

Insertion of Rule 5A- Swapping of Credits for Exemption from Elective Courses in the NLUO Academic and Examination Rules

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Under Rule 4(ix) of the NLUO Academic and Examination Rules 2023, students of 5-year integrated B.A. LL.B. & B.B.A.LL. B, 3 Year LL.B. and BA-Law courses are allowed to obtain up to 24 credits from credit courses completed during the duration of such course programme that are not part of the regular NLUO curriculum.

- i. Credits obtained in credit courses offered at NLUO or outside NLUO, may be adjusted against an elective course (not compulsory paper) subject to the maximum limit of 24 credits as given in Rule 4(v). Students can seek exemption from an elective course only on the basis of equivalent credits already earned and not otherwise.

Explanation - Credits utilized for obtaining an exemption from an elective course cannot be further utilized for seeking exemption from another elective course. In case a student is found to seek such exemption, he/she shall be barred from claiming any further exemptions in subsequent semesters.

Provided that swapping of all six elective courses at a time in one semester will be permissible in final year if a student has unused 24 credits and has received an offer for student exchange or any other academic engagement or on any other ground spanning for 6 months. Such swapping of all six subjects at a time will be allowed only with prior approval of Academic Coordination Committee (ACC).

- ii. For credit courses offered by NLUO, no prior approval of the ACC is required. Under Rule 4(x) of the NLUO Academic and Examination Rules 2023, a student wishing to swap the credits obtained from courses offered by institutions/online platforms outside NLUO has to get the prior approval of the ACC. Only marks/grades obtained in courses approved by the ACC can be swapped against any of the elective courses.
- iii. Once credits have been earned [marks have been released, a student has passed the credit course and received the certificate], a student can swap such credits against elective courses at any point of time during the course program. For example, credits earned in 3rd semester can be swapped with an elective course offered in 9th semester.
- iv. One elective course can be swapped only when equivalent credits have been earned through one or more credit courses.
- v. The ACC will prepare a list of online platforms and courses Universities/colleges whose courses may be approved. If any student takes the credit courses from such list, no prior approval of the ACC is required. However, for swapping any such course with any of the elective courses, the student must take the approval from the ACC.
- vi. Only courses that have minimum attendance requirements as per bar council rules and provide grades or marks after evaluation shall be recognized for the purpose of swapping against an elective course offered at NLUO.
- vii. Students wishing to join any credit course offered by institutions/platforms outside NLUO should submit the brochure of the course with the evaluation method and attendance policy at

the email id <credit.course@nluo.ac.in>. The student shall also submit a hard copy of the brochure with an application seeking approval to the office of Dean Academics. If approval of any course is sought during academic vacation, the student shall submit the application at the beginning of the coming semester.

- viii. ACC shall examine the course, its evaluation pattern, and attendance policy and inform the student of its decision to approve or disapprove a course. The ACC shall also inform other students about its decision that a particular course offered by any institution/platform is approved or disapproved.
- ix. A student will be allowed to use the credits obtained in the credit courses for swapping against elective courses only if she/he has obtained a minimum of 50% marks (equivalent to a B grade in NLUO) in the said course.
Explanation: If any institution/platform gives a B grade at less than 50% marks, it will not be considered a pass mark, and the student cannot use that credit to swap against the elective course offered in NLUO. A minimum of 50%, as per NLUO Academic and Examination Rules, is required for the use of the credit course for swapping against elective courses offered in NLUO.
- x. Every semester the application for swapping with elective papers along with certificates and documents showing the attendance and marks in the certificate course will be submitted by interested students after notification by the Exam department. The last date of such application will close 21 days before the start of the End semester exam. A student can swap earned-credits with an elective course only before the last date of the window for swapping with elective courses for that semester.
- xi. There shall be no swapping and exemption from an elective course after the transfer window has closed for the semester. Such students may apply for in the subsequent semester(s).
- xii. There can be no exemption from an elective course through swapping of credits after a student has completed the internal assessments (in whole or in part) for elective courses offered in that semester.
- xiii. Students are not allowed to swap credits with the elective course, if the student has already appeared for end semester exam in that elective course. Further under no circumstances, swapping of credits is allowed retrospectively with elective subjects of previous semesters.
- xiv. For the purpose of calculation of grades in NLUO marksheets, the marks obtained by students will be converted into grades according to NLUO Academic and Examination Rules 2023. If a student has got grades in any credit course calculated in a different manner from the NLUO Academic and Examination Rules, the grades so obtained by students will be converted in percentage, and then they will be converted into grades according to NLUO Academic and Examination Rules.
- xv. The marks/grades obtained in credit courses will be included in the mark sheets of the students.

