

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata



The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS) was established under the WBNUJS Act 1999 (West Bengal Act IX of 1999). It is a university within the meaning of sub-section (f) of section 2 and section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956 and has permanent affiliation from the Bar Council of India. The Chief Justice of India is the Chancellor of the University and Chairman of its highest governing body—the General Council.

In its relatively short existence, NUJS has firmly established itself as one of the premier national law school of India. It has gone on to be ranked amongst the top three law schools in India by leading publications such as Outlook India, Mint and LexisNexis Halsbury's Law Monthly.

Location and Infrastructure

NUJS is located in the city of Kolkata, a major metropolis of India. Kolkata, the City of Joy, is renowned for its heritage and culture. A subtle blend of tradition and modernity distinguishes the city. The old Kolkata thrives alongside the growing expanses of modern townships, including Salt Lake City, where the NUJS campus is situated.

The campus itself has one academic and three residential blocks (i.e. two seven-storied halls of residence for girls and boys each and a two-storied staff accommodation quarters cum Guest House). The academic block, named after Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, is a four-storied majestic edifice in stone, having 105 rooms in all. NUJS has everything a modern university ought to have — small and big class rooms, seminar halls, conference rooms, and an air-conditioned auditorium with a seating capacity of approximately six hundred for special and endowment lectures, conferences, convocation, cultural and other activities. The highlight of NUJS is a well-stocked, wi-fied, air-conditioned library with access to over 27,000 volumes on law, economics, politics, etc., national and international journals and all major online internet resources for law and other related social science subjects, as well as the facility to download, print and photocopy any materials. The NUJS campus also includes a bank, a canteen, state-of-the-art kitchens at the hostels, health care, sports facilities including a gym and various other recreational facilities. All student hostels are wired with Internet access and ERNET is currently upgrading the university network to provide for a Wi-Fi campus. The University has also sanctioned a computer centre.

Legal Education:

NUJS strives to offer the best in legal education in order to prepare its graduates for the diverse spheres of litigation,

corporate legal practice, legal academia, legal research, social service and public leadership. It offers various academic programmes including the popular five-year integrated B.A./B.Sc. LL.B (Hons.), two-year LL.M, M.Phil, Ph.D and LL.D degree programmes. It also offers several diploma and certificate programmes through distant, contact and regular classroom instructions. Few short-term Diploma and Certificate programs are Post Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Law, Post Graduate Diploma in Air and Space Law, Post Graduate Diploma in Business Laws, Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights, Certificate Course on Rights-Based Campaigning, Developing Strategy, Forging Solidarity. In LL.M. course specialization is offered in Commercial Law and International Law.

Students learn through a discussion-based, interactive classroom experience and a rigorous socratic methodology which encourages critical thinking. The academic year is divided into two semesters of equal duration followed by examination at the end of each semester. In each semester and in each course, every student undergoes rigorous training and skills learning through projects, viva voce, moot court participation and several other intensive activities. The courses combine purely legal subjects with social sciences, to provide our students with a holistic appreciation of law and its interaction with the society from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The courses also include a range of elective subjects as diverse as Corporate Finance, International Commercial Arbitration, Securities Law, Judicial Review, Competition Law, International Human Rights Law, Sports Law and Law and Economics, which give students the opportunity to specialize in their preferred areas of study. In principle only foundational courses are compulsory while all the rest are electives. Grading of results is done on a seven-point scale.

At the end of each semester, every student interns with a diverse range of organizations including law firms, senior counsel offices, in-house legal teams, NGOs, research and policy think tanks, etc.

The students are also encouraged to participate in serious research and writing, and learning editorial skills through the medium of two law journals, NUJS Law Review and Journal of Indian Law and Society of which the former is a quarterly publication while the latter appears bi-annually. NUJS Law Review has also been ranked as the number one academic law journal of India for the year 2008 and 2009 by the Washington and Lee University School of Law ranking of law journals.



All Round Education:

NUJS has a diverse and vibrant student community from all over India, including several foreign nationals. While the key

focus is on academics, NUJS also has a highly developed sports and cultural programme, with teams regularly excelling at various national level competitions. Student societies of NUJS organize 4 major annual events — the literary-cum-cultural extravaganza, Outlawed, Invicta (national sports fest), the NUJS-Herbert Smith National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition, and the NUJS Parliamentary Debate. These events attract enormous participation from the best law schools in the country.

Student societies also conduct popular year-round competitions in music, dance, painting, quizzing, debating, creative writing and sports. NUJS holds tournaments not just in mainstream sports such as cricket, football and volleyball, but even sports like dodge-ball and kabaddi. Adding colour to life at NUJS are the western and eastern music bands, which have proved their mettle at competitions all across the country. NUJS also has a vibrant SPICMACAY chapter, and has hosted performers like Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pt. Shivkumar Sharma and Smt. Shovana Narain. Writer's Block, the college magazine, contains campus news, and contributions in prose and poetry, giving students with literary inclinations the chance to showcase their skills.

Nor do NUJS students neglect their social responsibilities. The Legal Aid Society provides a platform for students to apply the skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom and meaningfully contribute to the community. The Society takes up legal causes of indigent people either independently or in association with other organizations, assists other law schools in setting up their legal aid clinics and programmes, organizes legal awareness camps and street plays in urban and rural areas, and conducts adult education and legal awareness courses for mess, housekeeping, security and other supporting staff of NUJS. NUJS recently assisted the North Eastern Hill University (Shillong) to set up and operationalize its Legal Aid Clinic. It also recently partnered with the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) to launch SHADHINOTA, a project aimed at bringing justice and legal empowerment to inmates of correctional homes across West Bengal. NUJS believes that it is only such holistic legal education that can create the well-rounded leaders of tomorrow.

NUJS has an enviable track record in moot court competitions. NUJS students emerged as the first Indian and only the second Asian team to win the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna. They are also the proud winners of the 2010 edition of the ELSAMoot Court Competition, held in Dominican Republic. NUJS students have performed admirably in Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Hong Kong and the Stetson International Environment Moot, Florida, not to mention virtually every national moot court competition of note. Students attend and even present papers at conferences all over the world, and have regular publications in peer-reviewed journals of international repute.

With such a comprehensive programme, it is scarcely surprising that in the short span of the University's existence, NUJS alumni have distinguished themselves in a range of

careers, not only on the national but also on the international stage. The student recruitment committee at NUJS boasts of a near 100% recruitment success rate. Graduating students join leading law firms and companies in India and abroad, clerk with judges at the Supreme Court, and work towards the betterment of society with prestigious NGOs. Many are upcoming litigators at the Supreme Court and various High Courts. Each year an increasing number of NUJS students gain admission to prestigious universities in U.K. like Oxford and Cambridge, and Ivy League universities of the U.S. such as Harvard and NYU. Many of them have been awarded prestigious scholarships like Rhodes and INLAKS to pursue higher studies.

Faculty:

NUJS has an excellent faculty with a good mix of young and experienced scholars. The faculty includes Rhodes, Fulbright, Commonwealth and Chevening scholars, and alumni from universities including Columbia University, Oxford University, University of Michigan, SOAS, University of Vanderbilt, London School of Economics, NUS, University of Liverpool and Max Planck. Faculty members have publications in prestigious international journals such as Journal of the World Intellectual Property, and the Journal of International Arbitration, to name a few and a host of Indian journals.

Many scholars of international repute from within and outside the country, including luminaries like Amartya Sen, Joseph Stiglitz, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Mr. Pranab Bardhan, Mark Tushnet, Philippe Cullet, Prof. Timothy Endicott, Prof. Upendra Baxi, Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, Mr. K.K. Venugopal and Mr. Vinod Rai (CAG) visited the University to deliver special lectures or offer short as well as regular courses on diverse subjects. The University has also entered into Memorandum of Understanding with several premier institutions across the globe for academic exchange of students and faculty such as the prestigious University of Freiburg, Germany. It also has several endowment chairs held by eminent scholars. The University has also instituted the Ford Foundation Chair on Human Rights and the MH RD Chair on Intellectual Property Rights.



Fees:

Despite being able to achieve a high level of academic ambience, NUJS has maintained a relatively modest fee structure. It further seeks to ensure that no student is forced to discontinue studies on account of financial constraints. With generous donations of individuals and institutions, the

University has built up a Scholarship Fund, proceeds of which are disbursed to students every year on a "need" basis. The alumni of NUJS have also instituted a scholarship. Arrangements are in place for students of NUJS to secure educational loans from any Bank of their choice on mutually agreeable terms.

Scholarships

NUJS aims to reach out to potential candidates across the length and breadth of India and provide high quality education to those hailing from the most marginalized and poorest sections of society. All efforts will be made to provide free or subsidized education to such students. NUJS offers scholarship to 10% students on need-cum-merit basis. NUJS also offers R. Gopala Krishnan and Saroja Gopala Krishnan scholarship for outstanding LL.M. student.

Towards Creating Leaders and Social Engineers:

NUJS perceives legal education as a potent instrument that will help bring about improved social order contributing in turn to national development.

Globalization has thrown up new challenges and newer issues of concern. NUJS students are expected to adequately arm themselves to combat these challenges in mission mode. The standards set in NUJS are already very high. Those who join NUJS are expected not only to sustain, but also to improve upon these standards. NUJS promises the best return on their dedication, hard labour and committed efforts. In all, the NUJS experience will enable students to think out of the box and equip them with skills necessary to transform them into the social engineers and leaders of tomorrow.

B.A./B.SC. LL. B (Hons.) PROGRAMME

Intake and Reservation:

Category	LL. B.
General	78
Scheduled Caste	15
Scheduled Tribe	08
Person With Disability (PWD)	02
Foreign Nationals	04
Sponsored by Non-Resident Indians	18
Total	125

In Case of non-availability of candidates of reserved Foreign Nationals category, the seats are treated as unreserved

Course Content for B. A., LL. B. (Hons.)

Class	Semester	
I Year **	Monsoon	Winter
	Legal Method and introduction to Indian Legal System	Property
	Contracts	Sociology – II
	Political Science I	Political Science II
	Sociology – I	Commercial Law
	Torts	Criminal Law

Fee Structure* (for LL. B.)

First Year (New Entrants)	Semester-I
	LL. B.
Admission Fee	Rs.1000
Semester Fee	
• NRI/Foreign Students	\$ 3,375
• Other Students	Rs. 53,750
Examination Fee	Rs. 1000
Library Fee	Rs. 15,000
Computer Fee	Rs. 3,000
Student Welfare Fee	Rs. 3,000
Development Fee	Rs. 10,000
Composite (Hostel) Fee	Rs. 8,000
Adjustable (Hostel) Deposit	Rs. 12,500
Refundable Deposit	Rs. 10,000

Second Year & Subsequent Years	Monsoon Semester
	LL. B.
Semester Fee	
NRI/Foreign Students	\$ 3,375
Other Students	Rs. 53,750
Examination Fee	Rs. 1000
Library Fee	Rs. 15,000
Computer Fee	Rs. 3,000
Student Welfare Fee	Rs. 3,000
Development Fee	Rs. 10,000
Placement Fee	Rs. 500
Composite (Hostel) Fee	Rs. 8,000
Adjustable (Hostel) Deposit	Rs. 12,500

First Year & Subsequent Years	Winter Semester
	LL. B.
Semester Fee	
• NRI/Foreign Students	\$ 3,375
• Other Students	Rs. 53,750
Composite (Hostel) Fee	Rs. 8,000
Adjustable (Hostel) Deposit	Rs. 12,500

* Subject to Revision from time to time by University Authorities

- Provision for 10% Scholarship on Tuition Fee.



II Year**	Economics – I	Economics – II
	History – I	History – II
	Constitutional Law – I	Constitutional Law – II
	Fundamentals of Family Law	Civil Procedure
	Criminal Procedure	Evidence
III Year**	Jurisprudence	International Law & Human Rights
	Optional Seminar Course (1)	Optional Seminar Course (5)
	Optional Seminar Course (2)	Optional Seminar Course (6)
	Optional Seminar Course (3)	Optional Seminar Course (7)
	Optional Seminar Course (4)	Optional Seminar Course (8)
IV Year**	Corporate Law	Legal Practice Course
	Optional Seminar Course (9)	Optional Seminar Course (13)
	Optional Seminar Course (10)	Optional Seminar Course (14)
	Optional Seminar Course (11)	Optional Seminar Course (15)
	Optional Seminar Course (12)	Optional Seminar Course (16)
V Year**	Administrative Law	Legal Education & Legal Professional Practice
	Optional Seminar Course (17)	Optional Seminar Course (21)
	Optional Seminar Course (18)	Optional Seminar Course (22)
	Optional Seminar Course (19)	Optional Seminar Course (23)
	Optional Seminar Course (20)	Optional Seminar Course (24)

** Courses that are generally taught in the UG Programme

Indicative List of Optional Subjects

1. Labour Law	14. International Institutional Law	27. International Refugee Law
2. Advance Family Law	15. Advanced IP Law	28. Corporate Criminal Liability
3. Intellectual Property	16. Issues in Legal and Political-Philosophy	29. IP Law: Pharmacy Innovation
4. Banking Law	17. Legal Pluralism and Family Law	30. Biotechnology & Law
5. Conflict of Laws	18. Election Law	31. Law and the Colonial State in India
6. Alternative Dispute Resolution	19. Criminology and Victimology	32. Ecology, Economics & Law
7. Environmental Law	20. Advanced Constitutional History I & II	33. Corporate Finance
8. Tax Laws	21. Comparative Law	34. Entertainment & Media
9. Insurance Law	22. Information Technology Law	35. Competition Law
10. Economic Offences and Organized Crimes	23. Securities Law	36. Outer Space Law
11. Social Security and Law	24. Pursuing Equality	37. Comparative Constitutional Law
12. International Space Law	25. International Criminal Law	38. Petroleum & Mining Law
13. Water Law	26. International Human Rights	39. Law of writs or Service Law
		40. Constitutional theory on Principles of Constitutional Interpretation

LL. M. PROGRAMME

Intake and Reservation:

Category	Total Seat
General	30
Scheduled Caste	06
Scheduled Tribe	03
Person With Disability (PWD)	01
Foreign Nationals	02

Fee Structure* (For LL. M.)

First Year (New Entrants)	Semester-I
Admission Fee	Rs. 1000
Semester Fee	
• NRI/Foreign Students	\$ 750
• Other Students	Rs. 7000
Examination Fee	Rs. 2000
Library Fee	Rs. 7000
Computer Fee	Rs. 8000
Student Welfare Fee	Rs. 5000
Development Fee	Rs. 10000
Composite (Hostel) Fee	Rs. 6000
Amenities & Others	Rs. 3000
Adjustable (Hostel) Deposit#	Rs. 12500
Refundable Deposit#	Rs. 10000

Second Year & Subsequent Years	Monsoon Semester
Semester Fee	LL. M.
• NRI/Foreign Students	\$ 750
• Other Students	Rs. 7000
Examination Fee	Rs. 2000
Library Fee	Rs. 7000
Computer Fee	Rs. 8000
Student Welfare Fee	Rs. 5000
Development Fee	Rs. 10000
Composite (Hostel) Fee	Rs. 6000
Amenities & Others	Rs. 3000
Adjustable (Hostel) Deposit#	Rs. 12500

First Year & Subsequent Years	Winter Semester
Semester Fee	LL. M.
• NRI/Foreign Students	\$ 750
• Other Students	Rs. 7000
Composite (Hostel) Fee ##	Rs. 6000
Adjustable (Hostel) Deposit ##	Rs. 12500

Note:

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- ## LL.M. students would not be considered for hostel accommodation in the first instance.

COURSE CONTENT (Commercial Law)

Semester-I	Semester-II	Semester-III	Sem-IV
Research Methodology and Legal Education	Judicial Process	Law & Social Transformation in India	Dissertation
Jurisprudence	International Trade Law	Insolvency Law/Law of Industrial Relations	
Contract Law	Competition Law	Law of Taxation/ Banking Law	
Corporate Law	Optional Paper-I	Optional Paper-II	

COURSE CONTENT (International Law)

Semester-I	Semester-II	Semester-III	Sem-IV
Research Methodology and Legal Education	Judicial Process	Law & Social Transformation in India	Dissertation
Jurisprudence	International Human Rights Law	International Space Law/International Aviation Law	
Fundamentals of International Law	International Criminal Law/ Conflict of Laws	International Environmental Law	
Law of International Institutions	Optional Paper-I	Optional Paper-II	



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