

ORDINANCE-XXXII

PROGRAMMES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE BACHELOR OF LAWS (3-YEAR) PROFESSIONAL DEGREE

1. DEFINITION OF KEYWORDS

1.1 Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) The CBCS provides a choice for the students to select a course from the prescribed courses (Elective or soft-skill courses). It provides a 'cafeteria' approach in which the students can take courses of their choice, learn at their own pace, study additional courses and acquire more than the minimum required credits, and adopt an inter-disciplinary approach to learning.

1.2 Academic Year

Two consecutive (one odd + one even) semesters shall constitute one academic year.

1.3 Semester

Each Semester shall consist of 15-18 weeks of academic work equivalent to 90 actual teaching days. The odd semester may be scheduled from July to December and even semester from January to June. The credit-based semester system provides flexibility in designing curriculum and assigning credits based on the course content and hours of teaching.

1.4 Credit

Credit is a unit by which the course work is measured. It determines the number of hours of instructions required per week. One credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (lecture or tutorial) or two hours of practical work/fieldwork, per week.

Credits: A credit defines the quantum of contents/syllabus prescribed for a course and determines the number of hours of instruction required per week. Thus, in each course, credits are assigned based on the number of lectures/tutorials/laboratory work/fieldwork and other forms of learning required for completing the contents in a 15-week schedule. 2 hours of laboratory work/fieldwork is generally considered equivalent to 1 hour of lecture. (i) 1 credit = 1 hour of instruction per week (1 credit course = 15 contact hours of instruction per semester) (ii) 3 credits = 3 hours of instruction per week (3 credit course = 45 contact hours of instruction per Semester) (iii) 1 credit = 1 hour of tutorial per week (1 credit course = 15 contact hours of instruction per semester). A core/elective course with the practical component may carry up to 6 credits while a core/elective course without practical component may carry up to 5 credits. However, a dissertation/ project work/internship/fieldwork may carry up to 16 credits (along with other core/elective

courses); and a semester-long dissertation/project work/internship/fieldwork may carry up to 24 credits.

1.5 Grade Point

It is a numerical weightage allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale.

1.6 Letter Grade

It is an index of the performance of students in a said course. Grades are denoted by letters O, A+, A, B+, B, C, P and F. It implies a letter grade assigned to a student based on evaluation of a course on a ten-point scale.

1.7 Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)

It is a measure of performance of the work done in a semester. It is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses registered in a semester and the total course credits taken during that semester. It shall be expressed up to two decimal places.

1.8 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

It is a measure of the overall cumulative performance of a student's through all the semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all the semesters. It is expressed up to two decimal places.

1.9 Transcript/ Grade Card or Certificate

Based on the grades earned, a grade certificate shall be issued to all the registered students after every semester. The grade certificate will display the course details (code, title, number of credits, grade secured) along with SGPA of that semester and CGPA earned till that semester.

1.10 Course

Usually referred to as paper, it is a component of a Programme. All courses need not carry the same weight. Each course should define the learning objectives and learning outcomes. A course may be designed to comprise lectures/tutorials/laboratory work/fieldwork/outreach activities/project work/dissertation/practical training/viva/seminars/term papers/assignments/presentations/self-study work/clinical component, etc., or a combination of some of these.

1.11 Type of Courses

Each programme may have three types of courses, viz. Core courses, Elective courses, and Self-study/Skill-based courses.

1.12 Core Courses

The core courses are those courses whose knowledge is deemed essential for the students registered for a programme of study.

1.13 Elective Courses

The elective courses can be chosen from a pool of papers. These courses are intended to allow the student to specialize in one or more branches of the broad subject area; help the student to acquire knowledge and skills in a related area that may have applications in the broad subject area, and help the student to bridge any gap in the curriculum; enable acquisition of essential skills, and help the student to pursue a specific area of interest.

The student may also choose additional elective courses offered by the University to enable him/her to acquire extra credits from the discipline, or across the discipline.

1.14 Self-study/Skill-based Courses

The self-study courses, if offered, are optional, not mandatory. Being non-credit courses, the performance of students in these courses shall be indicated either as “satisfactory” or as “unsatisfactory”, instead of the Letter Grade and this shall not be counted for the computation of SGPA/CGPA.

2. Programme

- 2.1** The duration of the Programme for the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (3 Year) Professional Course, will be three academic years which will be divided into six semesters.
- 2.2** Each semester shall have a minimum of 90 working days. Examination for the First, Third and Fifth semester shall ordinarily be held in December/January and for the Second, Fourth and Sixth semester in May/June on such dates as may be fixed by the university.
- 2.3** The candidate for re-appear of the odd semester will take the examination in the next odd semester and the candidate for re-appear of even semester will take the examination in the next even semester. However, the candidate for re-appear in the sixth semester will take the examination in the next odd semester.

3. Eligibility for Admission

- 3.1** An applicant, who has obtained a bachelor’s degree in any stream from a University or an equivalent institution recognized as deemed to be University or from a foreign University declared as equivalent to an Indian Degree by a competent authority, shall be eligible to join the First year of the LL.B. (3 year) Professional course.

3.2 Minimum qualifying marks in graduation: 45% for Un-Reserved Category and relaxation of 5% to the SC/ST/PWD/ OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates.

3.3 There is no minimum age requirement for admission to three years law degree course.

4. Duration of the Programme:

The duration of the Programme for the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (3-Year) Professional Course, will be three academic years which will be divided into six semesters, and each semester shall have 90 teaching days.

Provided that a semester or a year may be declared by the Academic Council a zero semester or a zero year for a student if he/she could not continue with the academic work during that period due to illness and hospitalization, or due to accepting a scholarship/fellowship subject to the fulfillment of requirements laid down in this respect by the regulations. Such a zero semester/year shall not be counted for calculation of the duration of the programme in the case of such a student.

5. Mobility Options and Credit Transfers:

5.1 The students shall be permitted to opt inter-disciplinary and horizontal mobility and can take courses of their choice, learn at their paces, undergo additional courses, acquire more than the required credits, and adopt an interdisciplinary approach to learning.

5.2 The mobility across the disciplines is also subject to availability of the desired elective course, faculty, infrastructure and no. of students (as fixed by the University/department from time to time) opting that elective course.

5.3 Mobility of Credits earned by the students from GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) courses/ MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)/ SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active –Learning for Young Aspiring Minds)/ Swachh Bharat Internship Programme/ etc. shall be credited in accordance with the provisions made under the respective schemes, as amended from time to time; subject to compatibility of course content & assessment process with the prior approval of the Board of Studies/ School Board of the Department/School.

6. Course Coding:

Each course offered by a school/department is identified by a unique course code indicating school, department, programme, semester, course no., core (C) /elective course (E), Serial No. of the course, No. of credits attached to lectures, tutorials, the practical and total number of credits for the course respectively. For example, the course code for the fifth core course of the third programme in the second semester in the

Department of Law under the School of Law carrying 5 credits (4 lectures and one tutorial) may be- SL LAW 03 02 05 C 4105. However, the concerned Board of Studies/School Board may recommend a specific course codification pattern for the approval of the Academic Council.

7. Student Advisor:

The Department shall appoint an Advisor for each student from amongst the members of the faculty concerned. All faculty members of the department shall function as Student Advisors and shall have an equal number of students. The Student Advisor shall advise the student in the selection of courses and shall render all possible support, guidance and counseling to him/her.

8. Course Registration:

- 8.1** The registration for courses shall be the sole responsibility of the student. No student shall be allowed to do a course without registration, and no student shall be entitled to any credits in the course unless he/she has been registered for the course by the scheduled date fixed by the University.
- 8.2** Every student must register (Offline / Online) in each semester (in consultation with his/her Student Advisor) for the courses he/she intends to undergo in that semester by applying in the prescribed proforma duly signed by him/her, the Student Advisor and the Head of the Department, within the deadline notified for the purpose by the University.
- 8.3** Late registration may be permitted by the Head/ In charge of the Department up to a maximum of six weeks after the commencement of the semester, on payment of late fee prescribed by the university.
- 8.4** A student shall register for a minimum of 20 credits and can register for a maximum of 30 credits in a semester (subject to 160 (± 6) credits throughout the three-year LL.B programme), unless specified otherwise by the University.
- 8.5** Withdrawal from a course may be permitted up to two weeks from the date of registration, provided the courses registered after withdrawal shall enable the student to earn a minimum of 20 credits. Withdrawal from a course may not be allowed for those who had late registration.
- 8.6** A student may be allowed by the Head/In charge of the Department to add a course or substitute a course for another course of the same type (elective or self-study/skill-based), for valid reasons with the consent of the Student Advisor not later than two weeks from the date of commencement of the semester.

8.7 If a student registers himself/herself for more elective courses than the prescribed in the programme, while calculating the Semester/Cumulative Grade Point Average, only the prescribed number of elective courses for the programme of study shall be included in the descending order of the grades obtained by him/her.

8.8 The elective courses opted and registered by the student either from the parent or other department and attempted in the end semester examination shall have to be qualified. Such elective courses shall not be replaced. However, a student shall have the option of choosing an elective course from other departments irrespective of the semester in which the course is offered. For example; a student of odd/even Semester can opt an elective course of other departments offered in any odd/even semester respectively.

9. Minimum Credit Requirements

For the three-year LL.B programme, the credit requirements for the professional degree shall be 160 credits (± 6 Credits), including a minimum of 32 credits from elective courses of which 12 credits shall be from elective courses offered by other Departments.

10. Classroom Teaching and Skill Development Activities

For each paper/course, four hours per week shall be assigned for classroom teaching and one hour for professional skills development activities. As per Bar Council of India Guidelines, the course leading to LL. B (Three-year) shall be conducted in semester system in not less than 15 weeks (6 days a week)/18 week (5 days a week), and each week shall have not less than 30 hours for teaching, moot court, tutorial, skill development activities, etc.

11. Examination and Internal Assessment

The internal assessment work and the End-Semester examination shall have a weightage of 30% and 70%, respectively. For practical examination also, 70 percent of the marks will be awarded through an end semester practical exam and the remaining 30 percent of the marks will consist of internal assessment to be awarded by the concerned course coordinator (s) of the concerned department. Maximum 05 marks to be awarded for attendance of students (Same as mentioned in case of internal assessment for theory examination)

Assessment of Seminar paper: The seminar paper shall be assessed based on the contents of the paper submitted and its presentation, equally. The assessment will be made by the concerned teacher/advisor/supervisor. A Seminar presentation paper will not exceed 4 credits per semester.

12. Internal Assessment

12.1 Internal Assessment shall be done continuously, considering the student's class performance, completion of assignments and performance in the minimum two compulsory sessional tests to be conducted in a semester. For the sake of uniformity, particularly for interdepartmental transfer of credits, there shall be a uniform procedure of examination to be adopted by all faculty members.

12.2 The first Internal Assessment Test shall be held around the sixth week of the semester for the syllabi covered till then, and the second Internal Assessment Test shall be held around the twelfth week for the syllabi covered between seventh and twelfth week. However, the department may make the provision for more than two tests also.

12.3 For conducting Internal Assessment, one or more assessment tools, such as written tests, assignments, oral quizzes, paper presentations, laboratory work, etc., suitable to the course may be employed.

12.4 The Internal Assessment for theory shall consist of the following components with marks indicated against each:

(i) Attendance:	5 marks
Below 75%	Nil
75% to <80%	1 Mark
80 % to <85%	2 Marks
85% to <90%	3 Marks
90% to <95%	4 Marks
95% and above	5 Marks

Note: 75 % attendance is the minimum requirement for students to be eligible for exams.

(ii) Assignments/Presentations and Class Participation	5 Marks
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(iii) Internal Assessments	20 Marks
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Test-1	10 Marks
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Test-2	10 Marks
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The Head/ In charge of the Department may allow a student to repeat one sessional test, if his/her application in this regard is considered as genuine on valid reasons.

A student is required to secure a minimum of 'P' grade in the Internal Assessment and in the End-Semester examinations in the aggregate. However, he/she shall have to pass the practical examination separately, with a minimum of 'P' grade.

13. The medium of instructions in the classroom shall be English. The question paper will be set in English only. However, the medium of examination may be English or Hindi.
14. Candidates shall be examined according to the Scheme of Examination and Syllabus as approved by the Academic Council from time to time. A candidate who fails in an examination or fails to appear in an examination, shall unless approved otherwise by the Academic Council, take the examination according to the syllabus prescribed by the University for regular students appearing for that examination.
15. A candidate for the LL. B (Professional) degree, must pass the whole examination (all six semesters) within Five Years of his admission into the LL. B (professional) course first Semester Class, failing which he/she will be de-registered from the programme.
16. The Details of the internship / Practical Training (Court Visit, Moot Court, etc.) to be imparted as per syllabus of LL.B. (3 year) professional course students will be notified by the Head of the Department of Law, from time to time.
17. A candidate who has already passed the LL.B. Examination from this university may appear in one or more other additional subjects at any subsequent examination without attending a regular course of study. The examination fee shall be such; as notified by the Controller of Examinations from time to time.
18. The procedure for End-Semester Examination, Calculation of Letter Grades and Grade Points, Setting of Question Papers and Evaluation, Re-appear Examination/Improvement of Grades, Re-evaluation/Rechecking, Computation of SGPA and CGPA, Attendance Requirement, Conversion Formula, Removal of the Student from the Programme, Promotion Rules and other miscellaneous provisions/details shall be in accordance with relevant clauses of Ordinance-XV relating to "PROGRAMMES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE DEGREES/DIPLOMAS" and other relevant Ordinances/Rules of the University, as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding anything stated in this Ordinance, for any unforeseen issue arising, and not covered by this Ordinance, or in the event of a difference in interpretation, the Vice-Chancellor may take an appropriate decision.
