



RASHTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY

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FACULTY OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SUBJECT:

LAW

DIRECTION NO. 4 of 2023

**EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (B.A.LL. B) 5 YEARS DEGREE PROGRAMME
[CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM], DIRECTION, 2023**

WHEREAS there is need to make the 5 Years Degree of Bachelor of Laws (B.A.LL. B) more compatible with the Legal Education Rules, 2008 framed by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi And National Education Policy 2020;

AND

WHEREAS the Board of Studies in Law in its meeting dated 29th June 2022 and subsequent meeting dated 8th August 2022 revised the syllabus of the 3 years and 5 years law programmes on the basis of “Choice Based Credit system” and “National Education Policy” and the same needs to be implemented from the academic year 2022-23;

AND

WHEREAS the procedure of implementing the new syllabus is urgent and emergent, the introduction of new statutes and National Education Policy, it has become necessary to upgrade the existing syllabus in order to keep pace with the change in the field of legal studies. So also, as the Government of Maharashtra has introduced Common Entrance Test in Law for Admissions in the LL.B. (3 Year programme) and B.A. LL.B. (5 Years programme) through Centralized Admission Process since the year 2016-2017,

AND

Whereas, Direction No. 34 of 2019 was issued replacing 7 of 2017 to incorporate the necessary changes of admission process and syllabus approved by the then Borad of Studies in Law and in view of the National Education Policy 2020, it has become necessary to issue a fresh Direction incorporating the provisions of earlier Direction with necessary modifications;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Subhash R. Chaudhari, Vice-Chancellor, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur, in the exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 12 (8) of the Act, do hereby

issue the following Direction:

1. Title of the Direction: This Direction shall be called "Examinations leading to the award of the Degree of Bachelor of laws (B.A.LL. B) (5 years Programme) [Choice Based Credit System] Direction, 2023".

2. Commencement of the Direction: It shall come into force from the academic year 2022-23.

3. Duration of the Programme: The duration of the Programme is 5 academic years which is spread over 10 semesters with the University Examination at the end of each Semester. Each Academic Year shall be divided into Two semesters.

An examination for each of the semester shall be held twice in a year at such places and on such dates as may be fixed by the University. The fees for the examination shall be prescribed by the University from time to time.

The courses/papers and credits assigned to each course in each semester shall be as given in Appendix-I.

4. Definitions:

- a. Advanced Diploma in Law: For the purposes of this Direction, Advanced Diploma in Law shall mean a Diploma awarded in accordance with para 13 of this Direction.
- b. Certificate: For the purposes of this Direction, Certificate shall mean a Certificate in Arts (Law) issued in accordance with para 13 of this Direction.
- c. Choice Based Credit System (CBCS): The CBCS means a system in which choice is provided for students to select from the prescribed courses wherever options are provided in the course/papers prescribed for this program in Appendix-I of this Direction.
- d. Course: It is equivalent to a paper/subject in a semester. It is a complete unit of learning which will be taught and evaluated within a Semester.
- e. Credit: Credit means the unit by which the course work is measured. It is measured in terms of weekly Clock hours assigned to a Course i.e., one credit is equivalent to 1 clock hours per week.
- f. Credit Point (CP): It is the value obtained by multiplying the Grade Point by the Credit

i.e., No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Points secured for that course.

- g. Credit Transfer: The credit acquired for the courses in another University/ through SWAYAM (MOOCs Courses) would be accepted on reciprocal basis subject to the UGC & other applicable norms in force from time to time.
- h. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):
 - (i) For purposes of Certificate in Arts (Law), CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across the first two semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in the first two semesters by the total number of credits in the said semesters.
 - (ii) For purposes of Diploma in Arts (Law), CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across the first four semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in the first four semesters by the total number of credits in the said semesters.
 - (iii) For purposes of B.A. (Law) Degree, CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across the first six semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in the first six semesters by the total number of credits in the said semesters.
 - (iv) For purposes of Advanced Diploma in Law, CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across the first eight semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in the first eight semesters by the total number of credits in the said semesters.
 - (v) For purposes of Bachelor of law (B.A.LL.B) Degree, CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across all ten semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in all ten semesters by the total number of credits in the said semesters.
- i. Degree: For the purposes of this Direction, Degree shall mean a Degree awarded in accordance with para 13 of this Direction and includes B.A. (Law) after successful completion of first three years and B.A.LL. B after successful completion of all Five years.
- j. Diploma: For purposes of this Direction, Diploma shall mean a diploma in Arts (Law) awarded in accordance with para 13 of this direction
- k. Grade Point: Grade Point is weightage allotted to each grade letter depending on the marks awarded in a course/paper.
- l. Grade Letter: Grade Letter is an index to indicate the performance of a student in a particular course/ Paper. It is the transformation of actual marks secured by a student in a course/paper. It is indicated by a Grade letter O, A, B, C, D, E and F. There is a range

of marks for each Grade letter.

- m. Grade Letter Average: refers to the Grade Letter awarded after summing up external and internal marks obtained in each course/paper.
- n. New Credit Based System (NCBS): The New Credit Based System Shall mean the NCBS as defined under Direction No. 33 of 2019.
- o. Programme: For purposes of this Direction, Programme shall mean, a Five year programme of study and examination spread over TEN semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of B.A.LL. B degree.
- p. Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. It is obtained by dividing the total credit points in the semester by total number of credits for that semester.

5. Eligibility Criteria for Admission:

(a) Admission to the program shall be made by Centralised Admission Process, through Common Entrance Test in Law conducted by Government of Maharashtra and in accordance with the rules and instructions provided from time to time in this regard by the Government of Maharashtra, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University and Bar Council of India.

The reservation policy and rules of the Government of Maharashtra governing admission to higher educational institutions issued from time to time shall also be followed.

(b) An applicant who has successfully completed 10+2 or Intermediate or equivalent from a recognized University of India or outside or from a Senior Secondary Board or equivalent, constituted or recognized by the Union of India or by a State Government or from any equivalent institution from a foreign country recognized by the government of that country for the purpose of issue of qualifying certificate on successful completion of that course/programme, may apply for and be admitted into the B.A. LL.B. 5 Years Degree Programme .

(c) Students who secure minimum 45% of the total marks in the qualifying examination are eligible for admission into the Programme.

(d) For S.C. & S.T. students - minimum 40% and for OBC students – minimum 42 of the total marks in their qualifying examination for admission into the Programme.

With this eligibility a student may be admitted through Centralized Admission Process of Government of Maharashtra. However, a student seeking admission as per Absorption Scheme under this Direction shall be admitted directly to the relevant semester to which he is entitled under this scheme and as per the norms laid down by the State of Maharashtra for the Centralized Admission from time to time.

6. **Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction and Examination shall be English. Question papers for the examination shall be set in English. However, the candidates will



have an option to write their answers either in English, Hindi or Marathi.

7. **Attendance:** No student shall be permitted to appear for the Semester Examination unless he/she has put in not less than 75% attendance of the classes held in any course/paper concerned including tutorials, moot court exercises, practical training and other skill-based training etc. conducted in respect of that course/paper. However, Principal/Head of the Department/Director of the college/institution/department, shall have power to condone the absence, on sufficient cause, maximum up to 15% in order to allow the student to appear in university examination.

8. **Rules of Promotion:** Rules of Promotion from one semester to another semester are as follows: -

From Semester I to Semester II: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessional or/and University Theory/Practical Examination/skilled based training & examination of Semester-I;

From Semester II to Semester III: a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination/skilled based training & examination of Semester-II, and;

b) the number of backlogs, if any, of Semester I and II taken together shall not exceed 6 (six) courses/papers (50 %) prescribed for Semester I and II.

From Semester III to Semester IV: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination/ skilled based training & examination of Semester-III.

From Semester IV to Semester V a) A Student Should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination/ skilled based training & examination of Semester-IV, and


b) the student must have passed all the papers/courses prescribed for Semester I and Semester II examination, and

c) the number of backlogs, if any, of Semester III and IV taken together shall not exceed 6 (six) courses/papers (i.e., 50% of papers prescribed).

From Semester V to Semester VI: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessional or/and University Theory Examination/ skilled based training & examination of Semester-V.

From Semester VI to Semester VII: a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory Examination/ skilled based training & examination of Semester-VI; and

b) The student must have passed all the papers/courses prescribed for Semester I to Semester

IV examinations; and

c) The number of backlogs, if any, of Semester V and VI taken together shall not exceed 6 (six) courses/papers (i.e., 50% of papers prescribed).

From Semester VII to Semester VIII: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical/ Skill based training & Examination / Clinical Examination of Semester-VII

From VIII to IX: a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical/ Skill based training & Examination / Clinical Examination of Semester-VIII; and

b) A Student must have passed all the papers/course of Semester I to Semester VI; and

c) The backlogs, if any, of Semester VII and VIII taken together shall not exceed 5 (five) courses/papers. (i.e., 50% of papers prescribed).

From Semester IX to Semester X: a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical/Skill based training & Examination / Clinical Examination of Semester-IX.

9. Instruction, Training and Teaching Work Load: Each Semester shall comprise of not less than 15 weeks with not less than 30 class-hours per week including tutorials, moot court exercises and seminars for semester I to VI and not less than 25 class hours per week including tutorials, moot court exercises and seminar for semester VII till X. A class-hour shall consist of 48 minutes duration.

a) Each theory and Clinical paper shall carry a credit of 4, which means there shall be 5 classes per week each of 48 minutes duration. Seminar Course and case study shall carry a credit of 2 each. In addition to this, for each theory and clinical paper there shall be per week minimum one class hour for tutorial/Seminar/Group discussion /internal examinations/ Presentation / Guest lecture etc.

b) Distribution of 20 marks for internal assessment, wherever there is a provision for internal assessment, shall be as follows:

i) Internal/Sessional Examination = 5marks

ii) Class attendance and participation = 5marks

iv) Assignments /viva Voce= 5 marks

v) Presentation/Seminar/Group Discussion =5 marks

Provided that the internal assessment for the skill-based courses from semester I to semester VI shall be in accordance with the norms specified in the respective course content.

(c) Each student shall complete minimum of 20 weeks of internship during the entire period of legal studies under NGO, Trial and Appellate Advocates, Judiciary, Legal Regulatory

authorities, Legislatures and Parliament, other Legal Functionaries, Market Institutions, Law Firms, Companies and Local Self Government.

(d) The internship in any Semester cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four Weeks and the Internship Programme will commence from 6th semester onwards. Each student shall keep internship diary and the same shall be signed by the Guide and also by an assigned Faculty member of the college. The internship programme of the sixth semester shall be undertaken during the course of the semester and shall be evaluated in accordance with the norms prescribed in the course content, in that semester itself. The internship program from 7th semester onwards may be undertaken even during the after-semester vacations, before commencement of Tenth semester examinations. The evaluation of internship record shall be done by an external examiner appointed by the University for the IV Clinical paper, i.e. Moot Court and Internship in the Tenth Semester of the course as stipulated in Appendix-I. For the purpose of award of marks for Internship (7th semester onwards), it shall be considered to be part of Clinical Paper – IV and shall carry 30 Marks.

10. Evaluation System on the basis of Credit based Award Pattern: Based on his/her continuous evaluation, the academic performance of a student during a semester shall be graded on a Seven-point scale. The grade awarded to a student shall depend on his/her performance in external and internal examinations.

(a) The academic performance of a student during a semester and at the end of the programme, shall be evaluated on the basis of:

(i) Grade Point (GP) obtained in each subject

(ii) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA),

(iii) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

(b) Marks for Extra Curricular Components (E.C.C) are to be awarded at the end of each even semester in recognition of achievements in sports/cultural/N.S.S/NCC as per the rules and instructions of the University provided in this regard from time to time. The marks shall be used for upgrading CGPA.

(c) At the end of each semester examination, a student shall be awarded a Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA). A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be awarded to each student at the end of Final Semester of the Programme. The details regarding method of calculating SGPA & CGPA is explained in detail in para 11.

11. Awards of Grade Letter, Grade Points, Credit Points, SGPA, CGPA:

(a) Award of Grade Letter and Grade Points:



Each course/paper shall be valued in Seven Grades. The letter grades and their equivalent grade points are listed below.

Letter Grade	Academic Performance	Percentage of marks	Grade Point
O	Outstanding	90-100	10
A+	Excellent	80-89.99	9
A	Very Good	70-79.99	8
B +	Good	60-69.99	7
B	Above Average	50-59.99	6
C	Pass	40-49.99	5
F	Fail	<40	0
Ab	Absent	-	0

(b) Calculation of Credit Points: Credit Points for the course = No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Point secured for that course.

(c) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. SGPA is obtained by dividing the total credit points earned by the student in all courses of the Semester by the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a Semester.

SGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points.

$$\text{SGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points in the semester}}{\text{Total Number of Credits for the Semester}}$$

Provided that SGPA is computed only if the candidate passes in all the courses (gets a minimum E Grade in all Courses).

(d) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): CGPA refers to the Cumulative GradePoint Average weighed across two, four, six, eight or all ten semester, whichever applicable. For example CGPA for obtaining the Certificate in Arts (Law) shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points Obtained in first two Semesters}}{\text{Total Credits of First two semesters}}$$

For example CGPA for obtaining the final Degree of B.A. LL.B. shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points Obtained in all Semesters}}{\text{Total Credits of all Semesters}}$$

CGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points.

12. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations: In order to qualify a particular examination, a candidate shall have to secure at least 40% of marks in each and every theory, Practical/Clinical paper and Skilled Based Course in the end semester examination, taken together with internal assessment marks in each paper. However, to be declared as pass in the end semester examination or for seeking exemption in any individual subject, the candidate

needs to secure at least 50% marks in the aggregate of the semester or in the individual subject in which exemption is sought.

13. Award of Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and / or Degree:

A student will be eligible for a **Certificate in Arts (Law)** only when he or she has successfully completed first two semesters of the Five years Degree programme and has cleared all the prescribed courses / papers of the said semesters with a total of 44 Credits and/or any other course or examination prescribed for exit from the program with the certificate.

The certificate shall be issued to the student only on a written application to the appropriate authority after acquiring eligibility to receive the same and on payment of prescribed fees.

A student will be eligible for a **Diploma in Arts (Law)** only when he or she has successfully completed first four semesters of the Five years Degree programme and has cleared all the prescribed courses / papers of the said semesters with a total of 88 Credits and/or any other course or examination prescribed for exit from the program with the Diploma.

The Diploma in Arts (Law) shall be issued to the student only on a written application to the appropriate authority after acquiring eligibility to receive the same and on payment of prescribed fees.

A student will be eligible for a **B.A. (Law) Degree** only when he or she has successfully completed first six semesters of the Five years Degree programme and has cleared all the prescribed courses / papers of the said semesters with a total of 132 Credits and/or any other course or examination prescribed for exit from the program with the Degree.

The **B.A. (Law) Degree** shall be issued to the student only on a written application to the appropriate authority after acquiring eligibility to receive the same and on payment of prescribed fees.

A student will be eligible for **Advanced Diploma in Law** only when he or she has successfully completed first eight semesters of the Five years Degree programme and has cleared all the prescribed courses / papers of the said semesters with a total of 172 Credits and/or any other course or examination prescribed for exit from the program with the Advanced Diploma.

The **Advanced Diploma in Law** shall be issued to the student only on a written application to the appropriate authority after acquiring eligibility to receive the same and on payment of prescribed fees.

A student will be eligible for the award of **B.A. LL. B (5 Year) Degree** only when he/ she has successfully completed all the prescribed 56 papers with a total of 212 credits and obtained a minimum CGPA of 5.00 out of 10.00 and after payment of prescribed fee to receive a degree signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

For purposes of award of aforesaid Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and / or Degree the result of the successful candidates shall be classified as follows:

- i. First Division with Distinction: CGPA from 8.00 and above

- ii. First Division: CGPA from 6.67 to 7.99
- iii. Second Division: CGPA from 5.56 to 6.66
- iv. Pass Division: CGPA from 5.00 to 5.55

Provided that a student shall be awarded the Diploma in Arts (Law) only on surrender of the Certificate in Arts (Law) if the same has been issued earlier and the Degree of B.A. (Law) shall be awarded only on surrender of the Diploma in Arts (Law) if awarded earlier.

This is to be noted that the existing rules of BCI does not permit re-entry in the integrated degree programmes on securing first degree out of the said integrated law programme, if any and therefore once a student opt for exit from the integrated B.A.LL.B. Programme either by securing B.A. (Law) Degree or Advanced Diploma in Law at later stage, he will not be entitle to continue with B.A. LL.B. programme, however his degree or advanced diploma shall be valid for all other purposed including taking further education etc. as per the prescribed norms of the university.

Provided further that the award of the B.A. (Law) Degree or Advanced Diploma in Law, shall not entitle a student for enrollment as an Advocate under the appropriate Law.

14. Multiple Entry and Exit Options As Prescribed By NEP 2020:

Admission paths and exit options for students who enter the B.A. LL.B. integrated five Years Degree Programme: The entry requirement for:

Level 1 = 1st Year (Semester I & II)

Entry 1: The entry requirement for Level 1 is Secondary School Certificate obtained after the successful completion of Grade 12 from authorized institution. A programme of study leading to entry into the first year of the Bachelor's degree is open to those who have met with all the requirement of CET conducted by the Government of Maharashtra and Rules of BCI.

Exit 1: A certificate in Arts (law) will be awarded when a student exits at the end of year 1 (Passing of first two semesters). The first year of the undergraduate programme builds on the secondary education and requires 44 credits during the first year of the undergraduate programme for qualifying for an undergraduate Certificate in Arts (Law).

Level 2 = 2nd Year (III & IV Semester)

Entry 2. The entry requirement for Level 2 is the successful completion of the first year (first two semesters) of the undergraduate B.A. LL.B. programme/ the Certificate in Arts (Law) obtained after completing the same. A programme of study leading to the second year

of the Bachelor's degree will be available only as per the rules of CET Cell, Maharashtra and the Rules of the University if any.

Exit 2: At the end of the 2nd year, if a student exits, a Diploma in Arts (Law) shall be awarded. A diploma requires 88 credits during the first two years of the undergraduate programme.

Level 3 = 3rd Year (V & VI Semester)

Entry 3. The entry requirement for Level 3 is the successful completion of the two years (first four semesters) of the undergraduate B.A. LL.B. programme/ a Diploma obtained after completing two years (first four semesters) of the undergraduate B.A. LL.B. programme. A programme of study leading to the Bachelor's degree will be available only as per the rules of CET Cell, Maharashtra and the Rules of the University if any.

Exit 3: On successful completion of first three years, if a student exits, the B.A. (Law) degree, shall be awarded. A Bachelor's degree requires 132 credits from levels 1 to 3.

15. Conversion of CGPA into Percentage of Marks: The formula used in this Direction to calculate percentage of marks from CGPA is $\text{Percentage} = 9 \times \text{CGPA}$.

The average highest marks in B.A.LL. B course is taken as close to 90 marks. Hence 9 is taken as multiple to calculate percentage of marks from CGPA.

16. Award of Medals and Merit Certificates: Candidates who appear and pass the examination in all the papers of each and every semester at first appearance only are eligible for the award of Medals/Prizes/Rank Certificates etc. The marks allotted for Extra Curricular Components shall be taken into account for deciding the inter se merit as well as the award of medals and prizes.

17. Saving clause: All the students who have taken admission under the Directions no. 8 of 2019 and 33 of 2019 shall continue to be governed by those Directions. All those students who may fail to complete their programme successfully will get attempts till winter 2027 examinations.

If even after exhausting the grace period any student governed by Direction Nos 8 or 33 of 2019 has the backlog of any paper(s) he/she will have to seek admission in the new programme



governed by this Direction by claiming exemption in the papers/Course which he/she has already passed. In no case, however, there shall be two Programmes, one under the earlier Direction(s) and another under this Direction, offered by any college for the same semester. After the commencement of the new programme under this Direction no student of any earlier five years Programme, other than the Programme governed by Direction No. 8 or 33 of 2019, shall be entitled to seek absorption under this Direction. All such students desiring to take admission in the B.A. LLB five years Programme shall seek admission as a fresh student, through CET conducted by Director of Higher Education, State of Maharashtra.

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Dated : 14-2-23



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Vice-Chancellor

