



**RASTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY**

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**FACULTY OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES  
SUBJECT: - LAW**

**DIRECTION NO 5 of 2023**

**EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B.) (3 YEARS PROGRAMME) [CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM], DIRECTION, 2023**

WHEREAS, there is a need to make the 3 Year Degree of Bachelor of Laws (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 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and subsequent meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 revised the syllabus of the 3 years and 5 years law courses on the basis of "Choice Based Credit system" and "National Education Policy" to be implemented from the academic year 2022-23;

**AND**

WHEREAS the procedure of implementing the new syllabus is urgent and emergent, due to repeal and amendments, the introduction of new statutes and the 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 the Common Entrance Test in Law for Admissions in the LL.B. (3 Year Programme) and B.A. LL.B. (5 Year programme) through Centralized Admission Process since the year 2016-2017;

AND

**Whereas**, Direction No. 33 of 2019 was issued replacing 8 of 2017 to incorporate the necessary changes of admission process and syllabus approved by the then Board 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 (LL. B) (3 years programme) [Choice Based Credit System]", Direction, 2023, in the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, Subject- Law, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur.

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

**3. Duration of the Program:** The duration of the program is 3 academic years, spread over 6 semesters, with a University Examination at the end of each Semester. Each Academic Year shall be divided into two semesters.

An examination for each of the semesters 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) **Certificate:** For the purposes of this Direction, Certificate shall mean a Certificate in Law issued in accordance with para 13 of this Direction.
- (b) **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):** The CBCS provides choice for students to select from the prescribed courses wherever options are provided in the course/papers prescribed for this program in Appendix-I
- (c) **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.
- (d) **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 hour per week.

- (e) 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.
- (f) Credit Transfer: The credit acquired for the courses in another University or in SWAYAM (MOOC) courses would be accepted on reciprocal basis subject to the UGC Norms in force from time to time.
- (g) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):
- (i) For purposes of Certificate in 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 for purposes of Certificate in Law
  - (ii) For purposes of Diploma in 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 LL.B. Degree, CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across all six semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in all six semesters by the total number of credits in the said semesters.
- (h) Degree: For the purposes of this Direction, Degree shall mean a Degree awarded in accordance with para 13 of this Direction after completion of Three years LL. B programme.
- (i) Diploma: For purposes of this Direction, Diploma shall mean a Diploma in Law awarded in accordance with para 13 of this Direction.
  - (j) 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.
  - (k) Grade Letter Average: refers to the Grade Letter awarded after summing up external and internal marks obtained in each course/paper.
  - (l) Grade Point: Grade Point is weightage allotted to each grade letter depending on the marks awarded in a course/paper.
  - (m) New Credit Based System (NCBS): New Credit Based System means New Credit Based System as defined under Direction no 34 of 2019.
  - (n) Programme : For the purposes of this Direction , Programme means a THREE year Programme of study and examination spread over SIX semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of LL.B 3 year Degree.
  - (o) 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 the courses/ papers by the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a Semester.

### 5. Eligibility Criteria for Admission:

(a) Admission to the programme 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, R.T.M. 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 Graduation (10+2+3) or equivalent from a recognized University of India or outside, recognized by the Union Government 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 the course, may apply for and be admitted into the LL.B. 3 Year 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% of the total marks in their qualifying examination is required for admission into the Programme.

With this eligibility a student may be admitted through Centralised 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, Skilled based training etc. conducted in respect of that course/paper. However, the Principal/Head of the Department/Director of the college/institution of the department shall have the power to condone the absence on sufficient cause maximum up to 15% in order to allow the student to appear in university examination.

**8. 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. A class-hour shall consist of 48 minutes duration. Annexure-II carries Syllabus Scheme for the LL.B. Three Years Programme. Annexure -III carries Format and Distribution of Marks in the Question Papers of the End Semester Examination.

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
- iii) Assignments /viva Voce= 5 marks
- iv) Presentation/Seminar/Group Discussion =5 marks

Provided that the internal assessment for the skill-based courses in semesters I & II shall be in accordance with the norms specified in the respective course content.

(c) Each registered student shall have completed a minimum of 12 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 3<sup>rd</sup> semester onwards. Each student shall keep internship diary and the same shall be signed by the Guide in Internship and also by an assigned Faculty member of the college. The internship program may be undertaken even during the after- semester vacations, before commencement of sixth semester examinations. The evaluation of internship record shall be done by an external examiner appointed by the University for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinical paper, i.e. Moot Court in the Sixth Semester of the course as stipulated in Appendix-I. For the purpose of award of marks for Internship, it shall be considered to be part of Clinical Paper – III and shall carry 30 Marks.

**9. 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 a regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination of Semester-I.

From Semester II to Semester III a) A Student should have undergone a regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical 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 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/ 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 of Semester-IV, and;

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

c) the number of backlogs, if any, of Semester III and IV taken together shall not exceed 5 (Five) courses/papers.

From Semester V to Semester VI: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination of Semester-V.

**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 theory and internal/sessional / practical examinations.

(a) The academic performance of a student during a semester and at the end of the program, 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 the Final Semester of the Programme. The details regarding the method of calculating SGPA & CGPA is explained in detail in para 11.

#### **11. Award 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 the courses/papers by the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a Semester.

SGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points.

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

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 Grade Point Average weighed across two, four or all six semesters, whichever applicable.

For example, CGPA for obtaining the Certificate in 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 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.

Provided that CGPA is calculated only when the candidate passes in all the courses of all the semesters. CGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points.

**12. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations:** In order to pass a particular examination, a candidate shall have to secure at least 40% of marks in each and every Theory and Practical/Clinical paper 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 in Law, Diploma in Law and/or Degree:** A student will be eligible for a Certificate in Law only when he or she has successfully completed first

two semesters of the Three 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 Law** only when he or she has successfully completed first four semesters of the Three years Degree programme and has cleared all the prescribed courses / papers of the said semesters with a total of 84 Credits and/or any other course or examination prescribed for exit from the program with the certificate.

The 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 **LL.B. Degree** (3 years) only when he has successfully completed all the prescribed 32 papers with a total of 132 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, 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 Law only on surrender of the Certificate in Law if the same has been issued earlier;

Provided further that a student shall be awarded the LL.B. Degree only on surrender of the Diploma in Law if the same has been issued earlier.

#### 14. **Multiple Entry and Exit Options as Prescribed by NEP 2020:**

Admission paths and exit options for students who enter the LL.B. Three Years Degree Programme:

The entry requirement for:

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

**Entry 1:** The entry requirement for Level 1 is any Bachelor's Degree/ Master's Degree obtained from UGC recognized University or Equivalent degree from Foreign University subject to the rules of RTM Nagpur University & other relevant rules as prescribed from time to time. 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 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 graduate level education and requires 44 credits during the first year of the Bachelor's degree (LL.B. 3 Years ) for qualifying for a Certificate in 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 3 Years LL.B. programme/ the Certificate in 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 Law shall be awarded. A diploma requires 84 credits during the first two years of the LL.B. Three Years Programme.

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

**Entry 3.**

An individual seeking admission to a LL.B. Three Years Degree Programme would normally have completed all requirements of the relevant two years of the Degree programme (till level 2). After successful completion of the first two years of LL.B. Three Years Degree Programme, candidates who meet a minimum CGPA as mentioned in Para Number 13 and with a total of 84 credits shall be allowed to continue studies in the Final year of the Degree programme. A programme of study leading to the LL.B. Three years Degree is open to those who have met the entrance requirements, including specified levels of attainment, in the programme admission regulations.

**Exit 3:** On the successful completion of all the three years (Semester I to Semester VI), a student shall be awarded the LL.B Three Years degree. A Bachelor's degree of LL.B. Three Years Programme requires a total of 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 LL. B course is taken as close to 90 marks. Hence 9 is taken as the multiple to calculate percentage of marks from CGPA.

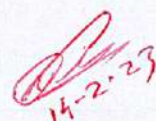
**16. Award of Medals and Merit Certificates:** Candidates who appear and pass the examination in all the papers of each and every semester at first appearance only are eligible for the award of Medals/Prizes/Rank Certificates etc. The marks allotted for Extra Curricular Components shall be taken into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

**17. Saving Clause:**

After the coming into force of this Direction, the students who have taken admission under the Direction No. 34 of 2019 incorporating the provisions of Direction No. 7 of 2019 shall continue to be governed by those Directions till the academic year 2023-24. All those students who fail to complete their programme successfully will get attempts till Summer 2026 examination. If even after exhausting the grace period any student has the backlog of any course(s)/paper(s) he/she will have to seek admissions in the new programme governed by this Direction by claiming exemption in the course(s)/paper(s) which he/she has already passed. Absorption of students from LL.B. (Three Year Course) (NEW C.B.S) i.e. students governed by the Direction No. 34 of 2019 shall be according to Annexure-I. 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 same semester. After the commencement of the new programme under this Direction no students of any earlier three years programme, other than the programme governed by the Direction No. 34 of 2019, shall be entitled to seek absorption under this Direction. All such students desiring to take admission in the LLB three years Programme shall seek admission as a fresh student, through CET conducted by Director of Higher Education, Maharashtra.

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Dated: 14-2-23



(Dr. Subhash R. Chaudhari)  
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