

National Law School of India University, Bangalore



National Law School of India University (NLSIU) is the first Indian University, established exclusively for legal studies and research. The National Law School of India Act, 1986, passed by Karnataka Legislature, provided the statutory basis to this University. It became functional in 1988. Sponsored by the Bar Council of India, NLSIU represents the unique partnership between the Bar, Bench and Academia. Eminent judges and leading lawyers have been associating with the Law School working side by side with a committed band of academicians.

NLSIU had a modest beginning in an old building at the Central College Campus of Bangalore University and was shifted to the present campus in 1991. Thereafter it has been a period of steady growth and we have now one of the best equipped and beautiful campuses. The Library, i.e. Shri Narayana Rao Melgiri National Law Library is the best Law Library in the country. The entire campus including the hostels is provided with wireless connectivity and as a result, the students can access internet services from anywhere in the Campus and NLSIU is the first Law School to achieve this distinction. All the class rooms are equipped with LCD Projectors and other facilities.

There are independent hostels for men and women and being a residential University, all the students have to stay in the Hostels. The Library is kept open till midnight in order to facilitate intensive use of academic resources.

There is a well-equipped moot court hall named after Justice M. Hidayatullah, former Chief Justice of India. Every student of NLSIU is expected to participate actively in the moot court activities. Our students have kept the highest Mooting traditions of the NLSIU by excelling in National and International Moot Court Competitions. Our students have won the **World Finals of 2012 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition held on 4th October, 2012 at Naples, Italy**. Besides, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, also won the **Best Oralist and best Memorials**.

In fact, one of the core ingredients of the NLSIU life is vibrant debating, mooting and conference culture. Some of the most exciting competitions students take part in are client counseling and negotiation competitions, which promote the art of speaking without arguing. This goes a long way in making a successful lawyer. Another aspect of life at Law School is the Legal Services Clinic, which extends free legal aid and counseling and organises sensitisation workshops on social issues like dowry, child marriage and domestic violence in surrounding villages and schools. This activity along with various film festivals and street theatre help imbibe a sense of social responsibility among students.

The National Law School of India Review, The Indian Journal of Law and Technology, Socio-Legal Review and the Indian Journal of International Economics Law - these are the four prestigious journals being published from the NLSIU. All of them are peer reviewed and have received rave reviews. All these journals have been handled by the students only.

As part of the outreach programmes, NLSIU has renewed the earlier practice of interacting with the law colleges in India in an attempt to extend the academic support to them from time to time.

NLSIU continues its march of excellence, it is **ranked No. 1** by **"INDIA TODAY" and THE WEEK**.

Ms. Vrinda Bhandari has been awarded the **Rhodes Scholarship**, a prestigious scholarship for the year 2012 and has also secured 7 Gold Medals at the 20th Annual Convocation held on 5th August, 2012. This is for the 17 time and 7 year in succession that NLSIU students have been selected for the Rhodes Scholarship.



Two of our former students Ms. Geetanjali Brandon (who has secured Rank 6) and Mr. Abhas qualified themselves in the Civil Services Examination 2012 conducted by the Union Public Service Commission) and got into the Indian Administrative Service.

Six of our first year B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students have won the prestigious Aditya Birla Scholarship, out of eight scholarship for law students. The Aditya Birla Scholars will receive scholarship from Aditya Birla Foundation for their entire studies in NLSIU.

Various donors have established 14 Endowment Chairs in NLSIU to promote the study of different subjects. These subjects include Constitutional Law, Refugee Law, Corporate Law, International Trade Law, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property Law, Consumer Law, etc. Allen and Overy, a leading British Law firm, has set up the Chair on International Financial Laws and Prof. Philipp Wood, a leading authority on the subject, conducted week's intensive course along with the attorneys of the firm in NLSIU campus under the auspices of the Chair.

The NLSIU has well-developed research centres in Juvenile Justice, Intellectual Property Rights, Environmental Law, Women and the Law, Child and the Law, Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.

B. A., LL. B. (Hons.) PROGRAMME

Course Structure:

NLSIU follows a trimester system whereunder an academic year is divided into three parts and four subjects are taught in each trimester. As a result, a student would have completed sixty courses by the time he / she completes the five year term. The wide spread of subjects helps our students to acquire extensive and intensive knowledge of our legal system. All subjects are compulsory upto the end of fourth year and optional seminar courses are offered in the final year. These optional seminar courses provide opportunities to specialise in certain areas. For example, a student who wishes to pursue career in Corporate law may choose seminar courses on Accountancy, Securities law, Mergers and acquisitions, etc. NLSIU encourages the involvement of outside expertise in offering seminar courses. In recent years, the Seminar courses have been offered in subjects such as European Law, Telecommunication Law, Negotiation Skills, International Taxation, Media Law & Ethics, etc. To find out the courses taught at NLSIU and their distribution over the years, please check NLSIU Website: www.nls.ac.in.

Another significant method of involving scholars from outside is by way of single credit courses. These courses normally comprise of 18 hour lectures spread over a week. This also facilitates the nation's otherwise busy leading professionals and academics from foreign Universities to teach at the Law School. These are intensive courses and focus on highly specialised

areas of Law. Some of the single credit courses offered at NLSIU during the past couple of years include International Climate Law & Litigation, Law, Economics and Religion : A Rational Choice Perspective, Selected Issues in the Philosophical Foundations of Criminal Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Constitutional Law of the European Union, etc.

Eligibility:

Admission to the B. A. LL. B. (Honours) course shall exclusively be based on the performance of the candidate in the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT)-2013. However, in order to be eligible to appear in CLAT-2013, a candidate should have obtained a Senior Secondary School/Intermediate (10+2) or its equivalent certificate from a recognised Board with not less than 45% marks in aggregate (40% in case of SC and ST candidates) and should be below 20 years of age as on 1st July 2013 (22 years in case of SC and ST candidates).

Candidates who are appearing or have appeared in the 10+2 examination and are awaiting results are also eligible to appear in the test. However, such candidates are required to have passed the qualifying examination at the time of their admission and must be able to submit proofs in support of their claims.

The University reserves the right to cancel the admission of any candidate in accordance with the Rules.

Intake and Reservation (for B. A., LL. B. Programme):

At present, the intake capacity of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Degree Programme shall be 80 (eighty) with the following break-up:

(a) General Category	: 55
(b) Scheduled Caste	: 12 (i.e.15%)
(c) Scheduled Tribe	: 06 (i.e. 7.5%)
(d) Persons with Disability (PWD)	: 02 (i.e. 3%)
(e) Foreign Nationals	: 05

Foreign candidates will be admitted directly on the basis of their performance in the qualifying examination, overall academic record and command over English language. Preference will be given to the candidates from SAARC countries and other developing countries. They will have to apply directly to the University in the prescribed format available on the NLS Website along with the supporting documents to the Registrar, NLSIU, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560 072, on or before the prescribed date.

Fee Structure:

Total fee (including refundable deposits)

(a) General Category	Rs. 1,72,700/- p.a.
(b) SC/ST Category	Rs. 1,70,200/- p.a.
(c) Foreign Nationals	USD 7600

Detailed break-up is available on the NLS Website:



The fees / charges may be revised by the University, but the revised fees / charges will be applied prospectively.

The motto of NLSIU is that no one who secures admission to NLSIU shall discontinue studies on account of financial constraints. Keeping this in mind, the NLSIU will provide necessary financial assistance to the needy students.

Note: If a candidate is withdrawing admission on any ground, in any of the courses of the University, only the refundable deposits will be returned. Such candidates will not be eligible to claim any other fees.

POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMME

LL. M. (Master of Laws) Degree Programme:

NLSIU offers two-year LL.M. Degree programme in two distinct and separate Branches of specialization: (i) **BUSINESS LAWS** and (ii) **HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS** with an intake limited to 25 seats in each branch. Candidates can have an option to join either. The admission to the chosen branch will be however determined by the inter-se ranking at the CLAT. Once admitted to a chosen branch, the admission is final and is not open to change.

Course Structure:

The LL.M. programme is based on the Trimester system. In each trimester three courses are offered for study. In all these subjects, national and international dimensions are properly highlighted. During the fifth & sixth trimesters, students will be offered teaching seminar courses and in the sixth trimester, candidates will be required to undergo writing dissertation.

Candidates will be required to undergo mandatory internships during the academic break between second and third trimester and also participate in the weekly seminar presentations. These two exercises are part of Curriculum.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for admission to the LL. M. Program, a candidate should have obtained a LL. B/B. L. Degree or an equivalent degree from a recognized University with not less than 55% marks in aggregate (50% in case of SC and ST candidates). The candidates who have passed the qualifying degree examination through supplementary/compartments and repeat attempts are also eligible for appearing in the test and taking admission provided that such candidates will have to produce the proof of having passed the qualifying examination with fifty-five/fifty percent marks, as the case may be, on the date of their admission or within the time allowed by the respective universities.

The candidates who are appearing or have appeared in the qualifying degree examination and are awaiting results are also eligible to appear in the test. However, the candidate must have passed/appeared in the final semester/final year examination of the qualifying examination on the date of his/her admission. Such candidates will be provided provisional admission only and they will have to submit their final results of qualifying examination within the timeframe prescribed by the respective Universities/Institutes.

Intake and Reservation [for LL.M. Programme]:

At present, the intake capacity of LL.M. Degree Programme shall be **50 (Fifty)** with the following break-up:



(a) General Category	36	18 – Business Law Branch 18 – Human Rights Law Branch
(b) Scheduled Caste	08 (i.e. 15%)	04 – Business Law Branch 04 – Human Rights Law Branch
(c) Scheduled Tribe	04 (i.e. 7.5%)	02 – Business Law Branch 02 – Human Rights Law Branch
(d) Persons with Disability (PWD)	02 (i.e. 3%)	01 – Human Rights Law Branch 01 – Business Law Branch

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Fee Structure [for LL.M. Programme]

Total fee (including refundable deposits)

(a) General Category	Rs. 1,22,700/- p.a.
(b) SC/ST Category	Rs. 1,20,200/- p.a.
(c) Foreign Nationals	USD 4100

Note: Detailed break-up is available on the NLS website

Common for both B.A., LL. B. (Hons.) & LL. M. Program

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