

Regulation 9 (xi)

LLM Programme Regulations

THE REGULATION FOR LL.M. ONE YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMME* (CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Jagan Nath University has a strong commitment to high quality teaching and research for comprehensive legal education to enhance the professional competence of the students having in depth knowledge and innovative approach. The University offers LL.M. One Year Degree Programme as per UGC Guidelines to the eligible students who are interested in pursuing post-graduate degree in Law. The main objective of this program is to groom the students for acquiring in depth and exhaustive theoretical and practical knowledge that enables them to hit the target in their respective specialized fields and thereby continue towards their objective of attaining excellence. The extensive programs provide enough flexibility in respect of lecture courses, seminar as well as research dissertation which is aimed to do research and to develop requisite writing expression in their fields of research.

Recently, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has stressed on speedy and substantive academic and administrative reforms in higher education for promotion of quality and excellence. The Action Plan proposed by UGC through its guidelines delimits the need to consider and adopt Semester System, Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Flexibility in Curriculum Development and Examination Reforms in terms of adopting Continuous Evaluation Pattern by reducing the weightage on the semester-end examination so that students enjoy a de-stressed learning environment.

2. PREAMBLE

The Master of Laws One Year Degree Programme (LL.M. One Year Degree Programme) is the post-graduate degree which is to be awarded by Faculty of Law through its Centre for Post-Graduate Legal Studies (CPGLS) of Jagan Nath University as per the UGC Guidelines to candidates who have completed their graduate degree in the discipline of Law.

3. OBJECTIVES

To provide excellent education and guidance in the specialized branches of Law at postgraduate level.

Advancement and proliferation of legal knowledge in specialized area.

To prepare trained manpower to carry out innovative research for creating intellectual property through master program.

Inculcate strong research and innovation based mindset in the future teachers, legal experts imparting legal education or practicing at the senior level of the court and working in Judiciary.

To ensure high standards of performance in teaching & research in the discipline of Law.

(i) TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

These regulations shall be called "***THE REGULATIONS FOR LL.M. ONE YEAR DEGREE***

PROGRAMME (CBCS)”.

These Regulations shall come into force with effect from the academic year 2015- 16.

(ii) DEFINITIONS

- a) **Programme:** means an educational programme leading to award of LL.M one year Degree.
- b) **Academic Year:** means Two consecutive (one odd + one even) semesters constitute one academic year.
- c) **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):** The CBCS provides choice for students to select from the prescribed courses [Core, Elective, Ability Enhancement Compulsory (AECC) & Skill Enhancement (SEC)]
- d) **Course:** Usually referred to, as ‘papers’ is a component of a programme. All courses need not carry the same weight. The courses should define learning objectives and learning outcomes. A course may be designed to comprise lectures/ tutorials/laboratory work/ field work/ outreach activities/ project work/ viva/ seminars/ term papers/assignments/ presentations/self-study etc. or a combination of some of these.
- e) **Credit Based Semester System (CBSS):** Under the CBSS, the requirement for awarding a degree is prescribed in terms of number of credits to be completed by the students.
- f) **Credit Point:** It is the product of grade point and number of credits for a course.
- g) **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** It is a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student over all 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.
- h) **Grade Point:** It is a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale.
- i) **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.
- j) **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):** It is a measure of performance of work done in a semester. It is 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.
- k) **Semester:** Each semester will consist of 18 weeks of academic work equivalent to 90 actual teaching days and 3-4 weeks approximately of examination etc. The odd semester may be scheduled from July to December and even semester from January to June.
- l) **Transcript or 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.

- m) **External Examiner:** shall mean an examiner who is not in the employment of the University.
- n) **Student:** shall mean a person admitted to the Faculty/ Schools of the University for any of the academic programmes to which this policy is applicable.
- o) **University:** shall mean Jagan Nath University, Bahadurgarh.
- p) **Internal Evaluation:** Research Project and Seminar presentation in each course conducted during the semester.
- q) **External Evaluation:** End-Term examination held at the end of each semester.
- r) **Rounding off Marks:** shall mean, that if part is one-half or more, its value shall be increased to one and if part is less than half then its value shall be ignored for getting letter grade and grade point.
- s) **Enrollment:** shall mean the student taking admission and registered for pursuing a course at Jagan Nath University.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE:

- 6.1 To be eligible for appearing in the Admission Test for the LL.M. One Year Degree Program, a candidate should have passed LL.B/B.A.LL.B/ B.B.A.LL.B or equivalent degree from a recognized University.
- 6.2 The candidates awaiting results of the qualifying examination can also appear in the entrance admission test subject to a condition that they will have to produce proof of having passed the qualifying examination with the prescribed marks at the time of interview/counseling.
- 6.3 The admission to LL.M. One Year Degree Programme should be based on merit decided on the basis of Admission Test conducted by the University, with the objective of testing aptitude for teaching/research, legal reasoning, and comprehension/basic legal knowledge.
- 6.4 The Admissions Test will be for 70% of total marks of the test and the rest of 30% will be equally distributed on the basis of work experience, publications, and statement of purpose. The 30% weightage to be given to applicants for preparing the merit list will be determined by the University from time to time.

7. COURSE STRUCTURE/CURRICULUM

- 7.1 The course structure/curriculum for LL.M. One Year Degree Programme shall have the following components:
 - i) Foundation/Compulsory Papers (3 papers of three credits each)
 - ii) Optional/Specialization Papers (6 papers of two credits each)

iii) Dissertation (five credits)

Provided, in case the candidate takes a minimum of four specialization papers from any particular Group only, then that Course can be called after the discipline the candidates select; the candidate can opt for remaining paper/papers of his/her choice in order to complete the number of courses/credits prescribed for the Degree.

7.2 Foundation/Compulsory Papers:

The Foundation Courses consist of the following three papers, which should be completed in the first semester:

- I. Research Methods and Legal Writing
- II. Comparative Public Law/Systems of Governance
- III. Law and Justice in a Globalizing World

7.3 Optional/Specializations Papers:

LL.M. One Year Degree Programme will be offered in the following areas of Specialization:

- a. International and Comparative Law
- b. Corporate and Commercial Law
- c. Criminal and Security Law
- d. Family and Social Security Law
- e. Constitutional and Administrative Law
- f. Legal Pedagogy and Research

The papers/subjects in each specialization group are as per the details given in the Annexure.

The aforementioned Specialization shall be chosen by candidates, in first semester. The three Compulsory papers/Foundation papers in the first semester are common for all the candidates pursuing LL.M. One Year Degree Programme.

Note: - An area of Specialization will be offered at the discretion of the University only if sufficient number of students opts for that specialization and the required faculty in that specialization is available.

7.4 Dissertation

The dissertation shall carry five credits. The topic of dissertation is to be submitted to the HoD before the commencement of 2nd semester.

8. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

- 8.1 The duration of the programme shall be One Year consisting of two semesters, with minimum of 30 contact hours in each week including class room teaching, library work, seminars and research.
- 8.2 Each of the semesters shall be of a working duration of eighteen weeks.
- 8.3 The entire programme shall be spread evenly for the duration of the programme.
- 8.4 The maximum period to complete LL.M. One Year Degree Program is three years provided the fee as may be prescribed by the University is paid.

9. PROHIBITION TO REGISTER IN OTHER COURSES

The candidates admitted to the Course, shall not be allowed to pursue any other course except certificate course in any Indian or Foreign language or computer application being conducted by this University on part-time basis in the evening or through Distance Learning with prior permission of the Dean / HoD, Faculty of Law otherwise his candidature for LL.M Programme will be cancelled forthwith.

10. ATTENDANCE PROVISION FOR END TERM SEMESTER EXAMINATION

- 10.1 No student shall be allowed to appear in the end term semester examination in a paper if he/ she has not attended minimum of **75%** of the classes held in the paper concerned including tutorials, special lectures, study visits, practical trainings etc. conducted in respect of that paper.
- 10.2 If a student for any exceptional reason fails to attend **75%** of the classes held in any paper, the Dean / HoD of the department may allow him/ her to take the examination if he/she attended at least 65% of the classes held in the paper concerned and attended 75% of classes in all the papers taken together.

Provided that if the percentage of attendance is deficient on account of:-

- (i) Participation in Inter-University, University or Inter-Collegiate Sports tournaments/Youth Festivals /University Level Debates/ Cultural Activities, National and International Tournaments, with the previous sanction of the Dean/HoD .
- (ii) Voluntary donation of blood certified by a Government Doctor of Gazetted rank or University medical officer.
- (iii) Attendance and/or participation in International/National / State level competitions;
- (iv) Attendance at the extension lecture (s) organized by the concerned Faculty.

Credit may be given for the number of days on which lectures were delivered or sessional or sessional/practical work done during the period of attendance or participation aforesaid, provided

that the total period of absence shall not exceed 15 days in a semester.

11. EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATION

11.1 The Centre shall hold examinations for awarding LL.M. One Year Degree according to the following Scheme:

I Semester

Three Compulsory Papers (3 Credits each) (100 + 50 Marks)	450 Marks
Two Specialization Papers (2 Credits each) (70 + 30 Marks)	200 Marks

	650 Marks

Note: - (1) Each Compulsory theory paper will be assessed for 150 marks out of which 100 marks are for End Term Examination and 50 marks are for internal assessment as under:-

Research Project (Pp. 30-40)	25 Marks
Seminar with presentation	25Marks

(2) Each Specialization theory paper will be assessed for 100 marks out of which 70 marks are for End Term Examination and 30 marks are for internal assessment as under:-

Research Project (Pp.20-30)	15 Marks
Seminar with presentation	15Marks

II Semester

Four Specialization Papers (2 Credits each) (70 + 30 Marks)	400 Marks
Dissertation including viva-voce (5 Credits)	250 Marks
(Dissertation 200 marks + Viva-Voce 50 Marks)	

	650 Marks

Note: - (1) Each Specialization theory paper will be assessed for 100 marks out of which 70 marks are for End Term Examination and 30 marks are for internal assessment as under:-

Research Project (Pp.20-30)	15 Marks
Seminar with presentation	15Marks

11.2 All semester examinations shall be conducted by the Examination Branch of the University with

the help of CPGLS. The schedule of examination shall be notified by the CPGLS after consultation with CoE of the University along with academic calendar in the first week of every semester.

11.3 Dissertation Evaluation:

- (i) Dissertation will be evaluated by External Examiner.
- (ii) A panel of 3 subject experts will be drawn by the Dean/HoD in consultation with the supervisor which will be sent to CoE. The dissertation will be evaluated by one of the expert approved by the Vice-chancellor.
- (iii) Viva-voce will be conducted by a Board consisting of Dean/HoD, Supervisor and an External Expert. 2 members will constitute the quorum.
- (iv) 2 copies of the Dissertation will be submitted to the Dean/HoD who will forward it to CoE for evaluation.
- (v) One copy will be sent for evaluation to the External Examiner and the other copy will be sent to the library after the declaration of the result.

12. **EXTERNAL EVALUATION: END-TERM EXAMINATION**

- a) The End Term examinations shall ordinarily be held at the end of every semester i.e. November-December or May-June, as the case may be, as per the schedule to be notified by the Controller of Examination.
- b) The examiners for the end-term examination will be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel of the examiners to be supplied by HOD / DEAN.
- c) At least 50% of the paper setters for the end-term examination will be External Examiners.
- d) The manuscript of the question paper set by the examiner will be moderated by the Moderation Committee consisting of (i) Dean of Faculty (ii) HoD of the Department. After modifications, if needed; it will be handed over to the COE for printing and conduct of examinations.
- e) The answer books will be evaluated by the persons who set the question paper. In case of his inability to assess the answer books, for whatever reasons, the Vice-Chancellor may get them assessed by any other examiner from the Panel or Internal Examiner.

13. **STANDARD OF PASSING THE SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

A candidate, who fails in a semester examination, shall be exempted from re-appearing in the paper(s) in which he may have obtained at least 40% marks. Such a candidate shall be allowed to appear, for passing in the remaining paper(s), only at the next respective semester examinations.

Provided that a candidate for the LL.M 1 year programme must pass all the examinations, i.e., I/II

within three years of his admission to the first year class of the course failing which he will be deemed to be unfit for the course and shall not be allowed to appear as a regular student or as an ex-student unless has been otherwise allowed by the Academic Council of the University.

14. RE-APPEAR/IMPROVEMENT IN END TERM EXAM

- a) The re-appear/improvement in End Term Examinations for Odd semester will be held along with the Odd Semester regular End Term examinations and for Even Semester with End Term examinations along with Even Semester regular End Term examinations.
- b) A student who has to re-appear/improve in a End-Term examination shall be examined as per the syllabus, which was in force at the time when he/she took the examination.
- c) A candidate who fails in a semester examination shall be exempted from re-appearing in the paper(s) in which he may have obtained min. pass marks. Such a candidate shall be allowed to appear, for passing in the remaining paper(s), only at the next respective semester examinations.
- d) A candidate who has passed in a paper (s), may be allowed to improve the paper(s), only in the next respective semester examinations.
- e) The previous internal marks already obtained by the student shall be taken into account without any modification

15. CRITERION FOR AWARDING GRADING SYSTEM

15.1 CRITERION for Awarding SGPA and CGPA: The criterion for awarding the Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for LL.M programme shall be as follows:

- a) The criterion for passing in a subject is that a student should secure minimum 40% marks in individual paper and 50% marks in Aggregate.
- b) A student obtaining less than pass marks as specified above, in each subject (sum of internal and End-Term examinations) will be declared fail in that subject and will have to re-appear in a End-Term examination of the course in subsequent odd / even semester end term examination, subject to maximum permissible period of n+2 years / n+4 semesters to complete the course.
- c) The University has adopted Absolute Grading System for converting marks into grades.

The formula of 10- point grading system for conversion of marks obtained into Letter Grades and converting Letter Grades to Grade Point is given below:

Table 1: Marks, Letter Grades and Grade Points

Marks	Letter Grade	Grade Points
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91-100	O (Outstanding)	10
81-90	A+(Excellent)	9
71-80	A(Very Good)	8
61-70	B+(Good)	7
51-60	B(Above Average)	6
46-50	C(Average)	5
40-45	P (Pass)*	4
0-39	F(Fail)	0
-	AB (Absent)	0

Pass Marks: 40% in individual paper and 50% in aggregate

- d) *While converting the marks into Letter Grade, the rounding off marks must be considered.*
- e) A student obtaining Grade F shall be considered failed and will be required to reappear in the examination.
- f) For non credit courses "Satisfactory" or Unsatisfactory" shall be indicated instead of the letter grade and this will not be counted for the computation of SGPA/CGPA.

15.2 Computation of SGPA and CGPA : The university has adopted UGC recommended procedure for computation of Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

- a) The SGPA is the ratio of sum of the product of the number of credits with the grade points scored by a student in all the papers/ courses taken by a student and the sum of the number of credits of all the courses undergone by a student, i.e.

$$\text{SGPA (Si)} = \frac{\sum (C_i \times G_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

Where C_i is the number of credits of the i^{th} course and G_i is the grade point scored by the student in the i^{th} course. The university shall issue Semester Grade Card to the student.

- b) The CGPA is also calculated in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a programme, i.e.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum (C_i \times S_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

Where S_i is the SGPA of the i^{th} semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester.

- c) *The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcripts.*

Illustration of Computation of SGPA and CGPA and Format for Transcripts

- a) **Computation of SGPA and**

CGPA Illustration for SGPA

Course	Credit	Grade Letter	Grade Point	Credit Point (Credit x Grade)
Course/Paper 1	3	A	8	3x8=24
Course/Paper 2	4	B+	7	4x7=28
Course/Paper 3	3	B	6	3x6=18
Course/Paper 4	3	O	10	3x10=30
Course/Paper 5	3	C	5	3x5=15
Course/Paper 6	4	B	6	4x6=24
	20			139

Thus, SGPA= 139/20 = 6.95

b) Illustration for CGPA

Semester-1	Semester-2	Semester-3	Semester-4	Semester-5	Semester-6
Credit: 20 SGPA:6.9	Credit: 22 SGPA:7.8	Credit: 25 SGPA:5.6	Credit: 26 SGPA:6.0	Credit: 26 SGPA:6.3	Credit: 25 SGPA:8.0

Thus, CGPA= 20x6.9+22x7.8+25x5.6+26x6.0+26x6.3+25x8.0

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16. Criterion for Credit

A student is eligible for the award of LL.M. One Year Degree, if he / she earns 26 credits with 50% marks in aggregate.

17. AWARD OF THE DEGREE

A student shall be eligible for the award of the LL.M 1 year Degree after he/she has successfully

completed all the prescribed courses in all the semesters and secured requisite Credits with 50% marks in aggregate.

18. WITHDRAWAL OF DEGREE

A degree awarded by the University may be withdrawn if it is found at the later stage that the candidate has submitted any forged document or ineligible at the time of admission to the course.

19. SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND MEDALS

Students excelling in academics, co-curricular and extracurricular activities are felicitated through various awards and scholarships instituted by the University.

A candidate with highest CGPA would be declared Topper. In case of tie of CGPA, the student senior in age will be the topper. Gold, Silver and Bronze medal will be awarded on the basis of securing first three highest CGPA in the course concerned.

20. JURISDICTION

All disputes are subject to the jurisdiction at Jhajjar.

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