

**REGULATIONS FOR B. A. LL.B. (Hons.) PROGRAMME UNDER  
THE CREDIT AND SEMESTER SYSTEM**

**1. Scope**

- 1.1 The Regulations framed herein shall apply to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Honours) [B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)] programme conducted by the NUALS. These Regulations shall come into force with immediate effect and shall be applicable to students admitted to the First Semester of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) programme in 2009-10.

**2. Definitions**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

- a. 'Academic Committee' means the Committee constituted under the Regulations;
- b. 'Core Course' means a course that the student admitted to a particular programme must successfully complete to receive the Degree and which cannot be substituted by any other course;
- c. 'Elective Course' means a course which can be substituted by equivalent courses from another institution with the approval of the Academic Committee;
- d. 'Teachers' Council' means the Council consisting of the regular teachers of the NUALS. The Vice-Chancellor may co-opt Guest/Visiting faculty to the Council, if necessary.

**3. Admission**

Admission to the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) degree course shall be based on the performance in the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT), or such other admission test as may be decided by the Executive Council from time to time.

**4. Eligibility**

- a) The candidate for admission shall have passed the Higher Secondary Certificate examination (10+2) of Kerala State or an examination recognized as equivalent thereto with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate.
- b) Exemption from the requirement of the minimum of 50% for the qualifying examination is given to the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST), Persons with Disability (PWD) and candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (declared as such in the State of Kerala). These categories are allowed to apply for CLAT if they do have not less than 45 % marks obtained in the qualifying examination.
- c) The candidate shall not have completed 20 years of age as on 1st July of the relevant academic year of admission. However, candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (declared eligible for reservation in the State of Kerala) and Persons with Disability (PWD) shall not have crossed 22 years of age as on 1st July of the relevant academic year of admission.

**5. Registration**

- 5.1 Every Semester of the Programme will have a Faculty Member as Student Advisor. She will advise the students about the academic programme and counsel on the choice of courses depending on the students' academic background and objective. The student

will then register for the courses she plans to take for the semester before the classes start. The student has to complete the pre-requisites for the course prescribed by the Advisor concerned. With the consent of the Faculty Advisor, a student can drop out if she feels that she has registered for more courses than she can handle. This has to be done before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the semester.

- 5.2 The University, on recommendation from the Teachers' Council, shall prescribe the maximum number of students in each course taking into account the infrastructure available for the course.
- 5.3 The University shall make available to all students a bulletin listing all the courses offered in every semester specifying the credits, the pre-requisites, list of topics the course intends to cover, the instructor who is giving the course, the time and place of the classes for the courses and the examination schedule. Each course will be assigned a code consisting of the following: one digit indicating the level of the course, one digit indicating the semester, the last digit indicating the serial number in that semester.

## 6. Credits and Degrees

- 6.1 The normal duration of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Programme shall be 10 semesters. No student shall be permitted to take more than 14 continuous semesters for completing the programme from the date of enrolment.
- 6.2 The duration of each semester shall be 5 months inclusive of examination. There shall be at least 90 instructional days and a minimum of 30 hrs in a five day week.
- 6.3 There shall be two kinds of course: Core courses and electives. Besides the core courses all students may undertake a project/dissertation worth 4-6 credits. The project may include a viva-voce examination. Normally, no course shall have more than 4 credits.
- 6.4 The total number of credits shall not be less than 202. 202 credits shall be taken as accumulated minimum credits to be secured in the prescribed courses for being eligible for the degree of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.).
- 6.5 Each course assigned with 100 marks may be of 4 credits. The viva of 50 marks may be of 2 credits. Each semester shall offer courses of not less than 20 credits.
- 6.6 In addition, there could be 12 – 16 credits which are purely optional. These courses could preferably be of 1 or 2 credits courses in emerging areas. Some may be seminar/project courses.
- 6.7 The grading obtained in courses in addition to minimum prescribed may not be taken into account for calculating CGPA.
- 6.8 The Teachers' Council shall make recommendations to the Academic Council on the courses to be offered.
- 6.9 In the choice of courses, a student may opt for any course in the University or any other Institution recognised by the University for procuring credits. However, the student shall be guided by the Faculty Advisor who shall consider the relevance of the course for the student and also her abilities. In general no student may register for electives exceeding 8 credits in any Semester.

Programme Duration	:	10 Semesters
I Semester	:	5 Months
Accumulated minimum credits for successful completion of the programme	:	202 credits
1 Credit	:	1 hour lecture or 2-3 hrs of other approved pedagogic methods per week
1 Course	:	Maximum 4 credits normally
Project	:	4-6 Credits

Minimum attendance required : 75 %  
 No student shall register for more than 24 credits and less than 16 credits per semester

## 7. Evaluation

- 7.1 Each end semester examination shall be conducted by the University.  
 7.2 Evaluation at the end semester examination shall be done by examiners from a panel approved by the Vice-Chancellor.  
 7.3 The teacher concerned shall prepare a set of two/three question papers for the end semester examination of which one shall be chosen by the VC/ a teacher authorized by the VC to be used in the examination.  
 7.4 The evaluation of the courses shall be made and the results shall be indicated as percentage marks. The percentage of marks obtained shall be rounded off to the nearest integral number. The minimum required for the successful completion of the course shall be 50%.  
 7.5 The marks for internal assessment shall be 50% and the marks for end semester examination 50%. At the beginning of each semester, the Teachers' Council shall approve and communicate to the students unambiguously the method proposed to be adopted for the continuous assessment. The allocation of marks for each component under continuous assessment shall be in the following proportion:

(a) Attendance	05
(b) IAT	15
(c) Assignment /Project	15
(d) Seminar/Quiz/Viva/Records	10
(e) Class participation/Discipline	<u>05</u>
Total	50

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The allotment of marks for attendance shall be as follows:

80	-	1
>80-85	-	2
>85-90	-	3
>90-95	-	4
>95	-	5

- 7.6 The University shall display students' results within two weeks after the examination. To ensure transparency, the answer scripts shall be made available to the students for scrutiny and they can seek clarification from the teachers regarding the evaluation of scripts within 3 days of publishing the provisional results in the Notice Board. If any student has complaints about evaluation the same shall be submitted to the Convener of the Teachers' Council in writing within a week. The Teachers' Council, after hearing the views of the student as well as the teachers who have done the evaluation, shall take an appropriate decision on the award of marks. Any student aggrieved by the decision of the Council may appeal to the Academic Committee, whose decision shall be final.  
 7.7 The Teachers' Council shall prepare two copies each of the result sheets, including break-up for end semester examination and internal assessment.  
 7.8 Every course will be evaluated by the students before the end of the semester on the basis of such criteria as may be prescribed.  
 7.9 The University under its seal shall issue to the students a mark sheet in the prescribed format.  
 7.10 The following shall be the scheme for awarding the grades in respect of each course:

	Range of Marks	Grades	Weightage
(i)	70% and above	O	10
(ii)	65% and above but below 70%	A+	9
(iii)	60% and above but below 65%	A	8
(iv)	55% and above but below 60%	B+	7
(v)	50% and above but below 55%	B	6
(vi)	Below 50%	F	0

7.11 The overall performance at the end of the semester will be indicated by Grade Point Average (GPA) calculated as follows:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{G1C1 + G2C2 + G3C3 + \dots + GnCn}{C1 + C2 + C3 + \dots + Cn}$$

Where ‘G’ refers to the grade weightage and ‘C’ refers to the credit value of the corresponding course undergone by the student.

At the end of the final semester the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be calculated based on the above formula.

7.12 The Classification of the students shall be based on the following criteria:

First Class with Distinction.....	10
First Class.....	8 & 9
Second Class.....	6 & 7

7.13 The rank shall be awarded based on CGPA corrected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> decimal.

7.14 The mark sheet issued at the end of the final semester shall contain the details of all the courses taken which shall include the titles of the courses, the credits associated with each course, the marks and the final class in which the student is placed.

7.15 In the case of those who do not complete all the course components it will be indicated in the mark sheet as ‘Not Completed’. However, students will be permitted to complete the course with the concurrence of the VC.

7.16 Those who fail in a particular course shall be permitted to repeat the end semester examination after obtaining permission from the VC.

## 8. Award of Degree

8.1 Students who successfully complete the requirements of the programme shall be awarded the degree of B.A.,LL.B(Hons.) by the NUALS

## 9. Teachers’ Council

9.1 The B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Programme conducted in the University shall be monitored by the Teachers’ Council. Subject to these regulations, the Teachers’ Council shall be the authority to design courses, prescribe the mode of conducting the courses and evaluate the students and teachers, based on the syllabus approved by the Board of Studies and the Academic Council and included as Schedule I to these Regulations. The Teachers’ Council may propose amendments to Schedule I. If the VC is satisfied that it is

expedient to do so, he may, by order, bring the amendments into force subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

- 9.2 Detailed course plan shall be prepared by the teacher at the beginning of each semester and approved by the Teachers Council. It shall have the right to make suggestions to individual teachers on the assessment procedure to be followed in her course. It shall be open to the Council to bring to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor any difficulty encountered in the conduct of the classes or evaluation or any other pertinent matter.
- 9.3 The Teachers' Council shall meet at least thrice every semester – at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of the semester. In the last meeting of the Semester the Council shall finalise the results of the students for the semester.

## **10. Academic Committee**

- a. There shall be an Academic Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to monitor and co-ordinate the working of the Credit and Semester System.
- b. The Committee shall consist of:
- a. The Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman
  - b. A Professor, nominated by the VC, who shall be the Vice Chairman
  - c. Member of the Executive Council representing University teachers
  - d. One Member of the Executive Council nominated by the Executive Council
  - e. One external expert nominated by the Vice Chancellor
- c. The term of office of the Committee shall be two years; but the committee once constituted shall continue in office until a reconstituted committee assumes office.

## **11. Eligibility for appearance in Examination**

Each candidate shall have attended not less than 75 percent of lectures in aggregate of all papers in a semester to be eligible to appear in that semester examination. The Vice-Chancellor may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, condone shortage of attendance up to ten per cent on payment of fee prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time. Provided that, a candidate may be allowed to avail of condonation only once in the entire duration of the course.

## **12. Removal of difficulties**

Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Vice-Chancellor shall, for a period of one year from the date of coming into force of these Regulations, have the power to provide by order that these Regulations shall be applied to the programme with such modifications as may be necessary.

<b>SEMESTER I</b>	<b>SEMESTER II</b>
General English -I (Core) (4 Credits)	General English - II (Core) (4 Credits)
Economics (Core) (4 Credits)	Political Science -II (Core) (4 Credits)
Political Science - I (Core) (4 Credits)	History (Core) (4 Credits)
Sociology (Core) (4 Credits)	History of Statutory Law & Presumptions (Core) (4 Credits)
Legal History (Core) (4 Credits)	Law of Crimes - I (Core) (4 Credits)
<b>SEMESTER III</b>	<b>SEMESTER IV</b>
Political Science -III (Core) (4 Credits)	Jurisprudence (Core) (4 Credits)
Law of Torts & Consumer Protection (Core) (4 Credits)	Descriptive Statistics (Core) (4 Credits)
General Principles of Contract & Specific Relief (Core) (4 Credits)	Constitutional Law - I (Core) (4 Credits)
Legal Method (Core) (4 Credits)	Law of Special Contracts (Core) (4 Credits)
Law of Crimes - II (Core) (4 Credits)	International Law (Core) (4 Credits)
<b>SEMESTER V</b>	<b>SEMESTER VI</b>
Administrative Law (Core) (4 Credits)	Family Law - II (Core) (4 Credits)
Conflict of Laws (Core) (4 Credits)	Law of Property (Including Transfer of Property, Trust and Easement Acts) (Core) (4 Credits)
Constitutional Law - II (Core) (4 Credits)	Interpretation of Statutes (Core) (4 Credits)
Family Law - I (Core) (4 Credits)	Criminal Procedure, Juvenile Justice & Probation of Offenders (Core) (4 Credits)
Company Law (Core) (4 Credits)	Public Interest Lawyering, Legal and Para Legal Services (Core) (4 Credits)
<b>SEMESTER VII</b>	<b>SEMESTER VIII</b>
Land Laws Including Ceiling Law and Kerala Land Laws (Core) (4 Credits)	Maritime Law (Elective ) ( 4 Credits)
Law of Taxation (Core) ( 4 Credits)	Media & Telecommunications Law (Elective) (4 Credits)
Law of Civil Procedure & Limitation (Core) (4 Credits)	Information Technology Law (Elective) ( 4 Credits)
Intellectual Property Law (Elective)) (4 Credits)	Medical Jurisprudence (Elective) (4 Credits)
Human Rights Law (Core) (4 Credits)	Psychological Medicine & Law (Elective) (4 Credits)
	Laws of Insurance (Elective) (4 Credits)
<b>SEMESTER IX</b>	<b>SEMESTER X</b>
Professional Ethics, Accountancy for Lawyers and Bar-Bench Relations (Core) (4 Credits)	Law of Forensic Science (Elective) (4 Credits)
Law of Evidence (Core) (4 Credits)	Moot Court, Pre-Trial Preparations & Participation in Trial Proceedings (Core) (4 Credits)
Environmental Law (Core) (4 Credits)	Drafting, Pleading & Conveyancing (Core) ( 4 Credits)
Labour Law (Core) (4 Credits)	Alternative Dispute Resolution (Core) (4 Credits)
Society, Science & Law (Elective)) (4 Credits)	
<b>Course Viva-Voce: 2 Credits</b>	
Minimum credits required for the successful completion of the Programme: 202 (200 + 2)	
Maximum credits that may be acquired by a candidate : 226 (224 + 2)	