



CREDIT COURSE ON DISABILITY LAW

By the Centre for Disability Law & Advocacy,
National Law University Odisha

Disability Rights: A Legal Perspective

ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

The National Law University Odisha (NLUO) was established in the year 2009 under The National Law University Orissa Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008) passed by the Odisha State Legislature and commenced its academic activities in the academic year 2009-10.

NLUO has made its mark as a University engaged in imparting socially relevant education. The institution is ideally positioned to learn from other law schools, considering both their strengths and drawbacks.

Students at NLUO are trained by a group of experienced and committed teachers. Beyond academics, NLUO promotes leadership skills and well-rounded life experience to our students by encouraging them to take part in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities like literary, debating, cultural, entrepreneurial and recreational activities.

ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & ADVOCACY

The Centre for Disability Law And Advocacy endeavours to foster an inclusive and equitable environment within the National Law University Odisha (NLUO) community and beyond. Our key objectives are:

- **Promoting Awareness and Sensitisation:** To conduct programs and initiatives aimed at raising awareness among students, faculties and staffs about disability rights; fostering an understanding of diverse needs, and promoting inclusivity.
- **Advocating for Accessibility:** To collaborate with stakeholders and organisations, to organise discussions and events that address accessibility challenges in educational institutions and society at large.
- **Empowering Through Education:** To provide comprehensive online courses and seminars focusing on disability and the law, empowering individuals with the knowledge and skills to advocate for disability rights.
- **Facilitating Research and Development:** To encourage scholarly contributions by issuing calls for research papers and drafting project proposals to secure funding for research and development initiatives focused on disability welfare.

ABOUT THE CREDIT COURSE

Disability rights are essential for ensuring that everyone is treated with respect and has equal opportunities. It encourages inclusivity and challenges prejudices, contributing to the global movement for justice. It promotes the emergence of legal safeguards and accessible surroundings, opening doors to a better and more understanding society. As a critical response to the evolving discourse surrounding disabilities, this course explores legal frameworks and international conventions that safeguard the rights of individuals with different forms of disabilities.

This curriculum aims to promote a comprehensive understanding of legal complexities while stressing on a justice-focused viewpoint, in a quest for equal rights and opportunities. Participants in this course will have a deep understanding of the changing legal environment pertaining to disability rights and will be able to constructively add to the ongoing dialogue concerning social justice and inclusivity.

Course Objectives

- Integrate perspectives from law, social policy, and ethics to address complex issues related to disability and understanding the concept of disability as a social phenomenon.
- To facilitate the learners with both descriptive and analytical understanding and awareness of various issues and challenges and addressed the need to study and sensitize to bring a new paradigm shift to provide equality and accessibility.
- To provide an overview of the rights of persons with disabilities focussing on the role of anti-discrimination laws in existence.

Course Outcomes

- Thorough understanding of the legal frameworks governing disability rights, both nationally and internationally.
- Critically assess the strengths and weaknesses of current legal provisions and suggest improvements for better inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- Understand the intersection of law with social, ethical, and policy issues related to disability, enabling a holistic approach to problem-solving.
- Apply legal principles in real-world contexts, addressing challenges faced by persons with disabilities in various spheres of life.



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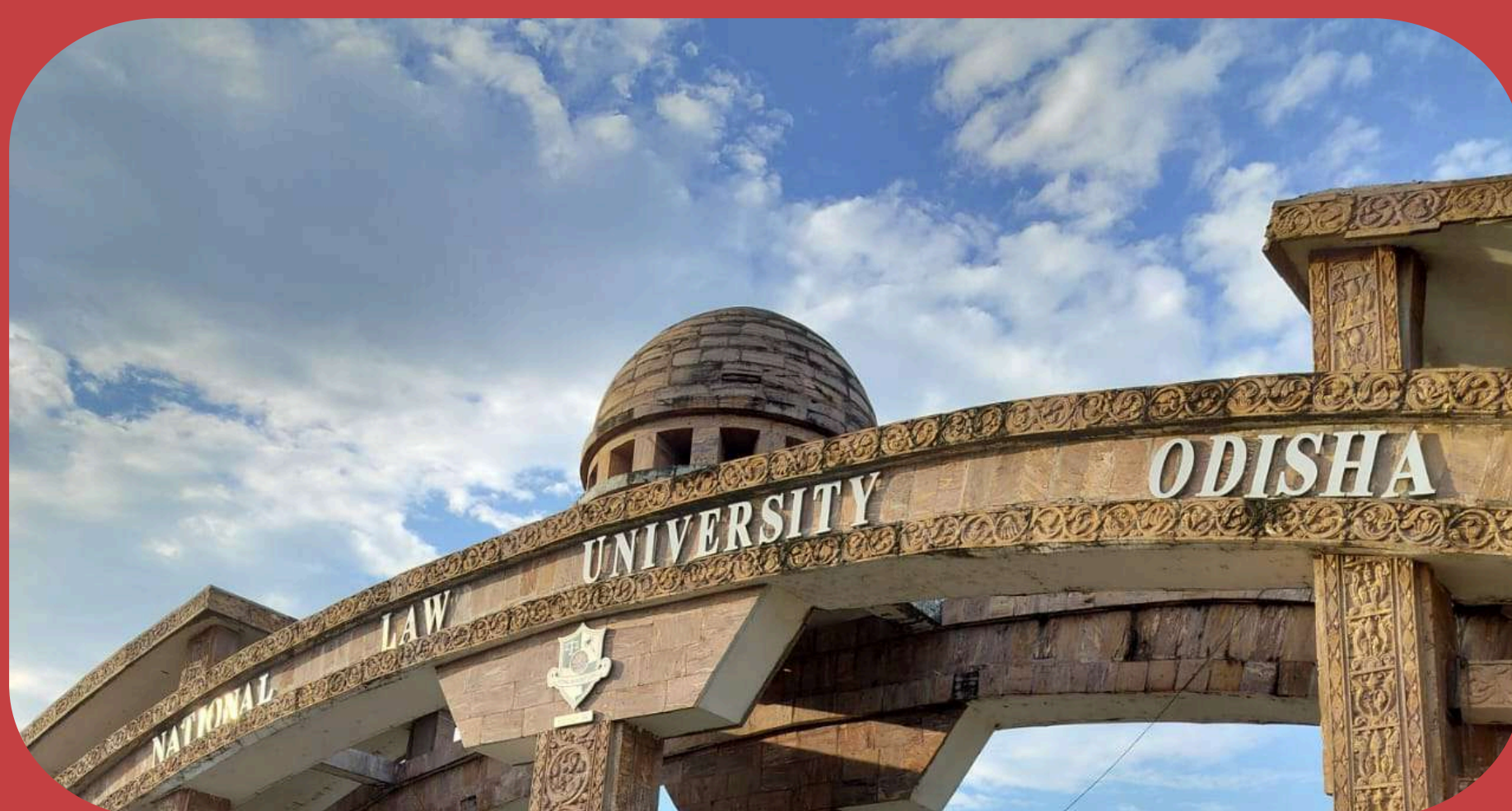
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WHY DO I NEED CREDITS?

For all undergraduate and postgraduate students,

National Law University Odisha is a part of the Academic Bank of Credits created under the National Education Policy, 2020.

All undergraduate/postgraduate students attending this course and found suitable for obtaining the certificate, on the basis of assessment exam conducted after the course, will be provided with 1 credit. Students studying in colleges/universities which follow the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) can use the credit score obtained from this course (1 credit) as a part of their CBCS system.



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**DR. V K AHUJA,
SENIOR PROFESSOR**

Professor (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja is the Director of the Indian Law Institute. He holds Ph.D. and LL.M. Degrees from the University of Delhi and M.Phil. Degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He has done a Certificate Course on Law Teaching and Legal Research Skills from Cardiff Law School, Cardiff University, United Kingdom.

Dr. Debasis Poddar worked in premier institutions including two National Law Universities before joining National Law University, Assam (NLUJAA). Besides Ph.D., M.Phil. in Law and an LL.M., he was awarded an M.A. in three social studies subjects, i.e., Political Science, Literature and Education.



**PROFESSOR (DR.)
DEBASIS PODDAR**



**DR. ARUN KUMAR SINGH,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh is an Associate Professor in the Department of Law at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. He holds a B.Sc. from Avadh University, an LL.B from the University of Allahabad, an LL.M from Banaras Hindu University, and a PhD in Law from Dr. R M Lohia Avadh University.



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PROF. ASHOK KUMAR SAR
SENIOR PROFESSOR

Prof. Ashok K. Sar is member of faculty in the Strategic Management area. He has a working experience of 20 years in academics. For the last 18 years, he has been in full time academic positions. He served as the Dean of Faculty, KIIT School of Management during 2010 – 2016. He teaches core courses in Strategic Management and Business Ethics & Corporate Social Responsibility and elective course in Pricing Management.

Dr. Sachin Sharma is an Associate Professor of Law at Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla. Before joining this institution, he was an Assistant Professor of Law at the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab; National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam; Symbiosis Law School, Pune and MATS Law School, Raipur.



DR. SACHIN SHARMA,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



DR. SRUTI MOHAPATRA,
CEO

From turning down a career in the Indian Civil Services to becoming a leading crusader for disability rights, Dr. Sruti Mohapatra's relentless struggle and never-say-die-attitude has been a source of inspiration for all those fighting odds to make it big in life. She started 'Swabhimani' which works towards empowering persons with disabilities. Her efforts have resulted in many positive changes in Odisha, including policy changes, increasing public awareness and working towards accessible cities.



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**DR. TANWI SHAMS,
ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR OF LAW,
NLUO**

Dr. Tanwi Shams joined NLU Odisha as an Assistant Professor of Law in July 2023. Prior to that, she was working as a Research Associate of Law in National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. She completed her Ph.D. from North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya. She has done her MBA in Human Resource Management.

She acquired her Master in Laws in Intellectual Property and Technology Law from National University of Singapore. Apart from her experience in academia, she also worked in a government bank in Assam for over 5 years.

She will be the co-ordinator for this credit course.



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COURSE OUTLINE

Module 1: Introduction to Disability Rights and Legal Frameworks

- Overview of disability rights movements globally and in India
- Evolution of disability laws and conventions
- Key concepts: equality, non-discrimination, reasonable accommodation
- Importance of legal frameworks in promoting inclusion and accessibility

Module 2: Policy Measures for Disability Inclusion

- Examination of government policies and initiatives promoting disability rights and inclusion
- Role of policy measures in addressing barriers to access and participation
- Critical analysis of policy gaps and areas for improvement
- Case studies on successful policy implementations and challenges faced.

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Module 3: Current Legal Regime and Enforcement Mechanisms

- Overview of the current legal regime for protecting the rights of persons with disabilities
- Understanding the role of government agencies, courts, and tribunals in enforcing disability laws
- Challenges in the effective implementation and enforcement of disability rights legislation
- Case study analysis and landmark judgements

Module 4: Future Prospects and Emerging Issues

- Exploration of emerging trends and developments in disability law and policy
- Discussion on the role of technology and innovation in advancing disability rights
- The Marrakesh Treaty for VIPs

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Module 5: Intersectionality and Multiple Discrimination

- Understanding the intersection of disability with other identities such as gender, race, and socio-economic status
- Analysis of how multiple forms of discrimination intersect and compound barriers to inclusion
- Strategies for addressing intersectional discrimination within legal frameworks and policies

Module 6: Advocacy and Empowerment

- Role of civil society organisations, NGOs, and disability rights movements in advocating for change
- Strategies for effective advocacy and community organising
- Empowerment approaches for promoting self-advocacy and leadership among persons with disabilities
- Opportunities for students to engage in advocacy projects and initiatives within their communities
- Case study analysis

SCHEDULE*

Lectures: 12 hours
Assessment: 4 hours

Dates: 18th to 23rd January, 2025.
Date of Assessment: 25th January, 2025

Mode of Instruction: Hybrid

Mode of Assessment: Google form; subjective and objective

Fee Structure

PwD Category: Nil

Students: INR 500

Professionals (Including NGOs, Researchers, faculty etc): INR 800

MARKING SCHEME

Assessment

Weightage

Examination [Online]

- Participants shall be required to attend a minimum of 75% of classes to be eligible for the Examination.

Certification Grading Scheme

- A+ – 85% and above
- A – 75% and above
- B+ – 65% and above
- B – 50% and above
- To pass this course, a student must obtain a minimum of 50% in the cumulative aspects of coursework, i.e. online assessments through MCQs. The evaluation exam will carry 100 (hundred) marks out of which students have to obtain a minimum of 50 (fifty) marks to fulfil the requirement of passing the course. The evaluation will be done by Dr. Tanwi Shams.

100%

FEE PAYMENT

Process

The fee will be payable through SBI Collect gateway, steps for which are mentioned below:

Step 1) Click on the URL:

<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>

Step 2) Type “National Law University, Odisha” in the search bar given to enter institution name.

Step 3) Under Payment Category, select “Registration for Seminar and Events”

Step 4) Furnish the required details and under “Name of Event”, write “Single Credit Course on Disability and The Laws CDLA”. Click on Next.

Step 5) Make payment and click submit.

Step 6) Download the SBI Collect Receipt.

Once payment is done please upload proof on the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/znR7KHDHwuaps4K47>

**The last date for registrations is 10th
January, 2025**

IN CASE OF ANY QUERIES

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