



MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

ACADEMIC & EXAMINATION REGULATIONS 2020

LL.M. (Professional) Programme

These regulations have been drafted to comprehensively govern and regulate the conduct of LL.M. (Professional) programme at the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

Title and commencement

1. These regulations shall be called LL.M. (Professional) Regulations 2020 [in short LLM-Pro 2020].
2. These regulations shall come into effect from the academic year 2020-21.

Definitions

- a. Act means the Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014 [Act No. VI of 2014]
- b. Board of Examination means the Board of Examination constituted by the MNLU Mumbai.
- c. Ex-student refers to one who has studied in the Faculty for at least one term (Semester) preceding the date of the examination and has filled up the examination form but failed or has failed to appear in the examination, though otherwise eligible.

d. CPGLS means and refers to the Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies as specified under UGC Guidelines for introduction of One Year LL.M. Degree Programme, 2012.

e. Professional course Student is one who has pursued a professional course of study and obtained prescribed attendance mentioned in the ordinances and is eligible to appear in the examination.

f. University means the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

g. Vice- Chancellor means the Vice Chancellor of the University

h. Registrar means the Registrar of the University

i. HoD means Head of Department of Post Graduate Department

Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies

There shall be a Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies [CPGLS in short] constituted by the Vice Chancellor at the commencement of an academic session which shall be responsible for the general supervision of LL.M. Degree and **LL.M (Professional)** Programme at the University.

CPGLS shall perform the functions in accordance with this Regulation.

Powers & functions

(i) The CPGLS shall have overall authority to supervise and conduct the academic administration of the LL.M. Programme and **LL.M (Professional) Programme**. It shall make necessary recommendations on course content, syllabus design, conduct of examination and evaluation, dissertation, project and such other related matters.

(ii) The CPGLS shall maintain annual record on the conduct of course of admitted batch of students for the corresponding year, detailing the progress of the course and curriculum from the stage of admission to issuance of transcript to the students.

Attendance

The LL.M. (Professional) Programme will be conducted through a mixed mode (**Online/Offline**) of class room teaching & contact learning Attendance in the contact classes is an important component of the programme. It is expected that students shall attend the scheduled contact classes.

Attendance: Every student has to secure a minimum of **50% attendance** in all the subjects taken individually in each Semester to be eligible to appear in the End-Semester examination. Student, who falls short of requisite attendance, shall not be permitted to take the end term Examination of the course.

NOTE: Shortfall in attendance may be condoned on grounds of illness of the student and other special grounds of co-curricular / assigned University academic and administrative activities authorized by the CPGLS. The recommendation of the CPGLS on this behalf may be approved at the Vice-Chancellor on merit.

Examination Scheme:

It shall be mandatory for every student to appear for every examination conducted by MNLU MUMBAI for LL.M Professional programme. A student who absents himself/herself for an examination shall be declared “Failed” in that course. He/she shall appear in Examination for that course, when conducted the next time. If he/she passes the course in the next attempt, the grade obtained shall have ® mentioned against it in the transcript.

Additional fees of **Rs. 1,000/-** shall be charged per paper for students **re-registering** to appear for examinations in a subsequent academic year other courses in a given semester.

By virtue of enrolling to the LL.M (Pro), no student shall be entitled to claim the entitlements and privileges that may be available to the students of other regular courses in MNLU Mumbai.

For all disciplinary matters pertaining to the student of this course, the existing regulations of the University shall apply.

Evaluation:

1. Each of the courses shall carry a maximum of 75 Marks. Each of the Papers shall carry a maximum of 75 Marks. The paper shall comprise of 8 questions out of which the candidate may attempt 5 questions. Each question shall carry 15 Marks.
2. The schedule/time table for the examination shall be announced in advance. Examinations may be conducted by University as per the suitable time schedule, proposed by BoE or Assistant Co-ordinator of the Course.
3. There shall be End Semester Examination preferably in the Month of December/June or as may be notified by the University for the First Semester and the Second Semester.
4. All papers shall have uniform method of examination as above and evaluation pattern. However, the CPGLS with prior approval of the Vice-Chancellor may introduce changes in the research component and evaluation process to adapt the best practice through continuous monitoring.
5. Exam will be conducted Online or Offline depending upon the prevailing circumstances, which will be accessed by Component authority.
6. Repeat / Improvement examination will be held for students who were either absent with prior approval or had failed in the Semester examination or who wish to improve their grade provided a repeat examination on the subject is conducted for other reasons in this clause.
7. The repeat examination shall be conducted only once (excluding the main examination) and grade secured at the repeat examination shall carry 'R' (Re-appear) at the top of the Grade secured. The same shall be recorded in the Grade Sheet.
8. The Regulations regarding Prevention, Punishment and Procedure Concerning Cases of Mis-Conduct and use of Unfair Means in or relating to Examinations shall be the same as that of the B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Course

Conditions for Pass and Re-examination

- (i) To be declared successful in any Course, a candidate must secure at least 'B' Grade. Those who secure 'F' Grade shall be declared as failed.
- (ii) Candidates who fail to appear for the examination in a Course or fail to obtain at least 'B' Grade must take the examination again.
- (iii) A student admitted to the LL.M. (Pro) Programme must complete all the prescribed requirements within a maximum period of **3 years** from and including the year of admission in order to be eligible for the award of LL.M (Professional).
- (iv) Division A candidate who has passed in all the papers/ courses of I & II Semester/Trimesters of the One Year LL.M Professional program taken together shall be declared as 'Passed'. Such passed candidates will be awarded with the division/grade according to the following performance criteria:

Grading Systems & Legends:-

Grade	Grade Point	Percentage	Division
O	8	60 and above	Outstanding
D	7.5	56-59	Distinction
A+	7	52-55	Excellent
A	6.5	49-51	Higher First Division
B+	6	45-48	First Division
B	5.5	41-44	Higher Second Division
P	5	37.5-40	Second Division
F	0	Below -37.5	Failure

Question Papers

The question paper for the written examination shall be set either by the teacher who taught the course or by an expert from within or outside the University nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

Evaluation of Scripts

The evaluation of answer scripts of the written examination shall be done by the concerned course teacher and/or the external examiner appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

Transparency

- (i) The CPGLS shall ensure that there is clear transparency in matters of academic supervision and evaluation process.
- (ii) Clarifications, if any, relating to evaluation and marks obtained in various components at the respective stage of examination and evaluation process must be cleared within 7 days of publication of results.
- (iii) The examination committee may allow students to view their answer books in the presence of the concerned examiner and/or an expert nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (iv) There shall be no scheme of re-evaluation of answer scripts.

Award of LL.M (Professional) Programme

Candidates who have completed all the courses cumulating to requisite credits and obtained at least a 'B' grade in all courses shall be awarded the LL.M. (Professional) Programme.

(a) All the students shall be provided with a consolidated Statement of marks, indicating the courses, course credits, percentage of marks obtained and a Provisional certificate.

(b) The Master Programme certificate shall be issued as per University Rules.

(c) All records of the LL.M (Pro) programme shall be maintained by the Examination Department, in consultation with the Registrar.

Removal of difficulty :

The Vice Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, shall have power to make such modifications, alterations or amendments in this Regulation as may be necessary to remove any difficulties arising during the conduct of programme from the date of commencement of this Regulation. The amendment so made will be reported to the Academic Council and the Executive Council in its next meeting.

Interpretations

In case of any doubt regarding any of the provisions of these Regulations, the matter shall be reported in writing to the CPGLS, who, upon receipt of such letter, shall forthwith clarify the matter. In case of further doubt, an appeal may be made to the Vice Chancellor, who, after having the matter examined by independent expert or experts, offer his interpretation, which shall be final and binding.
