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2022.
- NLUO team got the Second Best Memorial prize in the 24th D. M. Harish Memorial Government Law College International Online Moot Court Competition 2023.
- NLUO team was a semi-finalist in the South Asia Regional Rounds of the 16th Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition 2023.
- NLUO team was the winner in the final oral rounds (Aditi Sinha) 14th NLUJ Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2023. Aditi Sinha got the Best Student Advocate in the final oral rounds prize.
- NLUO team was a quarter-finalist of the World Rounds of the Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Moot 2023.
- NLUO team was Runner up in the 13th CCI-HNLU Justice Hidayatullah National Moot Court Competition 2023.
- NLUO team was Runner up in the 8th NLIU Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot 2023. Gyanesh received the Best Oralist for the Final Rounds prize.
- NLUO team was a semi-finalist and got the best memorial prize in the 6th NLU-D International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot 2023.



BEYOND ACADEMICS

We promote leadership skills and the wholesome life experience of our students by encouraging them to take part in various literary, debating, cultural, entrepreneurial, and recreational activities.

Annual Flower Show: NLUO organized its First Annual Flower Show from 21st to 23rd January 2023. The three days of successful flower show witnessed participation in different categories, such as potted plants and cut flowers. In the non-competitive category, there was an overwhelming display of flowers from across Odisha. The three days also witnessed a cultural programme with participation from not only students of NLUO but also from various government and private schools. It was the very first attempt of the University to bring the general mass of twin cities together. NLUO has declared 2023 as the 'Year Of Child' and the flower show was a great beginning to that, with the participation of children of every age group from diverse backgrounds. The three days of fun and frolic were not only instrumental in bringing different communities and sections of the twin cities together but were also successful in creating a sense of awareness and consciousness among the students of the University.

Kutumb Project: The project is part of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for achieving Sustainable Development through 17 identified Goals. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has divided the sustainable development goals into various themes, one of which is Child-Friendly Villages. With the objective of contributing to the national commitment towards the creation of Child-Friendly Villages, NLUO recently adopted three villages in the district of Cuttack. The names of these villages are Brajabeharipur, Balmikinagar (Mundasahi) and Babatilakanagar. The objective is to make necessary interventions in these villages to accomplish the relevant SDGs. After making these villages child-friendly, NLUO plans to expand its reach to other villages in Odisha. Earlier, in the months of September and October 2022, NLUO organised health camps with the support of volunteers, doctors, and nurses. Apart from that, a Mediation Awareness Programme was also conducted during that time in each of the adopted villages. Door-to-door mediation campaigns were a major highlight of the Mediation Awareness Programme. In the months of March and April 2023, students and faculty members went to the adopted villages and organised FGDs, KIs, and Household surveys to identify problems faced by the people in these villages. Based on these findings, interventions will be planned by the team for the benefit of the community.



Hunar and Kairaan: Hunar and Kairaan are two important cultural fests of the University. The cultural committee organizes intra-college cultural events in Hunar every year. In addition to enjoying, students show their skills in treasure hunting, cooking, acting, and other cultural performances. On the last day of the three-day event from 23rd October to 25th October, the students enjoyed in Garba dance. The 6th edition of the inter-university cultural event Kairaan was organized from 6th to 8th April 2023. It had quiz, antakshari, a talent show for the specially-abled, a singing competition, camp rock, a fashion show, and a dance show.

Sports: NLUO students actively participate in inter-university sports competitions. In the last academic year, they won eleven gold medals, ten silver, and three bronze in Invicta, a sports competition organized by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences. They won two gold, two silver, and two bronze medals in Virudhka, a sports competition organized by the National Law Institute University Bhopal. Every year the Sports Committee of NLUO organizes VIRAAJ, an inter-university sports fest. VIRAAJ 2023 was a grand success, attracting participants from various leading law universities, medical colleges, engineering universities, and business schools across the country. The festival provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage in various sports and physical activities, including Cricket, Football, Basketball, Athletics, Swimming, Badminton, and more. The festival featured a wide range of sporting events, each designed to challenge participants' physical abilities and test their mental fortitude.





THREE YEAR LLB PROGRAM

In its effort to make legal education more inclusive and the university campus rich in diversity, NLUO is starting three-year LL.B. programme. Persons with a graduate degree in any discipline may apply for the course. Admissions will be on the basis of marks obtained in the graduation course.

There are 60 seats. Given below are the category-wise availability of the seats.

Category Wise Intake					
LLB					
Category	AI	AISAP	OD	ODSAP	TOTAL
General	31	1	10	1	43
ST	4	0	2	0	6
SC	3	0	1	0	4

Category	LLB
NRI/NRIS/PIO/OCI	5
Foreign National (FN)	2

AI	All India
AISAP	All India Specially Abled Persons
OD	Odisha Domicile
ODSAP	Odisha Domicile Specially Abled Persons

Note:

1. The number of seats under NRI Sponsored Candidates may vary based upon the decision of the Governing Body of the Institution.
2. **Eligibility Criteria for Domicile Reservation:** Candidates who have passed the 12th class or equivalent examination from the state of Odisha and secured at least 60% marks (or its equivalent grade) in the said examination from any recognized College/University in the State of Odisha. The candidate must have a valid domicile/residential certificate issued by Govt. of Odisha.
3. 5% seats shall be reserved horizontally for specially abled persons (SAP) at the All India Level.



4. In Conversion Policy (upon Vacant Seats during Admission Process): If no candidate is available against the Seats reserved for Resident Students of Odisha, such Seats shall be added to the relevant Categories under All India Quota. The unfilled Seats reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates shall be assigned to Scheduled Tribe candidates and vice-versa. If sufficient eligible SC and ST candidates are not available to fill such Seats, they shall be assigned to All India General Category candidates in order of merit. The vacant Seats in Foreign Nations would be reallocated to NRI/NRIS/OCI/PIO category and subsequently, if not filled up, then would be assigned to the All India General category.

OD GEN -> AI GEN

OD ST -> AI ST-> AI SC -> AI GEN

OD SC -> AI SC -> AI ST -> AI GEN FN ->

NRI/NRIS/OCI/PIO -> AI GEN

FEE STRUCTURE

Sl.No.	Particular	Fee (Per-Annum)
1	Tuition Fees (For General,ST,SC,SAP Students)	INR1,20,000.00
2	Tuition Fees (For Foreign National/NRI /NRI(S)/OCI/PIO Students)	US\$6000
3	Admission Fee	INR10,000
4	Student welfare fund	INR7,000
5	Examination fee	INR7,000
6	Internet fee/IT Service Fees	INR10,000
7	Electricity charges	INR17,000
8	Sports and games facilities	INR4,000
9	Moot court/seminar/workshops	INR6,000
10	Hostel fee*	INR30,000
11	Library Fee	INR10,000
12	Estate Maintenance	INR20,000
13	Group Health Insurance (This fee is inclusive of GST@18%)	INR5000
14	Mental Wellness Programme	INR1,500
	TOTAL	INR 2,47,500
	Library Deposit	INR5,000
	Mess Deposit	INR5,000
	Total	INR10,000

*The hostel room will be allocated based upon the vacancies



Scholarship: The National Law University Odisha offers scholarships to deserving and needy undergraduate students from the second year onwards, keeping in view their financial status, needs and their academic achievement(s). The University also makes every effort to announce scholarships offered by outside agencies which may be of interest to our students.

Earning While Learning: Earning while learning is a student aid scheme instituted by NLUO to help students tide over financial insufficiency. Under this Scheme University allows students to serve in the library or work on the research projects undertaken by the University from time to time in lieu of remuneration to be decided by the University.

Course Map for the Three-Year LL.B. Course

First Year

Semester 1	Semester 2	Credits
Constitutional Law 1	Contract-2	4
Contract-1	Constitutional Law 2	4
Law of Torts & MV accident and consumer law	Personal Laws 2	4
Personal Laws 1	Public International Law	4
Criminal Law	Labour Laws 1	4
Administrative Law	Civil Procedure Code	4

Second Year

Semester 3	Semester 4	Credits
Cr.PC	Jurisprudence	4
Transfer of Property	Corporate Law	4
Evidence	Direct Taxation	4
Legal Aid and DPC (Clinical)	Trial and Appellate Advocacy	4
ADR-Clinical Course	Environmental Law	4
Labour Laws 2	Optional Course	4



Third Year

Semester 5	Semester 6	Credits
Professional Ethics	Optional Course	4
Optional Course	Optional Course	4
Optional Course	Optional Course	4
Optional Course	Optional Course	4
Optional Course	Optional Course	4
Optional Course	Optional Course	4

Choice-Based Credit System: NLUO has introduced the choice-based credit system. A student pursuing 3-year LL.B. degree course will have to obtain 144 credits to get the LL.B. degree. A student will have to earn a minimum of 20 credits in a semester and 40 credits in a year in the subjects offered in that semester/year. Students may obtain the remaining balance of credits in subsequent years of their programme.

A student will get the advantage of a maximum of 24 credits obtained from other universities and higher education institutions which are authorized to award degrees as per the law in this regard in force. This includes credits obtained through courses offered on the SWAYAM platform. A student can obtain a maximum of eight credits in non-law courses. Credits obtained from other universities or the SWAYAM platform will be adjusted against the optional courses only.



LIBRARY

NLUO has a library comparable to the best elsewhere. Its resources are constantly updated to keep pace with the recent developments in all the fields of law, humanities, and science, which involve legal issues of any kind. In the present era of information technology, library management too is not left out from harnessing the benefits of it. At NLUO, both the academic as well as residential blocks have been provided with round-the-clock connectivity through leased line connection using state-of-art wi-fi technology. This in turn enhances accessibility to e-resources within the University premises at all times and irrespective of the location of the users. NLUO has subscribed to all important national as well as international databases. These include Hein Online, Lexis Nexis, Kluwer Arbitration International, Kluwer Competition, Manupatra, EPW, EPWRF, JSTOR, Indiastat, Sage Journals Online, SCC online, Taxmann, Oxford law database, Patents, and Trade Marks Cases database and Westlaw Asia. In addition, the CD/DVD collection includes Palmer on Company Law, Journal of Indian Law Institute and Annual Survey of Indian Law etc. The library has thousands of physical and online resources for students and faculty members.

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